



Happy Anniversary

JULY

Tim Munns 7/1
 Rick Wright 7/2
 Fred Bates 7/3
 Andy Crawford 7/7
 Dennis Deitch 7/7
 Ryan Duncan 7/7
 Erik Crema 7/7
 Dylan Moriarty 7/7
 Matthew Nelson 7/10
 Clara Rose 7/12
 Karyn Crawford 7/14
 Erica Bigelow 7/17
 Bob Stuhlmiller 7/17
 Kari VanVlerah 7/17
 Amy Hochhalter 7/21
 Morgan Moriarty 7/24
 Lori VanVlerah 7/25
 Savannah Hurda 7/27
 Sean Carlson 7/28
 Diane LaMagna 7/30

AUGUST

Vicki Kobeski 8/1
 Madeline Ward 8/2
 Joey Munns 8/5
 Ed Hakanson 8/8
 Marsha Wright 8/9
 Jaimie Florent 8/11
 Danielle Deitch 8/11
 Olivia Desmond 8/13
 Glenyce Ross 8/14
 Ernest Janzen 8/19
 Barb Erickson 8/21
 Jan Hakanson 8/22
 Beachie Settle 8/23
 Rand Hein 8/23
 Sara Bigelow 8/24
 Josh Clucas 8/25
 TJ Munns 8/25
 Kelli Oster 8/25
 Mari Schielke 8/28
 Bobbi Moore 8/31

JULY

Scott & Bev Puhn 7/9
 Matt & Michelle Holman 7/12
 Bob & Sally Winkel 7/20
 Frank & Sharon Schmid 7/30
 Joe & Karen Beers 7/31

AUGUST

Tom & Elsie Booth 8/4
 Fred & Audrey Bates 8/8
 Mike & Lisa Michael 8/10
 Chad & Callie Gillespie 8/11
 Jason & Shauna Becker 8/12
 Bing & Bonnie Debar 8/16
 Rich & Sharon Wendt 8/16
 Bill & Barb Erickson 8/20
 Chuck & Tammie Rabura 8/22
 Ken & Nancy Ray 8/27
 Andy & Debbie Cotey 8/28
 Bob & Carolyn Hibbard 8/31

July 2019

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See you in church Sundays at 9:30!



Good Morning Vinland Lutheran!

I am looking forward to serving Vinland Lutheran as the interim pastor! I come from a varied background of 38 years in pastoral ministry. The first 12 years we lived in Cameroon West Africa where I was the director of the Bible School for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, in a small town called Garoua Boulai. We trained church leaders for the Gbaya people of eastern Cameroon. When we came home I studied Islam and East-

ern Christianity at Luther Seminary where they had just begun an Islamics program. That continued for 4 years.

Following that I was the Youth and Family Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls in south Minneapolis for 8 years. After that I took a short break in pastoral ministry, awaiting call, and selling Harley Davidson motorcycles! Kind of shocking to some bikers when they asked me what I used to do before working a Zylstra Harley Davidson to hear that I was a pastor! Not quite the 'biker' image they were expecting (one guy made an about-face and left the dealership!).

I then served two congregations consecutively as their interim pastor. The first was a tiny church at the far edge of the Twin Cities that was slowly dying and semi rural. The second one was in the heart of Saint Paul in the middle of a changing neighborhood (we had three congregations using the same building, Hispanic, White, and Chinese).

Following my interim experience I served a suburban congregation that had been slowing diminishing over the years, after having been the largest congregation in that part of town at one time. I served Zion Lutheran for 8 years. The congregation had experienced a lot of severe conflict in recent years so most of my work was to rebuild and encourage them.

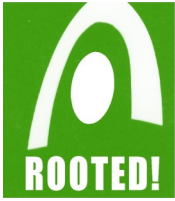
And then we decided it was time to move to Poulsbo to be closer to our family and all the grandkids. They wouldn't be little for long and we were missing out on all the fun! We have now been living in Poulsbo for a couple of years, going to a LOT of baseball games and birthday parties. I have also found a niche locally as the head coach of the Island Archers. I am a level 4 certified NTS coach with USA Archery, which is the governing body of Olympic archery for the USA. And I keep busy in my spare time at the BARN where I am a monitor in three of their studios, metal, glass and wood. (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network).

I am really looking forward to becoming involved with parish ministry again. I have really missed it the past two years. And Vinland Lutheran looks like a great place to step into the pulpit once again!

Pastor Mike Hanson



Pastor Mike's first Sunday at Vinland will be July 7. We look forward to getting to know him! He plans to spend time out at Family Camp...a perfect opportunity to chat in an informal setting.



VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS FOR JULY 2019



FAMILY CAMP 2019!

