



Cami Krema	1/1	Don Cole	1/12
Isaac Beers	1/2	Michael Desmond	1/12
Natalie Journey	1/3	Suzie Banzer	1/12
Joey Florent	1/4	Ernie McCluskey	1/12
Ed Florent	1/6	Laura Nicodemus	1/13
Don Mills	1/7	Linda Bergeron	1/16
Callie Gillespie	1/7	Helen Cole	1/18
Arlene Swift	1/10	Matt LaMagna	1/21
		Amy Munns	1/30

PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Lord, make of us
beacons of GRACE
and HOPE on this
Vinland hill within a
world of dark valleys
of despair and
violence.

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid

HAPPYANNIVERSARY TO...
Galen and Phyllis Sele 1/14

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JANUARY 2015!

PINOCHLE! Friday, Jan.16
in Grace Hall! Come join the potluck
(dessert provided) at 5:30 and Pinochle
games (partners, pass4) start at 6pm.
Please sign up in Grace Hall.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

the vinyard

December 21, 2014
Vinland Lutheran Church

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register.” Luke 2:1-3

One of our Vinland highlights leading up to Christmas has been the youth service. Karyn Crawford, our gifted youth director, not only coached and orchestrated our youth, but also shaped a meaningful Christmas message for us. The sermon/skit was of a simple Christmas photo that morphed into a mall atmosphere with all the holiday junk that distracts us from the birth of Jesus Christ. When Devin Horn came out with the old rugged cross, planted that in place of the cute, inflatable Frosty the Snowman, and declared, *“This is NOT Christmas!”*, I wanted to stand up, clap, and cheer.

The slide show of worship and service added a very joyful exclamation point.

Luke is the master storyteller who begins with the big, bad Roman Bureaucrat who issues a decree, drinks another glass of wine, eats a cluster of grapes - and Mary and Joseph pack provisions and head out on the Roman road toward the city of David. These two young people are just faceless nobodies under the boot of an uncaring empire. And yet, the Christmas gospel shifts the focus from Rome and rulers to Bethlehem and a newborn baby.

This IS CHRISTMAS because this IS THE KING OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! As the people of God in this time and place, may we shift our hope away from the mall, consumption and military might and direct our hearts to the Christ-child, Emmanuel, the cross through worship and service.



Christmas Eve Worship

Candles, Christmas Carols and Holy Communion!

4pm Traditional and Family-Focused

9pm New Song Service for all ages

Sunday, Dec. 28 Carol Sing at 9:30am

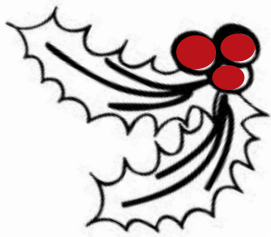
January 4 Two Services Resume at 8:30 and 10:30

pastor chuck believe, banter and blogs



Many Thanks to our **EXCEPTIONAL** leaders who are going off the church council. We will miss you!

- Amy Hochhalter as Treasurer
- Dennis Deitch as Property Steward
- Lou Youngs as Secretary
- Sharon Schmid as Vice President.



Many Thanks to our **HARD-WORKING** staff during Advent and Christmas.

Karyn Crawford for an outstanding Youth Service on Dec. 14.

Bing Debar for putting together the Cantata on Dec. 21.

Steve King for his leadership of the New Song Worship Team.

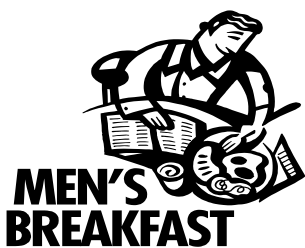
Megan Adrig for keeping us all on track and printing countless special bulletins.

Janean Moriarty+Karyn Crawford+Marsha Wright = A+Kid's Christmas Program



Lectionary Lunch is Back on January 8! Thursdays at 11:30am. After our Advent/Christmas hiatus, our Thursday study is back as we gather for lunch, fellowship, and an in-depth look at Sunday's Scripture to prepare for the sermon. Bring lunch and a friend.

Lunch Bunch, Mon., Jan. 5, 11:30 AM This month we travel to beautiful, downtown Keyport to a place that has been remodeled and reopened - Whiskey Creek Steakhouse!



Men's Breakfast Saturday, Jan. 3, 8:00 AM Calling all those brethren who like to breakfast with brothers in Christ! After a BIG breakfast, we exchange thoughts, wisdom(?), and expertise around a current event in the headlines. Always good fellowship!



Dialogue on Draft Monday, January 26 at 5pm

With the New Year we have a new venue - Campanas on Viking Way - and a reserved room where we will gather for fiery conversation and first-rate fellowship. Every month we tackle a stimulating topic to challenge us.

Time away Jan. 12-18(Con. Ed.) Father Tim will preach and preside on Sunday, January 18.

women's groups

Women of the ELCA Women of Vinland

Women of Vinland will meet on Wed. January 21 at 10am. Open to all women and their friends. Come for laughter, lunch, Bible Study and more!

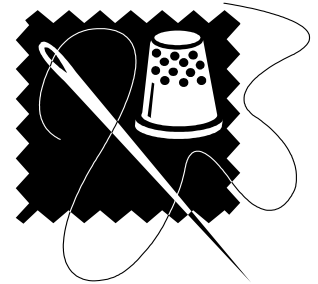


Women of Grace Mondays, Jan. 5 and 19

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, YOU are welcome.

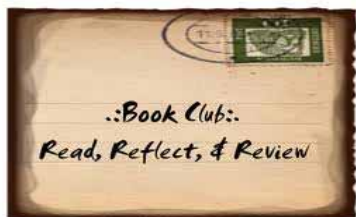
QUILTERS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

A committed group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at church to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary...*just come!*



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

Check the weekly E-Flash and view for details about the January book and meeting time.

