

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

David Crawford 3/2
Hayes Journey 3/2
Joe Beers 3/3
Carolyn Mikkelborg 3/3
Karen Oster 3/4
Race Schultz 3/6
Kieran Black 3/8
Gracelynn Pigott 3/11
Janean Moriarty 3/20
Piper Magnuson 3/21
Kristen Crawford 3/28

Happy Anniversary to...

Martin & Robyn Prehm 3/24
Hayes & Lisa Journey 3/25

Winter 2020

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Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Feb. 25, 6pm
Vinland's high-carb version
of Mardi Gras.

Changes in our community...

As of Feb. 25, this is the Hakanson's new address:
They are in cottage #15
Ed and Jan Hakanson
12152 Country Meadows Lane
Silverdale, WA 98383

Sad news:

Tom Booth passed away on February 1. Prayers of comfort and support go out to Elsie and the family. A celebration of Tom's life will be held in Grace Hall on April 17 at 1pm.



PINOCHLE
Friday, March 20
Please sign up.



VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS FOR FEB/MARCH 2020



Ash Wednesday
7pm service
Feb. 26



Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesdays in Lent

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Soup @6; Worship @6:45

The word lent comes from the old English word meaning “to lengthen” and it names the time of the year when (in the Northern Hemisphere), the days begin to get longer and warmer. After the cold, dark, and often dismal months of the year come the signs of renewal. As people begin to feel renewal and re-creation again following the hibernation and drowsy days of winter even so the church stirs into action for renewal in the season of Lent.

Coming to lent means coming to life. It is a time to awaken; to make an honest appraisal of our spiritual health and take actions that lead to life. The disciplines of Lent are the tools for transformation. We are called to the Lenten fast. Fasting is an ecological concern, a matter of keeping life in balance. Over-consumption is as bad for the soul as for the waistline. Lent is the season for spring training of our soul. We need to name the toxins that are poisoning us. We need to determine what is essential, let go of the extra baggage that weighs down our mind, spirit and soul and feast on forgiveness, freedom from fear, hypocrisy and judgmental views. Take time for quiet introspection this season. Get outside and feast on creation. Cleanse your mind and come to church!



Easter Sunday is April 12

Once again we will have joyful worship, a wonderful breakfast and a fun egg hunt for the kids! Worship at 8am or 10:30. Same format at each service. As usual, we will need bags of small, wrapped candies for the egg hunt. We will order lilies that you can pre-purchase.

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 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

Some auction items so far:

FOUR pies from Beachie

Comfort Food dinner at the Wrights

Cookies from Jan Janzen

WINE WALL (come and see!)

Babysitting and Yard work by industrious teens

Seahawks Fan Basket

"Indulge Yourself" Basket w/massage certificate

Surprise "Triple Treat Basket"

Two nights at the Beaudoin Alaskan B&B

Archery Lesson from Pastor Mike

Tractor Work from David Crawford

Norwex Cleaning Products Basket

Movie Fun Basket

Lefse for Thanksgiving or Christmas

"Poulsbo Merchants" items



Olympic Lutherhaven Wildcat Lake

If you have ever been to Olympic Lutherhaven, I'm sure your memories are sweet. But it takes a lot of volunteer effort, in-kind donations and money to keep the camp functioning for all of us to enjoy. Consider coming out to one of the regular work parties and lend a hand. Bring the kids along. It is a great outdoor adventure!

Dates will be posted in Weekly View and the E-Flash.

LOOKING AHEAD, there will be a fun and informative "Lutherhaven Sunday" sometime after Easter. We'll serve a camp-style breakfast, have lots of information about the camp and our coming Family Camp. Stay tuned for more on this.



**FAMILY
CAMP 2020
JULY 17-23
ALL GOD'S
CREATURES**

Put these dates on your calendar NOW! This will be another fun-filled, week with great food, sunshine, swimming, relaxing, music, campfires and happy, laughing kids running around. This is a camp for ALL of us at Vinland. It is "family" in the loosest, but most inclusive sense of the word. For this week, we are all family! Make plans now to spend the whole week – tent, RV or cabin – or just come out for a day or every day! It is possible to commute to many jobs from camp. I've done it myself (Marsha).