July 12-18

**We're Kickin' It
Old School this
year!**

Fun for everyone.



*Sunday, July 14
at Lutherhaven Picnic Side
Bring a side dish to share*

**church
picnic**
plan to attend!

Burgers and drinks provided.

Eat around 12:30

Keep IT OLD School

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Check in. No dinner. Ice Cream Social

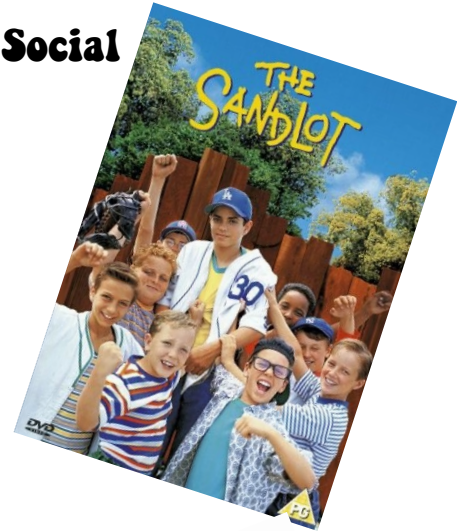
SATURDAY, JULY 13

9:30 Paint Party

3:30 Water Competition

7pm Old-School Games

9:30 Movie: "The Sandlot"



SUNDAY, JULY 14

Worship at around 11:00

Picnic at around 12:30

Swimming, Boating, Camp Store, Pizza Dinner

Lawn Twister at 7pm



Mon-Thursday Daily Schedule

Breakfast	8-8:45am	Camp Store	3pm
Morning gathering	9am	Men's Happy Hour	4pm
Mr. Wizard & Games	9:30	Connect-4 Competition	4:30
Loft Adventure	9:30	Camp Clean up	5:30
Writing Workshop	9:30-11	Dinner	6pm
Camp Craft Project	11	Dessert and Activity	7pm
Lunch	Noon	Family Campfire	8:30pm
Swimming	1-4:30pm	Teen Campfire	9pm

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS



MONDAY Trivia Time Live with Matt Clucas

TUESDAY Red Tent Book Discussion at 1pm

Birthday Party after dinner

WEDNESDAY Talent Show and Dance

THURSDAY Final Check out at 4:30pm



Monetary donations to pay for all camp costs are accepted during the week. You can also donate anytime during the year. This incredible camp is funded **COMPLETELY** by our donations!!



FULL CAMP SCHEDULE. Many thanks to the Camp Team: Megan Adrig, Shauna Becker, Callie Gillespie, Amy Munns, & Jen Nelson

Daily – Saturday – Thursday	
	Friday – 8pm – Ice Cream Social
8:15-8:45am – BREAKFAST	
9am – Daily Gathering	Saturday – 9:30am – Ode to Bob Ross, Painting with Marsha
	Saturday – 3:30pm Water Competition
9:30am – Adults: Writing your Memoirs Workshop, Kids: Mr. Wizard’s World and Old School Games, LOFT: Daily Adventure	
11am Camp Craft Project	Saturday–7pm–Old School Games
Noon: LUNCH	Saturday–9:30pm–Movie–The Sand Lot
1-4:30pm Swimming & Boating	Sunday – 11am(ish) – Worship
	Sunday – 12:30pm)(ish) –Church Picnic
3pm – Camp Store	Sunday – 7pm – Lawn Twister
4pm – Men’s Happy Hour (Mon–Wed)	Monday - 7pm – Trivia w/ Matt
4:30pm – Connect 4 Competition	Tuesday – 1pm –The Red Tent Book Talk
	Tuesday – 7pm – Birthday Party
5:30pm – Camp Clean Up	Wednesday – 4:30pm Connect 4 Finals
	Wednesday – 7pm – Talent Show and Dance
6pm – DINNER	
	Thursday – 4:30pm – Final Check out
7pm – Evening Activity & Dessert	
8:30pm – Family Campfire	
9pm Teen Campfire	

great opportunity

WRITING LIFE STORIES REFLECTING BACK to PRESERVE, LEARN, SHARE, GROW

Vinland Lutheran Church
Family Camp
July 15 - 18, 9:30-11:00 am

The natural surroundings of LutherHaven, tucked away along the shores of Wildcat Lake, create the perfect setting to reflect on life experiences, the adventures, problems solved, humorous twists and turns, miracles, and mistakes, all have brought you to the beautiful you of today. It is well worth documenting these stories; you recognize the road traveled, and others understand. Learn through reflection, learn through the stories shared by others.



