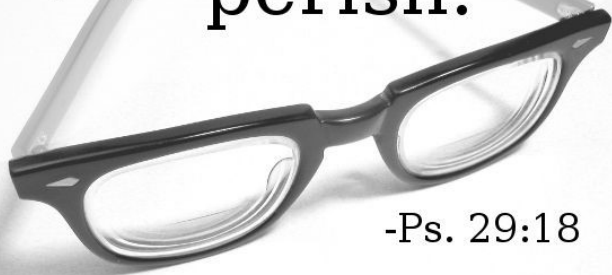


"When there is no vision,  
the people **perish.**"



-Ps. 29:18



November/December News

There are a lot of possible ways to translate this piece of scripture. Essentially what it is getting at is that people need a clear word from God concerning the direction their life is to take, otherwise they will be lost and aimless, which is much like dying in a sense. Churches likewise need a clearly articulated sense of direction and purpose, which is often referred to as Vision & Mission. One could choose to have a Vision & Mission centered on being church in the traditional sense, carrying forth as one has always done.

People are invited to join in membership and participate in worship on Sunday, perhaps also participate in some of the weekly activities of the church. One could also choose a more specific direction, by which a congregation may wish to transform their community in one of many ways. I know of churches who have chosen to address the homeless crisis. Others have decided that local hunger issues will become their concern. Others have chosen to focus on ministry to a particular group of kids or the retirement community. Some have focused on providing tutors to some of the local schools. The possibilities are endless. Having the resources of willing volunteers the opportunities to effect change are amazing.

What is the vision and mission you see at Vinland?



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**



# NEWS

## with Sympathy

A memorial service was held for LaVonne Berentson on Friday, Oct. 18. LaVonne passed away peacefully in her home with family at her side on October 7. As Jim said, "She was a good one."

Dave Bigelow's mother, Reba, passed away on Nov. 11 with her family at her side. Dave, Tina and the girls are grateful for the prayers of their Vinland faith family.

A graphic with a magnifying glass over a document. The text reads: **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**  
Steve King, Chair; Megan Adrig, Denise Deitch, Kelle Horn, Diane LaMagna, Bev Puhn, and Lindsey Carlson and Dave Bigelow as alternates.

November 17, 2019

*How's it going? Just fine! Your Call Committee has met with the Bishop's representative who will be sending us candidate packages. We're aligning on some "administrative" items as you'd expect, while taking our cues from the VLC Mission Site Profile. We feel your interest, appreciate your prayers of support and are working intentionally to move forward.*

*In Christ, "Your Call Committee"*

A graphic with a textured background and a sunset scene. The text reads: **Sunday mornings, before worship, a group gathers to Pray together for the call committee, the congregation, and the pastor God is preparing for Vinland. Join them in the library in the Narthex.**

Vinland is enrolled in Amazon's Smile program, which means Amazon donates one half of one percent of the participant's order to the church. Enough people are enrolled now that we receive \$40 to \$50 a year. Since every little bit helps, if more Amazon customers from the church signed up, that amount would increase. The ordering method and items available are the same.



After you enroll and then sign on through Amazon Smile, the church will receive that percentage of the order total. Please consider signing up to help the church this way.



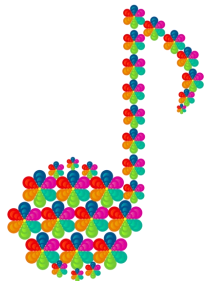
# CHRISTMAS

in the  
Grace Cafe



Sunday 🍬 Dec. 8 🍬 11am

Bring a sweet or savory snack to go  
with coffee, a cocoa bar and  
**Christmas music!**



*If you want to share some music with the  
group—sacred or secular—please talk to  
Rick Baty! The more the merrier.*

# REJOICING IN FELLOWSHIP



**DIALOGUE ON  
DRAFT NOV. 25**

**6pm  
Western Red  
Brewery**



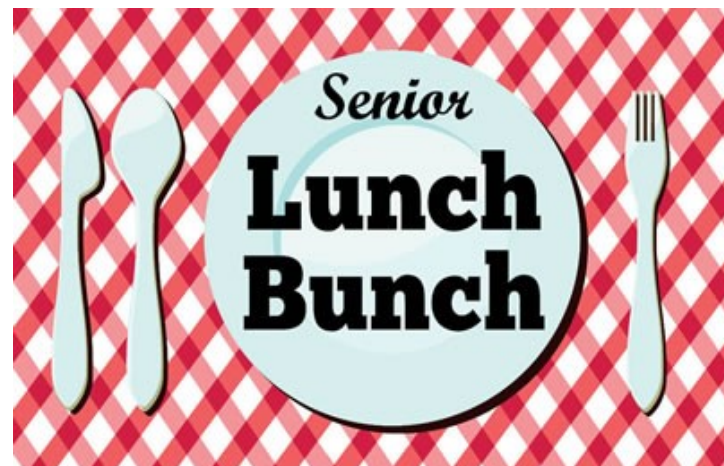
**PINOCHLE** December 20. Potluck at 5:30; cards dealt at 6pm. Sign up in Grace Hall. Sign up if you want to play!



**Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8am**

**Men's Breakfast in Grace Hall**

**Men of all ages, come and eat a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.**



**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at Jan and Ernest Janzen's home on **MONDAY, DEC. 2 at 12:30am**. Bring a potluck dish to share!

**Sign up in Grace Hall.**



# Women's Luncheon

## CHRISTMAS

### THROUGH THE DECADES

DECEMBER ★ 1ST ★ 11am

Mary King is planning a delicious light lunch. Please bring a dozen or so of your favorite Christmas cookies to share for dessert.

A small donation to offset costs will be appreciated. We'll have a delightful Christmas "take home" craft.

# WOMEN'S groups

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

*please  
join us*

**All women are invited** to the December 19 Christmas potluck. The hostesses are the WOV officers. Anita will bring a devotion and there will be fun and music galore!



Lefse Baking on Saturday, Dec. 7 in preparation for the Bake and Craft sale on Dec. 8. Even if you can't roll, you can come and watch and learn and turn the lefse on the grills and help package. Bring homemade treats to eat and items to sell at the sale on Sunday, Dec. 8. All profits are put to very good use by the Women of Vinland group.



Women meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00pm.

We laugh , pray, learn and support each other..

Dec. 2 we will discuss just what Advent is all about.

Cookie and memory sharing on Dec. 16.







## Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

**I heard them through the open window the other night.** As they were high above on that quiet, damp night, I could not see which way they were heading, but I knew by their soft, syncopated honking that they were geese and must be going to some place with ample food and comfort for the coming colder months. Indeed, in this time of transition, it is a time of change for most living things, ourselves included.

While I feel myself folding inward during these short, dark, rainy days, I've experienced enough seasonal changes in my life to know that this is a change beyond my control; one that is necessary and important, even if we may not like or enjoy it. Change is seldom easy, after all. But during the intense, difficult work of growing, reproducing, and simply surviving, time is needed to rest and rejuvenate. We may find it odd and uncomfortable the way this happens. Where there were gorgeous blue skies, there now are moody clouds of roiling greys and intense, bruised, purplish blacks. Where there was pure, sparkling sunlight, there now is misty drizzle and chilling rain. The cheerful chirping of the tree frogs gives way to the mournful cries of those night-flying geese...

There also are moments of beauty and joy in this process. I find myself awestruck by the colors of this season: the ripe, round, red and purple berries that are abundant here, the white, orange, and brown fungi that erupt in the woods and meadows, the brilliant orange, yellow, red, and copper leaves on the trees. Whether pre-programmed or anomalies, there are some plants that manage to bloom at this time of year. Colorful Autumn crocus, chrysanthemums, sunflowers, and sedums punctuate otherwise drab gardens, while vine and big-leaf maples, red-osier dogwoods, and shiny-leaved salal and evergreen huckleberries strut their stuff in the local woods. No matter the weather, it's always good to don your rain gear and take a walk—amazing what it can do for one's spirit.

We have one hardy plant that surprises me every year. It is an old rose bush – likely a heritage variety because it smells wonderful—that was here when we moved in 40 years go. We've dug it up and moved it several times and, sadly, I never really cared if it survived as it is rather leggy, with a puny lavender color. Not my favorite, for sure. The last place we put it was in a corner garden, just below our kitchen window. With very little care, it has thrived there, growing taller each year and producing continuous blooms all summer long and well into the Fall. Even now, with many fully formed rose hips (fruit) which I've neglected to prune off, it is continuing to bloom, refusing to give in to this season of darkness. I know that eventually it will stop, finally resting up for next summer. In the meantime, I cherish it's fortitude, for it is good reminder that a new season is always on the horizon. As I remember that my dad said: "Life is a series of adjustments," I now know how true that really is. We DO need to "Grow where we are planted" and carry on as best as we can. It helps if we hang together on the journey!

*"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*    *Genesis 8:22*



*Being God's hands and feet*

## **in Tecate, Mexico April 3-9**

Join the house-building trip to Mexico during Spring Break, 2020! With Kelle Horn and David and Karyn Crawford heading up the trip, it will definitely be safe and successful. They have been on several trips in the past and are experienced with Amor Ministries.

You can still sign up. Talk to any of the three for more information.

