

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jim Abbott	1/1	Suzie Banzer	1/12
Isaac Beers	1/2	Michael Desmond	1/12
Joey Florent	1/4	Ernie McCluskey	1/12
Serena Journey	1/5	Beckie Hansen	1/14
Galen Sele	1/5	Linda Bergeron	1/16
Ed Florent	1/6	Helen Cole	1/18
Callie Gillespie	1/7	Matt LaMagna	1/21
Don Mills	1/7	Amy Munns	1/30
Arlene Swift	1/10		

Nita Johnson	2/2	Nancy Ray	2/17
Tom Booth	2/4	Daemion Dixon	2/17
Susan Thiel	2/6	Jillian Florent	2/18
Lyn Gillet	2/8	Muriel Dodge	2/19
Linnea Barnhart	2/10	Martha Rabura	2/19
Jason Becker	2/10	Andy Cotey	2/21
Chad Gillespie	2/11	Steve Weir	2/24
Audrey Bates	2/13		
Aaron Schielke	2/16		

Galen and Phyllis Sele



John and Sirpa Brock 2/2

Greg and Susan Gilbert 2/5

Andrew and Christie Black 2/13

Ernest and Jan Janzen 2/14

Tony and Diane LaMagna 2/18

JANUARY 2020

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ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 26

After the 9:30 worship service, we'll take a break to get coffee, eat cookies and our sack lunches and then gather again in the sanctuary at about 11. Please make it a priority to attend.



THE POWER OF 1 HOUR

IF EACH PERSON AT VINLAND WERE TO INVEST 1 HOUR ONCE A MONTH TO A SPECIFIC PROJECT AROUND THE CHURCH, THE IMPACT WOULD BE MEASURABLY AMAZING.

THIS IS THE CHALLENGE EXTENDED TO YOU!

THERE WILL BE SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES LISTED EACH WEEK IN THE BULLETIN, E-FLASH, AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CHOOSE A JOB AND SPEND JUST ONE HOUR IN A MONTH ON COMPLETION..



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Brothers & Sisters,

The Call Committee remains grateful for your prayers and patience while we very actively work to discern God's will in selecting a Pastoral candidate recommendation for the Council. We have now reviewed many candidates; some have been released and others interviewed. We are most encouraged by the candidates, as we discern those remaining. Thank you for your continued encouragement.

México

MISSION  2020

"MI CASE ES SU CASA"

SPRING BREAK HOUSE-BUILDING TRIP TO MEXICO



LUNCH AND AUCTION MARCH 1

TACO BAR FOR EVERYONE RIGHT AFTER CHURCH AND THEN A LIVE AUCTION. CHILD CARE PROVIDED DURING THE AUCTION.

All proceeds will help alleviate costs such as:

Materials to build one house: \$4155

Van (with insurance): \$1000

Feed one mission team member: \$100

COME AND BID FOR A WORTHY CAUSE!



COUNCIL
SPOTLIGHT

Dear Vinland Congregants,

We are a vibrant worshipping community in Christ's church. We also have a pastor and staff to pay, and expenses to maintain our facilities. Your Council uses your gifts to meet these obligations, guided by our annual budget. The 2020 proposed budget of approximately \$378,000 is ready for your consideration.

The Council took to heart our recently updated Ministry Site Profile while preparing this year's budget. We plan to increase spending for two priorities identified by the Transition Team:

To re-establish the strength of our youth and young adult programs
To increase our outreach to the greater community around us.

The Council proposes hiring a full time Director of New Generation Ministries. This position will focus on the spiritual education of our children and young adults and work to better integrate them into our congregational life. The Council believes now is the time to reaffirm our faith and mission by deliberate development of Vinland's future congregations.

We also have set aside \$1000 as seed money for starting up new community outreach programs.

The council carefully considered the financial challenge, particularly in light of the declining giving this past year. We looked at each budget item and our historic expenses. This year we budgeted using a 3 year running average of inflation adjusted actual expenses. Unusual expenses will be covered by reserve funds, which are quite robust at this point.

Nonetheless our expenses will increase beyond our current giving with this plan. Each of you will need to consider prayerfully the sense of this congregation, its future and your own stewardship priorities. A vote to support this budget necessarily entails a personal commitment to support it by increasing your tithes and offerings.

A budget summary follows. Full budget details are available as an Excel spreadsheet by sending an e-mail to Kristine at vinland@vinlandlc.org.

In faith, The VLC Council

**Annual Meeting of
the Congregation**

**Sunday, January 26
at 11am**



**LISTENING POST TO
DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
2020 BUDGET
JANUARY 19 RIGHT AFTER
WORSHIP**

WOMEN'S groups

Women of the ELCA 

Women of Vinland

The January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 in Haugen Hall. All women are welcome. Join us for Bible study, singing, a short business meeting, and lunch. Make it a 2020 decision to attend!