Outline of Workshop Time

9:30 – 10 – activities to stimulate thinking

10 – 10:30 – individual writing time

10:30 – 11 – stories read aloud in small groups

The workshop will be led by Heidi Thorsen, a memoir instructor/coach, Destination Memoir Workshop leader (Italy) and career teacher for Central Kitsap School District.

This dynamic 4 days will help you to stretch both backward and forward.

good stuff

THANK YOU VLC for Friendship, Spiritual Guidance, and for a fine farewell hosted by *Julie Swenson*.

Vinland has been more than our home church for 45 years, it has been our source of life-long friends, much of our social life, our good neighbor and shall be our final resting place.

Heartfelt 

THANKS

May this congregation value the unique nature of inter-generational caring each for the other and the depth of individual and community spirituality within this Grace-Filled space.

We treasure our time here, Frank and Sharon Schmid

VINLAND TRANSITIONTeam

After having expressed an interest in being part of the Transition Team, the following have been appointed by the Congregational Council: Christopher Clucas, Carol Hein, Bobbie Moore, Matthew Moore, Don Moriarty, Jen Nelson and Marsha Wright. They will gather for their first meeting on Monday, July 8. The purpose of this group is to update the Ministry Site Profile to reflect the needs and desires Vinland Lutheran seeks in a full-time pastor. The members will be seeking input from you, the congregation.

The Call Committee will be elected by the congregation once the Transition Team has finalized a new Ministry Site Profile and sent it to the synod.



Each of you should give what you have decided in your **heart** to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

(thanks to Bob Reister for this reminder)

summer stuff

SUMMER TUESDAYS AT WILDCAT LAKE

Vinland moms & dads and grandparents (with kids in tow) are meeting on the picnic side of the lake at Lutherhaven starting July 9. We usually start gathering around noon. Come when you can; leave when you must. It is a great time to visit and for the kids to play and get to know each other. No lifeguard .



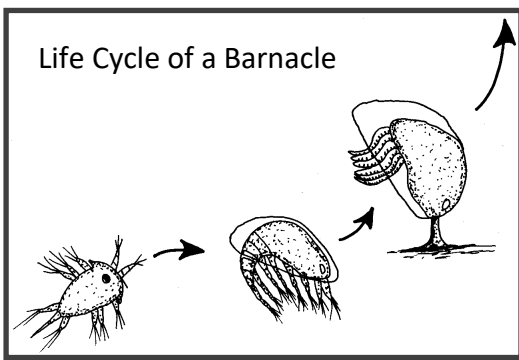
We welcome our newest LOFT members to the gang: Spencer Gillespie, Joey Munns, Henry Becker, Rowan Baty, Amara Case, and Daemion Dixon

Wednesdays at the Lake - please see the signup for ways that you can help drive and chaperone. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4eaaaf29aafa7-loft1>

LUTHERHAVEN WORK PARTY JULY 13 CLEAN-UP DAY

If you are available Saturday, July 13th, there will be a Work Party at Lutherhaven starting at 9 AM. The following are known needed tasks until they are done:

- Moving firewood from Caretaker yard to Picnic Area Wood shelter;
- Grounds maintenance (Picnic Parking area and beach around fence)
- The Picnic area beach and the volleyball court could use new sand so if you wish to donate a load of sand to either or both areas please coordinate with the Caretakers (360-830-4445). Thrivent members may wish to use an Action Team request to fund up to \$250 in sand for the August work party (too late for July).
- Remove weeds from the Picnic Side swimming beach

