

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



Cami Krema	1/1	Don Cole	1/12
Isaac Beers	1/2	Suzi Banzer	1/12
Natalie Journey	1/3	Ernie McCluskey	1/12
Joey Florent	1/4	Laura Nicodemus	1/13
Ed Florent	1/6	Linda Williams	1/16
Don Mills	1/7	Helen Cole	1/18
Callie Gillespie	1/7	Matt LaMagna	1/21
Arlene Swift	1/10	Amy Munns	1/30

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...***

## PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Precious Savior,  
 COME, the babe that we adore.  
 COME, the man for us to worship.  
 COME, the peace beyond our knowing.  
 COME, grace.  
 COME.  
 Amen

*contributed by Sharon Schmid*

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**2014!**

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[www.vinlandlc.org](http://www.vinlandlc.org)

happy  
2014  
begin the year with worship

# the vinyard

JANUARY 2014  
Vinland Lutheran Church

*“HE will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. HE who was seated on the throne said, “Behold! I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:4-5b*

*A few years ago*, I was part of a small delegation with Lutheran Partners in Global Mission that traveled to the Central African Republic to meet missionaries and see first-hand the new medical facility being opened. It was quite an adventure and felt like a trip back to the stone-age given the quality of infrastructure and village life. The people of the CAR were welcoming and had a good sense of humor about this group of middle-aged Caucasians way out of their cushy, American comfort zone.

It is with much sadness, that I have been following the recent genocide taking place in this forgotten African nation. Christians and Muslims have been killing each other in an internal struggle for control of the government. The beauty of the land and hospitality of the people that I was able to experience seems far from the bloody brutality that is the current reality. Please join me in praying for this nation.

The book of Revelation was written in late first century by John the Seer. It was a time of intense persecution for Christians. The Roman Emperor Domitian was in charge but the world was a very bloody and brutal place. The author is living in exile and writes this pastoral letter loaded with poetry and symbolism to encourage the churches. The overriding message is that through tribulation and testing that God will have the FINAL WORD. In, by, and through Christ all will be made new.

The New Year brings, in a significant way; an opportunity to begin again, a fresh start, a new brand new calendar year. Revelation claims God is all about making all things new. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, we will be included in the New heaven, New earth, New Jerusalem, New order, New life that is breaking in our sin-stained world. The day is coming when there will be no more death, no more mourning, no more autism, no more pain, no more tears, nor more genocide.

As 2014 begins, rejoice that our God is a God of forgiveness, recreation, and being born anew. Thank you Jesus, for the new life you give us in baptism. At the same time, we anticipate and pray for the day that Revelation proclaims, “Behold! I am making everything NEW!” By grace, we live in-between. The genocide of CAR and greed of Wall Street saddens us. We work and wait for God’s kingdom to be fulfilled. The promise is salvation, justice, peace, and mercy will win the new day.

# pastor chuck's FAITHbook

*Word of thanks to:*

Here's what's happening!

Thanks to our musicians, singers, kids, & leaders for Christmas special events!

**Lectionary Lunch**, Thurs., 11:30 AM–12:45 PM – begins Jan. 9 Bring your lunch & bible for our study for coming Sunday's sermon.

**Lunch Bunch**, Mon., Jan. 6, 11:30 AM @ Hale's Public House. Close to home in Silverdale we'll gather at a popular neighborhood destination for a delicious lunch. Sign up in the fellowship hall!

**Men's Breakfast**: Sat., Jan. 4, 8:00 AM Come early and eat hearty as we get together with brothers in Christ. Conversation is never dull and the company never quiet.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**



**Sunday Adult Forum**, 9:40-10:20 AM (between services) We complete our lively 2013 video series "Where Grace Takes You".

Jan. 5 "Self/Others"

Jan. 12 "Spirit/Flesh"

Jan. 19 Budget Forum (to prepare for annual meeting)



**Confirmation, Saturday, Jan. 4, 10 AM – 3 PM**

This month we meet Moses, Exodus, and Ten Commandments.

**Next class**: Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:00 AM

**Dialogue on Draft Hare & Hounds** Pub, Mon. Jan. 27, 5 PM Topic to be determined. Article and sign-up in the social hall.

**Mexico Mission 2014** March 27-April 4 Fifteen Vinland students/adults will be building houses in Tijuana next spring break. Go to Amor.org for info & talk to Pastor Chuck. Still time to join our mission team to make a difference in Mexico!!

**Time away** Jan. 27-Feb. 3 (Con. Ed.) Pastor Slocum is attending "Evangelism & Worship" at Luther Seminary Mid-Winter Convocation.



# women's groups



## Women of Vinland Third Wednesday

Women of Vinland will meet on Wed. January 18 at 10am. Open to all women and their friends. Come for laughter, lunch, Bible Study and more!