Vinland Lutheran Church

Wedding & Event Venue

TWO OPPORTUNITIES are on the horizon to showcase Vinland as a venue for your wedding, anniversary, reception, birthday party, reunion, conference, etc. Be sure to take time to stop by and take a look. Christie Black, our Event Coordinator, is doing a top-notch job at promotion and making our facilities look inviting. She needs our support to guarantee Vinland a spot in the Event Planning World!

Wedding Venue & Vendor Open House - April 18, 1-4pm

VINLAND will be dressed up and beautiful, allowing the public to see what their wedding could look like if they chose to have it at Vinland. In addition to viewing our venue, our guests will be able to visit one on one with vendors and see what those vendors have to offer. 360 Event Rentals is co-hosting and helping me plan this event. So far we also have a photographer, a caterer, a dj, and a super fun bartending service signed on to participate, and I am working to add more.

Kitsap Wedding Tour - May 17, 1-4pm

THE KITSAP WEDDING TOUR is a well-established event that allows brides, grooms, and their parties to view multiple venues, along with local vendors, all in one day. They can choose to drive themselves as a self-guided tour or they can choose to ride a bus to all the venues. Much like the Open House, Vinland will be dressed and sparkling as if for an actual wedding (or two). Since this is the same weekend as Viking Fest, and to honor Vinland's heritage, I plan to go with a Scandinavian/Viking type theme for this event.



Sanctuary Improvement Project

Plans for the Sanctuary Improvement Project. De-construction, painting, and construction.

1. Meet on Friday February 28 at 5 PM to move equipment/organ, piano, etc. Paintings will temporarily be stored in the basement until a later time when they will be re-hung in Grace Hall.
2. Meet on Saturday February 29 at 9 AM to remove the old partitions
3. Meet on Sunday March 1 at 1 PM to paint the north wall.
4. Contractor to begin project the first week of March.



flowers and showers

On Sunday, April 26th at 5pm, the preschool will host the Flowers & Showers Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction. The theme this year is "ALOHA", so it will be flip flops and tropical shirts and delicious food. This is the preschool's primary fundraiser for the year to reach our budgetary goals and continue offering excellent programming and experienced teaching staff. We are planning a delicious dinner, wine wall, dessert dash, and silent auction.

We are currently seeking Silent Auction donations. Please consider donating goods, services or experiences. Donation forms are available in the narthex and office. We hope you plan to join us and support VLC's ministry to the littlest of God's children. Tickets go on sale in March.



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10am-12pm

Registration for 2020-2021 opens at that time



CLASSES	DAYS	TIMES	AGE BY 8/31/20	REG. FEE	TUITION
Morning 3-day	T, W, Th	9:15-12	3-5 years	\$75	\$2300/year
Afternoon 4-day	T, W, Th, F	12:45-3:30	3-5 years	\$75	\$3070/year
Grasshopper	Fridays	9:30-11:30	2-3 years	\$75	\$800/year

WOMEN'S

groups

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Women of Vinland

Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18 from 10am-noon. Get a jump start on spring and join the group that day. Lunch is included, along with a short Bible Study, devotion, singing and laughing and praying!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be at Vinland in Grace Hall at 1pm on Friday, March 6. All around the world, people gather on the first Friday of March to sing, pray and learn together. Each year a group of women from a different country write the service. This year the service comes from Zimbabwe. Join and bring a friend.



Encouraging and Supporting One Another
Women of Grace

After a 2-month winter break we will begin meeting on Monday, March 2 and continue our meetings on the first and third Mondays through the month of June. Open to all women who enjoy sharing life events, laughing, praying and studying together. We meet in Grace Hall at 6pm for tea and good conversation. We begin March 2 with "A Compassionate Lent"

MOMs and friends are currently doing a book discussion on "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. They meet Sundays at about 11am in Grace Hall. No Meeting on Feb. 23 or March 1. Shauna Becker is the facilitator and has copies of the study. You can also join a facebook group and follow along at home. The book can be purchased at your favorite bookstore or on Amazon.



