

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>Bill Erickson</i>	<i>5/1</i>	<i>Devin Horn</i>	<i>5/14</i>
<i>Evelyn Beers</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Bonnie Debar</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Lisa Gregg</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Michael Warbois</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Doug Barnhart</i>	<i>5/9</i>	<i>Lou Youngs</i>	<i>5/17</i>
<i>Jan Janzen</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Jan Saenz</i>	<i>5/19</i>
<i>Dan Carlson</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Frank Schmid</i>	<i>5/20</i>
<i>Mark Slocum</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Kendall Becker</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Ethan Gillespie</i>	<i>5/11</i>	<i>Helen Jensen</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Carlos Gutierrez</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Jim Berentson</i>	<i>5/24</i>
<i>Chuck DeBroeck</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Denise Deitch</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Clay Branes</i>	<i>5/13</i>	<i>Keary Myers</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Martin Prehm</i>	<i>5/14</i>		

*I came with gifts of charity--
the hungry fed,
A kind word said,
In duty's debt
My God to please.*

*"I bled," He said,
"from love, not debt."*

*"Come, follow Me."
--Glenn Settle*

Happy Anniversary to...

Matt & Kris Clucas 5/9

Dave and Tina Bigelow 5/23

Tom & Billie Jo Settle 5/30

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*Christ
is
Risen!*

Confirmation on May 4
Single 9:30 worship services
begin May 25

the vinyard

MAY 2014



Vinland Lutheran Church



**“Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation.....
and he has committed to us the message of
reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s
ambassadors, as though God were making his
appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

Paul is a preacher with catchy metaphors. In Corinthians, Paul compares gospel messengers to ambassadors of God’s kingdom. This kingdom is driven by grace. The ministry of reconciliation, to be an ambassador, is given to every believer in baptism. Our Mexico Mission team was given the opportunity and responsibility to be Vinland’s ambassadors on Christ’s behalf in Tecate, Mexico. The reflections that follow show we built a house, we built community, and we built up our faith.

Andy Crawford: *“I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and financial support that made this mission trip possible. Heading down to Mexico wasn’t anything that I expected. This trip really affected my life. It made me appreciate what I have, even the small things like a bed or even a flushing toilet. The whole experience was unforgettable. The seventeen of us became family. We loved each other. I couldn’t have asked for a better group for my first mission trip.”*

John Brock *“For me, a rich element was the formation of community within our group. It was a revelation to watch in unfold in real time- the transition from polite smiles and common courtesy to the emotional and more intimate exchanges that are the beginnings of real friendship. Watching this collective realization of how much we are one. At the most personal level, the reward of removing my cloak a bit to jump into the community pool. THE WATER WAS AMAZING.”*

John Rova: *“YOUNG PEOPLE: worked beyond expectations. The sheer joy of watching our youth tackle each and every job with enthusiasm or something like it. BUILDING: I like, no love, the framing, pounding 16 pennys with 20 oz. hammer! TURNING HOUSE OVER to Senor Ramirez. It is moving beyond words. RELATIONSHIPS: really getting to know our church family (camping/working)!”*

Bobbie Moore: *“What is possible when we recognize that God is in charge! God prevailed by providing clear-thinking adults and cheerful, hard-working teenagers. Our bible studies were all about God’s call to various unlikely people- David, Mary, Hagar. Particularly compelling to me was the rich man who could not let go of his wealth to follow Jesus. Mr. Ramirez (the recipient of the house) had prayed that God would deliver him people with good hearts to help him. We were those people and became instruments of God’s will. Mr. Ramirez very words to our mission team were ‘Mi casa essu casa’ aka: our mission auction theme.*

mission reflections

Erik (Rova) Morgan: *“I felt great we got the house all finished and gave the keys to Senor Ramirez. I like how close everyone got, because at the beginning of the trip a lot of people did not know each other. But, then after a while everyone became great friends and we got really close to one another.”*

Dennis Deitch: *“I give thanks for all the people of Mexico who gave us so much more than we gave them. They allowed us to help them and by doing so, we helped ourselves. We were able to put our self-interests behind us and put others first. Counting on each other and growing together. I feel very blessed to have been able to share in such a life experience and even more blessed to have been able to experience it with such a caring, open, and loving group.”*

Janina Janisch: *“You don’t often realize that you actually have the power and possibility to make a change in this world. Through our Mexico Mission my eyes got opened that every single individual is important and that with the right help and faith nearly everything is possible. The mission team grew together and formed this strength to build a whole house in just four days. This would never have been possible without teamwork, ambition, and effort, as well as fun, jokes, new friends that we all found during our time in Mexico. If we all never forget and believe that we can make a difference, it is worth it.”*