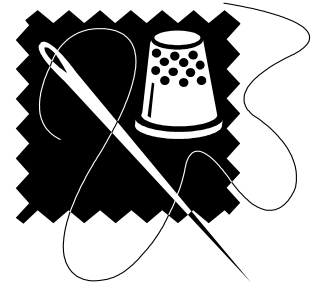
## Women of Grace Mondays, Jan. 6 and 20

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!**

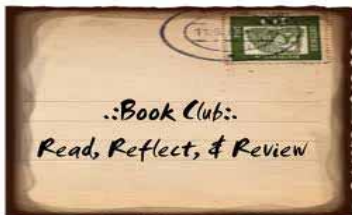
## QUILTERS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

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!*



## 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

Next gathering is January 28  
and the book is:

**"Remarkable Creatures"**  
by Tracy Chevalier



## 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

*THANK YOU to kids, parents, and program organizers.  
The pageant was awesome!*

## JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

*January 5, 12, 19 we will gather at 9:40*

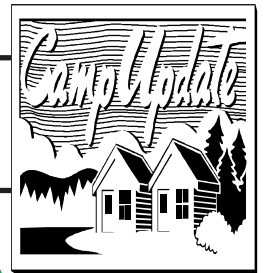
*No Sunday School on January 26 - Annual Meeting Day.*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

*We take an offering each Sunday during our opening. It isn't about the AMOUNT of money, but about instilling in the kids the habit of sharing their resources with God. At the end of the year the kids will decide where to donate their accumulated offering.*

***FAMILY CAMP 2014. Mark your calendar for July 25-31. Also, be thinking of a theme.....***



## What's Going on in the LOFT?

1. Sunday School resumes at 9:40am on January 5<sup>th</sup>
2. High School Bible Study resumes January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
3. January 8<sup>th</sup> is our monthly teen potluck. Bring food to share and join in brainstorming about upcoming activities.



January 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>- New Year's LOFT Lock-In. 8:00pm-8:00am. Bring friends, snacks to share, and ring in 2014-LOFT style-a little late, but worth the wait.

January 31<sup>st</sup>- High School service day. Meet at church at noon, we will head to Seattle to distribute Socks and Sandwiches to the homeless.

# this n' that



## *Come and make your voice and vote count!*

Sunday, January 26 - following the single 9:30 worship service. This is our one meeting per year when we all gather to make decisions concerning the communal good of God's church called Vinland.

Votes will be taken on the name of the new hall, council members, and the 2014 operating budget. Your opinion is important.



***Your annual report is needed!*** Please e-mail it in word form to the church office by January 6. You can also hand deliver a written or typed copy, but e-mail is preferred. [vinland@vinlandlc.org](mailto:vinland@vinlandlc.org).



***A good man, Marvin Nicodemus,*** passed away on November 23. He was a much-loved friend, husband, father and grandfather. A memorial service was held at Vinland on December 5. We all share many wonderful memories and look forward to seeing Marvin again one day. His son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Thea Nicodemus, have moved in with Laura.



## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### **UPDATE ON BUILDING USAGE**

**IF YOU SET UP** tables or chairs in the new hall, **RETURN** them to their original location when finished. **DO NOT** drag chairs or tables; this damages the floor! The plan is to keep about eight tables set up - ringing the room.

**SOCIAL HOUR** following worship will now take place in the new hall.

**THERE ARE MANY** name suggestions for the new building. They are posted on the bulletin board - you still have time to add a suggested name. We will vote at the annual meeting on January. 26.

# auction donation form



**Mi Casa es Su Casa\***

**Vinland Lutheran Church**

**Preschool and Mission Auction**

**Sunday, February 23, 2014, 11:00am**

**\*My House is Your House**

## Auction Donation Form

*We are seeking goods and services to be auctioned off in support of Vinlands Preschool Ministry and the Youth/Adult Mission Trip to build a house in Tijuana with Amor Ministries.*

*Use your imagination and donate!*

### DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATION INFORMATION:

Please describe in detail the item you are planning to donate:

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Please indicate any restrictions, blackout dates, and expiration date:

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Fair Market Value of item: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

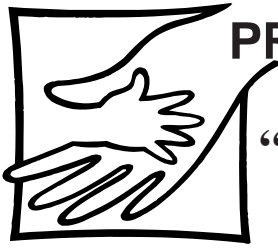
Please indicate how you would like to deliver your donation:

I will bring my item to the church  I need my item picked up

Signature of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION FORM DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 9**

# preschool



**PRESCHOOL NEWS...** -Sherry Gutierrez, director

## Our Vision

**“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”**

*“We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

*(Matthew. 2:2)*

*Worshipping Jesus began a couple thousand years ago*, and we are here worshipping Jesus today. The preschool children worship Jesus just by being themselves; they are who they are and they are figuring out how to *behave* in this world. They are learning how to behave by imitating the behavior those people closest to them. A young child can give a perfect imitation of an adult; yet, they are not actually thinking like an adult, they are still thinking like a child. So, communication can be tricky. In January, the preschool will be hosting a parent/grandparent education night in which a developmental specialist will be leading a presentation on brain development and relating with young children. Watch the e-flash and The View for further information on date and time.



