

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Bill Erickson	5/1	Michael Warbois	5/16
Angela Desmond	5/7	Lou Youngs	5/17
Mike Michael	5/7	Jan Saenz	5/19
Evelyn Beers	5/8	Frank Schmid	5/20
Doug Barnhart	5/9	Kendall Becker	5/21
Jan Janzen	5/10	Jim Berentson	5/24
Dan Carlson	5/10	Denise Deitch	5/27
Ethan Gillespie	5/11	Sue Peterson	5/30
Carlos Gutierrez	5/12	<i>Happy Anniversary To...</i>	
Chuck DeBroeck	5/12	Glenn and Beachie Settle	5/3
Amelia Carlson	5/13	Matt and Kris Clucas	5/9
Amanda Wilson	5/14	Rand and Carol Hein	5/19
Devin Horn	5/14	Dave and Tina Bigelow	5/23
Martin Prehm	5/14	Tom and Billie Jo Settle	5/30
Floyd Oster	5/15		

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO GIVE – without our regular collection plate being passed around each Sunday, our church finances have been greatly affected. Here are ways you can give to Vinland:

1) Mail It: Vinland Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2134, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

2) Set up an automatic payment using your bank's bill pay service.

3) Sign up for the Thrivent Simply Giving program:

4) You can also give by using your credit or debit card by sending a text message from your smartphone to Vanco Financial Services (the same company we use for Simply Giving): **Just send a text to 360-215-3953** and in the message enter the amount you wish to donate such as "\$100". **THIS IS A DEDICATED NUMBER USED ONLY BY VINLAND MEMBERS AND IS SAFE AND SECURE.** You will receive a text message back with a link. Click on it and enter your contact and credit/debit card information. This will get you set up. In the future just text an amount to this number to donate again. You can also text "REPEAT" and your donation

Spring 2021

VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH est.1904
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VINLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available. Please note: applicants must be VLC members and have communed at least once in the past year. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MAY 30th** (vinland@vinlandlc.org or 360-779-3428)

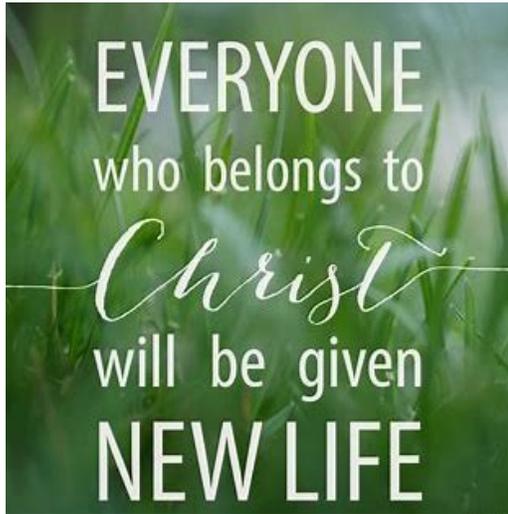
Worship TWO ways: In-Person: 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Online: Service will be available to stream on Facebook Live and YouTube at 9:30am. Here is the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiacW4kRHmfr0TujldQadxw>.

(If you don't see our live stream after clicking on the link, just search "Vinland Worship" in the YouTube search bar and it should come up.)



VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS FOR SPRING 2021



NEW LIFE

There are signs of new life everywhere these days—and it is so exciting! Vaccinated seniors coming back to worship. Singing and praising God in the sanctuary. Brides-to-be touring our campus. Children and teenagers hunting for eggs in the Discovery Garden. Our preschoolers running about looking for what is growing. Groups calling the church wanting to meet again, and starting to do so. Eating donuts together on Easter!

It has been a long time coming, hasn't it? We have longed to be together in fellowship, but have sheltered at home to keep each other safe. And now as we come back together, the joy I see in your eyes is contagious.

There are other signs of new life too, though. Weeds are everywhere! I wash my car and the next morning it is coated in pollens of all kinds. And it reminds me that as we move toward the end of this pandemic, there will likely continue to be setbacks. We will need to continue to be diligent in taking care of each other. And frankly, it just might be messy and weedy sometimes.

