

Happy Birthday

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Anniversary Celebration

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| <i>Floyd & Karen Oster</i> | <i>9/3</i> |
| <i>Bob & Mary Lou Reister</i> | <i>9/4</i> |
| <i>Jack & Rebecca Clearman</i> | <i>9/9</i> |
| <i>Rick & Marsha Wright</i> | <i>9/12</i> |
| <i>Michael & Judith McMahan</i> | <i>9/26</i> |

We apologize if your name does not appear. The office computer had a meltdown, and we need to reload the program that contains our member information.

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SEPTEMBER 2013



SEPTEMBER 8
 SEPTEMBER 14
 SEPTEMBER 22

“Tailgate Kickoff Event”
 “BIG Final Clean”
 “Dedication Sunday”



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Monthly Newsletter of Vinland Lutheran Church

September 2013

“As you come to Christ, the living stone- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him, you are precious to him. You also like living stones are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 PETER 2:4

It has been a new experience for me to watch our building rise up from discussion to dirt work to driveway to framing to painting and tile work. This has been my first time through a church building project. Frankly, I have been amazed at the talented volunteers, gifted craftsmen, and committed givers who have teamed up to make this project happen. It may be space dedicated as a fellowship hall and education classes, but make no mistake, it is spiritual house that we are building.

I have always liked Peter’s analogy to the church being God’s house. Christ is the cornerstone upon which God’s church is built. Our lives, our futures, and our hope for salvation are built upon Jesus Christ:, his life, death, and resurrection. And you and I, we are living stones, built upon the foundation of Christ and bedrock of God.

This fall we are having another building fund campaign. For our congregation to secure our loan, we are required to have another campaign. Marc Rieke has served as ourmentor and mover the past couple of campaigns. This fall the church council has decided to use homegrown talent and Vinland leadership todirect our efforts.

Sun., Sept. 8, 9:30 AM “Rejoicing” & Tailgate Party

BEFORE worship from 9:00 – 9:20 AM, you are invited to view a slide show of our construction project from beginning to end. DURING worship we honor our guys “on-the-ground” who worked so hard to make our project a success. AFTER worship we have food and fellowship to rejoice in God’s faithfulness to Vinland.

Sun., Sept. 15, 8:30 (NSS)/10:30 AM (Traditional) “Repentance”

We begin two services, Adult Forum “Telling Untold Stories”, and Sunday School.

Sun., Sept. 22, 9:30 AM DEDICATION SUNDAY

Bishop Rick Jaech will be with us for an 8:30-9:15 AM forum and preaching at our celebration service. Lunch will follow in our NEWLY completed building.

Sun., Sept. 29, 8:30 (NSS)/10:30 AM (Trad.) “Possessions”

We continue with two services, “Telling Untold Stories” forums

pastor chuck's FAITHbook

Here's what's happening!

THANKS John Ross, Glenn Schechert, Floyd Oster, and the guys-on-the ground who have done SO much day in and day out to make the building go up; shovel, haggle, supervise, repair, Bobcat, rake, lift.

LUNCH BUNCH Monday, Sept. 9, 11:30 AM at White Horse Golf Course. Sign up to enjoy good food & company!

CONFIRMATION BEGINS!! Saturday, September 28, 10 AM – 3 PM Our confirmation class (Josh Clucas, Sam Horn, Erica Bigelow, Kari Van Vlerah, Morgan Moriarty, Jillian Florent) begins our survey of the bible. After a parents' meeting we meet for class and service.



MEET OUR NEW BISHOP Rich Jaech: Sun, Sept. 22, 8:30 AM On Dedication Sunday the SW Washington Bishop is facilitating a forum to discuss the present and future of the synodical church.

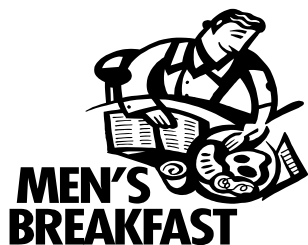


“TELLING UNTOLD STORIES”

Sunday Forums - Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 6. Bring your coffee to our sanctuary for panels of Vinland saints who serve in various vocations and local ministries to serve Jesus Christ.

