

Bill Erickson	5/1	Ashley LaMagna	6/1
Angela Desmond	5/7	Marilynn Maas-Jones	6/1
Evelyn Beers	5/8	Arnold Hammond	6/6
Doug Barnhart	5/9	Luella Tingelstad	6/6
Jan Janzen	5/10	Reese Adrig	6/7
Dan Carlson	5/10	Cody Warren	6/8
Ethan Gillespie	5/11	Parker Magnuson	6/10
Carlos Gutierrez	5/12	Sam Ward	6/11
Chuck DeBroeck	5/12	Ethan Florent	6/17
Amelia Carlson	5/13	Mary Lou Reister	6/18
Devin Horn	5/14	Terry Beaudoin	6/19
Martin Prehm	5/14	Annalise Schielke	6/19
Floyd Oster	5/15	Sally Winkel	6/19
Bonnie Debar	5/16	Judy Herman	6/21
Michael Warbois	5/16	Phyllis Koehmstedt	6/22
Lou Youngs	5/17	Lindsey Carlson	6/24
Jan Saenz	5/19	Rich Gregerson	6/24
Frank Schmid	5/20	Phyllis Sele	6/25
Kendall Becker	5/21	Rick Kruse	6/25
Jim Berentson	5/24	Greg Warren	6/29
Denise Deitch	5/27	John Ross	6/30
Darice Grass	5/29	Billie Jo Settle	6/30

Happy Anniversary to...

Glenn and Beachie Settle 5/3
 Matt and Kris Clucas 5/9
 Rand and Carol Hein 5/19
 Dave and Tina Bigelow 5/23
 Tom and Billie Jo Settle 5/30

Dennis and Denise Deitch 6/4
 Jim and Lavonne Berentson 6/12
 Ed and Lynn Florent 6/14
 Sean and Lindsey Carlson 6/15
 Makai and Katie Magnuson 6/16
 Clint and Molly Hurda 6/24
 Mike and Lisa Michael 6/24
 Carlos and Sherry Gutierrez 6/26
 Chris and Megan Adrig 6/27
 Bob and Willy Stuhlmiller 6/29

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Message from the Pastor

17. May 2019

Dear Church,

I have some news to share that may surprise or disappoint, but I believe it's good news for all of us in the long run. I have found myself called away from ordained ministry and to a new line of work as a police officer. In January I began applying to the Tacoma Police Department and hope to receive a formal job offer at the end of May. My last Sunday with you will most likely be June 23rd.

You're a good congregation. You're good people. For reasons that have very little to do with any person or group at Vinland Lutheran Church, being a pastor has always been a struggle for me. It's a job that comes with more sadness and fatigue than I ever had to admit, because -- to be quite honest -- I think it showed. I have been a good pastor, and I've liked much of what I've been called and trusted to do. But I've never been happy as a pastor. For a while I thought that was okay. You don't have to love it to do it honestly and well, I thought. That did work for a while but it isn't working anymore. So I decided to look for work elsewhere and applied for a job as a police officer with the City of Tacoma. It's a big shift, but even my Grandma supports it, so I think I'm on to something. I'm going to do my best and I think I'm going to have fun, too.

I have already shared this news with your church council and most staff members. The kindness and encouragement I've received are inspiring. Also remarkable is their commitment to serve this congregation, stewarding its gifts and preparing for its future, through another transition. Your council and staff are people I have come to trust and admire. Your bishop and synod staff have also been informed and are ready to provide Vinland Lutheran Church with pastoral leadership as soon as I leave my call.

I could say more, but will keep this message brief because my office door is open and my phone works. I will also make myself available to answer any questions or hear any comments and concerns after the next two Sunday services on May 19th and May 26th.

Love.

+Pastor Nels

Eastertide, mmxix



VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS FOR MAY & JUNE 2019



Confirmation

Five young people will confirm their faith on Sunday, June 9 during the worship service. We will have a reception for them during coffee hour. Hold them in prayer as they take this step forward in faith.

JOEY FLORENT

ETHAN GILLESPIE

BEN GUTIERREZ

MIKAELA HORN

TJ MUNNS



**SILENT HONORS CEREMONY IN THE GRAVEYARD FOLLOWING
WORSHIP ON MAY 26.**

Current and former military personnel will gather around the flagpole for this brief and dignified tribute.

WE ARE HONORING

DADS & GRADS
SUNDAY, JUNE 16



Special recognition to all our graduates during worship and a cake and punch reception following. Since it is also Father's Day, toast all the men with root beer floats.

Congratulations!
COLLEGE GRADUATES

Geoff Wendt
Madeline Ward
Kaylin Oster

Washington State Univerity
Western Washington University
Lewis and Clark College in Portland



Geoffrey Wendt has graduated from WSU with a BS in Sports Science. He will complete his capstone project this fall working with Marja Bjarnson at Kingston High School teaching PE and Health. He will go on to earn a teaching certificate and plans to teach PE and Health with the eventual plan to go into leadership and administration.

