

Happy Birthday



<i>Ashley LaMagna</i>	<i>6/1</i>	<i>Carol Bartlett</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Marilynn Maas-Jones</i>	<i>6/1</i>	<i>Judith McMahan</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Violet Holman</i>	<i>6/3</i>	<i>Rich Gregerson</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Arnold Hammond</i>	<i>6/6</i>	<i>Tom Myers</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Luella Tingelstad</i>	<i>6/6</i>	<i>Rick Kruse</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Reese Adrig</i>	<i>6/7</i>	<i>Lois Whannell</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Cody Warren</i>	<i>6/8</i>	<i>Phyllis Sele</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Sam Ward</i>	<i>6/11</i>	<i>Emilie McMahan</i>	<i>6/27</i>
<i>Ethan Florent</i>	<i>6/17</i>	<i>Greg Warren</i>	<i>6/29</i>
<i>Mary Lou Reister</i>	<i>6/18</i>	<i>Natalie Myers</i>	<i>6/30</i>
<i>Terry Beaudoin</i>	<i>6/19</i>	<i>Billie Jo Settle</i>	<i>6/30</i>
<i>Sally Winkel</i>	<i>6/19</i>	<i>John Ross</i>	<i>6/30</i>
<i>Annalise Schielke</i>	<i>6/19</i>		
<i>Judy Herman</i>	<i>6/21</i>		
<i>Phyllis Koehmstedt</i>	<i>6/22</i>		

PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

*Dearest Lord,
You have sent your Holy
Spirit to show us your Way
- The solid pathway
Jesus paved-
Paved with his Love and
Clarified by his Words.
May we follow.*

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid



- Dennis & Denise Deitch 6/4*
- Jim & LaVonne Berentson 6/12*
- Vern & Nita Johnson 6/12*
- Ed & Lynn Florent 6/14*
- Bruce & Lisa Mansfield 6/24*
- Carlos & Sherry Gutierrez 6/26*
- Chris & Megan Adrig 6/27*
- Bob & Willy Stuhlmiller 6/29*

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Day Camp June 29-July 2.
Ages 4 years through entering
5th grade. High-energy fun!



the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church JUNE 2015

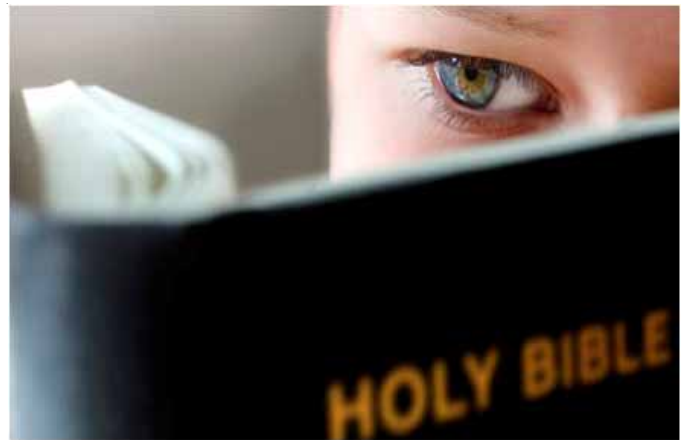
Unbelievable Bible Stories (should be on TMZ)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us.”

Hebrews 12:1

The Scripture testifies to this “great cloud of witnesses” by telling amazing stories of amazing faith that witness to God’s amazing grace. The summer sermon series will focus on telling these “unbelievable” stories and finding the story behind the bible story. With so many bible stories, such as Sodom and Gomorrah, Jonah and the Whale, and Elijah and the Flaming Chariot, we direct all our attention on the seemingly implausible details and neglect the point of what God’s Word is saying.

The kind of cosmic stories we will hear this summer remind us that the God we meet in Jesus Christ is beyond belief. From Jesus walking on the water to Shadrach and friends in the furnace to David whooping Goliath, we will meet our God. Yet, in the fantastic specifics (i.e. Lazarus back from the grave and Noah’s Ark), we become more familiar through faith with the God who comes down and enters into the mess of human life. Heaven meets earth, God comes to us, and that is grace.