LECTIONARY LUNCH Thursdays, 11:30 AM -12:45 PM This is a lively Thursday study to prepare you for the coming Sunday's Scripture over lunch. Bring a lunch, a bible, ready to study.

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| Sept. 12 | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Sept. 19 | Luke 16:1-13 |
| Sept. 26 | Luke 16:19-31 |
| Oct. 3 | Psalms 90 |



MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 7, 8:00 AM This is the place for masculine breakfast and fiery conversation with men who share a special fellowship. You will leave inspired and full.

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon. Sept. 23, 5 PM. Topic to be announced.

women's groups



Women of Vinland

Women of Vinland will be meeting on Wed. September 18 at 10am. Come for laughter, lunch, Bible Study and more! The Women of Vinland are spearheading the "Finish the Kitchen Fund." They contributed \$2,500 to the fund already.

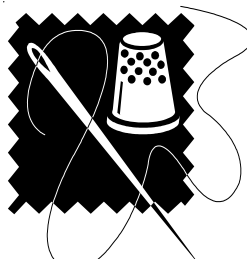
Women of Grace

September 16 at 7pm

This is a lively bunch of women - some still working, some retired, some semi-retired, some just plain tired - who gather to draw upon each other's EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH and HOPE.

October Discussion of "Help, Thanks, Wow" by Anne Lamott

All women...All ages...doesn't matter if you are a member of Vinland or any church - you are welcome to come on a Monday evening to discuss a timely topic, laugh, and share each other's lives.



QUILTERS

A committed group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at church to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary... *just come!*



Meet for Breakfast

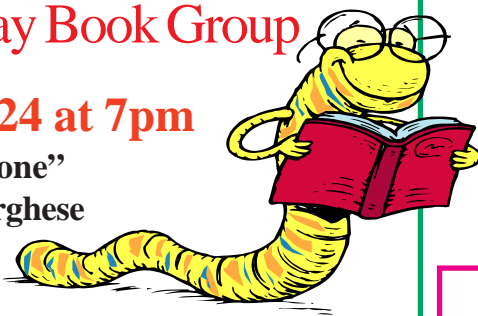
Women's Breakfast

On the second Saturday of each month women of all ages meet at Envy at the Poulsbo Junction at 8:30am

Last Tuesday Book Group

September 24 at 7pm

"Cutting For Stone"
by Abraham Verghese



"Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

The story moves from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again."



Busy Moms

This is a group of moms who take time out of busy schedules to meet for lively conversation, sharing of day to day life, a good dose of laughter, prayer time and discussion of assorted books and articles.

BUSY MOMS MEET AT 9:30 on THURSDAYS at the church.

September happenings

Tailgate Kickoff! September 8

Come to church at 9am and view a slide show put together by our resident photographer Bill Erickson. Following worship enjoy a combination trunk o'treat/ministry fair in the back parking lot!

Food and Fun and Fall Program Information!

We already have

brat bites from the Men's Breakfast,
trail mix from the WOV,
meatball skewers from the Women of Grace,
beverages from Dialogue on Draft,
pulled pork sliders from the Council
kid's game from Busy Moms
snack necklaces from Children's Ministry...

What can your group contribute???

This is a great way to "showcase" what your group does, draw in new members, etc.

We will have tables set up in addition to "tailgates."

BIG FINAL CLEAN SEPT. 14!!

This is it!!! We have to do the final clean-up of the new building before occupancy. There is a poster in the social hall where you can sign up for tasks. Plenty of do-able tasks for all ages.

Dusting, window cleaning, vacuuming, sweeping.

This is "Spring Cleaning on Steroids"!!

All supplies will be provided.



Building Dedication September 22

We will gather for a celebration worship at 9:30 and then process into our new building for a dedication ceremony and a Scandinavian LUNCH!!