North Kitsap High School

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ERICA BIGELOW

Following graduation, Erica will go to Europe (Germany, France and Spain) for a two-week tour with a group from NKHS. The tour is led by the language teachers at NK.

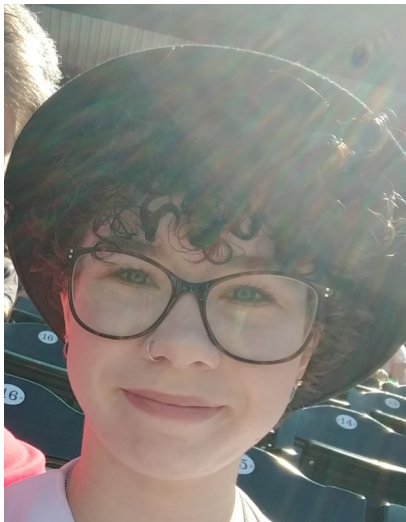
In mid-August, she will go through orientation at the University of Montana, in Missoula, and will begin classes.

She will pursue a degree in Public and Community Health.



SAM HORN

Samuel is planning to attend Western Washington University this fall. He has not decided his major but hopes to one day go to law school. This summer you may be seated by him if you happen to go enjoy some Pho at T&N in Poulsbo. When not working he plans on hiking, camping, going to concerts and enjoying his last few months in Poulsbo with friends and family



KARI VANVLERAH

"I wish to be an audio engineer because music helps others walk a mile in someone else's shoes, so to speak. You see different genres speak to different people; each genre expresses a different emotion. To me, music technology benefits and fulfills me by expressing these emotions in a way that only the listener can understand. There's nothing like making a song, hearing it be put together piece by piece. Each instrument expressing a different emotion. Layer by layer the song comes together until finally all those emotions created by each individual instrument create a story. It's not just any story; it's your story that others can listen to, and just maybe when the radio waves hit them they can feel for just a moment what you were feeling when you created it. I want to share my interpretation of music with others."

JOSH CLUCAS UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

JILLIAN FLORENT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

MORGAN MORIARTY STILL DECIDING!

WOMEN'S groups

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Women of Vinland

The women hosted a wonderful luncheon for Martha and Mary residents and employees. Thanks to the congregation who supported this fun event in so many ways!



Looking Ahead....annual "Grand Ol' Fourth" potluck on the Fourth of July! Lots of fun for everyone.



Our last meeting until fall took place on May 20 with our annual salad potluck dinner. There was lots of laughter and great conversation around the table. We all look forward to a refreshing summer and a return to routine in the fall. We will once again be the organizing force behind an Advent Women's Luncheon.



Quilters meet EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. Snacks & Coffee!
They can use helping hands as they put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Sweet & Savory

SUMMER SUNDAYS

JULY 21 AND AUGUST 18

We'll celebrate summer with some great music during worship and a light brunch after!

**Save the dates and invite a friend or two to worship.
Flip flops optional, but recommended!!**



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



THANKS TO BECKIE AND PETER HANSON, we have a lovely and well-organized library! There are fiction and non-fiction books, devotionals, Bibles and research materials neatly categorized. Grab a cup of coffee and take some time to sit and browse, read or have a small meeting.

THANKS TO DENNIS AND DENISE DEITCH, we have the entire works of Martin Luther! These were purchased from an estate, are in perfect condition and. actually, make for interesting reading!





LUTHERHAVEN BIBLE CAMP

**August 3-8 (Saturday-Thursday)
For ALL youth who are entering grades 4-9.**

Chris Harper and Alyssa Hutchinson are the returning camp directors. Youth and Adult volunteers needed: counselors, kitchen helpers, and craft helpers. The cost is \$210.00 per camper (or \$190.00 with early registration).

You can register on-line. www.olympiclutherhaven.org.

VINLAND FAMILY CAMP JULY 12-18



CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 14

**KICKIN' IT
OLD SCHOOL**

Lots of great ideas are percolating, including a "Bob Ross Style Paint Event."

Registration Forms will be making an appearance very soon.



Come one, come all to the first BBQ of the season. Hot dogs and burgers provided. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Enjoy an afternoon on the lake with swimming, boating, and the Hometown Band!



Honoring God by nurturing children's relationships.

