



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Gracious Savior,
By your GRACE
protect us from
voicing or acting
upon our prejudices.
Instead, may we
delight in the Law of
the Lord and meditate
upon your WORD.

Amen

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Happy Anniversary to...

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February 2015
Vinland Lutheran Church

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the WORD OF OUR GOD stands forever.” Isaiah 40:7-8

*Will Willimon tells of driving through the narrow and winding mountain roads of North Carolina when he came across painted on a large boulder in white paint, “**PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD - READ JOHN 3:16.**” The very next hairpin turn took him to the very edge of a cliff. That got the message across - the time is approaching when you and I will meet God. Perhaps around the next curve your tire will blow out, who knows? Lent cometh - **PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD.***

In the bible, forty days is symbolic of a countdown: forty days of rain on Noah’s Ark, Jonah preaches forty days until Ninevah is destroyed unless they repent, and forty days from Jesus’ resurrection to his ascension. So Lent is forty days for us to **PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD**. That means repent, confess, self-denial, and self-inspection. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, when we are marked with the sign of the cross in a concoction of ashes and oil. The point is plain: *“the grass withers, the flowers fall, and humans fail, but the Word of our God stands forever.”*

On February 25, we will begin our traditional soup suppers followed by Compline. Once again, members of our congregation will be presenting engaging dramas of biblical characters to help us enter more deeply into our Lenten preparation.

Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, February 17 at 6pm

The Men’s Breakfast is cooking for this annual pancake feed (our version of Mardi Gras) on Fat Tuesday. It is breakfast for dinner at Vinland.
There will also be entertainment!

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm

The forty days of Lent begin with somber worship with confession, ashes on the forehead, remembering our mortality and Holy Communion.

Wednesdays: Soup, Compline and Dramas

For five Wednesdays beginning February 25, join us for mid-week gatherings that begin with soup (6pm), followed by worship (7pm).

pastor chuck believes, banters and blogs

Go blogging with Pastor Chuck at pastorchuckstakeaway.wordpress.com



Many thanks to our nominating committee who have come up with a great roster of leaders to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

- Kelli Oster as Treasurer
- Kurt Peterson as Property Steward
- Susan Gilbert as Secretary
- John Brock as Vice President.

Lectionary Lunch Thursdays at 11:30am.

We gather for lunch, fellowship and an in-depth look at Sunday's scripture to prepare for the sermon. Bring lunch and a friend.

Feb. 5 - Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 19 - Genesis 9:8-17

Feb. 12 - Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 25 - Mark 8:31-38

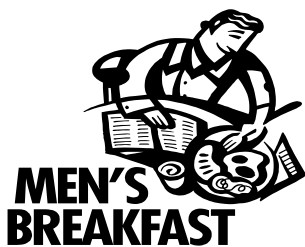


Lunch Bunch, Mon., Feb 2, at 11:30 AM

This month we are checking out the new Asian restaurant **TASTE** by Wal-Mart for lunch. There will be plenty of seating, since the large table has been reserved. Come fellowship with some cool Vinland seniors.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:00 AM

We are not doing the cooking this time; Applebee's is! We gather at the same time but at Applebee's in Silverdale (to support Vinland Youth). Count on the same conversation in our own section of the restaurant. This replaces our Feb. 7 breakfast.



Dialogue on Draft Monday, February 23 at 5pm

Check out the new venue, Campana's on Viking Way. We have a reserved room where we will gather for fiery conversation and first-rate fellowship. Every month we tackle another stimulating topic to challenge us.



Pastor Chuck is having surgery

On Monday, March 2, I am having hip replacement surgery and will be away for three to four weeks as I recover. Hopefully, I will be back for Holy Week (No, not like Jesus on a donkey). I'm still working on the guest preacher list to fill in during my absence.



women's groups

Women of the ELCA Women of Vinland

Women of Vinland will meet on Wed., February 18 at 10am. Hostesses are Tina Begelow and Nita Johnson (*lunch should be great!*) and devotions will be given by Jean Danielson. Please join us for Fellowship, a Fabulous Bible Study, Food, and Fun!

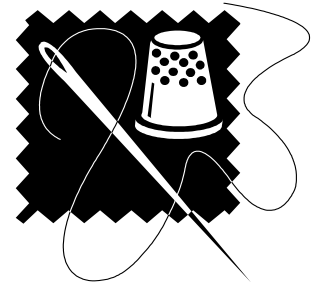


Women of Grace Mondays, Feb. 2 and 16

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, YOU are welcome.

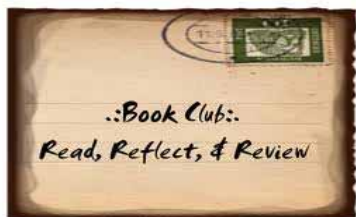
QUILTERS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9am

A committed group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at church to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



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 February book and meeting time. January discussion will be Jan. 27.

