IN OUR COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS



EMBER ROSE WILSON daughter of Eric and Amanda Wilson was baptized on May 9, 2021

LUPINE JUDITH ROSE GRAHAM daughter of Dever Graham & Jordan Carte was baptized on May 23, 2021



DAVID LANGAGER Memorial service on May 22, 2021



DINOS SAN PEDRO Joined Vinland on June 13, 2021 Now we get to see him even on the Sundays when he is nog tickling the ivories!



ANDY AND CHRISTIE BLACK AND KIERAN AND GRAYSON

Are soon on their way to Virginia and Andy's last tour with the Navy. They are looking forward to moving home to Texas in a few years where relatives will be close! They will be greatly missed by all of us.

Early Summer 2021

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No one likes to talk about money—especially in church! It's been a hard year for a lot of us and we all probably want to bury our heads in the sand. I know I do! When people mention money all kinds of emotions come up. We might be embarrassed or ashamed or excited or prideful or really, really afraid. And I have learned that the biggest enemy of generosity is fear.

We have had a lot of practice being afraid over this past year. Afraid of getting Covid, afraid for our vulnerable loved ones getting Covid, afraid for the direction our country is going in, afraid for our kids and how they will be and already have been affected by this pandemic, afraid for our jobs and income, afraid for the future of the church and how we will bounce back both financially and as a community.

I grew up in a family and a community that didn't really talk about money. It was your own private business and shouldn't be brought up in polite conversation. To be quite honest, that made me fearful of money. Did we have enough? Would we be ok? Was money bad?

Enter the notion of stewardship—which is really about God's desire for us to share the gifts we have been given with the world--our time, our talents and our possessions. And the notion of flow I attended a conference years ago on stewardship, and I will never forget an old farmer who stood up and said almost a little gruffly, "Why do I give? Because it isn't mine anyway!" And the professor who shared how we worship a God of abundance in a world of scarcity.

And I started noticing how often I think I don't have enough came up in my life. I don't have enough time. I'm not good enough at that to be able to help. I don't have enough money. And I connected those worries with my fear, and with how often I focus on scarcity.

And I started to ask, what if instead of focusing on what I don't have enough of, I started to notice how much more of so many things I have than I even need!

What if] just let it go?

So I let go of worrying about enough. And my fear started to be replaced with trust. Which ushered in the flow. Because truly I started to see that the more I let my time, talents or possessions flow out of me, the more they just flowed right back in.

Vinland, as we re-open more and more all the time, you will be asked again to share your time, talents and possessions. Faith and Care is about to get up and running. We are starting a Soup Brigade and Grace Nights in the fall. We need you! And maybe you don't have much money right now, but you can share your time. Maybe you don't have much time, so you can share your money.

Because it isn't really yours anyway. And God has a funny [and amazing] way of filling us right back up when we let the God's gifts flow out of us. What are you going to let flow as you let go of your fear and we step together into the future God has waiting for us? I can't wait to see!

-Pastor Paula



JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Ashley LaMagna	6/1	Tim Munns	7/1	Vicki Kobeski	8/1
Marilynn Maas-Jones 6/1		Rick Wright	7/2	Madeline Ward	8/2
Arnold Hammond Luella Tingelstad Reese Adrig Cody Warren Parker Magnuson	6/6 6/6 6/7 6/8	Fred Bates	7/3	Chuck Weaver	8/2
		Andy Crawford	7/7	Joey Munns	8/5
		, Dennis Deitch	7/7	Ed Hakanson	8/8
		Ryan Duncan	7/7	Dave Peterson	8/8
	6/10	Erik Krema	7/7	Marsha Wright	8/9
Sam Ward	6/11			Rebecca Moore	8/9
Ethan Florent	6/17	Dylan Moriarty	7/7	Jaimie Florent	-
Terry Beaudoin Annalise Schielke Judy Herman	6/19 6/19	Matthew Nelson	7/10		8/11
		Clara Rose	7/12	Danielle Deitch	8/11
	6/21	Karyn Crawford	7/14	Olivia Desmond	8/13
Phyllis Koehmstedt	6/22	Erica Bigelow	7/17	Glenyce Ross	8/14
Sue Weaver	6/22	Bob Stuhlmiller	7/17	Barb Erickson	8/21
Lindsey Carlson	6/24	Kari VanVlerah	7/17	Jan Hakanson	8/22
, Rich Gregerson	<i>.</i> 6/24	Amy Hochhalter	7/21	Beachie Settle	8/23
Phyllis Sele	6/25	Grayson Black	7/23	Rand Hein	8/23
Rick Kruse	6/25	Morgan Moriarty	7/24	Sara Bigelow	8/24
Greg Warren	6/29	Lori VanVlerah	7/25	Josh Clucas	8/25
John Ross Billie Jo Settle	6/30 6/30	Sean Carlson	7/28	TJ Munns	8/25
				Kelli Oster	8/25
		Paula Burchill	7/29		
		Diane LaMagna	7/30	Mari Schielke	8/28
				Bobbi Moore	8/31

Happy Anniversary to ...