5/30	Trinity/Job’s Whirlwind
6/7	Judgment/Noah’s Ark
6/14	Justice/Sodom & Gomorrah
6/21	Salvation/Red Sea Crossing
6/28	Imagination/David & Goliath
7/5	Friends/Shadrach’s Furnace
7/12	Prayer/Jonah & the Whale
7/19	Legacy/Elijah’s Chariot
7/26	Agents/Isaiah’s Call
8/2	Grace/Hosea’s Betrayal
8/9	Easter/Valley of Dry Bones
8/16	Peace/Walking on Water
8/23	Manna/Feeding 5000
8/30	Resurrection/Lazarus
9/6	Call/Paul’s Conversion
9/13	New Heaven/New Earth

miscellaneous

With Sympathy



A memorial service was held at Vinland on May 30 for our friend Bruce Taylor. He died May 13 surrounded by his family. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife Judi, daughter and son-in-law Jeff and Kaisa Ferguson and his much-loved seven grandkids.

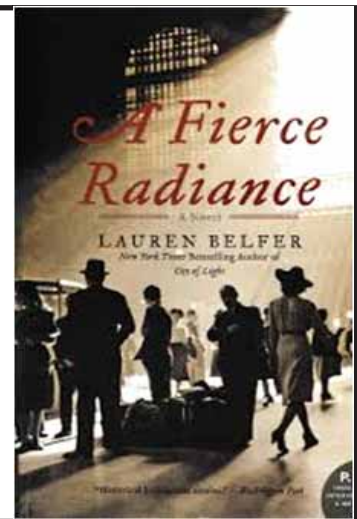


Serena Marie Powell, daughter of Camille Journey and Danny Powell, will be baptized on Father's Day! Her doting aunt, Natalie Journey, will be home for the big event. Serena was born on January 5.

Last Tuesday Book Group June Selection is "A Fierce Radiance" by Lauren Belfer

This group is for men and women!

"A Fierce Radiance" by Lauren Belfer. Set during the uncertain early days of World War II, this suspenseful story follows the work of photojournalist Claire Shipley as she captures America's race to develop life-saving antibiotics -an assignment that will involve blackmail, espionage and murder! Join the discussion on June 30 at 7pm.



Dear Vinland Congregation

Thank you so much for attending The Littlest Meatballs and Cutie Pie Dessert Dash in April. What a great evening of fantastic food prepared by Matt LaMagna and so many wonderful desserts made by many of you as well as our preschool families. Many many thanks to Amy Munns for her vision and all the planning and leadership she provided to the fundraising team. Amy's efforts proved to be a winning success. Not only did we raise great funds during this event because of your generosity, but it continued. Just a couple weeks later the preschool raised \$780 in the Kitsap GREAT Give. It was the first year the preschool participated in this campaign. What a positive experience. Thank you for your continued financial & prayerful support for our sweet and dynamic preschool.

*With Gratitude,
Pam Schneider, Preschool Board Chair*



pastor chuck believes, banter, blogs

Pastor Chuck's Blog is >PASTORCHUCKSTAKEAWAY@WORDPRESS.COM<
Writing on topics from parenting to spirituality to being a patient

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FAITH

Dogma & Donuts: Sundays, 8:45-9:15 AM

Meet before worship in Haugen Hall to discuss the bible story that will be the basis of the sermon.

Men's Breakfast, Sat. June 6, 8:00 AM

Come for a BIG BREAKFAST, engage in the lively discussion, and feel blessed by the brothers in Christ who both cook & converse well.

Lunch Bunch; Mon., June 1, 11:30 AM This month we travel to Port Orchard to our favorite destination, The Clubhouse at McCormick Woods for senior lunch. Please sign up in Grace Hall.

WRESTLING WITH FAITH

Dialogue on Draft: Mon., June 1, 5 PM This month we tackle the topic of the declining church. Check out the article, join us for lively conversation, and help us wrestle with this issue. (Our next Dialogue on Draft will be Monday, June 29 at 5pm)

SERVICE

Local and low-cost MISSION to Seattle: July 6-9

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

The Plan: We will work with Compass Housing Alliance, Union Gospel Mission, Edmonds Lutheran Kitchen, and Community Lunch on Capitol Hill on our service project. Our work will be serving meals and taking time to listen to the ministry leaders as they share about their context and focus.

Mission Team Huddle: Sunday, June 7, 5 PM

To prepare for our Seattle mission, we will gather at Vinland for dinner, devotions, & directions as we count down to our project.



