

# Happy Birthday

Myrt Jodry 9/3  
 Erika Rabura 9/6  
 Brandy Weir 9/6  
 Ken Ray 9/7  
 Dave Bigelow 9/9  
 Spencer Weir 9/12  
 Alyssa Banzer 9/12  
 Kris Bonholzer 9/13  
 Rich Wendt 9/13  
 Anne Stock 9/13  
 Jimmy Prehm 9/14

Kaitlyn Hammond 9/15  
 Lynn Florent 9/17  
 Chris Adrig 9/17  
 Lonnie Swanson 9/19  
 Katelyn Barnhart 9/21  
 Ray Kobeski 9/22  
 Emma Banzer 9/25  
 Walt Elliott 9/27  
 Sharon Schmid 9/28  
 Ava Adrig 9/29



## PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Dearest Lord, at whose WORD chaos became an ordered creation: Move throughout the whole of our troubled earth, just as your SPIRIT moves through us so that we and all others may become new creations through understanding, peace and brotherhood.

Amen, AMEN!

*contributed by Sharon Schmid*



Floyd & Karen Oster 9/3  
 Bob & Mary Lou Reister 9/4  
 Jack & Rebecca Clearman 9/9  
 Rick & Marsha Wright 9/12  
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**SEPTEMBER 7**

“Bite of Vinland/Ministry Fair”

**SEPTEMBER 14**

God’s Work/Our Hands Service Day

Two Services Begin - Sunday School

Open House

**SEPTEMBER 28**

“Rodeo Round-Up & Chili Cook-Off”

# vinland september news reaching out!



## SEPTEMBER 7 at 10:45 - *Graze & Browse!* *Bite of Vinland & Ministry Fair*

Purchase some delicious “bites” to benefit the preschool and browse among the ministry booths!

## SEPTEMBER 7 from Noon-3pm

### *“God’s Work - Our Hands” Service Day*

We are participating in the ELCA service day with a “Hometown Clean-Up Event”. This is for all ages.

More info. coming.



**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SCHEDULE**

## SEPTEMBER 14 - Two Services Resume!

*Sunday School Open House at 9:30*

*Adult Sunday School Begins.*

## BRING BY SEPTEMBER 15 for School Kit Bags

Please purchase **GOOD QUALITY** supplies

#2 unsharpened pencils

Pencil sharpener

Rulers with centimeters and inches

Black or blue Ballpoint pens

24-pack of crayons

Scissors

70-page spiral notebook

2 1/2 inch erasers



## SEPTEMBER 28 at 3:30 - *Rodeo Round-Up!!*

We are bringing back the popular rodeo!  
Rope “Bessie” the cow! Games and prizes!  
Chili Dinner and S’mores around the “campfire!”

## from pastor chuck

### Summer Reflections on Mortality and Eternity

*“Make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of your day-to-day obligations, lose track of time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing. God is putting the finishing touches on salvation.”* Romans 13:11-12 (The Message)

This passage is typical for the Apostle Paul who strikes me as an urgent, impatient, and driven evangelist. He lectures the Romans, *“Don’t lose track of time and doze off, oblivious to God”*, *“Be up and awake to what God is doing.”* While it often feels like Paul is harping on his readers, he offers us wise counsel. Whether the baptized were living in Rome 2000 years ago or are living in Poulsbo in 2014, being oblivious to God, becoming complacent about Jesus Christ is grave danger for believers. Paul warns us of this most subtle yet insidious evil, spiritual sluggishness. We get busy working, worrying, unwinding anything but coming to worship. Those day-to-day obligations exhaust us. We lose track of time and God.

Our family has enjoyed a marvelous summer; camps, vacation, videos, BBQ, naps, and a decidedly slower pace. Between gearing down from our Vinland VBS and getting prepped for Family Camp, our neighbor Bob died. Since Elizabeth and I moved into our house 14 years ago, Bob has been a very kind neighbor. Although he did feed the resident raccoons, he was so kind we never made a big deal out of it. Bob’s wife, Linda died of cancer four years ago and I did her service. Ever since then Bob has been a lost soul. So Saturday night this 56 year-old man fell into a diabetic coma and died in his sleep. Just like that. The family asked me to preside at his graveside service. There were lots of Bob’s family and friends (many from the Portside Pub in town) gathered. Death startles and sober us. Maybe that is good.