But there will still be new life. Because just like God always does, God is bringing us once again from death to life—in big ways and small ways, invisible and in-your-face ways. Bringing new life is God's very favorite thing to do, after all. And sometimes we will take two steps forward, only to have to take a step back. But that is ok. We will get there. And frankly, new life often surprises us in how it comes in ways we might never even think to expect.

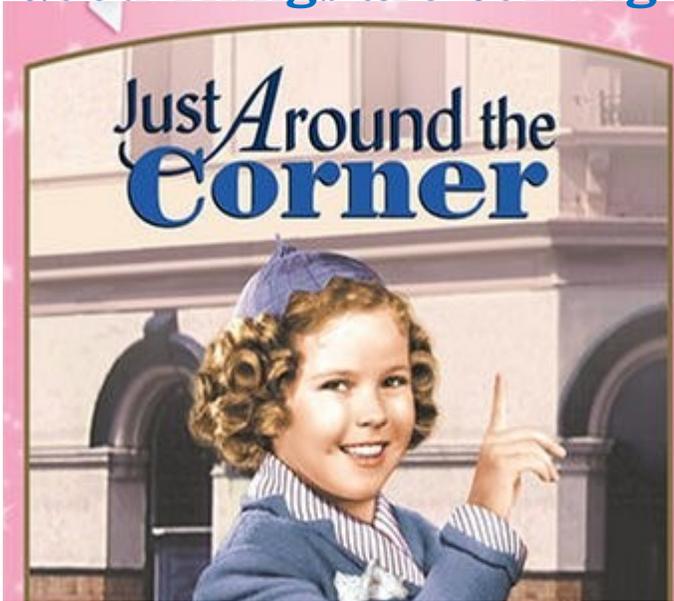
So, Vinland, let's celebrate that. If you're ready to come back, that is great. But if you are still staying home, know that we are with each other in the Holy Spirit. And keep your eyes open for what God is up to!

As worship attendance is rising, we will be re-starting the Altar Guild and a form of Faith and Care. Watch your e-mail notices, check for phone messages and listen for announcements at church. In the interim, we need FLOWERS for the sanctuary. If you can provide a bouquet please e-mail the church or Marsha Wright. Marsha: randmwright@gmail.com Church: vinland@vinlandlc.org



Pastor Paula invites you to share the gifts of God each week.

Good Things are Coming



Even if you don't remember those upbeat Shirley Temple movies, we can all get excited about the many things that will be re-starting, re-opening and being renewed at Vinland in the coming months.

Some of the outside groups that love to meet at Vinland are returning. T.O.P.S., Poulsbo Art League and our newest group, Poulsbo Noon Lions will start meeting weekly in May. It is good that our buildings will be safely available again!

Men's Breakfast will serve up their first breakfast in over a year in May!

Sunday worship numbers are growing with coffee served before and after worship. Kid's Church is in full swing during worship and the nursery is staffed with kid-loving teens each week.

The Preschool has been meeting ALL YEAR and done a fantastic job of serving families creatively and safely!



JUNE 13 WE HONOR OUR GRADS

SENIOR SUNDAY

Reese Adrig
Christopher Clucas
Kristen Crawford
Ryan Duncan
Jaimie Florent
Dylan Moriarty
Erica Bigelow, U of Montana
Cody Warren, Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.



wednesday
GRACE NIGHTS
COMING THIS FALL

This will be something new and exciting that features dinner & fun for all ages EVERY Wednesday. Come for dinner around a "family table" without having to cook. Chat with friends new and old. We'll have some activities for kids, teens and adults. Maybe a short worship; maybe music groups will meet that night; maybe youth group.....lots of possibilities are being tossed around.

VINLAND SOUP BRIGADE
STARTING SOON!

Do you like to cook? Have fun in the kitchen? Laugh and chop and stir things? This might be the ministry for you! Details coming.

The plan is to make LOTS of soup from just a couple recipes, package and freeze meal size portions, store them in our freezer and then GIVE THEM AWAY! Members are welcome to grab a package to give to a neighbor or friend...anyone in need of a little TLC in the form of delicious soup.



Greetings from Amy,

As I watched the videos from our church elders that were shown as part of the Wednesday Lenten services, I was reminded of the Greek proverb that says

“A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit.”

