



Tim Munns 7/1
Samantha Feiring 7/2
Rick Wright 7/2
Fred Bates 7/3
Andy Crawford 7/7
Dennis Deitch 7/7
Dylan Moriarty 7/7
Erik Crema 7/7
Phil Romero 7/8
Matthew Nelson 7/10
John Mikkeltorg 7/11
Clara Rose 7/12
Karyn Crawford 7/14
Erica Bigelow 7/17
Kari Van Vlerah 7/17

Bob Stuhlmiller 7/17
Amy Hochhalter 7/21
Vern Johnson 7/21
Sherry Gutierrez 7/24
Morgan Moriarty 7/24
Sean Carlson 7/28
Diane LaMagna 7/30
Tim Gregg 7/30

Happy Anniversary to...

Scott & Bev Puhn 7/9
Matt & Michelle Holman 7/12
Bob & Sally Winkel 7/20
Bob & Elaine Wenzlaff 7/27
Frank & Sharon Schmid 7/30
Joe and Karen Beers 7/31



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Bless this house
 and all I try to do;
 Guide & protect me
 in this decision;
 Help me to do what is right;
 Guide & protect me in thy
 precious name.
 Amen

*Mattie's prayer from
Walking Across Egypt
 by Clyde Edgerton*

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JULY 2014



Vinland Lutheran Church

“Then the righteous will answer Jesus, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell the truth to you, whatever you did for the least of the these, you did it for me also.’” Matthew 25:37,39-40

As we move forward as a community in Christ, we must never forget Jesus’ words, “Whenever and whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do to him, as well.” In Christ, we can easily forget the “hands-on” side of faith. We need outreach for our sake; mission trips, making quilts, handing our Christmas baskets, shaking hands with inmates, and receiving bread and wine at the rail. Following Christ, the crucified & risen Lord is a physical faith where we think and touch.



Most of you have heard of Living Stones fellowship, the prison congregation that we support along with many ELCA congregations from our synod. Periodically, we have opportunity to worship with the prisoners who our brothers in Christ. Six Vinlanders (Beachie & Glenn Settle, Ashley LaMagna, Sharon Schmid, Bob Reister, and Marilynn Maas-Jones) made such a visit this last month. Below are a few of their reflections including the new mission pastor of Living Stones.

ASHLEY LAMAGNA: “I truly felt that while walking the prison grounds, that God was with me. Despite the beaurocracy of the prison system and the crimes these men committed, God has a plan for them. And certainly for all of us. We are lucky to have the opportunity to minister to these men.”

ROBERT REISTER: “Great experience. A big eye opener. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were there. Music, readings, prayers by inmates were very inspiring. Great sermon by the pastor. One inmate wants to be baptized, another will be a disciple. I want to go again next time. WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT DISCIPLING?”

SHARON SCHMID: “I have been fortunate to have worshipped at Living Stones congregation in Shelton Corrections Center several times. Six of us worshipped with the inmates on Saturday, June 14. One thing that I’m so impressed with is the warm welcome you receive when you visit. I’ve visited churches where no one has greeted me except for the pastor, so to have jumpsuit-clad inmates approach with an outstretched hand and smile is a pleasure. After exchanging first names we worship, praise God in song and commune together in Christ. It is a gift!!”

PASTOR NORM ARNOLD (Of Living Stones): “Please pass along my sincere appreciation for those who visited Living Stones recently. Usually, I ask if a visitor will lead us in prayer. Three of your congregants without hesitation prayed for the evening. I was blessed and touched with their enthusiasm and boldness.”

pastor chuck's stellar summer stuff



THANKS: To **Dr. Russ Horn** for preaching/presiding on June 8.

THANKS: To **Sherry Gutierrez** for faithfully serving as preschool director for the past 10 years. She is making a change. Her fall plans include being a stay-at-home mom to Ben. We have all been blessed by her leadership. The Preschool Board will begin the search for a new director.

THANKS: To **Jen Nelson**, for serving as Preschool Board Director.

We, as a congregation, applaud John Ross, Galen Sele, Don Cole, Glen Schechert, his son Clay, Dan Carlson and Rich Gregerson, the men who turned out our beautiful Grace Hall kitchen!

But there is someone else that deserves a bit of credit - Connie Wyland.

Connie is a great interior designer who I believe has a soft spot when it comes to church. She was very much influenced by her grandfather who later in his ministry started "Helping Hand Mission" in Spokane. She stated that, "He had a heart of gold." Along those lines I wanted to point out that Connie gave Vinland a great deal on the high-end kitchen cabinets. She is also extending to the congregation a 10% discount on Dewil and showplace cabinets. This is a good price on her already lower cost high-end cabinets. This also includes cabinet refacing. If you need any more information her cell # is [360-340-4760](tel:360-340-4760) or e-mail her at WylandIntDeg@gmail.com.

"Thank You Connie" from the grateful people of Vinland!

Vacation Bible School is not just for kids in 2014! Adults are invited to participate in VBS in our class "Freedom, Love and Les Miserables." Pastor Bob Winkel and I will convene our study in the old Social Hall, Monday-Thursday from 9:45-11:45. We'll explore Galatians with some help from the musical "Les Miserables."

Dogma and Donuts: Sundays, 8:45-9:15 in Grace Hall. To help you warm up and prepare for the morning message, join us for donuts, coffee, Bibles, believers and lively conversation.



Family Camp: "Movies Meet the Bible" "Gravity" With "Space" as the Family Camp Theme, our adult Bible study will be looking at clips from the Oscar-nominated movie, "Gravity" as we explore scripture in group discussion.



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Join us for our monthly rendezvous at Hare and Hounds Public House in Poulsbo to be refreshed with good company and cold drinks (they also make GREAT coffee!). We review, rehash and recap a timely topic that'll challenge us to think about how our faith applies.

barb's backyard



-Barbara Erickson

Your voice is my favorite sound, and your name is my favorite noun.

The cheerful, whistled song rose and fell through the woods in long, melodic phrases. In the intervals between, other bird calls and songs filled in, but there was no doubt which was the dominant one. Sitting on our covered side porch, my sister and I were enjoying the lovely afternoon of a late spring day. "What kind of bird is that?" she asked. Surprised that she wouldn't know the familiar song, I responded "A Robin..." "Hmm... It just sounds a little different to me." she said. "It might - but I'm sure it's just a Robin. They're always pretty noisy this time of year."

If she questioned my judgment, she spoke no more of it. For I am the nature person - superbly interested and well-versed in many of our local birds. She would not challenge me on this turf, I knew.

Still, after she'd left and the bird continued to warble through the neighborhood, I began to question myself. Actually, it **did** sound a bit different from a Robin. And so, binoculars in hand, I quietly and slowly wandered in the direction of the song. Searching the greenery through the lenses, I knew I was quite close, yet the bird eluded me. Finally, I caught a quick glimpse of orange, black and white as it flitted between branches. Mystery solved!

The American Robin's musical song is a familiar sound of spring. At that time of year, it sings at dawn, dusk, and any time in-between. The syllables rise and fall in pitch but are delivered at a steady rhythm, with a pause before the bird begins singing again - *cheerily, cheer up, cheer up, cheerily, cheer up*. The Black-headed Grosbeak's whistled song rises and falls like the Robin's, but it's longer, sweeter, more varied, and less choppy in its phrases. It's a bit of an "operatic" Robin. Both songs are beautiful and - if one listens closely - really quite distinct.

Birds use their songs to impress and attract a mate or declare territorial boundaries and their calls to identify family members, announce the presence of a predator, or convey information about food. If their twitters, chirps, warbles, and calls all sounded alike, they could never accomplish any of these things with others of their own kind. Thus, each species has its own unique sounds and - even though some may be quite similar - with time and effort, each can be identified solely by those sounds. BUT - to complicate things - there may also be slight differences between subspecies and regions. It is all a part of what makes every single bird so very special.

