

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Bill Erickson</i>	<i>5/1</i>	<i>Martin Prehm</i>	<i>5/14</i>
<i>Angela Desmond</i>	<i>5/7</i>	<i>Devin Horn</i>	<i>5/14</i>
<i>Evelyn Beers</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Bonnie Debar</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Lisa Gregg</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Michael Warbois</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Doug Barnhart</i>	<i>5/9</i>	<i>Lou Youngs</i>	<i>5/17</i>
<i>Jan Janzen</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Jan Saenz</i>	<i>5/19</i>
<i>Dan Carlson</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Frank Schmid</i>	<i>5/20</i>
<i>Mark Slocum</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Kendall Becker</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Ethan Gillespie</i>	<i>5/11</i>	<i>Jim Berentson</i>	<i>5/24</i>
<i>Carlos Gutierrez</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Denise Deitch</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Chuck DeBroeck</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Keary Myers</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Clay Branes</i>	<i>5/13</i>		

Glenn & Beachie Settle 5/3
Matt & Kris Clucas 5/9
Rand & Carol Hein 5/19
Dave & Tina Bigelow 5/23
Tom & Billie Jo Settle 5/30

PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Savior God, Perfect us as the
Flowers of your Kingdom.
 We were given Birth at our
Baptism, Nurtured through Faith,
 Matured through *Obedience,*
 Flowered through *Service.*
 In the name of the risen
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen

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Single 9:30 worship services begin
 May 24 on Pentecost Sunday. We'll
 celebrate with PIE!
 Silent Honors Ceremony on May 24.



the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church MAY 2015

*“For I received from the Lord what I passed on to you; on the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and when he’d given thanks, he **BROKE** it and said, “This is my body, that is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 1 Cor. 11:23-24*

I finally saw the movie, **UNBROKEN**, that chronicles the incredible story of Louis Zamperini. The Olympic runner somehow survives not only months at sea adrift in a life raft but harsh captivity in a Japanese internment camp. The movie gives us a noble version but is not as robust as the novel. There are visual effects that create a visceral reaction from the audience. How much can this young man take before he breaks? The movie concludes when the war comes to an end.

Louie and his fellow prisoners are finally liberated. Sadly, the film only covers about half the story.

In the second half, Louie comes home and becomes very broken, dealing with what so many veterans struggle with, PTSD. Our hero tries to cope by drinking heavily. His depression causes him to rage, lament, and almost shatters his young marriage. But Louie is dragged to a Billy Graham Crusade and miraculously he commits to Christ. It saves his life, literally and spiritually. Being a pastor, you

would expect I would find the second half of the story more miraculous than the first half. I do have issues with the title, **UNBROKEN**. Returning from war, Zamperini is a very broken man and only God in heaven can put all the pieces back together. Psalm 51 claims, “*the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and penitent spirit, O God will not despise*”. Yes, this is

David’s prayer of confession after he has broken all the commandments, or so it seems, by committing murder, adultery, and lying.

On the cross, Jesus Christ is wounded, sacrificed,

and broken on our behalf. The cross is the symbol of our faith. Every time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper we break bread (his body) and drink wine (his blood) as a way of remembering and receiving new and forgiving life. In a way, you and I are most receptive to the grace and goodness that only God provides when we come with a broken and penitent spirit. Then and only then, when we are truly broken (and come clean about that), can God restore us to full and faith-filled life. **By grace we are saved.**



may 24 events



We will once again have a “*Silent Honors*” ceremony in the graveyard following worship on May 24. All who have served, or are serving in the armed forces as well as Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to participate. We gather around the flagpole for a brief, but very touching ceremony.

You are encouraged to bring a flower to place on the grave of a veteran. Girl Scouts and LOFT kids will place flags on the graves of veterans.



**Celebrate the "birthday" of the church
With Pie!**

**Bring a pie to share and we'll feast
together after the Memorial Day Silent
Honors ceremony.**



**Beginning May 24
we will have ONE Sunday service at 9:30.**

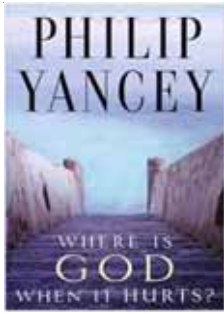
Kid's Church will continue through the summer months - it is our year-round children's education program. If you would like to volunteer for one of the Sundays, talk to Marsha Wright. The kids are great and she will provide free training!

pastor chuck believes, banters, blogs

Pastor Chuck's Blog is pastorchuckstakeaway.wordpress.com

Lunch Bunch @ Two Margaritas, Monday, May 4, 11:30 AM.

Our senior group ventures to Silverdale for good Mexican food as we celebrate "Quatro" de Mayo. Sign up in the fellowship hall! Muy Bien!!



