



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Father God,
 Open wide our Eyes, Ears, and
 our Hands so that we may
 receive your *Peace* in abundance
 and thereby
 pass it along.
 Amen

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Mary Lou Reister 6/18
Terry Beaudoin 6/19
Sally Winkel 6/19
Annalise Schielke 6/19
Magnus Cain 6/21
Judy Herman 6/21
Phyllis Koehmstedt 6/22
Carol Bartlett 6/24

Judith McMahon 6/24
Rich Gregerson 6/24
Tom Myers 6/24
Rick Kruse 6/25
Lois Whannell 6/25
Phyllis Sele 6/25
Emilie McMahon 6/27
Greg Warren 6/29
Natalie Myers 6/30
Billie Jo Settle 6/30
John Ross 6/30



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Financial and Attendance Data	Jan-Mar	Ahead (Behind)	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	Apr	Needed per Month
General Fund	\$63,493	(\$3,518)	\$6,164	\$6,830	\$4,024	\$4,066	\$21,083	\$22,337
Other Contributions	\$24,101							
Attendance 2014	1,782		135	163	268	134	700	
Attendance 2013	1,748		116	140	126	211	593	
Building Fund	Prior Yrs	Jan-Mar	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	Apr	Total
Contributions	\$784,198	\$55,106	\$815	\$2,325	\$590	\$300	\$4,030	\$843,334

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JUNE 2014



Vinland Lutheran Church



Our Confirmands Speak Out!

MORGAN MORIARTY *“I’m affirming my baptism because I have always believed. There was no moment when I started to believe. I’ve always known that God loves me. All my life I’ve gone to church almost every Sunday- listening to sermons, taking bread and grape juice, and seeing my friends. I am affirming my baptism because my faith has always been part of my life. I want that to continue.”*

ERICA BIGELOW *“I want to confirm that Jesus Christ is my God and that I’m a Lutheran Christian, that I have been saved by grace. I know I will have doubts and questions why I believe this. But, I will remember I have confirmed my baptism. My favorite biblical character? I wish Beachie was in the bible so I could pick her. Back to the actual question, Peter is my favorite biblical character. He failed and had imperfect thoughts. But, when he failed he got up again and moved on.”*

SAM HORN *“When I was five I thought Jesus was a cool magic guy. Now at 13, I know he is Savior, miracle worker, forgiver of sins, dead man, and preacher. I almost lost complete faith in God when four family members died in a short time. On our retreat, Beachie said, ‘There’s no downside to believing in God.’ That restored my faith. When I think of Vinland Lutheran that God would like I think of Doug Barnhart. He gives so much time, both landscaping and playing guitar.”*

KARI VAN VLERAH *“I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of those who strayed from the Father in Heaven. He is 100% God and 100% human. Good Friday is the day for Christians to reflect on what Jesus did for a day on his violent death that showed how much he loves us. Jesus said that whoever believes in me will live forever. This assures me that you and I don’t have to fear death.”*

JOSH CLUCAS *“When I hear the name Jesus, I think of a tall, bearded rabbi. Jesus was born a man on earth so he could better connect with us. Being baptized, there is a bond between God and I, that connects us as Almighty Father Mortal Son. Over 13 years, I have experienced a lot of kindness and support from Vinland. I feel the love of God when I am here. So that’s why I’m confirming my baptism!”*

JILLIAN FLORENT *“No matter how hard we try, there is no way we can be like God. How can we ask God what we are to do? How are we to hear what he tells us? This is where Jesus comes in. He was here on earth living and breathing, living our life. Even when I feel weak or helpless with God I know I am never alone!!”*

important pastor chuck summer stuff

THANKS: To Don Mills for reframing and repairing the outside coverings for the stained glass windows.

THANKS: To Judy Wales and her crack kitchen crew for all their efforts to extend hospitality for two funerals and a wedding.



Lunch Bunch @ McCormick Woods on Monday, June 2 at 11:30. Our senior group ventures to Port Orchard to our favorite, familiar spot where we will feast and fellowship. Sign up in the fellowship hall!

Living Stones Visit Saturday, June 14; 4pm-10pm. We have waited patiently for 18 months for our turn to come around to visit the Lutheran prison congregation at the Shelton Correctional Center. Pastor Norm Arnold is the new chaplain directing this ministry (We are a financial stakeholder). Talk to Pastor Chuck. Limit is ten (18 years or older).



Sunday Morning Study Weekly gatherings begin June 1. We are looking at beginning a summer-long Bible study before worship. Come early for donuts, coffee, and some provocative and inspiring discussion.

