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Maren Swanson	11/6	Donna Breuer
Christopher Clucas	11/7	Carol Hein
Kyle Cotey	11/7	
Glenn Settle	11/8	
Jill Krema	11/11	
Debbie Cotey	11/12	
Jon Nelson	11/12	
Melissa Warren	11/13	
Conner Warren	11/15	
Kyle Oster	11/18	
Caroline Slocum	11/20	

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Happy Anniversary to...

Dick & Lonnie Swanson 11/2
Aaron & Mari Schielke 11/13
John & Carol Bartlett 11/18
Marv & Laura Nicodemus 11/19
Michael & Christina Warbois 11/21

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Chilly November "Chili Dinner" Wed. Nov. 27 at 6pm
 Thanksgiving Service after dinner at 7pm



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Monthly Newsletter of Vinland Lutheran Church

November 2013

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them....Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’ *Matthew 9:36-38*

It was some years ago at a synod assembly, when as a body we were voting on resolutions. Some of these resolutions stir controversy (such as sexuality issues) and others are automatic (affirm church efforts to combat world hunger). One year we actually debated whether our synod should be a Great Commission synod. The Great Commission is Jesus’ command to all his followers, ***“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*** How would the Vinland vote go on the Great Commission resolution? The thing is we don’t get to vote on being a Great Commission church. It all comes with Christ.

At last month’s council meeting, I shared an article “Retail Evangelist” from a pastor who, between assignments, worked at Macy’s for a year selling shoes. He writes, “Every pastor should work at Macy’s. You will learn to how to punch a clock, meet a sales goal, deal with irritating customers, and work alongside people who have no choice but to come in the next day and do it all over again. I had to prove that I could sell shoes. Retail evangelism is not unlike church

outreach. Make contact. Ask open-ended questions. Inspire the sale. Celebrate the sale.” So much truth! The best training ground I ever had for outreach was working three jobs- minimum wage- in Billings, Montana post-college. I met all sorts of people where they are, how they are, and for what they are. It was amazing to me how open co-workers were with their spiritual questions and answers. That was a long time ago. Now being an ordained pastor for twenty years, I don’t get such ready access to evangelism. When folks find out you are a pastor, they run, hide, or rant.

The workers for the harvest that Jesus refers to in Matthew’s Gospel, are you and I. As we complete our new building, many have expressed our need to reach out to widen the Vinland circle. The harvest in Poulsbo has great potential and workers are not that few. Plus, God has given us more space for God’s grace. At this time in our congregation’s life, we have vast opportunity before us to expand the circle. To witness, work of evangelism is something we all share. Lord, give us the grace to invite neighbors, friends, co-workers, family to encounter the risen Christ here!

pastor chuck's FAITHbook



THANKS to Rand Hein and Amy Munns for their skillful and thorough leadership of our 2014-2016 Building Fund Campaign. **THANKS** to Callie Gillespie and her A-Team for organizing an unforgettable, tasty church Celebration Dinner.

WE NEED YOU! Our council is recruiting and organizing for our evangelism & personnel teams. Your gift? Talk to Pastor Chuck!



LUNCH BUNCH @ McCormick Woods on Monday, Nov. 4 at 11:30am. Sign up to eat at one of our favorite places.!

CONFIRMATION DAY RETREAT Saturday, Dec. 7, 10am-3pm. This month we meet Moses, Exodus and the Ten Commandments. Then we provide child care so our parents can do some early Christmas shopping.

NEXT CLASS Saturday, January 4 at 10am.



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 and be ready to study.

Nov. 7	NO CLASS	Nov. 21	PRIORITIES
Nov. 14	KING JESUS	Nov. 28	NO CLASS



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

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

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Hare & Hounds Pub, Mon. Nov. 25, 5 PM Topic To be Announced. Look for sign-up sheet.

MEXICO MISSION 2014 March 27-April 4 Our team of students and adults will be building houses in Tijuana next spring. Go to Amor.org for information and talk to Pastor Chuck.



PASTOR CHUCK AWAY Nov. 4-9 for continuing education.

women's groups



Women of Vinland Third Wednesday

Women of Vinland will be meeting on Wed. November 13 at 10am. Open to all women and their friends. Come for laughter, lunch, Bible Study and more!