I often think of this proverb while we're out at Lutherhaven. I have said to myself and to others, what wisdom and force of action those members had to purchase the land that is now Lutherhaven. There is no way we would ever be able to afford to do something like that today. I always feel so lucky to spend time at the lake and never let it pass me just how lucky we are to be there.

After watching the videos this past Lent, I felt the same way for Vinland. What a legacy our founders have left for us, a true blessing. I think of this for our current state as well...what legacy will we leave for those after us – for our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

I write today with the upmost humble gratitude to everyone for your trust in me and my fellow council members for electing us to the positions we now hold. In the few months since this new council has been in place, we have taken the time to get to know each other and dive deep into each of our roles...seeing how we can best serve each position and our role in our church.

I am beyond grateful for the state of the church where we are today. With Pastor Paula at our helm and a passionate, talented, and devoted council, I feel confident that we'll represent the desires of our members and lead it in the direction it is meant to go. In turn, I'm very grateful for the tireless devotion of the last council. They faced many challenges no one saw coming and guided us right where we needed to be.

My family and I are a Vinland Preschool success story. My husband Tim served on submarines out of Bangor and we were very lucky to have been stationed here almost his entire career. Tim is now retired after 24 years in the Navy and we knew probably 23 and a half years before he was set to retire that we'd want to stay in Poulsbo and make this our forever home. Because we stayed in the area, I was able to start and run a pet sitting and dog walking company that will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Our older son, TJ, is a junior at North Kitsap High School and can make a very tasty sandwich at Subway. Joey, our younger son, attends Kingston Middle School where he is a 7th grader. Joey is a Vinland Preschool grad and is the reason why we are members today. Thanks to Pastor Chuck, Janean, Lori and others who welcomed us with open arms and made us feel part of the Vinland family from the start....we are happy to be home.

I'm new in this role of president but I'm not new to council. I have served twice before both under John Brock and also Kelle Horn. I learned so much from watching them, without realizing I'd be in this position someday. I'm still learning all what this role entails, but have gotten great support from my fellow council members, church members and especially Pastor Paula and Peter Hansen. I hope we make you proud. At any time, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, comments and concerns. I might not always have the answer but I know how to get things done and where to go for and am not afraid to ask for help. I look forward to my time in this position and to helping grow and continue the legacy of Vinland Lutheran Church.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Amy Munns, Vinland Council President



"OUR LIVES ARE ENRICHED BOTH BY THOSE WHO ENTER
AND BY THOSE WHO LEAVE."
ALL WE ENCOUNTER ON OUR JOURNEY LEAVE
FOOTPRINTS ON OUR HEARTS.

COREY, PAULA, ERIK, CARL AND INGRID BURCHILL

From Paula: I grew up in North Dakota and attended college and seminary in Minnesota. In 1998, I was married to Corey, ordained, and moved to the area to live with Corey who was stationed in Bremerton with the Navy. We have made this area our home and we love it! We have three teenagers—Erik is a freshman at Whitworth in Spokane and Carl is a junior and Ingrid a freshman at North Kitsap High School. Carl has his dad for a teacher this year—Corey teaches math at NKHS.

KAY GEARLLACH

Kay has a rich history as a past member of Vinland including being the first paid secretary for the church when Ken Robinson was pastor (1989). Her Vinland roots go back to the early 1900's when her great-aunt, Julia Apeland, became the first woman to hold the office of deacon.

The family motto for decades has been "We collect people" and continues to this day. Kay's son is Ross Gearllach and daughters are Lindsey Gearllach and Stacy LaCross. Grandchildren are Michael, Mark, Emma, Evan, and McKenzie (LaCross). Emma, 13, has come to live with her Auntie Lindsey.

In June of 2018 the love of Kay's life for 36 years, Michael Gearllach, died from cancer. Although away from Vinland for many years the people of the church rallied around her with love and support and the Women of Vinland gave Mike a wonderful send off with a reception in Grace Hall.

Kay retired from Harrison Medical Center in January 2020 and before she had time to enjoy the fruits of her labor, Covid happened. During this down-time her passion for advocacy opened a door to becoming a volunteer for Kitsap Juvenile Court as guardian ad litem for children in foster care. That, along with being grandma helper for Emma during online school, keeps her busy.