Martha Rabura: *“Because of your generous support we were able to spend an amazing week in Mexico. We camped in the hills outside Tecate. We built a house in four days without the use of power tools. We shoveled gravel, mixed cement, sawed and hammered, strung and cut wire, hung tar paper, chicken wire, and mixed and applied stucco. We played soccer and blew bubbles with the kids in the neighborhood who came by to watch us work. Not only did we build a home but more importantly how God can take seven teenagers and ten adults and create a unified team to build a house and witness to the community.*

Tammie Rabura: *“It was one of the most incredible weeks of my life because I was able to make such an immediate difference in someone’s life. At the end of a street in Tecate a 73 year old man, Mr. Ramirez, now has a home other than the shack he was living in before and his dog Rocky is no longer hungry because of all the dog food we bought him. Just imagine Mr. Ramirez in his new house with a fat Rocky. THANK YOU...none of this incredible experience would not have happened without you Vinland. I could not ask for a better spring break.”*

Scott Puhn: *“When I look back on the Mexico trip I see that we overcame many difficulties. The job site was quite difficult. It rained a lot. It was a lot colder at night than all of us thought it would be. The showers were cold. In the end we stayed focused and accomplished our tasks and did it with good humor. I think we were a great mix of people and a wonderful group to work with. The youth exceeded my expectations. The bible studies were really on point. It was great to have the cofounder of Amor come to our campsite and speak to us. What a wonderful message he has. Mr Ramirez won our respect and our hearts. Even the dog played a part in the experience. It was a delight getting to know a lot of the people that I really did not know that well. In the end I think God looked at what we did.....and smiled.”*

important pastor chuck stuff

THANKS: To our fine kitchen craftsmen: John Ross, Dan Carlson, Galen Sele, Don Cole, Floyd Oster and Rich Gregersen for EXCEPTIONAL work!

THANKS: To Doug Barnhart and his grounds crew workers who have spread a whole lot of bark to spruce up Vinland's landscape!!!



Lunch Bunch @ Puerta Vallarta, Monday, May 5, 11:30 AM.
Our senior group ventures to Kingston for good Mexican food as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Sign up in the fellowship hall! Muy Bien!!

Confirmation Sunday is Coming! Sunday, May 4 at both services
Students will share their faith statements and lead worship and host the reception between services. Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 AM.

Sunday Adult Forums, Sun., May 10 and 18 @ 9:40 AM

May 11 - We conclude the video series "Ed's Story".

May 18 TBA - This will be our final adult forum for the summer.

On-going "Growing Old in Christ" Thursdays, Noon-1:45 PM Pastors Bob Winkel and Chuck Slocum are co-leading this study. Bring your brown bag lunch & wisdom to share as seniors gather.

May 1: "Fellowship and Friendship while Growing Old in Christ"

May 8: "Legacies that Endure and Losses that Accumulate in Christ"

May 15: "Why we Need to Remember and Reframe Growing Old in Christ"

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 3, 8:00 AM Our breakfast for brothers meets (off-site) at ENVY'S THIS MONTH!



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon, MAY 19, 5PM

Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly
May 16-17 in Tacoma

Pastor Chuck, Judy Lucas and ??? will be the delegates for this year's assembly.

Time Away June 4-14, Dr. Russ Horn preaching/presiding

Here's what's
happening!

barb's backyard



-Barbara Erickson

On this day, I simply want to BE - to soak up some sun and enjoy the spectacular views. Sitting on a grassy bluff surrounded by towering madrone and Douglas fir trees, I gaze across the vast expanse of sand exposed by the receding tide. Beyond the sands lay the waters of Georgia Strait, snow-capped mountains of mainland British Columbia forming a dramatic backdrop. Closing my eyes briefly, I hear the soft swish of the wind in the trees and feel the warmth of the sun on my face. We have come here for rest and relaxation - what a day to be alive!

We have come through the long season of darkness. Some of us may carry heavy burdens and feel no relief with this passage of time. But we are still here as the days lengthen and the earth warms. As Easter people, we have passed through a time of sadness and grief and come forward into the light of new hope. Once again, we witness a season of newness and rebirth.

In the woods blooms appear on Indian plum, salmonberry, red flowering current and Oregon grape, while redwood sorrel and trillium brighten the forest floor. In our yards forsythia, magnolia, rhododendron, crocus, tulips, and many others burst forth in various colors and scents. We drift off to sleep with the peeping of frogs and awake to the singing of birds, which are already nesting and caring for young; young fawns will soon be seen with their cautious mothers. Dusty, bug-gnawed leaves will be seen later, but now all new growth appears shiny-bright and squeaky-clean.