Women of Grace Mondays, Nov. 4 & 18

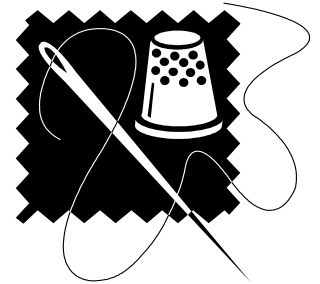
This is a lively bunch of women - some still working, some retired, some semi-retired, some just plain tired - who gather to draw upon each other's EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH and HOPE. All women, all ages, whether you attend Vinland or not....

YOU ARE WELCOME in this group.

November Discussion: "Help, Thanks, Wow" by Anne Lamott

QUILTERS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

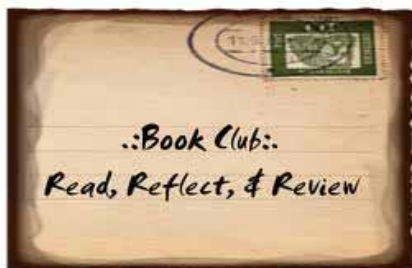
A committed group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at church to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary...*just come!*



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

Women's Breakfast

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



Last Tuesday Women's Book Group

November 26 at 7pm

Pick up a copy of the Bill Bryson book.



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 10:00 on
THURSDAYS at the church.**

children and youth ministry



SUNDAY SCHOOL

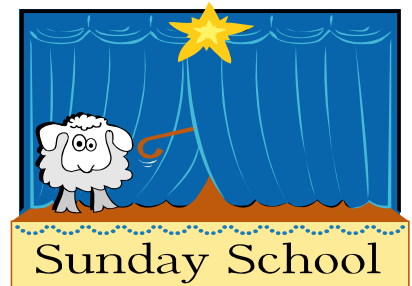
Every Sunday in Nov. at 9:40

NOVEMBER OUTREACH FOCUS IS Coffee Oasis. Chris Adrig will be our speaker.

Once a month we learn about a local organization that uses many volunteers. The

kids sign a thank you letter that is attached to a small bucket of chocolates. The "appreciation gift" is then delivered to the organization. **AN IMPORTANT PART** of our Sunday School program is to instill a spirit of compassionate into the hearts and lives of our children.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! Over 30 kids will be involved in this year's program!. Practices will be on MOST Sundays at 3:30. The program will be on Dec. 15 following the single 9:30 service.



Christmas Program

LOFT FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH-SCHOOLERS

LOFT is the name of our youth program.

It stands for **LivingOurFaithTogether!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL happens in THE LOFT at 9:40am on TWO-SERVICE SUNDAYS. This is a combined class of middle and high-school youth.

LOFT Wednesday Nights from 6pm-7:30. This is for ALL middle/high school youth and their friends. Come and hang out with great people! Fun is guaranteed.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TEEN POTLUCK. Bring your favorite food to share on November 6! Our October Potluck was amazing! Youth will be in charge of the Advent Soup Supper on Dec. 4.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY happens every Sunday night from 6:30-8pm in THE LOFT. ***This is only for high school students.***

etc. etc.



New Song Singers practice at 9am on Saturday mornings.

Choir practices on Saturday mornings at 10:15.

Guitarists practice on Tuesday evenings.

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, there is a place
for you in one of our music groups.

Bing Debar is waiting to sign you up!

Rehearsals will begin soon for the Cantata on Dec. 22



**Kitsap/Olympic Annual
Fundraising Brunch for
Lutheran Community
Services Northwest
Sunday, Nov. 10
Kitsap Conference Center
in Bremerton
Social Hour at 12:30pm.
Buffet and Program
at 1:30pm
See Anita Puzon for
moredetails.**



**PRAYER OF
OUR HEARTS**

*Almighty Father,
Thank you for our walk in the
Golden Light of your GRACE.
Help us remove the rubble in our
lives that shields us from your
GUIDING LIGHT.
How BEAUTIFUL each of our
steps, illuminated by your
LOVE for us!*

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid

seasonal

Come, you Thankful People, Come....

November 27



to the “ Chilly November Chili Supper” and worship service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27. Bring a pot of your favorite chili - maybe one that reflects your “roots.” i.e. Texas Chili, Minnesota Chili,

Norwegian Chili, Montana Chili, New York Chili, etc. etc.!