BOLD
WOMEN'S
DAY 2020

Sunday, February 23

Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Are there ways that we can celebrate bold women at Vinland?



Encouraging and Supporting One Another

Women meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00pm. We laugh, pray, learn and support each other..

WE ARE TAKING THE MONTH OF JANUARY OFF. THE WEATHER AND DRIVING ARMISERABLE FOR OUR EVENING MEETINGS. See you on Feb. 3. We'll talk about bold women in our lives and in our church and world.



Quilters meet EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. Snacks & Coffee!

They can use helping hands as they put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

bold
connections

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

All women at Vinland are part of the larger group—The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Check the website; you will be amazed at all the resources, stories, articles, daily devotionals, and opportunities that abound! You will be energized!

gather
gathermagazine.com

Gather is a monthly magazine that you can receive either in your mailbox or on-line. It is simple to subscribe and includes a Bible Study that is used at the monthly meetings of the Women of Vinland. It is chock full of interesting and mind-stretching articles.

Daily
grace

This is a daily devotional that can be delivered right to your email inbox.

**JUST
LOVE**

WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
JULY 16-19, 2020 | PHOENIX

Café

boldcafe.org

Topic of the Month
Faith Reflections

Podcasts
Café Groups

ACT BOLDLY

good stuff



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Monday, Jan. 27 at 6pm at Western Red Brewery in Poulsbo. Lots of beverages to choose from. By all means, invite a friend to come!



THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH @11:30

Bring your lunch and chew on more than a sandwich! Pastor Mike will lead an interesting and informative discussion of the lectionary scriptures for the coming week.



Men of all ages and opinions are welcome to come and eat and talk!

The food is hearty (but not necessarily heart-friendly) and the conversation is lively.

Invite a friend to join you.



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



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

We have reached the age when many of our friends are undergoing serious health challenges and making moves to other homes which are more suitable for them and closer to family. It is unsettling to realize that we're now at the age when serious decisions need to be made about things we haven't had to deal with before. We all know that life is full of changes and challenges, but not always do we anticipate what those things will be nor how we will react. It is then that we think back to memories of others who went through times such as these...

I well remember the time my older sister decided she wanted to move to be closer to us. "I'm 85 now. In five years, I'll be 90, so I should do it now." Indeed. Always a determined and self-sufficient woman, she spent weeks cleaning, sorting, and dividing her belongings into what she wanted to donate, sell, and keep. Two weeks before our agreed-upon moving date, I flew to help her. I watched as she went through boxes of old slides, viewing them one last time before dumping them. She agonized over some things before deciding that she'd have no room for them in her new small apartment in the assisted living facility that she'd chosen. I packed up what was left, and we loaded a U-Haul trailer for the drive to Washington. She had a few visits and meals with long-time friends; at the end, she was emotionally and physically exhausted. Once settled in, however, she adjusted quickly, and we've had some long-overdue treasured time together. I will always be grateful that she made this choice.

When my mom was around 73 years old, she fell and broke a hip. After surgery to replace that, time in the hospital, and some therapy, she was ready to go home. I flew out to help with her continued therapy and to help with her readjustment. I remember watching as her therapist helped her walk for the first time using a walker. Viewing from the back, it struck me for the first time how small, frail and unsteady she seemed. I had never thought of my mom as being "old." The therapist showed her how to go upstairs using the walker, then backed off to let her do it herself. I was horrified, fearing that she'd lose her balance and fall again, but the therapist told me she would let us know if she needed help. He was right; she slowly made her way up and down again. Once home, with continued therapy, she regained strength and made good progress. I helped her, as needed, and was heartened by her will and determination. With time, she no longer needed the walker.

The New Year is billed as a time of new beginnings. Although we may not always take the idea of starting over seriously, every day is a new day and an opportunity to indeed begin anew. Hopefully, circumstances will not dictate that you must do that but consider the positive aspects of doing so—at least in some area of your life.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. " ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Annual Meeting Sack Lunches

Yum!



The preschool is taking orders for their popular brown-bag lunches to energize us for the annual meeting on Jan 26. There is a choice of meats and cheeses or the popular PB&J. Fruit, chips and a cookie complete the meal.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Save
THE
Date



flowers and showers



ALOHA! APRIL 26

TICKETS ON SALE IN FEBRUARY



Super Bowl Party



WHEN? SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
WHERE? AT CHURCH!