Karen Armstrong won the 2008 TED Prize. Her wish asked the TED organization to help her assemble the Charter for Compassion, a document around which religious leaders can work together for peace. In late fall 2008, the first draft of the document was written by the world, via a sharing website. In February 2009 the words of the world were collected and given to the Council of Conscience, a gathering of religious leaders and thinkers, who crafted the final document. The Charter was launched in November 2009.



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

In my family, I was never told “I love you.” Nor did I ever say those words—to my parents, sisters, or friends. It was not through any lack of affection, I think, but rather the times. It simply was not something that one commonly did. Verbal expressions of love seemed to be reserved for romantic situations. Even so, I never doubted that I was loved.

My dad, being totally involved in our family business, a hard worker, and an early-riser, quite often was the one who fixed my breakfast, giving my mom the chance for a bit of extra sleep in the mornings. I could count on hot cereal, or often, a fried egg, over easy, along with small sausages and thickly buttered slices of warm toast. I could also count on his telling me bedtime stories, which he made up as he went, nearly every night when I was in grade school. He seemed to believe in, and adhere to the rite of passage, buying me a 410 shotgun when I turned 12 and a set of water skis when I became 21. This in a family where gifts were always reserved for only special occasions and were rarely extravagant. A kind and gentle man, he led by example and was strict in his expectations for what was acceptable behavior.

My mom was my closest friend and confidante when I was young. She always listened patiently to my endless chatter and gave me plenty to think about when she reprimanded me for wrongdoing. She worked full-time at our family business next door, fixed meals from scratch every single day, and sewed many of my clothes and dance costumes for recitals. She was supportive and encouraging in my myriad interests, including raising rabbits and collecting bugs. She was quiet, compassionate, and patiently explained her beliefs to me whenever appropriate. She was my role model.

In today's world, we more often hear those words of affection, freely expressed. While I think that is a good thing, it's not necessary as an expression of how much you care for someone. I so value the many small acts of kindness that I observe and experience every single day: A call or card from someone on a special day or just to let you know you're being thought of; being included in a conversation; being offered a ride when you'd rather not drive yourself; being invited for a cup of coffee or a meal; being embraced when you really need it and words fail...

In times of transition, trouble and/or chaos, it's reassuring to know that there are so many good, loving people in the world, who offer a great many expressions of their love to others. Words are fine, but they certainly don't tell the whole story.

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” ~ 1 John 3:18

good stuff



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

We meet on the **LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH** at 6pm at Western Red Brewery in Poulso. There are a variety of beverages to choose from. Different, interesting, and sometimes controversial topic each month.

By all means, invite a friend to come!



THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH

Bring your lunch and chew on more than a sandwich! Pastor Mike will explore the scriptures for the coming Sunday. **Plenty of food for thought and discussion.**



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.

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Please Join Us!

Saturday, April 18, 2020

6-10pm

Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort

PAINT
THE TOWN

Presented by  Kitsap
Bank

MARTHA & MARY[™]
Generations of Care Gala 2020

Vinland Lutheran's Involvement with Martha and Mary

Currently there are two Vinland-based members of the Board of Trustees – Aaron Schielke and Bobbie Moore. The trustees meet monthly on the last Thursday of the month, except that usually the November and December meetings are combined.

There are also three Vinland 'Delegates' – Terry Beaudoin, Rebecca Moore, and Beachie Settle. Their function is to represent Vinland as one of 8 Lutheran congregations who provide an additional layer of governance for Martha & Mary. Delegates attend the Martha & Mary annual meeting, which occurs April 30 this year. At that meeting delegates vote on broad issues affecting the organization and must approve major transactions involving real estate (as an example.)

Delegates are required to attend the annual meeting and by choice attend educational sessions that help Martha & Mary connect with both the 8 congregations and with the community. Trustees and delegates are invited to an orientation about Martha & Mary on March 14 in the morning, for example.

Staff from Martha & Mary will be making a presentation at the Vinland men's breakfast on March 7, addressing questions about long-term care, which is increasingly important to all of us.