WE NEED BIG SALADS!! The Women of Vinland are making sandwiches; Callie Gillespie and crew are making cupcakes; the rest of us are bringing salads. Pull out your favorite recipe and bring a bowl to feed at least 15.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are taking a group photo on the steps right after worship, so practice your "photo smile!"

children and youth ministry



We will have Sunday School for all ages on September 15 and September 29. September is a "celebration" month so single services will be held on Sept. 8 and 22. Each Sunday we'll begin with an opening at 9:40am for kids preschool-cinfirmation age.

Adults to lead/teach our kids are needed.

So far Kris Clucas, Lynn Florent and Lori VanVlerah will teach the three pre-confirmation age Sunday School classes. They are each recruiting another person to "team teach" with. **Our new youth director will lead the middle/high school kids in "The Loft."**

Kid's Church will expand to serve kids 4years-5th grade beginning September 15. They will divide into two groups with relationship forming, worship and Bible reading being key elements of both groups.

PARENTS.....Please complete a registration form for each of your children. We want to begin a comprehensive file! You can find them on the bulletin board, or an attachment was e-mailed you a week or so ago.

ON SEPTEMBER 15....kids, bring a picture of yourself (about 3x5). Also, be thinking of what are some of your favorites...food, color, snack, activity. We are going to work together on a bulletin board.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS....Each month we are focusing on a service group in the community, like PAWS, Humane Society, Fishline, Friends of the Library, Marine Science Center. Kids will learn about the organization, prepare a "Thank You for Serving" poster and then Amy Munns (or someone else) will deliver a jar of candy to the group. ***We need donations of wrapped candies...good quality like frangos or some they sell at Costco.*** One of the goals of our Sunday School is to instill in our kids the desire to serve as Jesus served.

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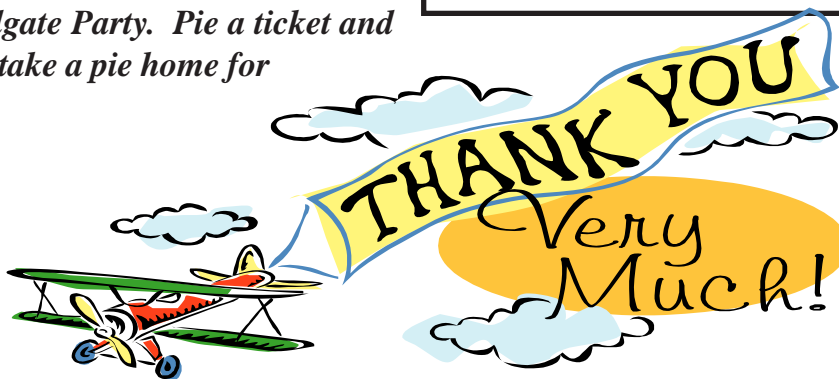


How are we doing on the Kitchen Fund???

We are now half way to our goal of \$16,000. A big thank you to those who have already given generously. The "Women of Vinland" have contributed \$2500 to the fund and are hoping that other groups in our church family will consider how they can contribute as well to make our new kitchen functional. If you haven't yet gotten an envelope for donating, they are available at the "Kitchen Fund Poster".

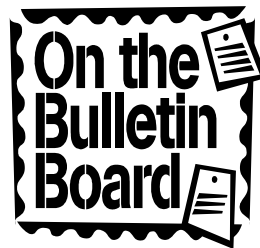


Beachie Wishart is raffling off a DELICIOUS pie at the September 8 Tailgate Party. Pie a ticket and you might get to take a pie home for dessert!!



Thank you to everyone for the generous donations of paint! Because of your timely donations the sanctuary side and "old" fellowship hall have been painted to match the new building. Trim painting is in progress and soon a bell tower transformation will occur! Please be cautious as the plexiglass will soon be removed from the stained glass windows to complete trim on that side of the building.

The paint account at Peninsula Paint will remain open as we will need approximately another 30+ gallons of paint before next summer to paint the remainder of the building. Paint donations will gladly be accepted anytime between now and then. Another huge thank you to all who have helped with power washing, prepping, and painting: Chad Gillespie, Suzie Banzer, Lou Puzon, Don Mills, and Jon Nelson. Now both buildings look fantastic and we are sure to be in next years edition of "The Best of North Kitsap"!