In addition, be watching for details regarding the preschool’s annual fundraiser of serving box lunches on the day of the annual meeting. The preschool board may change it up a bit this year, but it will still be a delicious, mostly nutritious meal to nourish our bodies and brains for the annual meeting discussions

Finally, please keep the preschool families in prayer. A couple families are going through some difficult financial times and several families have babies or babies on the way. Pray for wisdom, patience, peace, gentleness, and love as the parents do their best in raising their children. We rejoice with the preschool families for the gift of their children!



**AUCTION! FEBRUARY 23! AUCTION!**

**“Mi Case es Su Casa” (My House is Your House).....Proceeds from the aution will benefit both the preschool ministry and the Mexico Mission Trip.**

**Be thinking of what YOU can donate to this really fun event!**



## Listening Post

*Saturday, January 11, at 10am*

*Come and hear about the current information on the mortgage details for the new building. You can ask questions, get answers and information. A decision needs to be made.*

## Parents' Night Out

*Saturday, January 11*

*Parents-In-Charge are Jon and Jen Nelson*

Leave the kids in competent hands an evening out! This is a co-op type babysitting event. Parents take turns watching the kids, and they, in turn, get evenings of free childcare. Kids must be potty trained. Please sign up and bring \$2 per child for dinner.

## Common Themes – Extraordinary Service Thank You From Martha and Mary

*The ten Lutheran churches that participate as supporting congregations and affiliated members of Martha & Mary each have a different mission statement. Although each mission statement is unique to the personality, character and leadership of the individual church, every congregation is creating a God-centered community, with a theme of celebrating Christ and serving others. We're grateful that Vinland Lutheran Church has chosen Martha & Mary as an important mission field in our local community where God's love, words, and deeds can be felt and practically experienced every day.*

*The volunteers, delegates, trustees and donors of Vinland Lutheran all are manifestations of service to God through caring for our neighbors. Bringing a smile to a resident or employee while operating the Gift Shop at the Health and Rehab Center, making the time to bring a pet so arthritic hands might have soft fur and a loving heart to cheer them, or providing the governance that ensures long-term success are all ways that your members extend the reach and influence of your congregation while helping to move the mission of Martha & Mary and the body of Christ forward.*

*Thank you for being our partners to make "providing service in a Christian manner" the true reality of Martha & Mary.*

*Chad Solvie, CEO Martha & Mary*

# barb's backyard



-Barbara Erickson

**Prom-ise** noun: *a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future.*

At the beginning of each brand new year, many people traditionally seek to set a goal for the coming twelve months. They may easily discuss this plan with those they know or quietly keep it to themselves, but the idea is the same: to do or accomplish something that they deem important which they've not done before - or at least not succeeded at. It's as if January first is an automatic re-set of time, a second chance to actually form a new habit and DO what they've said they'd do. It is making a promise to one's self, if you will. Most often, however, these promises fall by the wayside before ever being fully kept.

**Re-solve** verb: *to make a definite and serious decision to do something.*

But if we definitely know what the goal is and take it seriously, why do we so often fail? There probably are many reasons. Perhaps we aren't specific enough in our own minds about what it is we want to do. Losing ten or twenty pounds might be a worthy goal, but without a detailed plan as to exactly **how** we plan to do this the chance of success is practically nil. Maybe we aren't as committed as we think we are. Resolving to set aside a certain amount of money in a savings account by a particular deadline is also laudable, but if we're easily swayed by that "must-have" item and think we'll save double next month, the plan is easily foiled. All our good intentions go swiftly down the drain and we're back to square one...

We've all heard that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. I don't know about that, but I do know that **intending** and **doing** are two different things. If it were a matter of life or death to lose those ten to twenty pounds, we'd likely figure out how to do so. Assuming we had adequate means, saving that money would be a priority if it meant sending our kids on in school. It's all about whatever we decide to do - clearly defining that and taking it seriously. It's about gut-level determination.

*"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."* - Mother Teresa  
New Year's resolutions need not concern only ourselves and our personal desires. They can encompass any number of ideas and/or people. Within any given group, individuals can put their heads together and come up with agreed-upon goals well worth pursuing. Discussing and reaching consensus can be trying, but actually acting upon the task(s) is truly monumental.

I have always said that Vinland can do whatever we set our minds on doing. This past year was the perfect example and we have a beautiful new building to prove it. As we move forward into 2014, we need a new vision - one that is clear and specific - as to how we will best use this structure within our community. The real work has only just begun; it's time to step up to the plate and make it happen. Vinland's light is too bright and warm to keep hidden any longer.

***"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:14-16**