Kay is really looking forward to the time life opens up again at church with soup suppers and maybe even resurrecting Thanksgiving baked potato dinners!

CHARLES (CHUCK) AND SUSAN (SUE) WEAVER

Chuck and Sue live close by and they are transfers from SLC. Sue is interested in Women of Vinland, Quilters and Choir. Chuck is very involved in Poulsbo Noon Lions, which now meets at Vinland and Sue is involved in a book group that involves several Vinland Women.

DAVID (DAVE) AND (SUE) PETERSON

"We moved to Poulsbo from Port Townsend in July to be closer to our children and grandchildren. We were active members of Grace Lutheran in Port Townsend and know Pastor Paula from earlier membership at Bethany on Bainbridge. Dave's interests are boating and gardening; Sue's interests are quilting and reading. Dave is interested in Vinland men's groups/breakfast, Sue is interested in quilters."

ERIC, AMANDA, LUKE AND EMBER WILSON

From Amanda: Eric and I knew each other in High School and we graduated the same year in 2010. We've been together since 2012 and have been married 5 years but in August will be 6 years! We have two children Luke (5yrs old) and Ember (4 months). We love spending time together as a family. We enjoy hiking and camping and try to see new places in WA. Our favorite camping spot is on Mt. Baker because that's where Eric proposed to me! We really like all the sites up there. We enjoy spending time with our family and creating memories at the same time! Luke goes to the Vinland preschool (that's when we started to get know Vinland). Interests/hobbies are Paint by Diamonds, hiking, and camping. Amanda is interested in the MOMs group.

JESSICA WILSON

Jessica is Eric's mother and found herself at Vinland because her grandson Luke goes to our preschool and because of Pastor Paula. Jessica's interests are photography, camping, arts and crafts, and quilting. She is interested in Women of Grace, Women of Vinland and Quilters. (Would also like to join a Grandparents Group!)

Sometimes I still
just can't believe
you're gone...

Since the March 2020 shutdown from Covid 19, many loved ones have died. It has been especially difficult, since family and friends have had to grieve alone and live with the reality that memorial services will often not be possible.

Continue to hold the families of these dear ones in your hearts.

Tom Booth
Elsie Booth
Ramona Davis (Brandy Weir's mom)
Doug Erickson (Denise Erickson's dad)
Greg Gilbert
Jan Hakanson
Bob Hibbard
Betty Hoffman (Barb Erickson's sister)
Ernest Janzen

Jenny Moriarty (Janean's stepmom)
Robert Oblinger (Kelle Horn's dad)
Keith Peterson (Kris Clucas' dad)
Richard Roade (Mike Michael's bio dad)
Marian Rova
Clara Rose
Bill Sonne (Jan Janzen's son)
Sally Winkel
Joel Wright (Rick & Marsha's son)



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.

Also....Aaron Schielke is the CFO of Martha & Mary!

What is Olympic Lutherhaven?

Olympic Lutherhaven is a Christian campground on Wildcat Lake that is owned by 6 local Lutheran churches, Vinland, First Lutheran Poulso, Sillverdale Lutheran, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran in Pt. Orchard and Emmanuel in Bremerton. It has two separate areas: a camp side and a picnic side.

The camp side is used to offer one week of Bible camp for youth in the community. Each member church also has a week reserved to use for their "Family Camp."

The picnic side is also used by each member congregation for their annual picnic. It is open to individual members of the owning congregations during the camping season whenever it is not reserved for a group. It is a great place to picnic during the week.

The camp side and the picnic side are opened seasonal to year round, and are available for rent by Christian Churches and other 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, when not otherwise in use.

More than anything else, it is a magical place where we enjoy the beauty of creation and the joy of each other's company!



FAMILY CAMP 2021 JULY 16-22

Together Again!

We hope you'll join us for Family Camp 2021 where we will celebrate being "Together Again!" Dates are July 16-22. Details coming soon. We can't wait to be together again at the lake!

Overnight camping will be allowed, so clean up your tents and campers, air out the sleeping bags, fill up the air mattresses and think about cabin living for a week.

The team will keep you posted on what's happening!

TEAM UP to CLEAN UP

**Sign up to clean during the week of April 26-May 1.
There is lots to do on both the camp and picnic sides to
ready the camp for the spring and summer season.**

Go to the website to register for a time slot...