SWWA Synod Assembly Update Judy Lucas and I were your delegates at this year's assembly at Pacific Lutheran University. The topic was "HOSPITALITY: All are Welcome." The synod, under the leadership of Bishop Rick Jaech, is gearing up the congregations within our synod for outreach.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 7, 8:00 AM All men are invited to join us for caloric breakfast, strong coffee and fiery conversation. This month our topic is "Nuclear Energy" led by Walt Elliott.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Here's what's happening!

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon, June 23 at 5PM. Join us for our montly rendezvous to be refreshed with good company and cold drinks (they also have GREAT coffee!) while we rehash a time topic that will challenge us to think.

Time Away June 4-14, Dr. Russ Horn preaching/presiding on June 8. We will bless our graduates that morning.

barb's backyard



-Barbara Erickson

Long ago, one of my dreams when thinking of a future home of my own, was that of living near a creek with a pond. This doubtless had to do with the many pleasant times I had involving water during my youth. Growing up in Montana with its hot, dry summers, I always had a great appreciation for water. Whenever we visited a stream or lake to fish or picnic, the entire day was spent in, on, or beside water. When I was older, my family had a cabin on a lake and for the next twenty-some years my fascination grew; many hours were spent discovering the unique qualities of water and the fascinating creatures it held.

When we first moved here thirty plus years ago, my long-ago wish was finally fulfilled - sort of. Our neighborhood has a number of ponds and “unofficial” drainage systems. This means that none of these small streams have formal names, but they drain water from springs nearby and empty into Hood Canal. One of these streams runs through our front yard and the previous owners dug out a wider area to form a rough, muddy pond. It is certainly nothing fancy from the glossy pages of landscaping books, but we have improved the area around it somewhat over the years. Nevertheless, it still has some wild character and varies greatly as to its depth, muddiness, and water flow depending on the time of year and amount of rainfall.

This small pool attracts a variety of wildlife; in the spring and summer frogs frequent the area and I’ve seen a few garden snakes also, but it was quite by accident that I discovered the true extent of life this pond supports. One year while I was teaching, I decided to set up a series of “habitats” in the classroom for the kids to observe and study. Hauling several bucketsful of murky water into school, I filled an aquarium and added several inches of gooey mud from the bottom of the pond. It took a few days for the mud to settle out, but what was revealed when the water finally cleared was astounding to us all.

The water **teemed** with life! Tiny water fleas, copepods, clam shrimp and whirligig beetles darted about, while snails, worms and insect nymphs crawled and wriggled across the surface of the mud. Mosquito larva, water striders, backswimmers, and water boatmen cruised the surface; giant water bugs, predacious diving beetles, water scavenger beetles, and dragonfly nymphs were constantly on the hunt, methodically and viciously devouring their prey.

There were also several larva of the long-toed salamander. This amphibian lays huge egg masses in early March which are the size of softballs. The eggs are tiny when they are laid but absorb water and swell. The larval stage looks similar to the adult, but smaller with external gills. They are born carnivores and feed on small invertebrates found in the pond, along with tadpoles and small fish.

Each of these small creatures has its place, feeding on plants, decaying matter, or other creatures - therefore each is important. The graceful great blue heron may stop by to grab a frog or a snake, which ate a salamander larva, which ate a dragonfly nymph, which ate a mosquito larva, which survived on the green algae in the pond.

For me, it is indeed humbling to witness some of the intricacies of the web of life occurring daily right in our own front yard. I am honored to do so.

*He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains...
He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
Psalm 10:10 & 13*

women's groups

Women of Vinland, third Wednesdays

Join this great group of women for Bible study, devotions, singing, laughing and lunch on Wednesday, June 18 from 10am-noon. Plan for a close-to-home 4th of July picnic at church. Sponsored by the Women of Vinland, they provide hot dogs and beverages. YOU provide the side dishes. July 4 at noon.



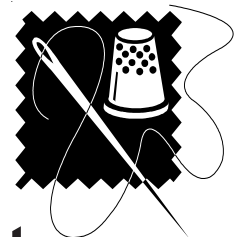
Women of Grace Mondays, June 2 and 16

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...

We will have our regular gathering on June 2 and then have our "summer is almost here" salad potluck at Phyllis Sele's home on June 16 at 5:30pm. Bring a salad to share!

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



Last Tuesday Women's Book Group

Next gathering is June 24. 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.

They will meet at Lutherhaven after school is out!

children's ministry



Party Time....

Kids and families are invited to our end of year party on June 1 following worship. We'll have food and games in the Discovery Garden!!

After the Party Time....

We are already making plans for an awesome Sunday School beginning in September! The kids had an awesome line-up of teachers this past school year and we are looking for a great team in September! Consider sharing your love of kids and passing on the faith as a teacher. Talk to Marsha Wright (or she just might talk to you!!).