JUNE

Dennis and Denise Deitch 6/4 Ed and Lynn Florent 6/14 Sean and Lindsey Carlson 6/15 Makai and Katie Magnuson 6/16 Mike and Lisa Michael 6/24 Carlos and Sherry Gutierrez 6/26 Chris and Megan Adrig 6/27 Bob and Willy Stuhlmiller 6/29

JULY

Scott & Bev Puhn 7/9 Frank & Sharon Schmid 7/30 Joe & Karen Beers 7/31

AUGUST

Fred & Audrey Bates 8/8 Mike & Lisa Michael 8/10 Chad & Callie Gillespie 8/11 Jason & Shauna Becker 8/12 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



Send in pictures of the dads in your life for a slide show June 20. PLEASE include names! E-mail to Marsha at randmwright@gmail.com or Rick Baty at rickbaty2016@gmail.com

What about Pentecost?

The day of Pentecost is celebrated exactly seven weeks after Easter, this year that day iwas May 23. In the Christian church year, Pentecost celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus, empowering them to preach the good news. This is why Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Christian church.

The long season of Pentecost, which lasts until the beginning of Advent (the Sunday closest to Nov. 30), is a time when we hear the stories of Jesus that describe life and growth in the realm

of God. During this time we focus on our spiritual growth, our relationship to Christ and our relationships with others. It is also a time when we look to growth within the church—a time to encourage and invite others into the love and fellowship of a Christian community

THE TIME OF THE CHURCH The Season after Pentecost



Reese Adrig, NK High Univ. of Washington Daughter of Chris & Megan Adrig



Hunter Briner, NK High AA at O.C. then University Son of Mark & Mary Briner



Christopher Clucas, NK High Western Washington Univ. Son of Matt & Kristine Clucas



Kristen Crawford, Kingston High American University in D.C. Daughter of David & Karyn Crawford







Ryan Duncan, NK High Olympic College Son of Jessica Duncan & Joe Duncan



Adrian Washington, Olympic High Central Washington Univ. Son of Kari & Anthony Case



Jaimie Florent, NK High Montana State University Daughter of Ed & Lynn Florent



Dylan Moriarty, NK High O.C. then U of W Son of Don & Janean Moriarty

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Cody graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ, on May 8, with a B.S in Aerospace Engineering | Astronautics Focus, and Systems Minor.



Sean graduated with a Masters in Business Administration from EWU(with a 4.0)while working full time from home and being a dad to 3 kids under 5! His family is so proud of him.



Sara received B.S. Health and Human Performance from the University of Montana. She was a University Scholar and Davidson Honor College with Summa Cum Laude.



LUTHERHAVEN YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

For ALL youth who are entering grades 4-9. Friday, June 30—Wednesday, August 4 \$250 per camper

Online registration must be completed by June 18. We need to know how many plan to attend for planning purposes. (Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot guarantee that the camp will take place, but hope and pray that it will).

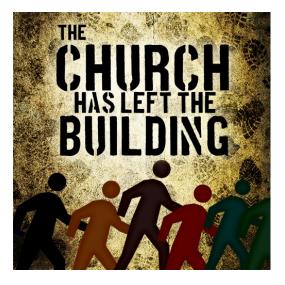
Register online <u>www.olympiclutherhaven.org</u>.

No deposits will be taken until it is certain that the camp will happen.

VINLAND FAMILY CAMP JULY 16-22 We'll Be Back Gogether for lots of fun!



Lots of great ideas are percolating, including another "Bob Ross Style Paint Event." Registration Forms and T-Shirt orders will be making an appearance very soon.



CHURCH WILL BE ON THE LOOSE AND OUT OF THE BUILDING ON SUNDAY, JULY 18!

We will worship together on the

Picnic Side at Lutherhaven at 9:30 and then share a fun potluck picnic together!

Watch for more details in the weekly E-Flash and Friday Bulletin.



The church doors are wide open on Sunday mornings at 9:30am and the coffee is hot and waiting for you after worship!

Come and worship and sing and visit with friends old and new!

The nursery is fully staffed with enthusiastic and qualified older teens and Kid's Church is there to welcome kids age 4-5th grade during the sermon.

Real people...real music....real coffee...real singing! Come and bring a friend!

Weekly Groups Meeting In Person



Vinland Quilters Poulsbo Art league T.O.P.S Poulsbo Noon Lions Club Wonder Weeders Youth Group Tuesdays at 9am Wednesdays at Noon Thursdays at 9am Thursdays at 11am Fridays appox. 9am Sundays from 5-6:30







ZOOM THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH

Eat lunch at home and chew on more than a sandwich! Pastor Paula will lead a discussion focusing on the scripture readings for the coming week.