<http://www.olympiclutherhaven.org/>

Some great folks to get to know



Meet Stephanie and David Sweeney, the caretakers of Olympic Lutherhaven. They moved to the Kitsap Peninsula in June of 2019, following a job that David accepted as a marine mammal researcher. They both graduated from Calvin College in 2018 with degrees in biology and were married that year. They love nature and all its intricacies. David grew up in Illinois and Stephanie grew up in Vermont. They met at college in Michigan and have fallen in love with the Pacific Northwest.

They have always felt a deep connection to God's earth and the living things He sustains. Not only do they feel drawn to restore, steward and cultivate God's earth but both are called to share with others how the earth proclaims the glory of God.

"We are so excited to be able to care for Lutherhaven, a place that has been a gift to many, and it is our prayer that we will all grow closer to God as we enjoy life in the splendor of His glorious creation."

-David and Stephanie



Say Hello to Emma Meadows

Hi everyone! My name is Emma Meadows, and I'd like to start by saying that I am so excited to be joining this community. I have grown up in and around Kitsap County my whole life, and love to call this place my home.

I graduated from Olympic High School in 2018 and now study occupational therapy and psychology at the University of Southern California. Normally I would be in L.A. right about now, but I feel blessed to be home where I can help serve you!

As some of you may know, I served as an All Church Camp counselor for several years, which is where my passion for working with children blossomed. I have also been a tutor, a mentor, and most recently, a full-time daycare teacher. I plan on taking bits and pieces from each of these experiences to create a youth program that will enrich the minds and souls of our Vinland children, and I cannot wait to meet all of you! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for me. God bless!!!

ROBBIE TAYLOR is back at the piano. We'll be seeing a lot more of him now that Debra Davis has semi-retired (we still plan to see her occasionally). Robbie and his family are back in the area and even hope to make Kitsap county their retirement home.

(photo coming)



Dinos San Pedro is our newest musician. He is new to the Navy Band and new to Kitsap County. We got a taste of his superb piano playing on April 25. It was like being at a concert. We have certainly been blessed by Navy musicians!



Come to the first session, May 4, and see what you think. Absolutely no obligation to continue!

No more money stress—ever! It's possible when you know how to handle your finances. Join a *Financial Peace University* class, and you'll learn how to dump debt and build wealth.

To register and find out more go to.....
[www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/
classes/1136849](http://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/classes/1136849)

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

New Class: Tuesdays, May 4 - June 29

Where: Grace Hall at Vinland Lutheran Church

Time: 6:30 pm

Facilitator: Mari Schielke

Vinland Lutheran Church

Wedding & Event Venue

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!

Surrounded by gorgeous Pacific Northwest woods, Vinland offers both indoor and outdoor options for your wedding, party, or other event. We have a stunning sanctuary, two reception halls, wooded outdoor areas, and a playground no child can resist.

Please spread the word. The world is opening up to parties and receptions, weddings and memorial services. Remind friends, neighbors and colleagues of the great possibilities Vinland has to offer.

On a sad note for Vinland, Christie and her family are relocating to Virginia with the Navy. They are excited and anticipating this last post for Andy and the possibilities of being closer to family. We are indebted to her for laying an incredible groundwork for the renting of our facilities.

Here is the announcement for the position Christie currently holds...

“The church is seeking an individual to fill the position of Facility Events Coordinator. This is a contract position with the church and serves as a point of contact for those interested in renting our church for weddings and events. It involves marketing the church in the community, maintaining a Facebook and Instagram presence, scheduling with the church calendar, providing venue tours, and being present during the events as facility coordinator. If you are interested in the position, Please contact Peter Hansen. Any questions you may have about the current responsibilities may be directed to Christie Black”.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Check the website (www.vinlandlc.org) for registration information or contact the preschool at preschool@vinlandlc.org



CLASSES	DAYS	TIMES	AGE BY 8/31/20	REG. FEE	TUITION
Morning 3-day	T, W, Th	9:15-12	3-5 years	\$75	\$2330/year
Afternoon 4-day	T, W, Th, F	12:45-3:30	3-5 years	\$75	\$3110/year
Grasshopper	Fridays	9:30-11:30	2-3 years	\$75	\$800/year



KID'S CHURCH has returned to Sunday mornings. Following Pastor Paula's children's sermon, kids 4yrs-5th grade head downstairs for a kid-friendly version of the days lessons, some get-acquainted time, prayer and activity. If the weather is beautiful, they might head outside for their lessons.