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



February Sunday School Schedule

February 1, 8, 15 and 22 we will gather downstairs at 9:40. Janean Moriarty continues to lead us in an opening and then Kristine Clucas, Sherry Gutierrez, Lynn Florent and Suzie Banzer share their love of Jesus with the kids in class.

We continue to take an offering during the opening. We are saving the offering money to help with the sidewalk/landscape improvement project outside the Sunday School rooms.

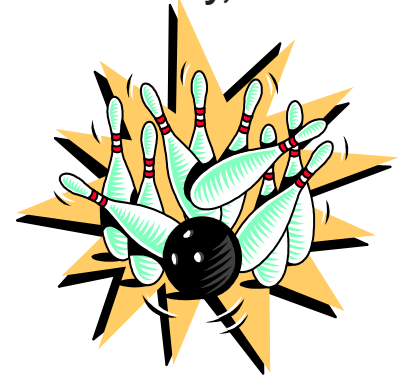
Looking Ahead to Summer

Plans are percolating for an amazing Summer Program to be our new version of Vacation Bible School. It will be a high energy, mega-fun week based on getting spiritually, physically and mentally fit to be amazing people of God! If you would like to get in on the planning, talk to Marsha Wright.

What's Going on in the LOFT?

L.O.F.T. SuperBOWL - Bowling at All Star Lanes on Wednesday, January 28th; Bring \$5 per person. MUST leave church by 6pm! Don't be LATE!

Applebee's Flapjack 12th Man 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!



You must pre-purchase tickets. It is a plated breakfast of pancakes, eggs, meat, juice and coffee.

Dress in your Seahawk colors; we'll show our support for a Super Bowl victory!!

MARCH RETREAT Camp Berachah forms are available in Karyn's out box on the LOFT stairs.

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LIVING STONES SUPPORT

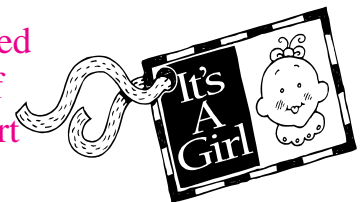
AS A CONGREGATION, we are collecting men's coats for the men when they leave the Shelton Prison system. They need to be in like-new condition, warm and washable and in sizes **LARGE OR LARGER**. **NO CAMOUFLAGE**. Spread the word to friends, family and co-workers. We will deliver the coats on February 21, when we join the men of the Living Stones Congregation for worship.



WE WILL CARPOOL from Vinland at about 3:45 on Sunday, February 21 to arrive in time to check in and worship with the men. If you are interested and over 18 years of age, sign up to attend. Talk to Pastor Chuck if you want more information. It is an uplifting worship experience.



WELCOME Serena Marie Powell! Camille and Danny welcomed their little princess on January 5. She is the darling grandchild of Hayes and Lisa Journey, the precious great-granddaughter of Myrt Jodry and the pampered niece of Natalie Journey!!!



With Sympathy

A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held for our dear friend, Helen Jensen, on Saturday, January 10. Helen passed away on Dec. 23, 2014.

OUR CARING THOUGHTS and prayers are with Lu Tingelstad and her family on the death of her son Jerry.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP passed out over 80 pairs of socks and 80 sack lunches to the homeless on the streets of Seattle on Sunday, January 11. Please know that your donated socks were very much appreciated.

PETSITTER/HOUSESITTER NEEDED Greg and Susan Gilbert are going on a 12-day cruise in June and they need a person who is reliable and passionate about animals to move into their house during this time. A pampered dog, cat and 2 birds need food and attention. Food in the freezer and cash are the incentives! If you are interested contact Susan at 360-930-8803 or wombat3286@aol.com.

preschool



Preschool Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

-Janean Moriarty, Director

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

Vinland Lutheran Preschool is abounding in love! We use this season of love to emphasize the love God has for each little one of us and our responsibility to share His love with each other. Our preschoolers are generous with their love, hugs, affection and helpfulness. They shine bright

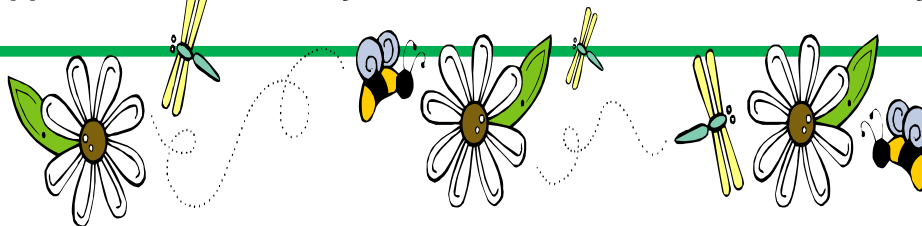
Thank you for your support of our annual Sack Lunch Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your lunches before the Annual Meeting this year. The preschool families and board donated all of the food and prepared the lunches lovingly for you. We were able to sell 72 lunches and bring in \$542 to support our preschool ministry. **THANK YOU!**



At the end of January, we had a very snugly Pajama Day, pretending we were hibernating winter animals. The preschoolers learned about arctic animals, hibernation and migration. Then, they had chances to experience this new information through dramatic play, art and sensory exploration; making it part of their own experience. Every day we sneak in tons of learning with these sorts of extra-fun, engaging activities.