Likewise, each of us has a distinct voice for talking, reading, singing, laughing, crying, screaming, and so forth. The inflection, tone, and volume of our speech are unique and we each have a regional accent - even if we think we don't. So often we can easily identify someone simply by the sound of their voice - and others can do the same with us. This can be an endearing, reassuring, enduring quality or an alienating, irritating, or disturbing one. Some of it we have no control over; some of it we can assess and change if we want. Consider what the ancient Assyrian Publilius Syrus said in 100 BC: "*Speech is a mirror of the soul: as a man speaks, so is he.*"

*Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

Colossians 4:6

women's groups



Women of Vinland Fourth of July Potluck

Join this great group of women for Bible study, devotions, singing, laughing and lunch. 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.

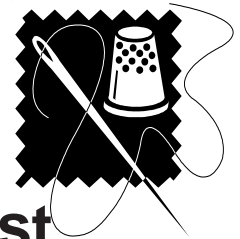
Women of Grace...see you in September!



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. Have a refreshing summer. We will meet up on September 15!

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 Poulos Junction.



Last Tuesday Women's Book Group

Next gathering is July 28. 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

Looking for a fun group? Have kids school-age or younger? Then meet up with THE BUSY MOMS! During the summer months they pack up the kids, a couple towels, some lunch and head for Lutherhaven on Tuesdays. Meet on the picnic side around 11am. Hang out as long as you want!

kids and youth

"Catch the Buzz - God's Love in Action"
Vacation Bible School July 7-11, 9-noon
Ages: Preschool through teens
Games, snacks, stories, songs!!!
Friday lunch for everyone in the church!

**VBS L.O.F.T. day-camp--registration forms are available in
Grace Hall or 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.

July and August- Wednesday nights at Lutherhaven

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.

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.



summer fun



JULY 4

Celebrate Independence Day close to home! The Women of Vinland host an old-fashioned potluck at noon on July 4. They provide the hot dogs and beverages...we provide the side dishes!



JULY 25-31

SPACE CAMP - Exploring God's Universe!

Come for the day or come for the week! There is plenty of fun for all ages. Registration and T-Shirt order forms are in Grace Hall. Consider cooking dinner one night (ingredients will be provided). This gives our head chef a break from cooking all day.



JULY 27

BIG AND REALLY FUN PICNIC FOR EVERYONE!

Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes to share. We'll gather on the picnic side for eating and lounging around. We will begin serving at noon.

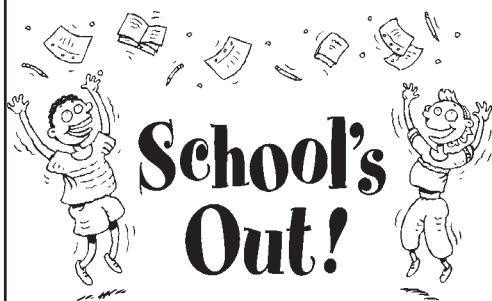


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Vicki Kobeski 8/1
 Madeline Ward 8/2
 Joey Munns 8/5
 Ed Hakanson 8/8
 Marsha Wright 8/9
 Danielle Branes 8/11
 Jaimie Florent 8/11
 Grady Becker 8/12
 Glenyce Ross 8/14
 Ernest Janzen 8/19
 Barb Erickson 8/21

Jan Hakanson 8/22
 Beachie Settle 8/23
 Sara Bigelow 8/24
 Kelli Oster 8/25
 TJ Munns 8/25
 Josh Clucas 8/25
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 Bing and Bonnie Debar 8/16
 Rich and Sharon Wendt 8/16
 Tom and Judy Lucas 8/17
 Jerry and Penny Dutton 8/18
 Bill and Barb Erickson 8/20
 Tom and Keary Myers 8/22
 Chuck and Tammie Rabura 8/22
 Erik and Jill Crema 8/27
 Ken and Nancy Rey 8/27
 Andy and Debbie Cotey 8/28
 John and Carolyn Mikkellborg 8/29
 Bob and Carolyn Hibbard 8/31



What's Happening With Vinland Kids???

Newest member of the flock.... Violet Olivia Holman was born on June 3, weighing in at 7# 15oz. and stretching out to 18.5 inches. She is a real joy to parents Matt and Michelle! Violet will be baptized on July 6.

Moving Ahead...

Ben Kobeski and Emilie McMahon will be SENIORS!