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.

children and youth ministry



SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANK YOU to kids, parents, and program organizers. The pageant was awesome! We will have a sorting, organizing and packing away work morning after Christmas to go through all the pageant costumes.

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

January 4, 11, 18 we will gather at 9:40

No Sunday School on January 25 - Annual Meeting Day.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

We take an offering each Sunday during our opening. It isn't about the AMOUNT of money, but about instilling in the kids the habit of sharing their resources with God.

FAMILY CAMP 2015. Mark your calendar for July 24-30. Also, be thinking of a theme.....

What's Going on in the LOFT?

Sunday School resumes at 9:40am on January 4th

High School Second Sunday Service Project on January 11 is "Socks and Sandwiches". We'll package lunches during Sunday School and leave for Seattle following the 10:30 service. We're collecting warm, thick outdoor socks.

L.O.F.T. Wednesdays - 6-7:30

L.O.F.T. SuperBOWL - Bowling at All Star Lanes on Wednesday, January 28th; Bring \$5 per person.



Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser - get a ticket for \$10 per person and enjoy breakfast at Applebees anytime from 8am-10am on Saturday, January 31. The youth serve and earn \$5 for every ticket sold!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Friday, January 23 from 5-9pm

this n' that



ANNUAL MEETING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Sunday, January 25 - following the single 9:30 worship service. This is our one meeting per year when we all gather to make decisions concerning the communal good of God's church.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE!

Please e-mail it in word form to the church office by January 8. You can also hand deliver a written or typed copy, but e-mail is preferred. vinland@vinlandlc.org.



SOCIAL TIME IN GRACE HALL

The round tables are great for gathering with new and old friends with a cup of coffee before worship, between worship, after worship and during the week. PLEASE clean up any spills on tables or floors. Many people use the hall and it takes ALL OF US to keep it clean.

What we are doing for others...

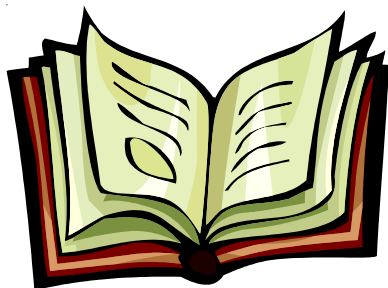
The youth group is collecting WARM, THICK OUTDOOR SOCKS to take to the homeless in Seattle on January 11.

Good Sam took 710 lbs. of donated food and necessities to Fishline! Thanks for donating.

Thank you Vinlanders for supporting the Alternative Gift Fair. Thanks to your interest and generosity we were able to divide support between SERRV, Lutheran World Relief and Church



World Services with our contribution of \$650.00. We passed the coins we had left on to the Preschool, plus a small profit to Vinland General Fund.



Martha Rabura is working toward the highest ranking Girl Scout award by equipping a library at a school in Sierra Leone. She is working in conjunction with Children of the Nations. She is now in the stage where she seeks monetary donations and donations of new or gently used books. She has already received over \$200 in donations and three bags of books. In March she will be collecting books for the library.

preschool



Preschool Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

-Janean Moriarty, Director

Happy New Year from the preschool! We are eager to start a new year and happy that we have new students joining us every month. We now serve 24 students in our three classes. We have openings in our current classes and will begin enrollment for next year in February.

Please spread the word about this Vinland ministry.

A special thanks to all of our prayer partners praying for our students and their families. Thank you for gifts and cards that you sent over the holidays. If you ever wish to send a card or note to a preschool family, please bring it to the preschool or drop it by the church office. We also offer thanks to our board members, Mary Lou Reister, Amy Munns and Diane LaMagna for helping make our Milk and Cookies Family Christmas Party a great success.

In January we will again offer Box Lunches for sale for the Annual Meeting on January 25. The cost will remain the same at \$5-\$7 for sandwich, fruit, chips and cookies. We will take orders between and after services on January 4, 11 and 18. This is a great way to support our preschool ministry and have a full belly for the Annual Meeting.



We send you preschool hugs for the New Year and pray that you will be inspired to meet 2015 with the curiosity and spirit of a child.

Janean Moriarty Lori VanVlerah Lynn Florent Kathy Goetz



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN JAR in Grace Hall.

All the money put in the jar is going toward the “pathway project” outside the Sunday School rooms. When complete, it will greatly enhance the look of the preschool and Sunday School entrance, as well as keep the dirt outside the rooms!

barb's backyard

Christmas Passed

-Barbara Erickson

*The frenzy is over - or nearly so
At least for this year
Its remnants scattered here
And there
Like the trodden, sodden confetti
Long after the parade has passed*

*We are left here wondering
Did we stand
With hand upon heart
Respect and awe written upon our faces
Forever in love with the child on the float of hay
Silently rolling away?
Or did we watch it all go by
With wizened, weary eye
Watching him grow smaller and smaller
As he passed from our view?*

*Phewww!
Are we glad that's over for another year?*

*Thinking:
Next year it will be better
We'll start earlier,
Be better organized,
Cut back, spend less,
Be first in line...?*

*A New Year beckons
What's done is done
What's gone is gone
We cannot bring it back
Unless, of course, we join the parade
Hop on the float - the one with the child
And ride with Him the whole, long, way
Trailing snippets to salvage, and odd bits of change
Leaving behind all the crumbs, the dregs of excess,
Cares, concerns, and heartaches
Tossing, instead, to the gathering crowd
Those tidbits of trust
Handfuls of harmony
Buckets of bright hope
As we dare to have faith
In the man He'll become.*

For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace. 1 Corinthians 14:33