Following supper we’ll retreat to the sanctuary for a service of Thanksgiving.

Invite friends and family.

We have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Supper at 6pm...Worship at 7pm

Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Vespers

It would not be Advent without our award-winning soup and bread suppers followed by the peaceful Holden Evening Vesper Service.

There will be sign-up sheets posted. If you can bring soup, bread or help with clean-up, that would be appreciated. More importantly...we want you to come and bring the whole family!

Supper at 6pm...Vespers at 7pm Dec. 4, 11, 18

The Youth will provide the entire meal on Dec. 4 - BIG THANK YOU!

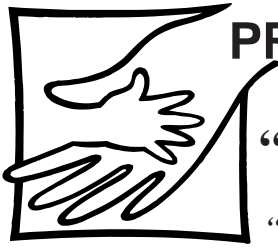


Fairly-Traded Advent Fair Between Services on Dec. 1, 8, 15

Vinland’s version of the Alternative Advent Fair will be held Sundays December 1, 8 & 15 between services. Come browse – and buy - from fairly traded goods from all over the world. We will have plenty of “Bells from Shells” and handmade Rwandan notecards from Church World Services.



this 'n that



PRESCHOOL NEWS... -Sherry Gutierrez, director

Our Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

“Thank the LORD and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done...”

Now is the time to become a prayer buddy for one of our preschoolers! Being a prayer buddy means committing some time to praying for the child and his or her family

during the school year. Being a prayer buddy means thanking God and praising God for this child in our midst. Being a prayer buddy means thinking positive thoughts about the child and his/her well-being and healthy development.



If you would like to be a prayer buddy for one of the preschool children, please let “Ms. Sherry” know in person, by email (preschool@vinlandlc.org), or by a phone call (865-0510). We are asking each prayer buddy to make a donation of \$10 - \$30; this money is used to purchase a Bible storybook which the prayer buddy gives to the child at our Prayer Buddy Lunch in May; the money also helps pay for the catered lunch.

Vinland Lutheran Preschool has 28 children enrolled; four families are members of our congregation and the rest are from the community. The children are hearing about and experiencing God’s love in our presence. The children are running and playing in the beautiful Discovery Garden. The children are learning and practicing healthy and helpful behaviors while building their brains. The preschool is definitely a delightful place to be! Come peek in on us sometime!



Good Samaritan Holiday Help

Vinland’s “Good Samaritan Fund” or “Good Sam” was begun many years ago to help folks within the church who needed a little extra help. All funds came from members of the congregation - and still do. We have expanded in recent years to aid folks beyond the walls of our church.

Watch for information about both Thanksgiving and Christmas food “baskets” and the Angel Tree.

moving forward



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with our ministry and mission
2014-2016 building fund campaign

Thank you to everyone who turned in pledge cards for the 2014-16 Building Fund. Remember, you can change or turn in a card at any time. We will make sure there are cards and envelopes in the Social Hall.



Thanks to some very generous donations, \$22,680 has been received for the Kitchen Fund! Look for progress soon!!!

To date \$753,567 has been received for the Capital Campaign ending in December.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE FORMED

- ❖ A Properties Committee has been formed to establish policy regarding the church campus and to maintain a welcoming well-cared for space for God's Grace.
- ❖ The new building will be kept locked except during office hours, which will be posted. The Pastor and Secretary offices will remain locked when they are not present and the unfinished downstairs will be available only to authorized personnel. We are working on a Key System to ensure secure building use.
- ❖ No changes to the Foyer or Fellowship Hall will be made for one year and all furnishing and decorating will be managed by the Properties Committee.
- ❖ The "New Building" needs a name other than the obvious. If you have any ideas of what to name our building/hall, contact a member of the Committee: Dennis Deitch, John Rova, Marsha Wright, Karyn Crawford, Susan Thiel, Sharon Schmid.
- ❖ We will also work on cleaning up our Worship/Education Building. We commend the Sunday School, Preschool and Quilters for improvements already made.
- ❖ Please leave parking close to the Sanctuary on the west side of the building for those who need those handy spots. We will consider direction/information signs at our next meeting.