Currently, Marsha Wright, Sherry Gutierrez, Jen Nelson, Kelle Horn and Kendall Becker/Ingrid Bruchill are rotating as teachers.. If spending time with some great kids sounds appealing to you, talk to Pastor Paula or Marsha. Materials and training are provided.

THE NURSERY is also staffed by capable teenagers each week for our littlest worshipers!



THE EASTER EGG HUNT was a resounding success with 1000 candy-filled eggs spread throughout the Discovery Garden. Kids small and not-so-small had a great time running and filling their baskets while family members visited. Fortunately, the rain held off for the gathering. Thanks to everyone who contributed candy and to Reese Adrig who filled the eggs as part of her Honor Society obligations.

L to R: Sarah Nelson, Ava Adrig, Ingrid Burchill, Kendall Becker and Reese Adrig

Re-Group . Re-Fresh . Re-Unite



Thursday Lectionary Lunch

We continue to meet via ZOOM each Thursday at 11:30. Have a cup of coffee and some lunch at home and tune in for some great discussion surrounding the scripture lessons for the following Sunday. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98147057471?pwd=aDBYWWNRWkFxOVdKTIZwTUdYc3FnZz09>. Meeting ID: 981 4705 7471, Passcode: lunch



Sunday Morning Coffee is Back

That rejuvenating cup of church coffee is calling your name on Sunday mornings both before and after church. Grab a cup in Grace Hall and either enjoy it there or outside if the weather is nice.



Men's Breakfast 8am, Sat, May 8

They're back! Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, etc. etc. and plenty of coffee and great conversation. Start the weekend off right!



Lutheran World Relief

From Anita Puzon: *"We packed up 24 baby care kits for the spring gathering. Will do school kits in the fall (and quilts if the pandemic permits.)"*



Our six confirmation students (Ava Adrig, Emma Banzer, Kendall Becker, Evelyn Beers, Ingrid Burchill, Sarah Nelson) did a couple hours of weeding and cleaning around the church and made and sent cards to some Vinland folks. They collected personal care products and used the \$225 donated by church members (THANK YOU!) to purchase much-needed items, such as toilet paper, to give to Fishline.



**WELCOME to the members of our
2021 congregational council.
Thank you for serving!**

President: Amy Munns

Vice President: Peter Hansen

Secretary: Lindsey Carlson

Treasurer: Rand Hein

Financial Stewards: Aaron Schielke and
Bobbie Moore

Youth & Family Steward: open

Children's Ed Steward: Rebecca Moore

Fellowship Steward: Dennis Deitch

Property Stewards: Tom Settle/Scott Puhn

Evangelism Steward: Ashley LaMagna

Social Ministry Steward: Jen Nelson

Worship/Music Steward: Matt Clucas

Lutherhaven Representatives:

Rand Hein, Kelle Horn, Scott Puhn (alt)

Martha & Mary Delegates:

Terry Beaudoin, Beachie Settle,

Rebecca Moore



From Tina Bigelow

"I would like to share with my Vinland Family the welcomed news that I have been accepted into Luther Seminary's MDivX Program.

It is a two-year condensed curriculum for a Master's in Divinity in which I will participate remotely while simultaneously engaging in a part time internship.

My relationship in community here at Vinland has shown me that God is Calling me to further service, and I hope to better discern that Call while building my understanding of the bible and ministry through my studies and work during seminary.

Thank you to all who have supported me on this journey, especially Sherry Gutierrez for her sage guidance and inspiring ministry."-Tina

We are all so proud of Tina and look forward to following along on her faith journey. Her first internship will be at First Lutheran in Poulsbo! God Bless You in this transforming endeavor



PoulsBo Noon Lions

"HOOKED ON FISH"

Free for kids 2-11

Saturday, May 1 7AM-1PM

NK Horticulture Pond.

• Poles and Bait Provided

• This is a Great Family Event