PINOCHLE!

Gather with friends for a potluck and a friendly game of cards. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We would love to have you play, but need to have a head-count before the game!

Friday, September 20

Potluck at 5:30

Cards dealt at 6:00

Please call

Jan Hakanson at 598-4882

or Julie Swenson at 779-6545

if you plan to play.

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



"I don't want to make a bird out of a pinecone!" Arriving for the morning's nature study, this rambunctious ten-year-old boy had seen the projects of the six to eight-year-olds strewn about on the table and grass. Those children had chosen a cone, colored and glued on paper wings and bills, and then formed a nest of twigs, grass, moss, dog fur, and - in some cases - mud for it to "nest" in. He did not want to do what the younger kids had done. Of course not.

"Don't worry," I assured him, *"we won't be making any birds."* He and his age-mates gathered around as I brought out the various birds' nests that I have collected over the years. Passing them around the circle, I explained how each bird carefully constructs a nest for its young using whatever materials are available that suits it. We had looked at pictures of birds likely to be found in our area and talked about where those nests might be built. Some are high up in trees, made of small branches and added on to year after year; some are found in holes which the birds peck into dead trees, hollowing out a space just big enough for the nest and nestlings. Others are built in low shrubs or on the ground in such a way that they are camouflaged from all but the most observant. Indeed - the lives of their young depend on it.

"I don't want to make a bird... or a mud nest, either." He was adamant and the others looked as if they might agree. *"You don't have to - that's what the younger kids did. You're all older, so we'll do something different - out in the woods."* The eyes rolled and the questions started, but I learned long ago that enthusiasm and mystique only add to a learning experience, so plowed on. *"You'll see - you'll be constructing something..."*

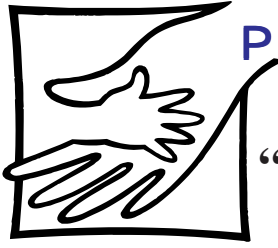
The overall theme of the week was "Under Construction" with a sub-theme each day. We would be delving into how a community shares, cares, worships, and celebrates. My intent was to tie these into nature studies. We had looked into how ants share within their anthill and on this day were learning how hard birds work to care for their young - even before any eggs are laid. And we humans? It definitely takes effort, and sometimes sacrifices, to care for each other. We talked about the ways in which we can show that we do care for others.

Each child chose a rock and then we were off to the woods. A short ways in they were given their challenge: to pretend their rock was a bird, explore and choose what they thought was a good spot for a nest, construct the nest using whatever they could find, and make sure that their "bird" fit in the nest. Oh - and one more thing. They were each given a simple pair of tongs to use during some of the construction. Birds don't have hands with fingers and thumbs, you know.

Later, as I related this experience to the mom of that particular boy, she told me of his reaction to this activity. He came out of the woods, sought her out, and exclaimed: *"Mom, come see the nest that I made!"* While I care deeply about all of the children that I interact with, it's not always easy to get through to them. I have to say - that one statement pretty much made my day!

*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God. Psalms 84: 3*

Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Acts 2:45



PRESCHOOL NEWS... -Sherry Gutierrez, director

Our Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

Hooray! Preschool is starting again! The Preschool Families kicked off the new school year with an “Ice Cream Social” in the Discovery Garden on August 28. Prior to this gathering, we had 10 preschool parents along with 3 church members tidy up the Discovery Garden by pulling weeds and laying new bark chips. Strawberry plants were also added along the fence line next to the new parking lot.

We are looking forward to a bounty of blessings in our children and families. As of now, we have 27 children enrolled (7 more children can be enrolled). Of those 27 children, four are members of our church. Families have heard about our preschool through word-of-mouth, internet searches, and some advertising. Ms. Lori, Ms. Kathy, Ms. Lynn, and I are looking forward to an exciting, adventurous year, where we are able to share Jesus’ love and receive Jesus’ love in return! Hallelujah!