We anticipate all that is new: a more-functional building, a first-born child, a joining of lives in marriage. Still to come are graduations, anniversaries, and celebrations we've yet to plan. Rejoice in this, for as spring progresses with wave after wave of sprouting, unfolding, and blooming we are led toward the full-fledged burgeoning of summer. After our dark, cool, wet winters who does not welcome that?

It is a time to savor and enjoy. There is much to be learned from the never-ending cycle of seasons, for we can – each of us – begin anew; we can be refreshed, changed, improved. If there are things undone, we can do them. If we owe an apology or need to make amends, we can do that. If we are weary, we can rest. We can get our affairs in order; if necessary, we can say our good-byes. We can change our household, our appearance, our habits, our state of mind, our outlook or attitude. We can change our actions, or finally act at all. We can accept that challenge, take on that task, meet that new person, or send that letter. We can make that call, visit that friend, and hold that hand. This is a time of renewal and second chances - thank GOD we have those.

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:18-19

women's groups

Women of Vinland Third Wednesday of each month

Women of Vinland will host the residents of Martha and Mary for a spring luncheon on May 21. This will replace their regular May meeting. Tina Bigelow is in charge of the lunch. If you would like to help in any way - bring food, clean-up, help in the kitchen or be a hostess at a table - just talk to her. This is always a fun lunch and much enjoyed by the residents and the aides who accompany them.

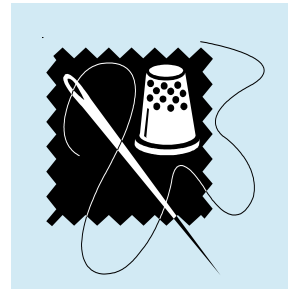


Women of Grace Mondays, May 5 & 19

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....

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.



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 May 27. The books we discuss are from the Library Collection; all you have to do is check one out from the box in the Social Hall.



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



Winding Down....

It has been a wonderful year of education for our kids!
THANK YOU to parents and grandparents for bringing your kids!

THANK YOU teachers for sharing your time and love with our kids!

Janean Moriarty has led a wonderful opening with song, scripture and prayer. We have taken an offering every week and the kids will share in how that offering will be used.

Suzi Banzer and Lynn Florent have taught the youngest ones with patience and good humor.

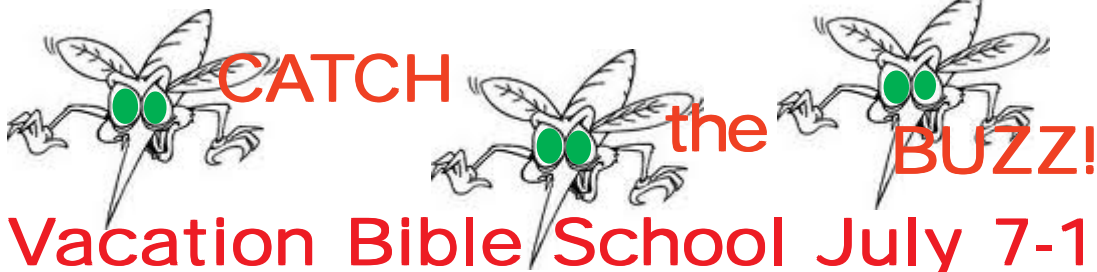
Megan Adrig and Kris Clucas have taught the early elementary kids, guiding them with wisdom and flexibility.

Lori VanVlerah and Tim Munns had incredible conversations with our 4th and 5th graders.

Karyn Crawford challenged our middle and high school kids with “God-centered conversation.”

Sherry Guterrez and Marsha Wright continue to share God’s love, grace and mercy with kids during “Kid’s Church” each Sunday.

**Our last Sunday of “regular” Sunday School will be May 18.
Our Celebration Party will be on Sunday, June 1 after worship. We’ll gather in the
Discovery Garden for food and fun!**



Vacation Bible School July 7-11

Ages: Preschool through teens

Games, snacks, stories, songs!!!

6th grade & up will have a full day of amazing activities (orchestrated by the incredible Karyn Crawford!)

may miscellaneous



A memorial service for *Dorothy Holm* will be held at Vinland on Monday, May 12 at 3pm. Dorothy died on April 8 at the age of 98. She was a long-time member of Vinland, one of the true "old-timers."



We rejoice with *Glenn Settle and Beachie Wishart* who will be married on May 3. May they enjoy a lifetime of adventures together!