As summer moves into fall, as the seasons are shifting, students return to school, as our own life transitions come, may we be mindful of our own mortality. This, too, may startle and sober us. This is a good thing. Martin Luther said we are reminded of our mortality in the rustling of the leaves. In light of eternity we are but a breath. We need to be honest that life is temporary and sin has twisted us seriously. Only when we dare to embrace our mortality are we able to receive the mercy that God offers us through Jesus Christ. By the death and resurrection of Christ, we are free to be candid about our sinful condition. We’re liberated from the fear of death and dying. God will have the last word and that is resurrection. If you trust the gospel is real for you, then *“Be up and awake to what God is doing.”* That means make your way to worship, pray with God’s people, serve others, thank God for mercy.

# pastor chuck's stuff

Word of  
thanks to:

**THANKS:** To **Dr. Russ Horn** for preaching/presiding on August 10..

**THANKS:** To **Don Mills** for installing blinds in the Grace Hall offices.

**THANKS:** To **Delores Hammond** and her committed crew that did such fine work recovering the chairs for the Social Hall. While some will miss the hard folding chairs, we've upgraded in comfort.

**THANKS:** To **Carol Bartlett** for playing the organ while Nita Johnson is recuperating!

**THANKS:** To **Dave Jenkins** for his wonderful service as our custodian. Dave found it necessary to resign.

Joel Wright is currently filling that position.



Lunch Bunch Mon., Sept. 1, 11:30 AM Join us at the Stuhlmiller's home in Kingston for lunch. Bob and Willie have kindly agreed to host us for a tasty lunch and relaxed outing.

Lectionary Lunch: Thursdays, 11:30 AM -12:45 PM Jesus parables from Matthew will give us lively and controversial stories to discuss and prepare you for the coming Sunday's sermon over lunch. Bring a lunch, a bible, ready to study, prepared to share.

*Sept. 11- Matthew 18:21-35      Sept. 18- Matthew 20:1-16*

*Sept. 25- Matthew 21:23-32      Oct. 2 – Matthew 21:33-46*

Sunday Bible Study begins Sunday, Sept. 14, 9:40-10:20 AM

Between services you are invited to a new adult study that will tackle the basics of the faith.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Sept. 6, 8:00 AM This is the place for masculine breakfast and fiery conversation with men who share a special fellowship. You will leave inspired and full.

Dialogue on Draft Monday, Sept. 22, 5pm.

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.

Confirmation Update!

The next Confirmation Two-Year Program will begin in the fall of 2015. After a parent/pastor meeting this decision was made.

*Pastor Chuck is starting a blog! Time to take the plunge! My hope is to offer some insights and provoke some reflection on current events, biblical questions, and congregational issues. If all goes as planned, this will be up and running in September. Stay Tuned for "Dialogue On Line"!*

# barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



*With summer winding its way down and fall slowly moving our way, the squirrels that visit our yard are becoming a bit more numerous and frantic. It's not that I blame them - the fault is entirely ours. For many years, as we fed the birds, we had at least one feeder that was an easy-access one for squirrels. We had not planned this, it's just that squirrels are nearly impossible to outfox outquirrel.*

After a few visits by a wandering black bear in the last year or so, we've cut back on the bird feeders and rigged them so they are difficult for land critters to reach. This has frustrated the squirrels to no end and they have quit coming around so frequently, which is probably better for them in the long run. They are not really visitors; the Douglas squirrels, or chickarees, occupied this territory long before any of us were here and they favor native foods, especially seeds of the Douglas fir. Still, who doesn't enjoy an easy, free meal now and then? They continue to venture in to check the ground beneath the feeders. They need to store up some food for later, especially if it is a female who's expecting a second litter.