Dylan Moriarty, Christopher Clucas, Grady Becker, Caroline Slocum, Kristen Crawford, Reese Adrig, and Jamie Florent will be in MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Spencer Weir, Jack Nelson, Adam Beers, Michael Desmond, Amelia Wright and Rowe McNamara will be KINDERGARTNERS!

Heard and Seen....

Vinland members of the undefeated "Poulsbo Perk" girls softball team included Sarah Nelson, Laila McNamara, Ava Adrig, Kendall Becker and Evelyn Beers!

Reese Adrig received the very special "Sailing Into the Future" award from Vinland Elementary. This is given to one fifth grade girl and one fifth grade boy each year.

Sara Bigelow and Anicka Kroll went to State in track for NK High School. Sara, as a freshman, was voted most improved player.

Isaac Beers finished 14th overall and 2nd in the 10-12 age division in the 1 mile Viking Fest race.

His baseball team, EHL, was undefeated and won the championship.

Adam Beers and Aly and Emma Banzer were also seen flying to the finish!

Andy Crawford can now be seen "behind the wheel" as well as "on the diamond."

Eleanor Beers is ranked 4th in the US for the 50M freestyle for 11 year old female, and 17th in the US for the 100 M freestyle for 12 year old females. She is number 1 in the Pacific Northwest and Region (surrounding 7 states) for both events in the 11-12 female division.

Joey Florent won many ribbons in the Vinland Field Day for 4th grade.

Ben Kobeski lettered in band.

Nick Kobeski had a sax solo in the last band concert.

Kari VanVlerah received a certificate for logging over 50 hours of community service with the Leo Club.

Jillian Florent passed a Microsoft certification.

TJ and Joey Florent received great attendance awards at Pearson Elementary.

Caroline Slocum received a President's Academic Achievement Award.

Martha Rabura is beginning her Girl Scout Gold Project this summer. She will be attending ASB Leadership Camp in August since she will be on KHS ASB next year.

Ben Gutierrez bridged over to Webelo Scouts.

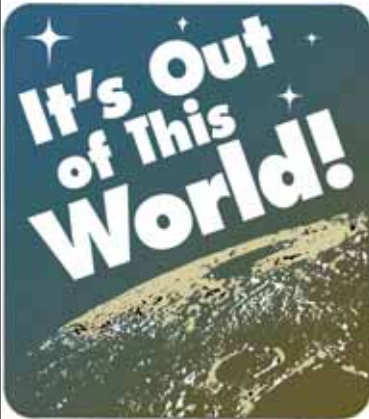
Kyle Oster is busy doing lawn and yard work this summer...call him if you need help!

Jaimie Florent has her picture on the front of the Bluejackets season schedule!

Marissa Wendt, Kaylin Oster, Melissa Warren and Karly Crawford were awarded monetary scholarships from Vinland.

*I'm sure there are many more kids to mention....we'll keep doing this page every month!
Keep Marsha posted as to what your kids are up to!*

camp time



Family Camp & Church Picnic July 25-31 “SPACE CAMP: Exploring God’s Universe”

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.

Registration forms and T-Shirt Order Forms are in Grace Hall.
Consider cooking dinner one evening - with your family unit or with a few friends.
The food is provided and menu options are available.

SAVE: Clean, 2-liter pop bottles and toilet paper rolls.



Church Picnic on SUNDAY, July 27. around 12:15
Bring a LARGE dish to share - salad, dessert or side dish.
Hot dogs and hamburgers are provided!!

FRIDAY, 7/25	CHECK IN AFTER 5PM (No Dinner)
SATURDAY	Stepping Stones Project
SUNDAY	Worship at camp at 11am Picnic around 12:15
MONDAY - THURSDAY	All-camp morning gathering for worship, singing, devotions Swimming after lunch (1-4pm)
TUESDAY	Book Discussion by the lake (around 1:30); watch for book title.
WEDNESDAY	Talent night - please share with us!
THURSDAY	Clean up after lunch....swim....head for home with great memories!

Janean Moriarty has information in Grace Hall. There are lots of opportunities to share your love ofsomething! Love to teach kids? Love to lead a craft? Love to lead some outdoor games? Love to share your skill with a guitar at campfire? It makes camp even MORE FUN when you are involved!