We will once again have a "*Silent Honors*" ceremony in the graveyard following worship on May 25. All who have served, or are serving in the armed forces as well as Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to participate. We gather around the flagpole for a brief, but very touching ceremony.

You are encouraged to bring a flower to place on the grave of a veteran. There will be a special message during Kid's Church - a "teaching moment" about the history and importance of Memorial Day.



Scholarship applications are available at church. You can also call or e-mail the church office for more information. Completed applications **MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 16.**

Get in the Game!

PINOCHLE!

New players welcome (but don't take the game too seriously!)
Pinochle at the church Friday May 23,
starting with potluck @ 5:30,
cards dealt @ 6 PM.

We play partners, pass 4, so we need an accurate count of card players – please sign up on bulletin board.



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

*Dearest Savior
We awaken!
Emerge from Lenten
Shadows
Behold unending Light
Grace ~ Love ~ Mercy
Amen! Amen!*

contributed by Sharon Schmid

preschool news

Preschool Vision “Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

“...the children running and shouting through the Temple, ‘Hosanna to David’s Son!’...”

(from Matthew 21, The Message)

On Palm Sunday, I was reading Matthew 21 in “The Message” translation of The Bible. This chapter begins with the familiar story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey. He then goes immediately to the Temple and clears out the “loan sharks” and “dove sellers” which makes room for the blind and crippled to enter, ask for and receive healing from Jesus. The religious leaders are outraged over this occurrence along with the fact that the *children are running and shouting* through the Temple, praising Jesus as Davids Son. Jesus responds to their outrage by saying, “Yes, I hear them. And havent you read in Gods Word From the mouths of children and babies Ill furnish a place of praise?”

Its beautiful that the children know who Jesus is and that Jesus welcomes their love and adoration with openness, and that the children freely (with heartfelt trust) receive Jesus love in return.

Can you imagine Jesus in the flesh coming to our sanctuary and the children running and shouting through the aisles “Hosanna to Davids Son!” That would be startling! That would be amazing! Would our eyes be open to see the Truth?

The Preschool children are active, living reminders of the new (and crazy) life that Jesus gives us.

Halleluia! Jesus is alive!

Attention all Prayer Buddies of Preschoolers!

The Prayer Buddy Luncheon is coming on
Thursday, May 22

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Please plan on attending!

RSVP to Sherry at preschool@vinlandlc.org or 865-0510

In addition, please make a contribution of \$15 to the preschool to be used in offsetting the cost of the book you will present to your prayer buddy and the cost of the lunch.

THANK YOU so much for praying!

There are still openings in all three fall preschool classes. Think of friends or family who might be interested in enrolling their children/grandchildren in our great preschool! Talk to Sherry Gutierrez if you have questions.



spring stuff

Notes from our Youth Director, Karyn Crawford

At the end of March I attended a free workshop at PLU where one session was all about multi-generational ministry. Before I even had a chance to finish the book from the seminar, I boarded a plane the next day for some firsthand experience. With more adults than youth, ranging in ages from 15-74, we were a rather strange looking “home-building” team. The Vinland “Mi Casa es Su Casa” team bonded together like family, overcame cold, wet weather and a difficult building site, and had a life-changing experience. I now have so many examples of how intergenerational relationships can strengthen a church and a teenager’s faith. The youth don’t just talk about the fun times they had with each other, but more about their newly adopted Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles who taught them, talked to them, and most importantly, listened to them.



Thank you so much to everyone who made the Easter Breakfast such a big success. The congregation contributed food; the youth and their families did the set-up and clean up and many attendees made monetary contributions to support future youth activities. Things flowed smoothly and aligned with Pastor Chuck’s and my goal of having all ages of youth put in service hours AND attend worship with their families.



VISITOR PARKING SIGNS are on the building side of the **FRONT** parking lot.

Please do not park there during Services - this will allow Visitors to use those parking spots.

Parking



Mother's Day

Our Youth Group will hand out flowers to all women on Mother's Day, May 11. Treat your mother well on this day or remember fondly your mother who has passed on.



“Save the Date”
MAY 31
Discovery Garden
Clean-up Time!

summer stuff



Beginning May 25, we will have ONE Sunday service at 9:30.

“Dogma and Donuts” for the adults will be at 8:45 through the summer.

Official Sunday School concludes on May 18. A big party is planned for after worship on June 1. This will happen in the Discovery Garden.



There are plenty of odd jobs to do around the church during the summer. Plants need watering, beds need weeding, windows need washing, the Discovery Garden needs upkeep, the cemetery plots could use some weeding.

Take a day to be a good steward of our wonderful facility and grounds!