Thank You Arlene Swift and Bing Debar for your Music Leadership!!

On Sunday, May 31, we are saying thank you to two faithful ministers in our music ministry. Arlene Swift has been our choir accompanist for the past 30 years. Bing Debar has been the leader of our Worship and Music Ministry working under various job descriptions: traditional choir director, New Song Worship Leader, and, most recently, Music Ministry Director. We have been blessed by his fine leadership and great sense of humor. Please join me in thanking Bing and Arlene for their ministry among us! We'll miss you!

Looking Ahead at our Worship and Music Ministries

The Congregational Council is taking steps to move us forward in this time of transition. An in-depth survey will be circulated in the coming weeks to help us gauge the congregation's feelings and desires for our worship life, overall. Using the survey results for guidance, the Congregational Council and Personnel Committee will be developing a job description. Then a Search Committee will be formed to recruit and interview candidates.

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



Wearily, I put my foot on the spading fork and dug deep, lifting up the rich, dark soil along with a good-sized clump of small, white bulbs with narrow leaves and bright blue flowers still attached. Ahead of me in this bed was a sea of blue. I had my work cut out for me.

The Spanish bluebell or Wood hyacinth is a spring-flowering bulbous perennial native to the Iberian Peninsula. Like many other plants, it was carried away from its native land by well-meaning people and is now found world-wide, including here in western Washington. Although it appears to behave itself in many places, it tends to run rampant in our area; with moderately good soil and fair amounts of water, it takes over.

When we moved here thirty five years ago, we discovered these lovely beauties among the plants that the previous owners had planted. I remember them always blooming around the time of our son's early May birthday. I enjoyed them so much that I eagerly transplanted them to many places in our yard.

But this innocent-appearing plant naturalizes to the point of killing everything else and takes shelter under and around roots of shrubs and trees. The bulbs connect to others underground by tendrils, and also by adding tiny seed-sized bulbs around themselves at the same time. When the flowers dry, round hard seeds form and you can have hundreds of new hardy seeds flying around your beds, yard, and neighborhood where they readily self-sow. They survive beyond belief, and although they can grow densely, their thin leaves allow all kinds of weeds in your beds anyway. They just became too much of a good thing and I finally made the decision to get rid of them. **All** of them - and those bulbs must be removed by hand.

They remind me of the many possessions we all seem to accumulate as we go through life. It begins with things we need, which becomes things we want, and then morphs into things we think we have to have and can't live without. Toy boxes overflow, closets become crammed, garages have no room for cars, and before we know it we need to rent extra storage units to hold all our stuff. Like the ubiquitous Spanish bluebells, our possessions gradually take on a life of their own and quietly take over our lives. Before we know it, our possessions own us.

Like digging up the bluebells, it takes hard work to disentangle ourselves from our belongings. It seems we spend much of our lives working to accumulate things and as we reach that "certain age" - if we are wise - some of us work at ridding ourselves of them. "*You can't take it with you.*" they say, but some of us try very hard to do just that.

Today, our flower bed is nearly clear of those lovely Spanish bluebells. It's taken me several months of digging to get the majority of those bulbs and I expect more time is needed to complete the job. Still, I will not be surprised if some of them pop up next spring. We are down-sizing and unloading possessions also and the effort is similar. In both instances, the results are the same - peaceful, uncluttered space, in the garden, in the house, in our bodies, minds, and souls.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, who is good and pleasing and perfect. 1 Romans 12:2

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
2 Corinthians 12:9*

women's groups

Women of Vinland Third Wednesday of each month

The June meeting of the Women of Vinland will be a special event not to be missed! Carol Hein will be sharing experiences of her travel to Africa. Also we'll be joined by guests from Bethany Lutheran on Bainbridge Island. It will be a salad potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Nita Johnson will provide dessert. We'll meet in Haugen Hall for our meeting and then move to Grace Hall for lunch.

Time? 10:00 a.m. PLEASE JOIN US! All women of the church are welcome.



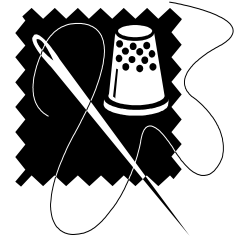
Women of Grace June 1 and 15

June 1 we will meet at church to talk about summer "bucket lists - spiritual and otherwise" among other things. Join us at 7pm in Grace Hall.