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!)

Registration forms will be available June 1.

A list of "needed" items will also be displayed on June 1.

Consider volunteering your time and talents for a few hours that week.

I guarantee it will be FUN!!!

june fun



JUNE 1

End of Sunday School Party right after worship in the Discovery Garden. Kids and families join in the celebration!

Hot dogs, watermelon, popsicles, and games for all!!

JUNE 8

Blessing for our graduates. Marissa Wendt graduates from Kingston High and Kaylin Oster graduates from NK. Camille Journey graduated from Whitworth in Psychology and is moving to Phoenix next week with her fiance Danny Powell. She will work for a year and then has plans to attend grad. school. Danny is a college basketball player who will play for Arizona Christian University. Erika Rabura graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. She double majored in Spanish and Caribbean and Latin American Studies. Erika is off to Las Vegas to teach elementary school for at least two years in the "Teach For America" program.



Father's Day



JUNE 15

Happy Father's Day to all the men! Celebrate your day at Lutherhaven. Picnic begins at noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided...bring a side dish to share.

JUNE 22

Happy Birthday to US! Join the fun as you sit with those who share your birthday month. Eat some cake (or pie) and ice cream and maybe even win a prize!! Sign up to bring cake and/or decorate a table.

JUNE 29

Strawberry Social after church! The Women of Vinland will be dishing up some delicious strawberry desserts for our eating pleasure. Donations will fund their many causes.



DEADLINES FOR PRF's (Payment Request Forms)

In an effort to streamline the PRF submission/payment process, we will now have bi-monthly deadlines for turning in PRF's. Bills and paychecks are paid twice a month; therefore, in order for the PRF to be processed in time for each bill/paycheck cycle, the deadlines will be the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month**. Please have all PRF's (signed by the appropriate parties) turned in to the office (or Secretary's mailbox) by the end of the day to ensure it is included when payments are processed.

Thank you!

DOLLARS & CENTS

preschool news

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

“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.”

(from Matthew 5, The Message)

From this verse comes the song “This Little Light of Mine”. In many small ways, Jesus light shines, and Jesus tells us “Youre here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.” Do you wonder what ‘God-colors are?’

Ms. Anita sings with the children... My God is so great... He loves me... He is the resurrection and the life... Amigos de Cristo... All these songs plant words of truth and encouragement in the preschoolers, these words of truth and encouragement remind us adults of Gods continued presence and love in our lives. God-colors. Ms. Marsha shares smiles and welcoming words. God-colors. Ms. Lori, Ms. Lynn, and Ms. Kathy listen to the children with eye-contact and care. God-colors. Pastor Chuck seeks out the children and acknowledges them. God-colors. Prayer Buddies remember their child and family with petitions and love. God-colors. There are so many God-colors all around! May God open our eyes to noticing them in their fullness, offering our thanks and praise!

The Preschool Board would like to increase the funds available in the Nancy Pearson Preschool Tuition Assistance Fund. Over the past two years, five families have appreciated receiving the extra assistance so that their children could attend our preschool. Without this assistance, their children would not have been able to attend preschool. Most of these families experienced job losses during the year and therefore needed the extra help. One family, after obtaining a new job, was able to contribute back to the tuition assistance fund in order to help someone else. If you are able, please write a check to Vinland Lutheran Preschool and earmark it for Tuition Assistance. Some of the auction funds raised this year will go into the fund, but most of those funds are needed to meet our expenses for the remainder of the school year and into the next. We appreciate the wide variety of support we receive from the congregation! Thank you for sharing the love and generosity of Jesus!

Vinland Lutheran Preschool has openings in our afternoon class for 3-5 year olds and in our Friday class for 2-3 year olds. Please refer family members and friends!

Discovery Garden Clean-up Time!

Work Party: Saturday, May 31, 10 AM til noon.

Help us get the garden in shape for summer. Please bring gardening tools - rakes, shovels, pruners, etc. & work gloves.

ALL ages welcome - kids are encouraged to come with parents. Questions? See Sherry Gutierrez or Barb Erickson

This garden is not just for the preschool - it belongs to all of us. Take a coffee break in the garden with a friend, the peace and beauty will refresh your soul.



youth stuff



**Don't miss our End of the Year Potluck Luau,
June 4th- 6:00-7:30pm.**

If you were at ANY LOFT events this year you are not going to want to miss this! Bring some food and friends for games, fun and a slide show highlighting our year in the LOFT!

June 11th- School's Out (ALMOST) Party at Skateland for Dollar skating!