Family Camp & Church Picnic July 25-31 “SPACE”

This is a perfect, low-cost, high-fun vacation. You can come just during the days or spend the night. *Your choice! It's all good!* Suggested donation is what you would spend on meals for your family and some extra to cover craft and lifeguard expenses.

Watch the E-Flash, Website, and weekly bulletin for planning meetings and more information.

OLD-FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 27.

About Lutherhaven at Wildcat Lake

For those of you unfamiliar with this jewel, here is a little information. Vinland is one of the owning churches of this camp. We pay \$15 per member, per year for upkeep of the camp. We also take part in work parties. It is ours to use for one full week each summer - that is our Family Camp Time.

We can also use the “picnic side” of the camp Monday-Saturday, from May - September (from dawn to dusk - no overnite).

It is a beautiful place to picnic, swim, boat, or just relax with a good book. There is a playground for the kids and boats, canoes and lifejackets available.

The Busy Moms meet there during the summer months.

In the Social Hall, there are ID tags to keep in your car and driving directions.

new members

New members Walt Elliott and Bobbie Moore are delighted with the welcoming openness of the Vinland congregation. They both grew up in New York state, and have both been affiliated with Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches, but never a Lutheran one till now. They appreciated Pastor Chuck's exploration with them of the context of Luther and Lutheranism. They were married in Scotland in 1986 when Walt was still an active-duty submariner. Since 1989 they've owned a house in Kingston to which they returned in 2001 when Walt retired from the Navy after a six-year exile on the east coast. Walt's a Port of Kingston commissioner and also represents the communities and riders of the Kingston Edmonds ferry run. As a consequence he has a column and cartoon in our monthly newspaper. Bobbie works part-time in instructional design and is also a commissioner, of a small special-purpose district called the Village Green MPD, in Kingston. They both spend a lot of time volunteering, walking their dog Skipper, and hope to draw their one daughter Kriss westward to live nearby.

Tom & Judy Lucas retired from California to Poulsbo 5 years ago. Tom was a Jr. High teacher and Judy was a principal. They have two children and three grandchildren. Tom likes to fish, garden, read and hike. Judy enjoys helping out in the church and serves as President of the condo association. She also quilts, makes cards and reads. Both love to travel and spend about three months each year in Arizona. Judy serves as the fellowship steward on the council (and is a good Norwegian!!).

Bill and Terry Beaudoin As we like to tell the story, I grew up in California, Bill grew up in Florida, we met in Maryland, were married in South Carolina, and made our first home in Connecticut! That was the beginning of our first 20 years of marriage while Bill was in the Navy submarine service. We returned to Kitsap County last summer after ten years away, but we first moved to this area in 1980 and were stationed here three different times. So this is home, complete with a network of friends dating back almost 35 years. Although I was also in the Navy when Bill and I met, my resume is as varied as our list of residences. I've been a swim coach to the "8 & unders" on age-group teams, and a high school swim coach in the CK district; taught elementary school; worked for the Girl Scouts; taught preschool; and earned my Montessori certification in 2011. I was raised as a Catholic, but we have worshipped in Protestant Navy chapels and churches of many denominations, including ten years of membership with the Christian Missionary Alliance and ten years as Presbyterians. I chose Vinland as my home church because of the genuinely warm welcome I felt from this congregation, and appreciate Pastor Chuck's desire to hear our faith stories and teach a special class on Martin Luther. My favorite thing so far has been taking part in the soup and bread suppers held during Advent and Lent, and I look forward to many years of growing in Christ with all of you.

Matt and Michelle Holman are both originally from the Midwest - Michelle from Michigan and Matt from Minnesota. We met in 2010 in Charleston, SC while we were both in the Navy. We immediately hit it off, mostly because of our shared love of movies and funny YouTube videos. Matt got orders to the Jimmy Carter, due to report in May of 2012, and that worked out perfectly with Michelle's discharge date the same month. Together, we made the cross country journey to Kitsap County. Matt proposed while making a pitstop in Yellowstone National Park. We settled in Poulsbo and got married in the summer of 2013. In October, we got news of Baby Holman #1 due to arrive in June!! We are currently anxiously awaiting the arrival of our little girl!

Steve & Brandy Weir got to know Vinland through our preschool. Their son Spencer is in his second year and will start Kindergarten at Pearson in the fall. Steve is a meat cutter at Central Market and Brandy is a medical assistant at the complex by Olympic College. *(They are currently on vacation in Disneyland so the "editor" put this together).*

Estelle Osbourn lives just down the street in the same neighborhood as the Florents and Adrigs. She enjoys worshipping at Vinland and we enjoy seeing her smiling face each week!

