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Ed Stock 9/23
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Walt Elliott 9/27
Sharon Schmid 9/28
Ava Adrig 9/29
Lisa Mansfield 9/29



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

LORD, JESUS THE CHRIST,
 There is a famine in our Soul.....
 From you comes my dear child:
 Believe ~ O JOY!
 Worship ~ PRAISE GOD!
 Service ~ GRACE AMAZING!
 Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid



Floyd & Karen Oster 9/3
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Rick & Marsha Wright 9/12
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SEPTEMBER 13

“Bite of Vinland/Ministry Fair”

SEPTEMBER 20

**God’s Work/Our Hands Service Day
Two Services Begin - Sunday School
Open House**

SEPTEMBER 26

Parents’ Nite Out

A few notes from Bruce and Lisa Mansfield...



God has always opened doors for us guiding our path in life. The opportunity to act as interim Music Directors until the position could be permanently filled was one of those opened doors. We hope to use our love of music to help the church in this time of musical transition. “God created [all of] us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God,” (BibleStudyTools.com).

Bruce received his Master’s degree in Music Performance in 2001 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Later that year, he joined the U. S. Navy band. During his years in the Navy, he has performed as a trombonist and conductor throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia. He taught band at a community college while living in Annapolis, and currently, he is the conductor of the Poulsbo Community Orchestra and the director of Navy Band Northwest.

I grew up performing Scandinavian folk dances, so I immediately fell in love with “Little Norway.” I joined the Sons of Norway, so our children, Michael (8) and Laurie (6), could learn about their Norwegian heritage. Music has always been woven through my life by singing at home and in church choirs, playing handbells, dancing, and playing my French horn. I always wanted to be a teacher, and when I had the opportunity to combine my love of music with a passion for working with children, being a music teacher was a perfect combination. I have taught middle school band, elementary general music, and children’s choir as well as elementary band and orchestra. My goal is to finish my Masters in Music from the University of Washington in June 2016 and return to teaching.

Both of us sincerely believe that all people are musical and can contribute in each person’s own way. We wish to try new ideas and incorporate everyone into the music ministry in some way.



the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church Sept 2015

We welcome member’s ideas and suggestions, but more importantly we value your involvement. Audiences are crucial members of the performance medium, but the church is a participatory venue. Can you play an instrument, do you love to sing, would you like your children involved in church music, do you feel comfortable being a cantor, and/or would you increase your giving to bring in special musicians? Over the past few weeks, a musical time and talents survey was distributed asking how you can contribute; if you haven’t completed yours yet, please do so. Psalm 40:3 states, “He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

Our goals include expanding singing in Sunday School, adding music into Wednesday Youth Group, fueling enrollment while easing commitment on traditional choir members, increasing opportunities for special music, and augmenting participation in the New Song Singers. *Psalm 150:1-5 reads, “Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.”*

Music worship is not always about praise, but is also essential for reflection, contemplation, and healing. May Kay Ash said, “Most people live and die with their music still unplayed. They never dare to try.” We hope you dare to try and walk through an open musical door at Vinland Lutheran Church.

pastor chuck's stuff

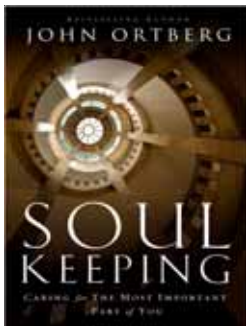
MISSION, BIBLE STUDIES, FELLOWSHIP

THANKSTO: Glenn Schechert, John Ross, Floyd Oster for their work on the new walkway from the Preschool entry to parking lot.

Aug. 10th Preacher Sherry Gutierrez and Presider Ernie McCluskey
Nadia Horn for her good work as New Song Accompanist!

LUNCH BUNCH @ Silverdale Oak Table: Mon., Sept. 7, 11:30 AM
Join us at newly opened OAK TABLE in Silverdale Please sign up.