I've always enjoyed watching squirrels. I have no recollection of them being in the town I grew up in on the high plains of Montana, but we always saw them on any trip to the conifer-cloaked mountains. After we married and moved to the woods of Colorado, we enjoyed watching the Tassel-eared or Abert squirrels which are found in ponderosa pine forests in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and the Colorado plateau. The longer tufts of dark hair covering the tops of each ear make them stand out from other squirrels and definitely up the cuteness factor. They mainly feed off of the seeds, tender buds, and inner bark of the ponderosa pines there, but they also came to our feeders.

We lived for a time in the hill country of Texas where there are Eastern Gray Squirrels. Active year-round, they live primarily in trees and feed on a great variety of foods; they regularly pilfered all the seed in our birdfeeder. Bill kept trying to out-smart them and once mounted the feeder at the top of a tall, narrow pipe in the middle of the yard away from trees. One squirrel learned to climb the pole so I greased it with *Vaseline*. I still can picture him running up about half way, and then sliding back down like a miniature, furry fireman. After a number of failed attempts, he got even by blatantly grabbing and eating the ripe peaches on the tree next to our kitchen window. I do believe he smiled the whole time...

There is much we can learn from squirrels. They teach us to plan ahead, to store our energy for times of need, to help us get through the bad times and to prepare for the future. Prepare for seasonal changes; in periods of plenty save a little something. The squirrel's stash is no guarantee, however, because sometimes others rob the goods or they forget where they hid them. And squirrels sometimes go way overboard with their saving; reasonable saving and hoarding are not the same thing. For anyone who, like a squirrel, has been hoarding things - be prepared to release and let go.

*Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!  
It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,  
yet it stores its provision in summer  
and gathers its food at harvest. Proverbs 6:6-8*

*Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." - Luke 12: 15*

# women's groups



For those moms who cannot meet during the daytime Busy Moms Group....Karyn Crawford is exploring the idea of an evening mom's group. *Come on Sept. 16 at 7pm and we will talk about the possibilities.*

## Women of Vinland

All women are invited to the monthly gathering, which includes Bible Study, lunch, singing and a meeting. Hostesses for the Sept. 17 meeting are Judy Wales and Anita Puzon. Jan Hakanson will lead devotions. The women are collecting the school supplies and will ship the completed bags for Lutheran World Relief.

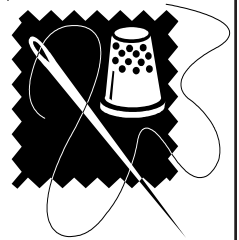
## Women of Grace



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. We will meet on September 15! Beginning in October, we will work through the Dan Erlander book, **Manna and Mercy**.

## 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

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month to discuss a book from the local library collection. Come at 7pm for tea and great conversation. Watch for September title.

## Busy Moms

Looking for a fun group? Have kids school-age or younger? Then meet up with THE BUSY MOMS! They meet on Thursdays at Church. Watch for more details as to time and place.

# kids and youth

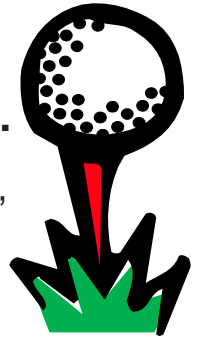
## Living Our Faith Together

**Don't miss our LOFT (6th-12th Grade) Fall Kick-Off Event!  
Mini Golf in Bremerton. Wed, September 10th 6:00pm-7:30pm.**

Bring some friends and come in your best golf attire. Search your parents' closets and thrift shops for all the plaid and argyle you can find.

There will be Golf, Pizza, and Prizes.

\$5 per person, payable to Karyn (please wait and check in as a group).



*Not getting weekly LOFT updates???? Please email Karyn at [karyncrawford73@gmail.com](mailto:karyncrawford73@gmail.com) and get on the list.*

**Sunday School in the LOFT resumes September 14th at 9:40am.**

**LOFT Wednesdays for 6th-12th graders resumes Wednesday,  
September 17th 6:00- 7:30pm.**

**High School Bible Study  
resumes September 14th- 6:30pm-8:00pm in the LOFT.**



**We will have Sunday School open house on September 14.**

Come and see what is happening downstairs and enjoy a snack with the kids.

*Dedicated teachers are vital to our program. If you love passing on the faith to some amazing kids, we have openings for you! So far **Kris Clucas and Sherry Gutierrez** have volunteered to teach pre-middle*

*school classes. We are looking for 2 or 3 more dedicated folks to work with some amazing kids. The curriculum has a "Through the Bible" focus and is easy to follow, with lots of room for creativity.*

**MONTHLY SERVICE FOCUS...** Each month we are focusing on a service group or activity in the community, like PAWS, Humane Society, Fishline, Friends of the Library. Teaching compassion for others is a large part of our Sunday School program at Vinland. We plan to carry on our connection with the schoolchildren in Tanzania.

**Kid's Church will take place during the Sermon Time and  
will be for children 4-8 years of age.**

# fall happenings

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

Welcome Janean Moriarty as our Preschool Director! She has hit the ground running. A wonderful foundation was laid by Sherry Gutierrez, teachers and preschool boards. This ministry of Vinland is an absolute jewel!

*Are you a grant writer? Our preschool is in the process of applying for a few grants that will enable more funds to meet preschool needs this year. We welcome anyone who has experience in writing grants to assist us in the application process. We would like to start the process no later than September 15, 2014. Thank you for your willing support. If you are interested please contact Pamela Schneider (Preschool Board Chair) at 360-626-1665 or Janean Moriarty (Preschool Director) at 360-865-0510.*

We have openings for the fall program. Pass the word to friends and family members. Full enrollment is our goal to meet all financial obligations.



Come to the “Bite of Vinland” on September 7. It will be a fundraiser for the preschool and a really fun way to kick off the fall season!

# ATTENTION!

## Stewardship Is RISKKY!

While we need a respite from capital campaigns, we still need a fall refresher on our Christian Stewardship. Our in-house team will be leading us through a challenging and thought-provoking campaign. Our theme will be reflecting on the risks and rewards of giving of our God-given gifts. RISKKY Sermon Series Coming Your Way!!

Here's what's  
happening!

September 28  
October 5  
October 12  
October 19  
October 26  
November 3

Relationships  
Income  
Sabbath  
Kairos (Time)  
Kononia (Church)  
Yielding

Here's what's  
happening!



# music and worship

*With the beginning of the fall season*, more music will be filling the air on Sundays with the Traditional Choir adding their voices to the Sunday morning services. The New Song Worship Team has done a great job of filling the New Song Service with joyous music leadership all summer.

We are planning two joint performances with NSW and Traditional Choir for the coming year, a Christmas cantata and an Easter cantata. We may also join area Lutheran Churches in March for the Lutheran Community Services benefit concert, always a fulfilling experience.



We are putting out a call for more voices and instrumentalists. NSW would like to have more guitarists so they can alternate Sundays. A drummer will also be welcomed with open arms. Additional voices would be greatly appreciated

for both the NSW and Traditional Choir. It is very stressful for all when we cannot be certain there will be enough performers for the corresponding services.

If you are reluctant to join because you cannot make all Sundays, please reconsider. Even if you can only make one or two services a month, we will welcome you.

Music is an extremely important part of our worship service. With larger performing groups, all will have a more rewarding and worshipful experience.

*NSW rehearses on Tuesday nights* for fun, fellowship and learning from 7:00 to 9:00. We make final preparations on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 and prior to Sunday's service.

*Traditional Choir* meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, with this year's rehearsals beginning on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and our first Sunday performance on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two worship services resume on Sunday, September 14. The 8:30 service will be led by the New Song Worship Team and is a more informal service.

The 10:30 service is led by the voices of the Choir. It is a traditional service, utilizing liturgy from the Lutheran Book of Worship with organ accompaniment.

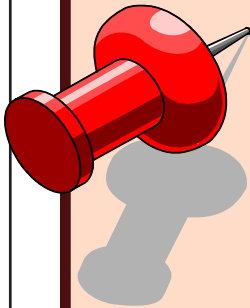
You can hear the same sermon and partake of the Lord's Supper at both services.

Sunday School for kids and adults also begins on September 14 at 9:40. There will be an informal "open house" downstairs for the younger kids, while the middle school and high school kids gather in the Loft in Grace Hall.



*Let's join our voices to  
sing praises to our  
living God!*

# on the bulletin boards



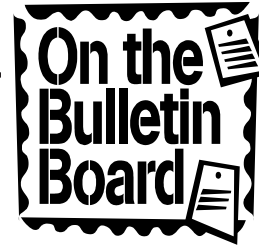
## It's Coming!

*The new multi-use bulletin board is on its way!*

*So far, \$367 has been received in donations. Total cost of the board with shipping came to \$650.*

*We are still soliciting donations for this great communication center.*

The kiosk in the Grace Hall entry will remain in place, hosting general information about the church, its missions and the preschool, including pamphlets, schedules, etc. It cost about \$50 (Goodwill find plus purchased cork boards).



## PINOCHLE!

Gather with friends for a potluck and a friendly game of cards. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We would love to have you play, but need to have a head-count before the game!

**Friday, September 19**

**Potluck at 5:30**

**Cards dealt at 6:00**

Please call

**Jan Hakanson at 598-4882  
or Julie Swenson at 779-6545  
if you plan to play.**

## Parents' Night Out?????

Megan Adrig is relinquishing "leadership" of this co-op babysitting group. Leadership involves signing people up to babysit the kids one night a month.

If you have never been part of this...now might be the time to begin. Parents, or two adults, watch all the kids one Friday or Saturday each month. In exchange they get to leave their kids and enjoy a relaxing night out once a month. The cost involved is around \$3 per child to cover dinner costs. No P.N.O. in December - the youth will be hosting a Parents' Day Out on a Saturday.

It has traditionally been either 4-8pm or 5-9pm on a Friday or Saturday night (need to check church schedule).

The kids you leave must be potty trained. It is a win/win for parents and kids. The kids have a great time playing together and forming relationships and parents get an evening out knowing their kids are well cared for.



Talk to Megan if you are interested in this "position."

# using your gifts



We have many small groups at Vinland such as breakfast groups, Women of Vinland, Women of Grace, Busy Moms, lunch bunch, quilters, pinochle, cribbage, lectionary lunch, etc. Each is unique and serves the purpose of finding a place to belong...as the song goes “a place for everybody knows your name.” *Try a small group this fall....or start a new one!*

## The Desert Pearls

Believing that the Christian life is strengthened by being shared, a group of Christian women in Yuma, Arizona, meet monthly for Bible study, personal sharing and accountability. Not unusual, of course, but what they call themselves is a bit uncommon.

The unique name they have chosen for their group is the Desert Pearls. Why the name? One of the women explains, *“The image of small grains of sand being churned about inside an oyster shell and eventually becoming beautiful and valuable gems is not unlike ourselves. Without Christ, we are just grains of sand. With Christ, we are changed into ‘pearls’ valuable to God and others. God wants us to shine, to be whole.”*

She tells of how the members of the group are learning to trust God, others and themselves. She asks this challenging question of the rest of the group, *“When are you going to crawl out of your oyster shell and share your gifts from God with the church?”*

-author unknown



## Sunday Ministry Opportunities

We have a small group of committed folks who prepare the elements for the Lord’s Supper each Sunday. This is a very important ministry of our church. We could use your help. It is not difficult and training will be given. If you feel called to serve in this way, please speak with Ernie McCluskey. It involves preparing the bread and wine (either in cups or for intinction), being at the altar during the distribution and cleaning up after. It really is not much work - but very important.

Thank you for considering this call to serve.

If your child is in the second grade or above, we welcome him/her to be an acolyte. Please speak to Elizabeth Slocum if this is something your child would enjoy.

If you enjoy reading scripture, please sign up.