June 15 we will have a potluck salad dinner at Phyllis Sele's home at 5pm. Bring a salad to share!

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**

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-??

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.



Busy Moms are moving to the lake for the summer!!

They will be meeting out there on beautiful Tuesdays. Bring the kids and a picnic and relax on the picnic side of the camp. Talk to Karyn Crawford for details.

kids on the move



JUNE 29 - JULY 2
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
Welcoming kids
Ages 4 - entering 5th grade

We will be asking for a few donations of food. A list will be posted in Grace Hall.

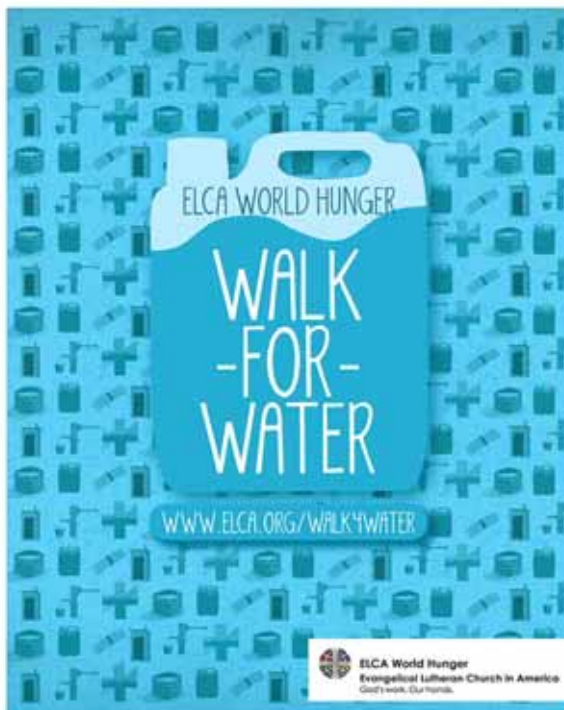
HIGH ENERGY FUN

Registration forms are in the office, on the bulletin board, or can be sent out by e-mail.

vinland@vinlandlc.org or
randmwright@gmail.com

There is a suggested donation of \$15 per child or max of \$50 per immediate family unit. T-shirts will be given on the first day.

L.O.F.T. kids will help in the morning and have an afternoon of ADVENTURES!



Jen Nelson is in charge of the 5K run/walk on Thursday as part of the ELCA "Walk For Water" campaign.

Those who are able, will walk or run from the church, past Vinland Elementary to Rhododendron Road and back to church for lunch!

We will be soliciting extra helpers - walkers and drivers to keep everyone safe. There will be activities at church for everyone who doesn't participate. We will have an empty jug all week to collect any money to give to this worthwhile campaign.

june miscellaneous



JUNE 7

We will bless our graduates during worship and then eat cake in their honor after worship! We've enjoyed watching these young people grow up and look forward to seeing where life leads them. They will all graduate from North Kitsap.

Madeline Ward has been accepted to attend Western Washington University (WWU) this coming fall. She has been admitted into the Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies which is a college within WWU. At Fairhaven, Madeline will design an interdisciplinary degree to include Film Directing, Journalism and Women Gender Studies. She has taken running start classes at OC her senior year. Maddie has put together great power-point shows for us at Vinland.

Benjamin Kobeski recently played "Taps" for our Silent Honors Ceremony and has played his trumpet many times for us at church. He will attend the University of Portland in the fall, so there will be many road trips to Portland for Ray, Vicki and Nick in the coming years!

Emilie McMahon has been a wonderful addition fo many of Vinland's mission trips. She is looking forward to starting her college education at Olympic College.

From Karly Crawford: *"Thank you so much for supporting me through the Vinland Scholarship Program. I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to complete my Bachelor of Arts from The Evergreen State College this spring. I also relocated to Orlando, FL and have been working at Walt Disney World. Thank you for all your support over the years - I am eternally grateful."*



JUNE 21

Happy Father's Day to all the men! We'll celebrate with root beer floats in Grace Hall after worship. Serena Powell's baptism!



JUNE 28

Strawberry Social after worship! The Women of Vinland will be dishing up some delicious strawberry desserts for our eating pleasure. Donations will fund their many causes.