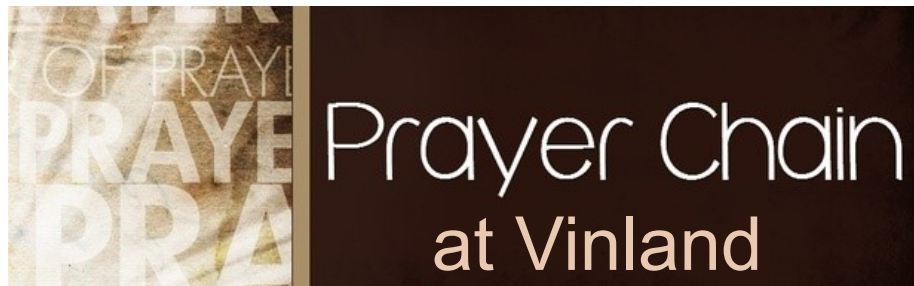
Fund-raising events will help defray costs, since we have to purchase all materials for the house, hire local labor helpers and meal providers, bring our own tools and personal supplies and pay for transportation. It is a true servant project.



**\$200 deposit due December 8.**



*Mission Dinner/Auction February 23*



Vinland's prayer chain is an active ministry of our church led by the women, with almost 70 members currently participating.

Notification of prayer requests may be made by email or telephone. A member reached via email has no obligation other than to pray; a member on the telephone portion may also be asked to forward the request.

To initiate a prayer request, or to become a "link in the chain", call or email to either Anita Puzon, 360-697-1146 [anitia@puzon.org](mailto:anitia@puzon.org) OR Jean Danielson, 360-779-4710 [dhjldanielson@embarqmail.com](mailto:dhjldanielson@embarqmail.com)



# DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



### **Poulsbo Community Orchestra Christmas Concert**

**Two opportunities this year!**

**December 8, 2pm and 6pm**

**at North Point Church**

Family-friendly concert with lots of favorites!



We have ordered white poinsettias to be displayed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Cost is \$11. You may take your poinsettia home after the service on Christmas Eve or leave it for the remainder of the season.



**L.O.F.T. PARTY TIME!**

December 15 after church.

We'll make a fun project and eat some fun food and play some fun games.

Sound like FUN?

Then, invite a friend and COME!

# season of Advent

## Wednesdays in Advent

SOUP SUPPER  
6PM

HOLDEN  
EVENING  
PRAYER  
6:45

Dec. 4, 11, 18



There is a sign-up sheet in Grace Hall if you would like to help with the dinners. The youth and their families will provide the meal on December 4. This is a great time to gather around a good bowl of soup, some bread and lively conversation. We need 7 large pots of soup each week, plenty of bread and help with the set-up and clean up. Many hands make light work!

**The Advent Market** will run the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in Advent in Grace Hall as well as the soup suppers in between those Sundays. There will be handcrafts that are from groups that empower women as well as a selection of Christmas items and of course food and chocolate. In addition we will have the Lutheran World Hunger ornaments - which allow people to "buy" chickens, pigs, school supplies, immunizations etc.

November 24, farm banks from Lutheran World Relief to our congregation. Collect spare change and then bring them back on Epiphany. All funds will go to Lutheran World Hunger.



**ADVENT AT HOME.** Families will receive a "Practice Advent At Home" package for devotions and thought-provoking and fun ideas to put love and service into action.

**During the December 15 worship service,** youth and children will bring the message of Christmas to life through the narrated story of the first Christmas. Families will learn more about this opportunity by e-mail.



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Sirpa Brock 11/1  
 Kathryn McCluskey 11/1  
 Christopher Clucas 11/7  
 Kyle Cotey 11/7  
 Glenn Settle 11/8  
 Peter Hansen 11/11  
 Jill Crema 11/11  
 Jon Nelson 11/12  
 Debbie Cotey 11/12

Kyle Oster 11/18  
 Alexis Duncan 11/19  
 Corey Oster 11/22  
 Addison Kollmorgen 11/23  
 Makai Magnuson 11/24  
 Donna Breuer 11/24  
 Carol Hein 11/30

Kelle Horn 12/1  
 Catrina Stroud 12/9  
 Marian Rova 12/10  
 Tammie Rabura 12/11  
 Jen Nelson 12/12  
 Sarah Nelson 12/12  
 Heidi Becker 12/14  
 Marty Dasler 12/24  
 John Brock 12/27



Dick & Lonnie Swanson 11/2  
 Aaron & Mari Schielke 11/13  
 John & Carol Bartlett 11/18  
 Michael & Christine Warbois 11/21

John & Glenyce Ross 12/6  
 Kristofer & April Kollmorgen 12/10  
 Jon & Jen Nelson 12/28

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**Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm**