

Kathryn McCluskey	11/1	Matt Holman	11/13
Maren Swanson	11/6	Conner Warren	11/15
Christopher Clucas	11/7	Kyle Oster	11/18
Kyle Cotey	11/7	Alexis Duncan	11/19
Joel Wright	11/7	Caroline Slocum	11/20
Les Oen	11/8	Corey Oster	11/22
Glenn Settle	11/8	Donna Breuer	11/24
Jill Krema	11/11	Carol Hein	11/30
Debbie Cotey	11/12		
Jon Nelson	11/12		
Kindra Hammond	11/13		
Kelsey Hammond	11/13		
Melissa Warren	11/13		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO....**  
*Dick & Lonnie Swanson 11/2*  
*Aaron & Mari Schielke 11/13*  
*John & Carol Bartlett 11/18*  
*Michael & Christina Warbois 11/21*

## PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Dearest Father,  
 Thank you for your  
 PATIENCE with us,  
 especially for the times  
 we DOUBT you.  
 Forgive us for running from  
 you; for bargaining with you.  
 THANK YOU for arms wide  
 open in WELCOME.  
 Amen

*contributed by Sharon Schmid*

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Parish Secretary	Megan Adrig
Preschool Director	Janean Moriarty



**YOU'RE INVITED!!**

*Shower Camille Journey with gifts and good  
 wishes for her and her baby girl.*

*November 16 at noon. Watch for more details.*

## The Vinland Manifesto

**ROOTED** By GRACE Alone! *“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”* EPHESIANS 2:8

As Vinland Lutherans, this is where we put down our roots and take our stand: THERE is nothing to do. There is NOTHING to do. There is nothing to DO. Christ died for our sins! Baptized we have received grace alone and strive to live that out through our relationships in Christ. We welcome others with open doors and open hearts. Realizing we are all sinners in need of grace, we work for reconciliation.

**REJOICING** By FOOD Alone! *“When Jesus was with them at the table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ.”* LUKE 24:30-31

At Vinland, we rejoice with food. The center of our worship is the Lord’s Supper where Christ has extended us the ultimate hospitality. We also enjoy fellowship around food from soup suppers to congregational dinners to lectionary lunches. On the road to Emmaus, the disciples did not recognize Jesus until they broke bread with him. We also know the joyful presence of Jesus with us when we break bread.

**REACHING OUT** By HELP Alone! *“A (Good) Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the (wounded) man was, and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.”* LUKE 10:33-34a

If there is a bible story that captures our ministry, it is The Good Samaritan. At Vinland, we meet those in need where they are, offer compassion and support, and provide generous help. Our Good Samaritan Fund helps those inside and outside Vinland to meet basic needs such as paying utilities and buying groceries. During the holidays we prepare sizeable food and gift baskets for community distribution.



# pastor chuck believes, banters & blogs



## **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be at PLU on Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>!**

You are invited to join folks from Vinland to hear the Bishop of the ELCA speak at PLU the morning of Saturday, Nov. 1. If you would like to sign up to carpool together please contact the church office by Thursday, Oct. 30.

### **Congregational Dinner, Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 PM**

**When?** Come celebrate All Saints' Sunday with the saints of Vinland!

**What?** You are invited to Grace Hall for a delicious Oktoberfest Feast.

**Why?** We gather as a church to celebrate all the saints of God.

**Cost?** The dinner is free. There will be an opportunity to donate for those who would like to financially support Vinland's Good Samaritan Fund.

### **Go Blogging with Pastor Chuck!**

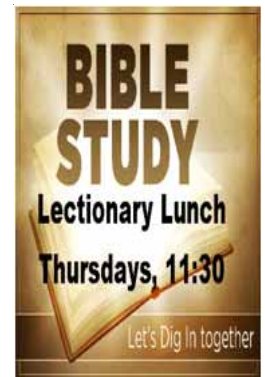
\http://pastorchuckstakeaway.wordpress.com/ There is also a direct link to the blog on the home page of our website.

### **Lectionary Lunch on Thursdays at 11:30**

Bring your lunch and join us in Grace hall to study the perplexing final judgment parables of Jesus to prepare for Sunday's message.

**Men's Breakfast** gathers Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 AM

Calling all the brethren who like breakfast with brothers in Christ. After a BIG breakfast we exchange thoughts, wisdom(?), & expertise around a current event in the headlines. Always good fellowship!



**Lunch Bunch** meets Monday, November 3 at 11:30 AM

New Destination! This month we travel to Silverdale to eat at the Yacht Club Broiler on the bay in "Old Town." Sign Up!



**Dialogue on Draft** meets Monday, Nov. 24, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Come on down to the Hare & Hound for some energetic discussion/debate. The atmosphere is casual, the conversation is lively, and you are invited..

**Prayer Tour:** As part of our Stewardship Emphasis we are planning another Prayer Tour around Poulsbo. This will follow the teen potluck on Wednesday, Nov. 5. You are welcome to join in the potluck. Please sign up in Grace Hall.

## barb's backyard

# *I've So much to be THANKFUL for*

-Barbara Erickson

I woke up today with a clear mind, still physically able to do many things. Because I had an education, I am able to read, write, and work with numbers. I've had fulfilling, meaningful jobs, which have extended into volunteerism. I have been able to envision and create with my hands many items of function and beauty. I have been able help others with time, talents, and money.

### ***I am privileged***

Bill and I found each other and remain in a loving relationship after all these years. We have worked long and hard to build a life together. We have a roof over our heads with heat in the winter and cooling breezes in the summer; we have enough to eat and ample fresh water every single day. We have been able to expand our horizons through travel.

### ***I have enough***

I am surrounded by family and friends who care - people I can depend on, if needed. I was fortunate to grow up in an honest, stable, hard-working family. I share the joy of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and feasts and also the sorrow of illnesses, accidents, tragedies and deaths. I have said a final goodbye to one sister and both parents; I have held a new-born grandchild.

### ***I am content***

I spend time outdoors where I am able to see the mountains, hear the ocean, smell the flowers, and feel the wind. I have discovered, observed, studied - and shared my life with - a great many other creatures. I have experienced sunrises, crystal-clear days, sunsets, star-studded nights, lunar and solar eclipses, thunderstorms, blizzards, gently rains, searing heat, and countless other phenomena that I regularly take for granted. I live in a world too beautiful, awesome, and powerful to fully understand and I cherish each and every day that I am allowed to remain here.

### ***I am appreciative***

I have faith in an all-knowing, omnipotent God who is always with me no matter the time, place, or circumstance. I am loved and forgiven.

### ***I am richly blessed***

**For all of these things, I am exceedingly THANKFUL.**

*...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*



## women's groups

### Women of the ELCA Women of Vinland

All women are invited to the monthly gathering, which includes Bible Study, lunch, singing and a meeting. Hostess for the Nov. 19 meeting is Jan Hakanson. Beachie Wishart will lead devotions.

### Women of Grace 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7pm



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 meet on the first and third Mondays at 7pm in Grace Hall.

We have begun a six-week study of the Dan Erlander book, **Manna and Mercy**. **You are welcome to join us!**

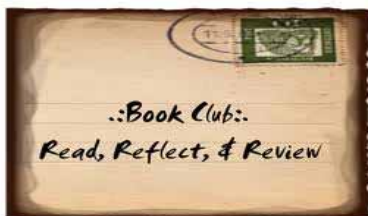
### Quilters 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

Fun-loving group meets to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief and have coffee and lunch! Newcomers welcome! They currently need FLAT COLORED OR PRINT SHEETS.



### 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 on Oct. 28 to discuss "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie."

### Busy Moms

Looking for a fun group? Have kids school-age or younger? Then meet up with **THE BUSY MOMS!**

They are currently meeting at **TWO** times - different time and different focus. For those of you home on Mondays from 10-noon, join other moms to visit and watch the little kids play.

For those of you who work outside the home, come to Grace Hall on the first and third Tuesdays at 7pm.

# kids and youth

Living Our Faith Together on Sundays:

Sunday School at 9:40am and Senior High Bible Study at 6:30pm

HUGE THANK YOU for supporting our recent fundraising event!!

Youth Encounter's QuakeZone.....Please pray for our Vinland LOFT kids and their friends as they attend a youth retreat November 14-16th..Reese Adrig, Lucy Channing, Kristen Crawford, Alexis Duncan, Jaimie Florent, Jillian Florent, Megan McClung, Morgan Moriarty, Marina Sallis, Caroline Slocum, Kari VanVlerah and adults Karyn Crawford and Alauna Sallis

## **L.O.F.T. Happenings in November**

**November 5** - Potluck and Prayer Tour around the community. Not just for the kids; anyone is invited to join. Please sign up in Grace Hall.

**November 12** - Movie Night in the Loft, 6-7:45pm

**November 19** - Regular meeting

**November 26** - No regular LOFT....Join the Thanksgiving-eve supper for time of thanksgiving with friends

**NOVEMBER 23** - High School Progressive Dinner 5-8pm.

Meet at church to begin our culinary journey.

prayer tour wednesday, november 5...we'll leave the church around 6:30pm



**NOVEMBER MONTHLY FOCUS...** November 2 we will be learning about the many saints of Vinland, with a graveyard tour (weather permitting).

## **Christmas Program Practice**

"CHRISTMAS LETTERS"  
DECEMBER 14 AT 11AM

COME, LET US ADORE



Parts have been assigned  
....measurements taken...we are on the move! We will practice every Sunday in November (EXCEPT NOV. 30) and on Dec. 7 at noon. Those with non-speaking parts COME FOR THE FIRST 15 MINUTES. Others stay for the whole practice (approx. 1 hour).  
Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Nov. 13 at noon.



## Preschool Vision

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

*-Janean Moriarty, Director*

October has been so fun at preschool! The families went on a fun-filled pumpkin patch field trip, where they fed llamas, gathered eggs, visited the vegetable field and shot apples from a giant sling shot. Next, we stopped, dropped and rolled like no others during Fire Safety Week! Poulsbo Fire Engines #77 and #71 came to visit our classes as a grand finale to an exciting week of meaningful play and exploration into fire safety. We wound up October with spiders, bats and, of course, pumpkins! Barb Erickson visited as our resident spider web expert. We look forward to the adventures November will bring.

**Preschool Sunday** is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 worship service. We have invited our preschoolers and their families to join us for worship and share a song with the congregation, led by Anita Puzon. After the service, we welcome all to an Open House in the preschool. Come explore our classroom, see our students’ work and enjoy a cookie or two.

You will have the chance to give to the **Nancy Pearson Tuition Assistance Fund for Preschool**. Nancy Pearson loved children and knew how important it is for each child to receive a quality education in a safe, loving environment. Upon her death, her husband Bruce established the Fund to provide for families who would otherwise be unable to send their child to Vinland Lutheran Preschool. Many grateful families have received assistance since 2008. Our goal is to continue to offer assistance when needed. Thank you in advance for any contribution you may be able to make. Contributions are accepted any time during the year.



**Parents night out Nov. 7 from 5-9:00**

**Suggested donation is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$20/family. Kids will get dinner and lots of attention from the teens. Teens will learn about babysitting and make some money for their activities!**

**There is a sign-up sheet in Grace Hall or e-mail or call the office at 779-3428.**

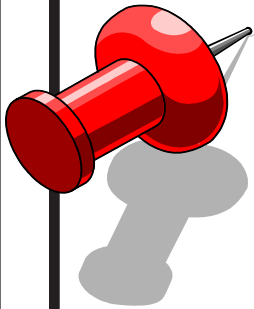
**Kids must be potty trained.**

## this and that



### *Holiday Basket Time...*

Once again we will be assembling “baskets” of food and necessities for families in the community. You are invited to participate! We give out these much-appreciated baskets both at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, we purchase gifts for family members at Christmas. There will be a poster with all the information in the entryway of the sanctuary.



### **NEW NAME for the OLD HALL**

WE DON'T have a new hall, just a new name! At its September meeting the Church Council approved *Haugen Hall* as the official name of our former social hall.

We will now refer to our “old social hall” as **HAUGEN HALL**, which is a Norwegian word referring to a place on a “grassy knoll or hill.” This name was first runner-up in the selection of names for our new building at the Annual meeting (Grace Hall=36 votes; Haugen Hall=20 votes). Printed publications from the church will now refer to this valued meeting place by its official name.



### **PINOCHLE!**

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

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

**Friday, November 20**

**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.**



***Financial Update! We have fallen behind in meeting our budget for 2014. As of mid-October, we are about \$12,000 behind where we should be at this time. Please prayerfully consider your financial donations in the coming months.***



# musical opportunities



## Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

*Calling all singers!* Christmas cantata rehearsals will begin Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at about 10:15 AM, following the New Song Worship Team rehearsal. If you are considering singing in the choir, join us for the cantata to try it out. We will rehearse every Saturday morning until the performance during the worship service on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, contact Bing at [bing@debar.net](mailto:bing@debar.net) or 360-779-5497.

## December 8 Concert!

In conjunction with our “Sundays at Two” series the Poulsbo Community Orchestra will present a concert at Vinland on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This is hopefully the beginning of a long partnership with the orchestra. At this concert the music of Mozart, Bizet, Elgar and Leroy Anderson will be performed by a forty-member volunteer orchestra. Bruce Mansfield will be conducting and Blake Yarbrough is the Director of Music.

Some interesting background information about the orchestra:  
In August, 2013, the idea of a community orchestra was presented to Poulsbo Parks & Rec Division. After extensive planning, the first rehearsal — with 34 musicians ! — was held April 21, 2014, at West Sound Academy.



Rehearsals are scheduled Monday evenings, beginning at 7:00 pm at West Sound. Registration fees are paid to Parks & Rec, which handles administrative duties. Musicians are required to have at least two years recent experience, and be 14 years or older. Students receive discounted registrations.

The Poulsbo Community Orchestra is a Washington State non-profit corporation and qualified as tax exempt under IRS Reg. 501(c)(3). Community support and funding have been exceedingly encouraging and generous, with cash donations from Lions, Rotary, Peninsula Music & Arts, and private donors.

West Sound Academy and City of Poulsbo have provided rehearsal and performance venues at no cost. Maestro Mansfield, Director of Navy Band Northwest, has generously offered his conducting skill and leadership.

For additional information: contact Steve Swann, Executive Director, [PoulsboCommunityOrchestra@gmail.com](mailto:PoulsboCommunityOrchestra@gmail.com). Also see us on Facebook.



***Come, you Thankful People, Come....***

***November 26, 6pm***

*to the "Chilly November Chili Supper" and worship service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26. Bring a pot of your favorite chili - maybe one that reflects your "roots."*

*supper we'll retreat to the sanctuary for a service of thanksgiving. Invite friends and family. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Grace Hall.*

***Supper at 6pm... Worship at 7pm***

## ***Advent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Vespers***

*It would not be Advent without our award-winning soup and bread suppers followed by the peaceful Holden Evening Vesper Service.*

*Sign-up sheets in Grace Hall. If you can bring soup or bread or help with clean-up, that would be appreciated. More importantly...we want you to come and bring the whole family!*

*Supper at 6pm...Vespers at 7pm Dec. 3, 10, 17*

*The Youth will provide the entire meal on Dec. 3 - BIG THANK YOU!*



## **Alternative Gift Fair Between Services on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.**

Your gift-giving budget can again reap Double Dividends as you shop at ***Vinland's Alternative Gift Fair***: Lovely Christmas gifts to present PLUS fair compensation to worldwide artisans for their handmade goods.

The Fair will be held Sundays ***November 30, December 7 & 14*** between worship services. There will be handcrafts and food items from Ecuador, India, Peru, Phillippines and Viet Nam that have been ordered from SERRV - an international organization established in 1949, incorporated in 1998, to support marginalized men, women and communities with fair income, training and community development. SERRV supports the 10 principles of Fair Trade including promoting gender equality, no child labor and respecting the environment.

Shop for fashion accessories, Christmas decorations, jelly, chocolate, cards, coffee, tea and some practical items assured that you'll receive good quality for your investment plus aiding marginalized artisans. We accept cash and checks.