LECTIONARY LUNCH Thurs., 11:30 AM -12:45 PM (Begins Sept. 17)
Bring a lunch, a bible, & open mind to prepare for Sunday's sermon.
9/17-Mark 9:30-37 9/24-James 5:13-20 10/1-Mark 10:2-16



SUNDAY ADULT STUDY begins Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:40-10:20
Between services you are invited to explore John Ortberg's superb book, **Soul Keeping**. We'll have coffee and conversation in Haugen Hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:00 AM
Manly breakfast, mighty fellowship, and multiple opinions offered!

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS For Vinland 7TH & 8TH Graders!
Normally 1st Sats. include study, lunch, movie clips, & fellowship.
Sat., Oct. 3, 10 – noon: Parents Meeting & Introductory Session
Oct 24: PLU Retreat (football!) Nov. 7, 10 – 2 Commands #1-3



MEXICO MISSION MTG: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 5 PM

Come to our pizza/orientation meeting to discuss plans for our house-building trip to Tijuana (March 31-April 8, 2016). Talk to Pastor Chuck.



LIVING STONES Prison Visit: Saturday,
October 10, 4-10 PM
Sign up to visit an ELCA ministry at Shelton

Men's Correctional Institution.

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Campana's, Mon. Sept. 28, 5 PM (TBA)

Join us for lively conversation served with tasty calzones & cold beverages.

Musical Time and Talents Survey

Bruce and Lisa Mansfield have put together a survey that ALL OF US are encouraged to complete. It only takes a few minutes. There is an on-line version and also hard copies to complete by hand.

Even if you are not a “musician”, your opinions and ideas are appreciated! Here is the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VLCMUSICSURVEY>



Welcome Robbie Taylor!

Starting in mid-September, Robbie Taylor, a highly-accomplished musician, will be joining the music team of Vinland Lutheran Church. He will be playing piano with the New Song Singers, accompanying the traditional choir and, twice-monthly, leading the traditional services. When you see him, please give him your warmest VLC welcome!

Robbie was born and raised in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The son of a band director and a third-grade teacher, he picked up piano, trumpet, and guitar before earning his BA in Music from Bridgewater College. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Navy as a musician and has since been stationed in Hawaii, Florida and currently lives with his family in Poulsbo. He has performed extensively throughout Southeast Asia as well as the Southeastern and Northwestern United States. Having performed in churches throughout his life, he most recently served as the pianist at Calvary United Methodist Church in Orange Park, FL.

He's married to a lovely pianist named Kathryn, who is the Director of Music at Gateway Christian School and the Director of Children's Ministries at Alive Covenant Church in Poulsbo. She also calls Virginia home and maintains an active private piano studio as well as serving as co-leader for Girl Scout Troop 44442. They have three mischievous children - Jamie, 9, Hanna, 7 and Andy, 4.

Robbie believes that music can transcend all barriers and hopes to move and inspire others through his playing.

Love to Sing? Play an Instrument?

Join the VLC Music Team! We have a spot for you!

New Song Praise Band practices Tuesday evenings and Sat. mornings.

Contact is Steve King: sking.chat@gmail.com

Traditional Choir will begin practices on Thursday evenings

Contact is Lisa Mansfield: mansfie250@gmail.com

Sunday School Kids will sing together each Sunday morning at about 9:30

L.O.F.T. youth will sing together on Wed. evenings at about 7:15

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



What a summer we had this year – warm, sunny, dry, and long. For those of us who are sun-lovers and gardeners, it was joyful bliss. But, as always, August crept in with the vague, intangible feeling that fall was on the way. I've wondered why I always feel this, but suppose it is the cooling temperatures, the gradual shortening of the days, along with the difference in the slant of those sunny rays. Endless summer would surely get old (or so I tell myself), so I welcome the change of season with the crisp evenings, moody days, and blessed rain. Lord knows, we could use the rain.

With the extended summer was an extended growing period for both the native plants that surround us and for those we cultivate in our yards. Planting, weeding, pruning, watching for pests, and harvesting flowers, fruits, and vegetables became a drawn-out affair this year. As the weeks - and then the months - passed with no rain in sight, watering became a regular, necessary task. During our usual summer “droughts” native plants survive just fine, having slowly adapted to our unique Pacific Northwest climate through millennia. This summer was unusual, however, and even the natives suffered. Some slowed their growth, some closed up shop early by going into fall mode with leaves turning color, and some simply gave up and died. The weeds, on the other hand, seemed to flourish...

As any gardener knows, weeds are a constant battle. Many hours are spent weeding – eliminating those plants that spring up in our gardens, insidious and unwanted. What is it, exactly, that makes a plant a “weed”? They definitely are plants that we don't want or like, but there must be more to it than that. It may be that some of them are natives that are unusually well-suited to taking over any space they find and reproducing exponentially to the point where they crowd out any other plants in the area. It may be that some of them are wanted and liked in other parts of the world, perhaps where they originally came from. Somehow, they got from there to here and seem to thrive – often because our conditions suit them and they lack the animals here that would consume them back home. I think that weeds go back as far as the first people who, for whatever reason, decided to leave home and wander into new territory. Whether they carried them intentionally, such as for food, healing, or needed materials, or inadvertently as hitchhikers, wherever they roamed some plants went along. All plants do have a use, whether or not we know what that is. For most of us today, weeds are quite simply plants that we do NOT want.

If we think of it this way, some people may be considered weeds. Not liked, unwanted, problems to be dealt with - we find them everywhere if we are looking for them. Misfits, aliens, minorities – call them what you will – they intrude on “our” territory and cause us discomfort. Native or imported, they are unlike us and are often sturdy survivors, for they have had to be. Because they are different and not what we think we want, need, or can use, we'd just as soon weed them out, cleaning up our spaces to our own specifications and satisfaction; discarding them because we don't deem them worthy to grace our presence.

Are they not also God's creation and, as such, certainly as worthy as we are? Suppose - just for a moment - that “we” and “they” all grew in the same garden. Consider this thoughtfully, because we are all in this life on earth together, whether we like it or not...

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then? Galatians 5:13-15 (The Message)

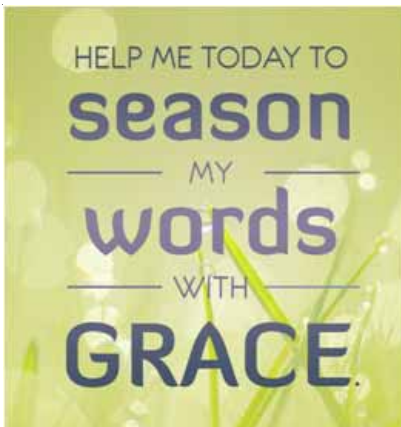
women's groups

Women of Vinland

Third Wednesday of each month



The Women of Vinland will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 in Haugen Hall. Hostesses for lunch are Bonnie Debar and Jan Hakanson. Devotions will be given by Jan Janzen. Anita Puzon will lead the Bible study. All women of the church are invited to join in worship, song, prayer, study, fellowship, and lunch. Please join us....it's a fun and soul-enriching time.



Women of Grace

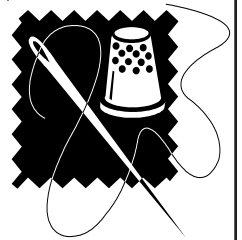
Our fall meetings will begin in OCTOBER. *October 5 will be our first meeting and let's begin at 6:30pm instead of 7pm.*

Let me know if this is a problem for anyone. I have a couple topics I am considering for October...I'll let you know!

All women welcome to join this group. We meet on the first and third Mondays at church. *Contact is Marsha Wright.*

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.

**Busy Moms
are getting
busier now
that school
is starting!**



**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-??

They are going to have evening meetings again this fall. Put Busy Moms into your schedule this school year. It is good to gather with others to share life's ups and downs, pray together and study God's word. *Karyn Crawford is the contact for this group.*

children

get connected at Sunday School and Kid's Church

Kids Pre-K through 5th grade meet each Sunday downstairs in Haugen Hall at around 9:30. We meet together for opening words and singing with Lisa Mansfield and then head to classes with wonderful teachers.

Back to "Sundae" School Open House & Party on Sept. 20. at 9:30. Kids and parents - plan to come and get acquainted!



We have stories to tell, God's love to share, songs to sing and legos galore!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help during Sunday School and also with the annual Christmas Program (Dec. 13). We often need snacks and donated items for crafts.

If you care to help in any way, contact Marsha Wright at 360-621-6983 or randmwright@gmail.com



KIDS CHURCH is another arm of our children's education ministry. It happens each Sunday, at both services, during the sermon time. Kids ages 4-third grade gather for singing, praying, playing and a devotion or story. Weather permitting, we sometimes play outside for a few minutes.

Responsible youth assist an adult.

Thanks to Karyn Crawford and the wonderful LOFT youth, parents are able to enjoy an evening out once a month while their (potty-trained) children have dinner and get to play with friends!

First PNO of the season is Sept. 26 from 5-9pm.

Cost is just \$10 per child. All money raised goes to fund youth events and retreats.

Kids must be signed up ahead of time.



What's Happening in the L.O.F.T ?



September 1st- Farewell to summer Mini-Golf and Pizza Party.

Meet at church at 11:00am to carpool; we will return at 2:00pm. Please bring \$5 for pizza and golf. Let me know if you need a ride from home, it will be no problem to pick up kids!!

NO LOFT- September 2nd- 1st day of school. Have a great year!!

Sept. 9 - 6-7:30 Our first Formal Croquet Garden Party What is this??? More details coming soon



DON'T FORGET all activities are for ALL AGES (6th-12th grade) unless it specifically says middle school or high school and friends are always welcome!

MIDDLE-SCHOOL RETREAT- September 18th-19th at Lutherwood camp in Bellingham. We will leave Friday evening and return Saturday night. I haven't been on this retreat before, but I have heard great things and I think it will be an awesome night. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend. There is a sign up sheet and registration forms in the LOFT outbox. We do not have a LOFT fundraiser scheduled until after the retreat, but if you will commit to volunteering at Parents Night Out and/or selling Krispy Kreme donuts in October there is a price break. \$30 per person w/fundraising, \$60 without. Payment and forms are due Sunday, August 30th.

MUSIC IN THE AIR!! We have some VERY musical LOFT kids who are getting the opportunity to share their voices and instruments! Lisa Mansfield will be leading music during Wed. LOFT times from 7:15-7:30ish. Don't be shy; this will be fun!

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- SEPTEMBER 13** God's Work, Our Hands Service Project
- SEPTEMBER 20** First Day of Sunday School (9:30am) and High School Bible Study (6:30pm)
- SEPTEMBER 26** Parents' Night Out 5pm-9pm
- OCTOBER 11** Krispy Kreme fundraiser donut delivery AND High School Service Sunday (serve a meal at a women's shelter in Seattle)

preschool



This summer has not only brought us a lot of sunshine it has also brought us working hands & willing people to pour concrete. Thank you Glenn Schechert, Floyd Oster, and John Ross for removing the uneven ground from the back parking lot leading to the preschool entrance and laying down a safe and beautiful walkway for our preschoolers and their families. Alleluia!

The new walkway is so inviting. It's safe and truly welcomes students, families and visitors who enter the building. It also compliments the church's Sunday School classroom doors, as well.

Many thanks to Pastor Chuck & Janean Moriarty for making this happen by reaching out to the amazing crew to bring this walkway to a reality. This walkway couldn't have happened without you, the congregation, the preschool families and friends who have donated through financial support over the year to make this dream a reality.

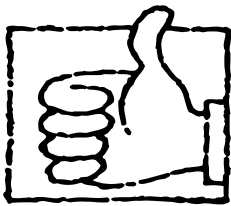
If you haven't checked out the new walkway yet, please come take a walk. The before and after is a beautiful transformation.

See what a little dreaming can do?

With a Grateful Heart,
Pamela Schneider, Preschool Board Chair

**There are still openings in the AFTERNOON T-W-Th class and
in the FRIDAY 2-3 YEAR OLD CLASS.**

Please call the church...360-779-3428; the preschool...360-865-0519 or e-mail preschool@vinlandlc.org for enrollment information.



***THANK YOU** to everyone who came and worked (and played) in the Discovery Garden on August 25. A lot was accomplished with many hands!*

This garden is not just for the preschool - it is for everyone in the congregation to enjoy. It is a lovely spot to sit with a friend and enjoy a cup of coffee on a nice fall day. The Sunday School kids use it on a regular basis and we could not have had our successful Kids on the Move Day Camp without the open field, play structure and forest trails.

PRESCHOOL "BITE OF VINLAND" returns on Sunday, Sept. 13 during the Ministry Fair. This has proven to be a really fun fundraiser for our preschool. Delicious "bites" of sweet and savory food are provided; you purchase tickets to sample them!!

fun fall events



Get Connected

Ministry Fair and Bite of Vinland
Sept. 13, 10:45

Enjoy some delicious “bites” at \$1 per bite to benefit the preschool!
Browse the many booths set up by ministries at Vinland - with some games and contests for everyone!



PINOCHLE!

Gather with friends
for a potluck and a
friendly game of cards.

There is a sign-up
sheet on the bulletin board.

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

Friday, September 18

Potluck at 5:30

Cards dealt at 6:00

*Hostesses for the night are Jan
Hakanson, Anita Puzon and Judy Wales.*

They will provide dessert.

Please call

Jan Hakanson at 598-4882

if you plan to play.

God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran

AFTERNOON OF SERVICE

SEPT. 13

APPROX. NOON-3PM

Watch for details on projects.



October 4 at 3:30 - Rodeo Round-Up!!

We are bringing back the popular rodeo!
Rope “Bessie” the cow! Games and prizes!

Hopefully, a horse to ride!

Burger BBQ and S’mores around the “campfire!”

Put on your western duds and join the fun.



Praying before Meals

by Gary Taylor

Why is this faith practice important?

Jesus was onto something when he said, “Do this in remembrance of me” while breaking bread with his closest friends. *Companion*, of course, literally means *with bread*. So much of human bonding happens around the meal table. When it comes to children and families, studies show that children in households that eat together four or more nights per week are less likely to encounter social difficulties like school expulsions or drug use. The more a household talks about their lives and shares the journey, the better individuals feel supported to face life’s inevitable challenges. When we intentionally invite God into meal times, we remind children and adults how God is intimately involved in *all* of our lives. Furthermore, we demonstrate how to connect with God regularly and sincerely.

What materials are needed for this practice?

While there are no materials necessary for prayer, you might consider a book of prayers to help get started.

How to do it

Make it normal: As a start, an adult may speak the prayer, and then over time invite others to add a prayer. Later, other household members may take turns leading. Like anything, this will take time, but with repeated practice, it will become more comfortable. I love that praying with my teenagers is a normal thing in our household.

Give thanks: Expressing gratitude to God, day in and day out, is the surest way to remind ourselves that we are infinitely loved and unfathomably blessed.

Pray for others: Praying for God to heal or protect someone specific helps the family hold that person in mind and feel that they are helping them too.

Pray for strength and guidance: Praying that we use our gifts to help others, every day, reminds us that we are to do good in the world.

Ways to pray: Praying out loud, especially from the heart, helps children and adults learn that prayer doesn’t have to be perfect to be worthy of God. On the other hand, traditional prayers offer a chance for connection. Sometimes our family sings the doxology or even a Christmas carol verse as our prayer.