Sunday Adult Class, Sundays at 9:40-10:20 AM

Bill Beaudoin is leading another excellent class around the Phil Yancey book "Where is God When it Hurts?" Meet in Haugen Hall.

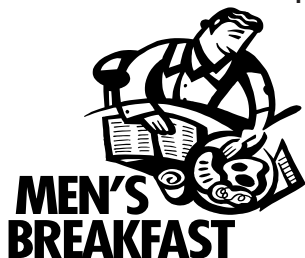
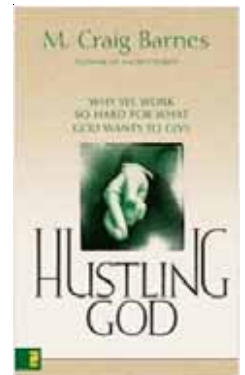
Hustling God in Genesis: Thursdays, noon – 1:30

With "**Hustling God**" by M. Craig Barnes we're studying Jacob the Patriarch over lunch we will wrestle with God, family, & life. **No class on April 30.**

May 7- Struggling with God & Ourselves

May 14- Settling Down

May 21- Faith in God's Faithfulness



Men's Breakfast, Sat., May 2, 8:00 AM Come for a BIG BREAKFAST, be engaged by the lively discussion, and be blessed by the brothers in Christ who both cook and converse well.

Local and low-cost MISSION to Seattle: July 6-10

Adults (\$50) & Youth 7th grade and older (\$100) will experience urban ministry, serve the homeless, & Mariners Game/Duck Boat. **Talk to Pastor Chuck**



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Campanas, Mon, JUNE 1, 5PM We are meeting a week late due to the Memorial Day weekend. Fiery conversation and first-rate fellowship. Discussion article will be posted.

Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly

May 15-16 in Vancouver, WA

Pastor Chuck and fellow delegate, Tina Bigelow, will attend.

Time Away April 28-May 4 for continuing education at Fuller Seminary, Los Angeles. Sunday, May 3, Marsha Wright will preach and Dr. Russ Horn will preside.

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



I would never have recognized it, had I been expecting its former shape. Appearing lifeless, it hung there, suspended, shrouded, bearing absolutely no resemblance to what it had been before. But I knew the promise it held, so I carried it home for safekeeping

During the passing weeks, I observed it carefully, hoping against hope, that I would be present for the big event. I'd never actually seen one in person, only on television or on the glossy pages of a magazine.

When the predetermined time had passed, I was indeed privileged. First, the slow splitting open; Then, the silent emergence. It carefully withdrew one - then another and another - until all 6 rested securely atop the dangling shell. Then, braced & balanced, it slowly pulled the rest of itself out. How ragged it looked - all folded up & compressed - not at all yet the image of what it was to become. It appeared to rest, but silently shuddered - with anxious anticipation or from the pure effort of pumping itself into its full, final shape. I resisted any urge to touch it, for it was not yet ready.

Just what does a caterpillar think as it eats its way through its green world? Does it have any idea at all of what lies ahead for it? The fortunate ones - those not plucked off by some hungry bird, nor eliminated by an overanxious gardener, nor demolished from inside by parasites - have a transformation ahead that is difficult to imagine. I wonder if, deep, down inside their tiny brains, they quake in fear of the changes ahead. There will be the end of their gnawing, the slowing down, the searching for the perfect spot to attach and encase themselves. Then the months of waiting - the miraculous metamorphosis - as their bodies change into something entirely different.

There it sat fully formed, unfolded and spread into a gorgeous yellow and black shape. It nimbly climbed to the top of its branch, wings wide open then slowly closing and reopening, to survey the world through new eyes. Slowly I put forth a finger, gently urged it to climb on and lifted it high in the air to watch as it took off. I held my breath as it fluttered across the open expanse, wishing desperately for its safe, secluded landing beyond notice of those who would prey upon it. For it was, after all, only one small butterfly in the larger scheme of life.

And what of the caterpillar? Was not the progression of its life determined in the beginning? I think, perhaps, it spends its allotted days simply **living**. It does what it must, slowly crawling day by day toward its destiny - toward confinement, transformation - and glorious release.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 & 57

women's groups

Women of Vinland Third Wednesday of each month

The women will serve a spring lunch for some of the residents and aides at Martha and Mary. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board if you would like to help by bringing food, acting as a table hostess, clean-up, etc. This is always a lovely event.

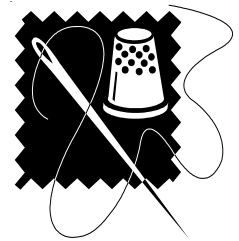


Women of Grace Mondays, May 5 & 19

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. We will be discussing the meaning of the word SALVATION on May 5.

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.