Spring at Preschool

Spring is always hopping at preschool, just like the little bunnies we often see in the Discovery Garden. Recently we've also seen recycled robots, pirates and many transportation vehicles (our weekly themes). In April we welcomed 36 families and their prayer partners from the congregation to a luncheon in Grace Hall where children sang about the Fruit of the Spirit and prayer partners gave keepsake books, Maybe God is Like that Too, about the same topic. In May Barb Erickson led us on our annual beach field trip to discover what's out there! We've had outdoor school a number of days due to the excellent weather and thank Pastor Nels and Anita Puzon for bringing chapel and music outside. We're springing to the end of our school year and will celebrate our last day at Lutherhaven. We've enjoyed getting to know many new children and their families this year. When you see new young families around the church, please offer your hello and warm welcome into our community of Christ.



Thank you to everyone who donated to VLP through the Kitsap Great Give. In our fifth year participating, we raised over \$1060 for VLP and \$1.4 million for non-profits in Kitsap County, making a BIG difference in our community. Woohoo!

Looking to 2019-20

Enrollment

Our fall classes are filling fast. We will offer 2 morning, 2 afternoon, and Friday 2s classes, allowing us to serve 58 children and their families, up from 46 capacity this year.

We continue to accept students in the morning and Friday classes. Spread the word!

We're hiring

With another class, we will need part-time assistant teachers. These positions will work Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 9:00-12:15, and T/W/Th/F 12:30-3:45, September-June. Contact Janean Moriarty for details.

preschool@vinlandlc.org

Flowers & Showers Olé

This April we had a spring fundraiser fiesta to remember, thanks to our preschool families and the congregation! Whether elaborate baskets, creative class projects, wine wall picks, delicious desserts or live bidding, there was something for everyone. We were able to raise \$5000 for the preschool ministry. We thank the amazing VLP Spring Masterminds planning committee, generous local businesses and individual donors, Chef Darice Grass, Emcee Kelle Horn, the Vinland Youth and the VLP teaching team for their part in making the event bloom. ¡Muchísimas gracias!

good stuff



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

JUNE 3 at 6pm at Western Red Brewery in Poulsbo. You can get pizza from next door, bring your own food in, or just get a beverage. By all means, invite a friend to come!

The last deadly sin we will discuss is GREED!!



THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH

Bring your lunch and chew on more than a sandwich! Pastor Nels will have a “sermon playback” where everyone joins in to discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday.

Starts at 11:30 in Grace Hall



PINOCHLE ON MAY 31, 6pm

6PM—Sign up sheet in Grace Hall

Beginners Welcome!



These two breakfast gatherings are open to all ages of

men and women. Feel free to bring friends along. The men cook up a hearty meal and have a lively discussion .



The women meet at Envy Grill for good food and great conversation. Friends are always welcome to join in.

TEAM UP to CLEAN UP

THE CHURCH
GROUNDS!

SATURDAY JUNE 1

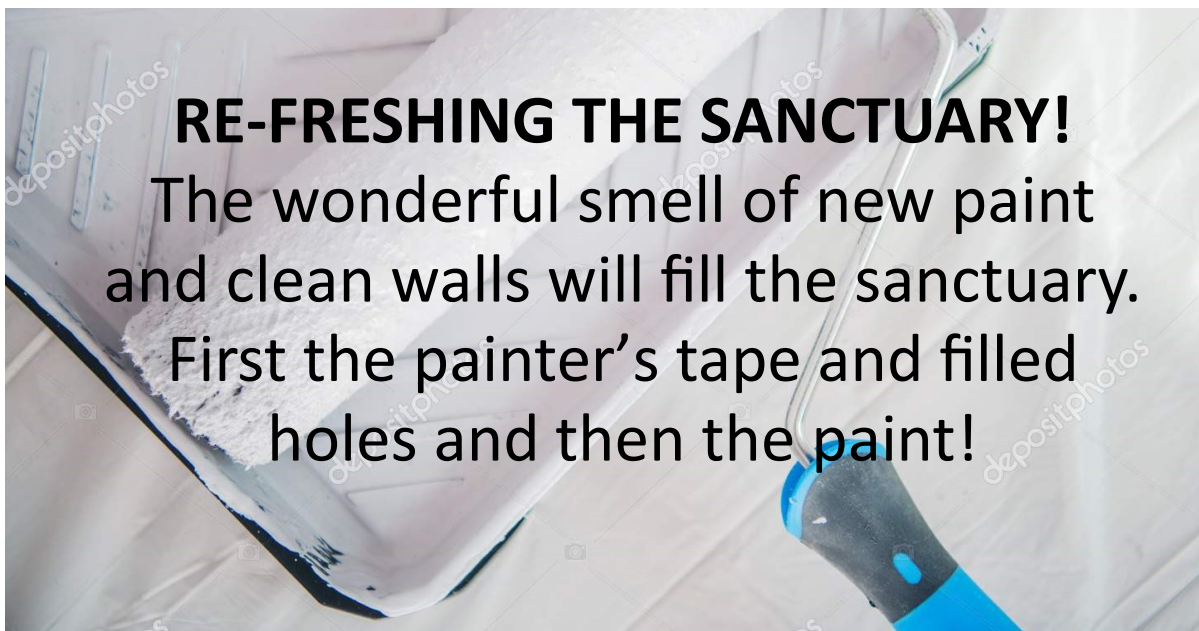
THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP is cooking breakfast for everyone at 8am!