Out Back in the Garden

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and **take care of it.** Genesis 1:15*

As summer slowly fades away into fall, Preschool and Sunday school classes resume and activity picks up in the Discovery Garden. Weeding, spreading a new layer of playground chips, and spraying the ever-present invasive blackberries were done during a work party the end of August. With our three preschool classes full or nearly so, this area is bound to get plenty of use in the coming year.



Something different will be tried this year. Preschool parents will drop off and pick up their children through one of the lower-level Sunday school doors. With the completion of the new building, the old one will be vacated by much of the staff. That, in combination with the new parking lot in back, makes it easier to access the preschool that way. With new stairs down to the garden from that lot (Thanks to Doug Barnhart!) there may well be increased play out there as parents with other siblings wait for preschool to begin or end. Providing a safe and wholesome play/discovery area for these children is yet another way that we can reach out into our local community.

With new landscaping around the buildings, and plans in line for future plantings around the side of the “old” social hall, we hope to eventually add a gravel walkway along the lower side of that building. This would improve outside access to that lower level, smooth pedestrian flow around the building, and add to the visual appeal in back.

moving forward



WHERE ARE WE AT IN

*"More Space For God's
Grace????"*

*WE ARE MOVING
FORWARD*

*with our ministry
and mission!!*

Amazing progress has been made around Vinland in the last month!

Bathrooms completed, floors finished, wiring done, landscaping in place, asphalt parking lots, the old building partially painted, money raised to finish the kitchen, a partitioned storage area in the old social hall, Sunday School rooms refurbished. All this is the result of lots of hard work and pledged money well spent!

Thanks be to God!

By the time you read the October newsletter, we will be happily using our new building and who knows what more amazing things will have transpired!

Over the last month a group has been diligently meeting to discuss the logistics of the next phase of our building project....securing the permanent loan and determining how much money will be needed to meet our mortgage and building operation commitments.

As was stated during the last "Capital Campaign", we are now going to embark on another 3-year pledge drive to continue with our ministry and mission. There will be enrichment gatherings (like in the previous campaign) where information will be dispersed and questions addressed. These will happen in early October.

This is an exciting time to be part of God's worshiping community called Vinland Lutheran Church. God's fingerprints can be seen all over this project. We have called upon God to guide us through this entire process and continue to seek God's will in all we do.

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Chuck and all our Vinland Family,

Thank you so much for the kind words and heartfelt sendoff Sunday morning. Kathy and I have been blessed to be part of the Vinland family these past 13 years. Our hope and prayer is that you will welcome and nurture future generations as you welcomed and nourished us. If we have made a difference by our presence and service, it is only because of gifts God has given us and to Him be the glory. I am confident that He is already raising up new leaders at Vinland who will lead you to even greater service.

See you at the great dedication celebration on September 22nd!

God's Blessings,

Bill and Kathy Brueggemann Address: 12319 Adair Creek Way, Redmond WA 98053



Congratulations to Ed Stock and Anne Thomas who became husband and wife on Saturday, August 31. They were married at Anne's home surrounded by family and close friends.

Anne and Ed were voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in their high school graduating class!

We wish them many years of joy. They will be dividing their time between "God's Country" and North Carolina.

WILL YOU SERVE?



Communion Stewards

We have a small group of committed folks who prepare the elements for the Lord's Supper each Sunday. This is a very important ministry of our church.

We could use your help. It is not difficult and training will be given. If you feel called to serve in this way, please speak with Ernie McCluskey. It involves preparing the bread and wine (either in cups or for intinction), being at the altar during the distribution and cleaning up after. It really is not much work - but very important. Thank you for considering this call to serve.

ACOLYTES AND READERS

If your child is in the second grade or above, we welcome him/her to be an acolyte. Please speak to Elizabeth Slocum if this is something your child would enjoy.

If you enjoy reading scripture, please sign up. It would be best if you called the office to get the readings early in the week so that you could practice reading the lessons aloud.

Also, Donna could e-mail them to you