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

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 FRIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Bring your unfinished projects to church at around 6pm on the LAST FRIDAY of the month. There is plenty of room to spread out! 6pm-??

Busy Moms

DAYTIME MEETING: Mondays at 10am with the kids. While the kids play in the Discovery Garden or inside, the moms get a chance to visit.

EVENING HOME GROUP: 1ST AND 3RD Tuesdays. Take turns meeting at homes at 7pm. e-mail Karyn Crawford karyncrawford73@gmail.com for locations. They will also be posted in the weekly bulletin. We are starting with a study of "Bad Girls of the Bible"

children and youth



It has been a wonderful year of education for our kids! **THANK YOU** to parents and grandparents for bringing your kids! **THANK YOU** teachers for sharing your time and love with our kids! Last day is May 17.

Janean Moriarty has led a wonderful opening with song, scripture and prayer. We have taken an offering every week. Our goal is to develop good stewardship habits early in life. **Suzi Banzer and Lynn Florent** have taught the youngest ones with patience and good humor. **Kris Clucas** teaches the early elementary kids, guiding them with wisdom and flexibility. **Sherry Gutierrez** engaged the 4th and 5th graders in the Bible. **Karyn Crawford** challenged our middle and high school kids with "God-centered conversation."



MAY 17 SKATE-A-BRATION and Potluck Dinner 5-7pm

Dessert and lemonade provided.

\$2 a person includes skates (even if you bring your own skates, still \$2)

We have reserved all of Skateland in East Bremerton for a wonderful end-of-Sunday School Party. Everyone is invited...invite a friend...grandparents bring the grandkids...adults, come and hang out.

KIDS on the MOVE mixing faith and fun

June 29-July 2 9am-12pm
Registration opens May 1
4yrs-High School
Sports, snacks, games, music
and the love of God!

There is a suggested donation of \$15 per child or max of \$50 per family unit. T-shirts will be given on the first day. Jen Nelson is in charge of the 5K run/walk on Thursday as part of the ELCA "Walk For Water" campaign. Special lunch to end the week!

L.O.F.T. kids will help in the morning and have an afternoon of great activities orchestrated by Karyn Crawford.

FREEDOM Bags



Put a bag together with family members, friends, or a group you belong to at church or in the community.

The focus for the Giving Box in April, after Lent, will be **Freedom Bags**, for men being released from the Washington Men's Prison in Shelton. This project is in conjunction with Pastor Arnold at the Living Stones Prison Congregation. The Prison in Shelton has approximately 100 men a month who are released homeless or without a stable address. These bags will provide them with a few of the essentials to start a new life.

Backpack or Small Gym Bag (No Camouflage)

Toothpaste and toothbrush

Soap and shampoo

Nail clippers and comb or small hair brush

A towel and two wash cloths

A small notebook, pens and a calendar

Gum (This Is Not Allowed In Prison)

A few candy or granola bars

Hand sanitizer



Last Tuesday Book Group

This group is for men and women.
We will discuss "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" on April 28.

The May book selection is "**The Leisure Seeker**" by Michael Zadoorian.

It is a story of two seniors who escape from their retirement home and embark upon a hilarious and touching end-of-life road trip.

Discussion on May 26

Facility Needs and Updates

Progress is being made with organizing and solving unforeseen problems as we go.

1. Please bring any keys you have to the office so we can begin an accurate log of who has what key.
2. Do you have any extra tools around the house that you are willing to donate to our "tool box." Doing chores will be much easier if we have the tools available.
3. There is a maintenance log in the office. If you see a problem or notice something that needs repair, please bring it to Megan's attention so she can put it in the log.
4. **MOST IMPORTANT THING....If you spill something, wipe it up; if you use dishes, wash them out; if you make a mess on a table or on the floor, clean it up. If you have a few minutes, do some dusting or window washing, etc. These buildings require our good stewardship.**

preschool news



“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

*Janean Moriarty, director
Lori Moshier VanVlerah, lead teacher
Kathy Goetz and Lynn Florent, assistant teachers*

Molte Grazie! Many Thanks!

On Sunday, April 19th, we “Celebrated Our Littlest Meatballs” with a super-fun fundraising event. We raised just over \$5,000 toward a safe walkway, equipment for the indoor and outdoor classrooms and to support our operating expenses. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped and congratulations to all of our raffle winners!



If you missed the Italian Dinner or want to give more, please mark your calendar for the **Kitsap Great Give, May 5**. To support Vinland Lutheran Preschool during the Great Give, go to <https://www.kitsapgreatgive.org/#npo/vinland-lutheran-preschool> between midnight and 11:59pm on **May 5** and make a donation of \$10 or more through the Great Give link. Donations will be magnified by generous event sponsors.