Bring your favorite gardening tools and we'll tackle the weeds together on a full stomach.

HOT DOG LUNCH will be provided at noon.

Even if you can only spare an hour, that would be helpful.

Let's get the outside looking tip top for summer.



RE-FRESHING THE SANCTUARY!

The wonderful smell of new paint and clean walls will fill the sanctuary.

First the painter's tape and filled holes and then the paint!

IT'S  Tidy  TIME
ALL THE TIME AT CHURCH

Have a few minutes to spare? Stay a little while after church? Gather a few friends to chat and clean? There are cans of window cleaner and wood cleaner in the Janitor's Closet in Grace Hall. Together with some paper towels or a nice cotton towel, you can clean a window or door or window sill or whatever in no time at all!!



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

"Grow where you are planted" Is an old adage and one I firmly believe in - especially when it comes to gardening. That's sometimes easier said than done!

A few years back, Bill and I decided to strive for a more natural-looking and low-maintenance yard so began to incorporate more native plants. Helen and Karen had a wonderfully wild native landscape around their homes, and readily welcomed us to "come and dig". The hard work definitely paid off and today we revel in our own semi-wild back yard. In the process of nurturing I, in turn, am nurtured by what I observe and learn.

The brash and bold Salal and the diminutive Twinflower expand by sending out underground runners, slowly and slyly expanding their territory. We welcome this, as we want ground covers to take over the areas where these were planted. Low Oregon Grape multiplies more slowly, but Wood Sorrel and False Lily-of-the-Valley take over rapidly and both are wonderfully charming with attractive green foliage and small white flowers.

Among the shrubs the Evergreen Huckleberry, Red Huckleberry, Red flowering Current, and Snowberry take their time, gradually adding branches and height each year. If left on their own, these eventually can become a rangy thicket, but a bit of judicious pruning produces lovely stand-alone specimens. All produce berries which, edible or not, add much in the way of color and texture.

Native ferns have their own special requirements, mostly shade and soil on the dry side. The delicate, lacy Maidenhair Fern prefers moist shade and dies back each winter, while the Sword and Deer Fern remain green all year. All grow in clumps, gradually adding fronds and increasing in size with time.

Wildflowers are well known for their ability to produce myriad seeds and take over in some places. We've encouraged Starflowers, Western Columbines, and Yellow Monkey-Flowers because they produce year after year but are not too hard to keep in check. Roadside flowers I enjoy and hope to add are Bleeding Heart, Orange Honeysuckle, Fringecup and Pearly Everlasting.

We are not the only ones who enjoy this native vegetation. Birds, rabbits, frogs, and the occasional raccoon or coyote seek shelter, cover and food here. The benefits radiate ever outward.

Mostly, we have been successful and the plants are thriving. But here and there is the odd failure. Whether the fault lies with us or the plant, who can say, but it's obvious all is not well. The plant may look spindly and peaked, with sparse, pale foliage. Perhaps it puts out no new runners or fails to increase in size or height. We have several ferns that have not increased in size or number of fronds in years. The odd thing is they don't die, they just don't thrive - they simply fail to grow.

We also are meant to grow, although we each may do this in different ways. There is much to learn, share, and give beyond our own doorstep. We are so much richer when we grow - the world most definitely is.

**This is my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples...
You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit –
fruit that will last. John 15:8 & 16**



What about Pentecost?

The day of Pentecost is celebrated exactly seven weeks after Easter, this year that day is June 9. In the Christian church year, Pentecost celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus, empowering them to preach the good news. This is why Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Christian church.

Shortly after Jesus' resurrection and ascension people were still gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. On the last day of that celebration, the disciples were gathered together. The Holy Spirit came among them suddenly, like wind and fire, powerful and frightening. Those who were celebrating the Passover were amazed as they heard the disciples speaking in their own languages. Our differences with others near and far have been overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are directed toward God's message of love, freedom and salvation for all creation. Therefore it is a season when we strive for understanding and community with our neighbors.

The long season of Pentecost, which lasts until the beginning of Advent (the Sunday closest to Nov. 30), is a time when we hear the stories of Jesus that describe life and growth in the realm of God. During this time we focus on our spiritual growth, our relationship to Christ and our relationships with others. It is also a time when we look to growth within the church—a time to encourage and invite others into the love and fellowship of a Christian community.