Zoom meeting starts at 11:30 in your home!



Two Positions Currently Available. Work with some great people at Vinland Lutheran Church! 1. Director of Music Ministry

2. Youth Director

Contact the office: vinland@vinlandlc.org for complete job descriptions Or the website: Vinlandlc.org



Have a few minutes to spare? Stay a little while after church? Gather a few friends to chat and clean? With some window cleaner, paper towels or a nice cotton towel, you can clean a window or door or window sill or whatever in no time at all!!

The WONDER WEEDERS come to church on Friday mornings to pull a few weeds and it has made all the difference in making the church grounds look nice. How about a weekly WONDER CLEANERS GROUP? You could also come on Fridays!

FAITH and CARE

If you are fairly new to Vinland, you may be wondering just what is Faith and Care? You're not alone in your won-



derings! This ministry has been on hold during the past year, but now is the time to rethink and restart these vital groups.

A little history....many, many years ago a very forwardthinking Vinlander named Karen Ejde came upon this "Faith and Care" idea being used at a church in North Dakota. Basically, the church was divided into groups encompassing all members. Each group was responsible for making Sunday mornings run smoothly by greeting, ushering, providing flowers and hosting the coffee hour. Other duties could also be taken on.

The groups rotated through the year. This was the FAITH part of the group. The CARE part involved caring for the members of their group as needed. Checking in by phone or with a card if someone was sick, providing a meal when needed and just keeping in contact. In this way, all members of the church would belong to a small and caring group. Some groups met regularly for a meal or lunch or coffee.

So, thanks to Karen Ejde, we've had a pretty efficient Sunday morning ministry going for a long time!

Now that we are gathering again, it is time to get Faith and Care up and running. The CARE aspect has somewhat fallen to the wayside over the years, but now is the time to get that going again also.

Be watching your e-mail and regular mail for updated lists and a revised set of guidelines.

This is not an added chore to add to your calendar, But an opportunity to serve God's people and have fun doing it!

Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson



They were just waiting to tumble out. When the time and mood were right, stories poured from my dad like water from a jar - smooth, measured, sparkling clear in his memory. I can still hear his soothing, gentle voice droning on into the evening, filling me with a sense of security, constancy, family history & ways of the world. I listened

with mixed interest and attention depending on my mood, the story, and how many times I had heard it. Now, of course, I wish I had listened better, recorded, or written them down. Since I didn't, most of them are only a mixed jumble in my own memory, but their significance has not been lost.

Once Dad got onto the subject of his early growing-up years on the family homestead in eastern Montana, there was no stopping him. In the early 1900's his German-immigrant family, like thousands of others, left home once again and traveled to stake their claim on a piece of the West. His dad went ahead, to actually purchase the land. Dad remembered waiting by the front gate at their home in Iowa, running to greet his dad shouting, "Did you get the land? Did you get the land? Where is it?" At 6 years of age, he expected to see his dad carrying a huge chunk of land home. The reality was quite different.

The family—parents and 7 children—traveled west by train. Dad told of carrying their food, roasting potatoes in the potbellied wood stove on board. Once on the property, which was pretty forlorn, arid, flat-land prairie, they spent the first year or two in a large, sod house. They were lucky that first year; there was an open winter with no snow nor severe low temperatures. By today's standards, they were dirt poor & times were very tough. But mostly, Dad remembered the freedom - miles & miles of open country to wander, explore, forage. They lived off of jack rabbits & prairie chickens, began to cultivate & work the land, traded in town for supplies, & somehow survived. In the end, they could not make a living there, eventually sold the land & moved on to town & the greenhouse business. I asked Dad if they were not terribly disappointed with the bleak landscape, the failures, the moving on. "Oh, no." he said. "We were so happy to have the chance to own the land, to have such freedom. Life is a series of adjustments."

My earliest memories are of his bedtime stories. Begun with my older sisters, the tradition continued with me, so that if I close my eyes & concentrate, I am transported back to that time. Safe & warm under the covers, my dad seated on the edge of the bed in the dark room, I listen to tales of Brer Rabbit, Skunk, Wolf, Coyote, Fox & other creatures who cavort across the screen of my imagination. They ramble through the stories, interact with each other, scheme, get into & out of more fixes than I can imagine in my everyday life. They have such **fun** - long days to run wild, frolic, invent, create. And they aren't always good, either; they get into <u>plenty</u> of trouble, always with appropriate consequences. They are never abused (not even by today's standards), but they have to make their apologies, spend time in their dens, right whatever wrong they have committed. They have wise, loving parents, who understand them & their indiscretions, who show them the way. There is always a moral to the story.

Back then, I did not realize these stories were a reflection—a re-creation—of my dad's childhood. I did not realize the impact they would have on my life.