Coming Soon

Vinland Lutheran Church Congregation Members,

We are getting ready to take the next step towards completion of the Sanctuary Improvement Project. Throughout this year we have been able to make significant strides towards our goal of improving the overall appearance of the sanctuary and giving us a fresh look.

The Sanctuary has a new coat of paint and the front doors have been replaced. The new sound system is in place and an improved sound system has been installed in Grace Hall from the components left over from the old Sanctuary sound system.

The next phase will involve the removal of the existing partitions. The North wall will get a fresh coat of paint and new partitions will be installed some time this spring. Once the new partitions are in place we hope to have a new projector installed which will improve the visual quality of our service. The displayed images will be larger and projected directly on the new partitions. Hopefully, before summer, we can address the ventilation problems in the Sanctuary by installing quiet exhaust fans to pull some of the hot air from the room.

These improvements could not have been made possible without the hard work and support of our church members. Recent financial donations have made it possible for us to begin the next phase of the project.

While construction is taking place, we may have to hold a service or two in Grace Hall. Please be patient and “pardon our dust”.

Finally, we need to decide about the paintings which are currently located in the front of the Sanctuary, on either side of the cross. We made an announcement a few Sundays ago and have received input from church members about the paintings. We have learned several things:

The paintings are not meant to be viewed up close

The paintings are showing signs of wear (cracking) along the edges. They were installed in 1992. Therefore, it is important the paintings be protected from additional wear and tear, or tiny hands.

The first decision is whether to relocate the paintings or place them in storage. The input received from a few church members was split, however the most passion expressed was to relocate the paintings rather than to store them. To this end, Scott Puhn, Beckie and I removed the paintings from the wall and took them to several locations in the church to see how they would look. Several locations were tested including in the Narthex and in the Hallway area outside the church office. These spots are unsuitable as they would allow for human contact. In addition, the paintings are too large for these locations. We also tried the area on each side of the windows in Grace Hall on the South wall. We took photos and presented the photos to the Facility Visioning Committee for review and discussion. Ultimately the Facility Visioning Committee decided the paintings should be relocated to Grace Hall, above the entry doors to the main hall, and on either side of the glass window with the cross. In addition to being able to continue to display the paintings, there are some other benefits of this location. It would add some color to Grace Hall. Acoustic insulation material could be placed behind the paintings to help with the acoustic issues in Grace Hall.

The recommendation from the Facility Visioning Committee went to the Church Council at our last meeting. The majority of the Church Council concurs with the recommendation of the Facility Visioning Committee. At the upcoming annual meeting of the congregation in January 2020, Council will be seeking Congregational approval with the plan to relocate the paintings to Grace Hall.

Peter Hansen



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION PREPARER	ACOLYTES	
JAN 5, 9:30 AM	Marilynn Maas-Jones	Diane LaMagna	Aly Banzer	Emma Banzer
JAN 12, 9:30 AM	Matt Clucas	Matt Clucas	Adam Beers	Spencer Weir
JAN 19, 9:30 AM	Marsha Wright	Bev Puhn	Tavia	Amara Case
JAN 26, 9:30 AM	Don Moriarty	Ernie McCluskey	Daemion Dixon	William Baty
FEB 2, 9:30 AM	Marilynn Maas-Jones	Diane LaMagna	Heidi Becker	Henry Becker
FEB 9, 9:30 AM	Sherry Gutierrez	Matthew & Rebecca Moore	Amara Case	Tavia
FEB 16, 9:30 AM	Don Moriarty	Ernie McCluskey	Adam Beers	Jack Nelson
FEB 23, 9:30 AM	Matthew & Rebecca Moore	Bev Puhn	William Baty	Spencer Weir
MAR 1, 9:30 AM	Aaron Schielke	Diane LaMagna	Daemion Dixon	Amara Case
MAR 8, 9:30 AM	Don Moriarty	Bev Puhn	Henry Becker	Heidi Becker
MAR 15, 9:30 AM	Matt Clucas	Matt Clucas	Jack Nelson	William Baty
MAR 22, 9:30 AM	Marsha Wright	Ernie McCluskey	Tavia	Emma Banzer
MAR 29, 9:30 AM	Sherry Gutierrez	Matthew & Rebecca Moore	Spencer Weir	Adam Beers
APR 5, 9:30 AM	Rebecca & Matthew Moore	Diane LaMagna	Amara Case	William Baty
APR 12, AM EASTER AM	Matt Clucas Sherry Gutierrez	Matt Clucas Sherry (clean up)	Jack Nelson,	Spencer Weir
APR 19, 9:30 AM	Aaron Schielke	Rebecca & Matthew Moore	Daemion Dixon	Tavia
APR 26, 9:30 AM	Marsha Wright	Ernie McCluskey	Heidi Becker	Henry Becker