JUNE 29

Kids on the Move Begins at 9am!
Dialogue on Draft at 5pm at Campanas



JUNE 30

Last Tuesday Book Group at 7pm "A Fierce Radiance"

preschool news



“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

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

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”~Matthew 19:14

The preschool year is about over. It has been challenging with a new director, new board president and very tight budget. We have relied on the Lord and leaned on you, our congregation. We are deeply grateful for the love, support and many prayers you have sent our way this year. We are hopeful for increased enrollment for next year and glad that our staff and board will be more stable. Our preschool ministry continues to spread God’s love to little children and their families while stimulating their growing minds and bodies. We thank you for your commitment to this. God is good.

The preschool thanks everyone who supported us through the Kitsap Great Give on May 5th. We will receive upwards of \$780 from that event. We look forward to joining local non-profits again next year for this amazing day of giving. The Kitsap Great Give raised over \$1 million for non-profits across the county. Thank you to all of our Prayer Partners for praying and caring for our students and their families throughout this year. We celebrated together at the annual Prayer Partner Luncheon on May 13th in Grace Hall. Our preschool families feel the support of our congregation through this ministry of love and the Spirit.

The preschool always appreciates donations. We thank **THE QUILTERS** for 3 “tent quilts.” These are special kid-themed quilts we use over tables to make forts in preschool. We love them! 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. We can store until then. 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!



Janean Moriarty has been the preschool’s Interim Director since July 2014 and that is about to change. On May 14, 2015, Pastor Chuck and I extended the offer to Janean to accept the permanent Director position starting August 2015. Janean accepted this invitation with excitement and confidence. From the Preschool Board and the Interviewing Committee we knew this was the next logical and positive step for the preschool.

Janean has demonstrated unconditional love and welcome to each and every preschooler and family member that walks into the Welcome Room. Over the past school year Janean has kept the communication lines open with the staff and families through a myriad of communication avenues and did not let any hurdles or obstacles interfere with the goals she put forth.

I speak as the Preschool Board chair and a mother of two preschoolers now enrolled. Exciting things are happening here!

-In His Service-

Pamela Schneider, Preschool Board Chair

L.O.F.T news

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT L.O.F.T EVENTS



JUNE 3 - Our second annual "JOURNEY to YoG's." Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. Please bring a water bottle and \$4. Pick up at YoG's in Poulsbo at 7:30pm.

JUNE 7 - Senior Recognition Sunday. Come to church where we will have a special blessing for our seniors...and view their display boards.



JUNE 10 L.O.F.T. End-of-Year Luau Celebration!

If you have been to NY LOFT activities this past school year, you will want to come and try to win some great prizes and see our annual slide show.



LYKE (Lutheran Youth of Kitsap Encounters)...Wednesday nights at Lutherhaven begin June 17.

Enjoy the lake and each other. Always looking for drivers. Meet at Vinland at 5:30 - return to church by 9pm.

Or meet out at Lutherhaven at 6pm.

The plan is to barbeque burgers....everyone bring something to share...chips, salad, dessert, fruit, etc.

LOFT Adventures Day Camp - June 29-July 2

Come help at "Kids on the Move" in the morning and then we will have our own LOFT Adventures in the afternoon, culminating with an overnight camp-out Thurs/Fri. Registration forms available in the LOFT outbox.



Summer Mission Trip July 6-9 in Seattle.

Cost is \$100 per student, \$50 for adults. Informational flyers are in the LOFT Outbox. Mission Team dinner Sunday, June 7 at 5pm.

fun times



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???



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

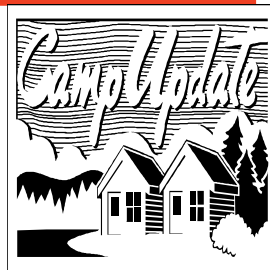
BIG CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 26

at around noon. Hot dogs, burgers and lemonade provided.

Bring a large side dish to share.

Youth Bible Camp at Lutherhaven August 8-13

This camp is open for youth in the community who have completed grades 3-8. The cost is \$160.00 per camper. Registration forms are available in the church office or on the Olympic Lutherhaven website: olympiclutherhaven.org.



Vinland Lutheran Preschool Day at Safeco Field on Wed, July 8

Buy your discounted tickets by SUNDAY, JUNE 14.
to join your Vinland family for a day at the ballpark.
Invite friends and relatives.

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.