(\$1 admission, \$1 for quad skates, \$3 for in-line skates) Carpool from church at 6:30PM. We will be back at church at 9:00PM.

June 18th- Bluejacket's Game

Meet at church at 6:00PM. Bring some friends and \$5 (plus money to buy food). We will return to church around 9:30PM (following the game)



June 25th- NO YOUTH GROUP- Karyn is at Girl Scout Camp.

July and August- Wednesday nights at Lutherhaven is back!

Carpool from church at 5:30pm or meet at Lutherhaven Picnic Side.

Dinner at 6:00pm- (Hamburgers/Hot Dogs and drinks provided). Bring a side to share.

Return to church at 9:00PM.

Not getting a weekly "What's in the LOFT" email??

Email Karyn at karyncrawford73@gmail.com to get on the list. (Don't forget 5th grade parents...your kids start youth group June 18th)

VBS LOFT day-camp--registration forms are available in the LOFT.

You must sign up by July 2nd to participate. We will volunteer at VBS from 9:00-noon, eat our sack lunches and then head out for our own LOFT adventures (Mon-Thurs until 4:00pm. including swimming, a movie, stand up paddleboarding, and a downtown scavenger hunt. Cost is \$30.



lutherhaven



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.

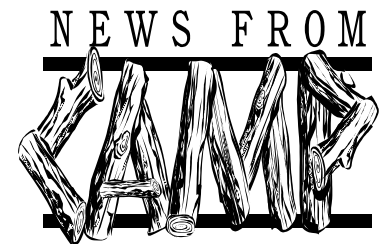
**OLD-FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JULY 27.**

Summer Bible Camp Opportunity!

Olympic Lutherhaven is offering a Bible Camp for youth from grades 3 through 8 this summer for the dates August 2-7, 2014. Registration will close on July 14th or sooner as camp space is limited. The camper registration fee is \$150 or \$130 if a deposit with completed forms is postmarked by June 23rd.

The fee includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and a camp T-shirt. Camp rules, camper and counselor information letters, registration forms and medical consent forms are available on-line for you to print out at www.olympiclutherhaven.org or at your church office.

Camp activities will include Bible study, swimming, boating, crafts, games, fellowship, and an appropriate service project. It is our goal and desire to make this Bible Camp a memorable, safe, and spiritually rewarding experience for all.



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 and are guaranteed one exclusive week per summer.

We can also use the "picnic side" of the camp Monday-Saturday, from May - September (from dawn to dusk - no overnite). You need to sign in at the Caretaker's home.

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.

worship



A Word From the Council....

Many council members have been asked when a decision about service styles and times was going to be made. We have also heard that many believed we had voted to rotate Traditional and New Song Service times every year. We have carefully gone back through the minutes (of council and annual meetings) and while we as a congregation and council have had plenty of discussion around this issue, we have never officially voted at a congregational meeting to annually rotate the service styles and service times.

What we did vote on last year was to have only one service until Grace Hall was completed and then in the Fall of 2013 we voted to add an additional \$4000 to the 2013 annual budget in order to return to two services.

As many of you know the Council is comprised of Stewards and the Stewards receive input directly from members of the congregation as well as through the committees that report to them. In April the Worship and Music Steward brought a motion to the council to maintain the current schedule of New Song Service at the first service and the Traditional Service at the second service for one more year (September 2014 through May 2015). After an extended, lively, and difficult discussion that stretched over two monthly meetings, the council voted in favor of the motion.

The council will be hearing from the leaders of the worship teams, the Sanctuary Improvement Committee, other committees and the congregation over the next few months regarding Vinland's long-term vision for worship that will serve our current congregation and the growth that we all have been working toward. Please know that as we go through this process we will have listening posts and seek congregational input.

The Vinland Church Council, staff, and congregation have long struggled to balance worship music styles, time preferences, sharing space, and the mission of the congregation. There is no decision that will satisfy the church as a whole, as there are many moving parts to consider; adult and children's education, needs of seniors, outreach to young people, logistics, costs and space. As we look to next Fall, and debate the pros and cons of all the possibilities, please consider not only your own personal inclinations, but also what is God calling us to do. We now have our beautiful Grace Hall and resurgence of energy at Vinland, this is a time for us to prayerfully consider how to best to be rooted, rejoicing and reaching out.

***Yours in Christ,
Kelle Horn, President, Vinland Lutheran Church Council***

9:30 each Sunday

SUMMER WORSHIP

Kid's Church each Sunday

June	1 New Song	8 Traditional	15 New Song	22 Traditional	29 Now the Feast
July	6 New Song	13 Traditional	20 New Song	27 Traditional	
August	3 New Song	10 Traditional	17 New Song	24 Traditional	31 Now the Feast