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is open for current preschool families and church members. Registration opens to the public on February 15. ***We are offering:***

Dragonfly Class	T-W-Th 9:15-12:00	Preschool for 3-5 year olds
Honeybee Class	T-W-Th 12:30-3:15	Preschool for 3-5 year olds
Grasshopper Class	Friday 9:30-11:30	Preschool for 2-3 year olds

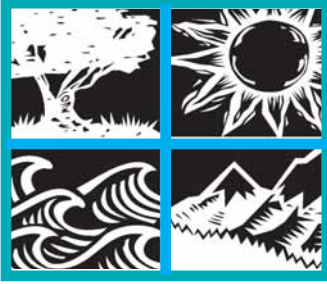


The Preschool will hold an Open House on Saturday, February 21 from 10am-Noon. Please encourage friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to check out our wonderful program!

Contact: *Janean Moriarty at preschool@vinlandlc.org or 360-865-0510 for information, tours or to register.*

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



“Cast not away your confidence because God defers his performances. That which does not come in your time, will be hastened in his time, which is always the more convenient season. God will work when he pleases, how he pleases, and by what means he pleases. He is not bound to keep our time, but he will perform his word, honour our faith, and reward them that diligently seek him.” ~ Matthew Henry

Our small committee was meeting at a local coffee shop after a morning of work in one of our local parks. Deep in discussion on our on-going plan for the native plants we were to put in around the park's entrance, we got on the subject of how small the new plants would be, where we thought they should go, and how long it would take for them to reach maturity. One man, a dynamo of energy and action remarked: *“Can't we put in larger plants? I'm not getting any younger and I'd like to see the results of all this work sooner rather than later!”* I tried to explain that this was a long-term project and that probably most of us doing this work would not live long enough to see the final results, but that the next generation definitely would. It was **not** the response he wanted to hear..

Patience may be a virtue, but it is something that many of us struggle with. Whether stuck in traffic, standing behind a fellow shopper who can't seem to find the right change, trying to get a word in with an acquaintance who talks on and on, or attempting to hurry a child who insists on dallying, we can feel the impatient sensations building - anger, irritation, blaming, shaming. There is a discomfort and tensing in our stomach as we feel that things are just not going our way.

More often than not, our answer to this discomfort is to try to change the **other** person, situation or thing that we think is causing it. But the problem is, it really is not the outside thing that's causing our discomfort, but how our mind perceives it. It is a problem within ourselves and therefore, the solution is an inside job.

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them- every day begin the task anew.” ~ Saint Francis de Sales

We each have different amounts of patience at different times and under differing circumstances. Some of us, perhaps, are just born with less or more of it than others. Patience takes practice, and we can develop more of it if we really want to. First of all, we need to become more aware and learn to pay attention to when we are not patient. Then, odd as it may seem, we need to practice being kind to ourselves for not being “perfect” already. Finally - and this is the tough one - we need to recognize and work on changing our automatic judgmental, critical thoughts and feelings. This is crucial, because simply changing the way we view any situation makes all the difference.

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. **James 1:2-4**

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The Season of Lent Begins February 18

“Fat Tuesday” Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb 17 at 6pm. Come and eat your fill of pancakes and sausage prepared by the Men’s Breakfast Group! Donations will be taken to defray the cost of the food.



**Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit within me.**
Psalm 51.10

The Season of Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 25 we will have our popular soup and bread supper at 6pm, followed by a compline service in the sanctuary at 7pm.

The word Lent means “spring.” Lent functions within the church year as the sprintime of the soul. In the spring, we plan, clean out and prepare our gardens for the growing season. We sort through clothes and household possessions, do major housecleaning and open the windows to let in the fresh air. We can use the season of Lent to take a hard look at ourselves, cleaning out the thoughts, words and deeds contrary to Christ’s teaching. Lent can be thought of as a spring training of the soul. We need to name the toxins that are poisoning our bodies, minds and spirits. Take the initiative to rid ourselves of jealousy, unjustified anger, petty grievances.... take the time to determine what is important and of lasting value....relationships, healthy living, prayer, sharing of our time, talents and resources.

WE DO LOVE OUR COFFEE AT VINLAND! Let’s all get in the good habit of rinsing out our cups and leaving them in the kitchen sink! Also, clean up any spills you see and if you use the microwave, check and see if it needs to be wiped clean. Keeping our kitchens and halls clean is the responsibility of ALL OF US. Grace Hall is being used more and more; let’s all keep it looking nice.



**Mark your calendar for
Family Camp 2015**

July 24-30