Coming on Wednesday, May 13th we will have our Prayer Partner Luncheon at 11:45 in Grace Hall. This is a special time when our little ones can meet the kind volunteers who have been praying for them all year long.

The preschool always appreciates donations. We thank the WOV Rummage Sale for a large set of BRIK Building Blocks, baskets, and a roll of butcher paper. We also thank Rosemary Hilburn for 2 globes. Please think of us when you are doing your spring cleaning, especially quality children’s toys, books or electronics for our Holiday Toy Sale and Summer Reading Book Sale. Thank you!

Spread the word! We are enrolling for 2015-2016!

Contact: Janean Moriarty at preschool@vinlandlc.org or (360)865-0510 for information, tours, or to register. Look at our website at www.vinlandlc.org/preschool and LIKE us on Facebook (Vinland Lutheran Preschool). See you at preschool!

Vinland Lutheran Preschool Day at Safeco Field on July 8

**Buy your discounted tickets now
to join your Vinland family for a day at the ballpark.
All are invited.**

Deadline to order is June 19th.

Who: Mariners v. Detroit Tigers

When: Wednesday, July 8th at 12:40 p.m.

Cost: \$17 for view level seats above 1st base.

This is a \$10 discount from gate prices and \$5 will go to the preschool.



L.O.F.T news



MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 10

The L.O.F.T. kids will hand out flowers to all women on Mother's Day, May 10. Treat your mother well on this day or remember fondly your mother who has passed on. They, and the younger kids, will also decorate cupcakes to serve during the coffee hour.



IMPORTANT L.O.F.T EVENTS

May 6- LOFT Potluck. We will also have an informational meeting with Pastor Chuck about the upcoming summer mission trip in Seattle. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sunday, May 17 "Lost and Found" concert at 1st Lutheran in Poulsbo. Meet at Vinland at 2:30pm to carpool.

Sunday, May 17 (same day)- Skate-a-bration- We have rented all of Skateland for a churchwide party. 5:00pm-7:00pm.\$2 per person and bring food for potluck dinner (drinks and dessert provided). For the concert goers we will carpool straight from there to Skateland.

Saturday, May 30 Parents' Night Out from 5-9pm



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT LUTHERHAVEN!

We'll begin after school is out. Plan to carpool from church and bring a potluck item to share. Enjoy the lake and each other. Always looking for drivers.

Thanks to the Easter Breakfast, we have enough money to pay the lifeguard.



YOUTH and ADULT URBAN MISSION TRIP

July 6-10. Open to kids 7th grade and older.

Cost is \$100 for kids and \$50 for adults.

Service and Fun! Compass Center, Union Gospel Mission, Capital Hill, Lunch Programs, Mariner's Game and "Ride the Ducks"





Megan Adrig is a self-professed movie buff and has been persuaded to try out a movie review column. This first is called...

“Movies You May Have Missed”

Reese Witherspoon is an Oscar-winning actress with many acclaimed roles and well-loved movies under her belt. But it's her very first movie that she filmed at the age of 14 that you may have missed, and it's one of my favorites. “The Man in the Moon” (1991, rated PG-13) is the coming of age story about a tomboy, Dani Trant, and her rural Louisiana family in the summer of 1957. Dani, the middle of 3 girls (with mom expecting baby number 4), is restless, caught between her desires to spend her days in the carefree existence of childhood and her strict, but loving, father's growing demands for her to take on more responsibilities at home. When the Foster family returns to the long-vacant farm next door, Dani experiences new emotions when she finds herself falling for the oldest son, Court (17), now the head-of-family to his widowed mother and two younger brothers. While Court struggles with

his new role, he also enjoys a burgeoning, flirtatious friendship with Dani, trading barbs and lazy afternoons swimming in the Foster's pond. Dani is intent on Court being her first kiss and convinced they will be together. But when Dani's older sister - perfect, beautiful, and smart Maureen - and Court eventually meet and develop a relationship of their own, she must navigate her new feelings of jealousy and betrayal. Like all good dramas, there is a heart-wrenching climax that will have you reaching for your tissues. It's the relationships that make this story special, but its message of forgiveness – not only how and when to give it, but also, when to receive it – that truly make this film a gem you won't forget. Reese Witherspoon is spot-on in her portrayal of a 14-year-old tomboy and she's supported by other fine actors, notably Sam Waterston and Tess Harper as her parents. This movie is available on disc and on Amazon Instant Video.

Family Camp & Church Picnic July 24-30 “Shout to the Lord”

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. MUSIC in all forms will be our theme! Tons of exciting and fun things are in the works. How would you like to be part of an all-camp kazoo band and a Sound of Music sing-along???



Family Camp



Watch the E-Flash, Website, and weekly bulletin for planning meetings registration and more information.

BIG CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 26