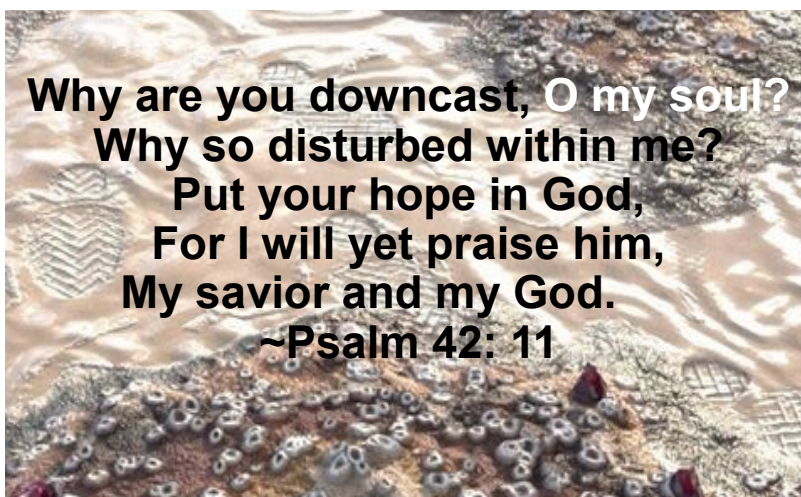


Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

Imagine being a barnacle: you begin life as microscopic one-eyed larvae that swims about with feathery legs., part of the plankton of the sea, floating freely, but at the mercies of the tides and currents. Before long, your body begins to change, so that you now resemble a small shrimp with a transparent umbrella attached to your back. Soon you feel the need to look for a place to settle down. Within the immense ocean, you feel attracted by specific chemicals, seeking to locate others of your kind, and search for a place to land. Crawling among the shells of other adult barnacles, you check out each nook and cranny until you find a spot that seems satisfactory. You find you can produce a natural glue and attach yourself head-down. Taking calcium from the sea water, you form six hard plates around your body, walling yourself off from the rest of the world. For added protection, you make a 4-part door at the top of your shelter, which you can open and close at will. In a short 6 months or so, your body has undergone so much change that you no longer resemble your larval form, nor the shrimp-like creature you once were. You are quite unique - upside down and permanently attached to your shell. You could not go anywhere, even if you wanted to. You now comb the water with your legs, filtering out the small bits of plankton for your meals. How on earth do you adjust and deal with all these changes?

Thank heavens, most of us don't experience changes of this magnitude. Certainly, change is an ongoing part of life and we all have physical, mental, and emotional changes to adjust to over the course of our lifetimes. There are also myriad changes in the world around us, over which we have little, if any, control. So, how are we to navigate all these changes to our known, comfortable sphere? Consider the barnacle; Do you think it frets, worries and struggles against what has been preordained for its life? Or, does it simply go on, living with each change as best as it can? Perhaps we can learn something from this small, seemingly insignificant life form.

It helps, I think, to admit that changes are occurring, and that we are uncertain, frightened, and maybe even angered by them. It helps to ask for help to get through them. It certainly takes planning, commitment, and determination to weather change. Keep in mind, that we are never alone in these struggles to adapt. Life does, indeed, go on....



Dear Church,

Enough about me. This one's about you. My gratitude in 10 short paragraphs.

You don't mind a little laughter. Honestly, I've preached to tougher crowds.

You embrace that love and acceptance are Christian virtues that need no explanation. Jesus is always in the room, but he's not a narcissist. He doesn't need his name on everything. If you get a chance, go to the preschool and you'll see it right away.

You actually move your bodies in worship. No, really. It doesn't need to look like a disco in there, but you play along well. That reading the Gospel in the middle of the room thing doesn't work everywhere. Also, I've seen you do the zipper merge at communion better than most freeway drivers. It's not about "letting loose" as much as it is about being available.

You let kids be kids. Not only do you graciously allow for their sillywigglycannonballsquirreliness. You are not afraid of their spiritual depth. Keep making room for both.

You forgive pretty well. Now, you let a person sit in the hot seat, too. But you forgive.

You're broad-mindedness is a sign of spiritual maturity. You can read about the enneagram and celebrate the Fourth of July and let secular music into worship without putting a fence around anything. All this without worrying that the world has invaded sacred space. If these seem obvious to you, that's a good thing.

Family camp is just a really rare thing. It's a gift. As long as you let it change with the years, you've got a real good thing going there. I love the hospitality out at the lake and the multi-generational inclusivity.

You attract really top-notch staff members. Kristine, Marsha, Janean, Lori, Lynn, Rick, Callie, Emily are all way more than a church and preschool have any business expecting. Same goes for Megan, Steve, and Lisa. They wouldn't serve a church that wasn't worth serving.

Your church council is also remarkable. Ask more of them. Don't give them more busy work. Ask them to grow in their work of helping the whole church discern its path together. They are good stewards. They also take council well together. They are listening.

You respect thoughtful leadership. I didn't know this at first. It seemed like you just wanted results. Maybe that was me, maybe you, maybe both. But I know now that you expect your ministers to be thinking, dreaming, praying, and listening. Leaders need people who ask for and accept those things.

Now for number eleven. There is one thing I hope can change. I doubt if any church is really good at this, so please hear the gentleness with which I mean to speak. Vinland Lutheran can be a hard community for those who experience the exception to all the gifts I described. Make room and hear those who see the shadows and have felt the false promises. Accept that the community where you find safety can be threatening to someone who is different from you. Paul overspoke when he said he became all things to all people. Only Jesus really did that. You can't be. But at least acknowledge with the sincerity I have come to expect from you that this isn't Paradise all the time.

Okay, one personal thing. I leave with my faith in Jesus' presence among us stronger than when I arrived. I believe that God is healing this world through the gifts shared at your table and the words spoken and heard among you. I believed it before, but I'm more confident now. For that and for our time together I am most humbly grateful.

In Christ, +Pastor Nels