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Bob Reister 10/3
Spencer Gillespie 10/4
Don Danielson 10/10
Thelma Etchells 10/10
Lisa Journey 10/13
Bev Puhn 10/14
Shawna Williams 10/15
Elsie Booth 10/16
Chuck Rabura 10/18
Fiona Gillespie 10/19
Marilee Mills 10/22
John Banzer 10/22

Marcia Halferty 10/23
Glenn Schechert 10/24
Elizabeth Slocum 10/25
Marissa Wendt 10/25
Matt Clucas 10/27
Linda Carlson 10/28
Don Moriarty 10/28
Aimee Cotey 10/28
Karly Crawford 10/29
Geoff Wendt 10/30

Jim & Lorna Abbott 10/4
Mike & Angela Desmond 10/7
Peter & Beckie Hansen 10/10
Ed & Jan Hakanson 10/12
Ray & Vicki Kobeski 10/19
Greg Warren & Susan Thiel 10/21
Tim & Amy Munns 10/23
Steve & Brandy Weir 10/26
Phil & Julie Swenson 10/30



**PRAYER OF
OUR HEARTS**

Precious Savior,
 May our MORNING
 PRAISE be your
 pleasure.

At dawn make us ready
 to watch for your
 PRESENCE and for
 your GUIDANCE.

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid

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OCTOBER 4: Rodeo Roundup!
OCTOBER 11: Blessing of the Animals
OCTOBER 25: Trunk o' Treat

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

HEBREWS 12:1

My stepmother just emailed me a picture of my father’s broken toe as part of her futile campaign to persuade my 81 year-old dad to walk away from his job at a horse stable. She writes, “*After being bucked off, pulled down, kicked and stepped on by four different horses, I’m trying to convince him to stop hanging out with them?!*” Her next email she admits, “*Nothing you or I say or do will change his mind. He is so stubborn. Only open to change if he thinks it’s his idea. I’ll work on that.*”

My father had been a mighty prosperous futures trader until the market crash in 2008. While he took a big income hit, he moved on, and sold property. But, he still wants to work so he risks his neck (his wife claims) shoveling manure for \$10 an hour.

I don’t know if I have ever been more proud of my father. Losing his lifestyle and his identity as a successful finance guy, he loves to quote his version of the bible, “*Easy come, easy go. I can’t take it with me anyway.*” So now he makes minimum wage and seems just as content to me. In recent years, especially with his brothers’ failing health and his own bout with esophageal cancer, my father has turned more than ever to Jesus. I have been more of an observer than any kind of change agent.



the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church October 2015

Hebrews speaks to this kind of resiliency and resolve “*run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*” I feel fortunate to see this patient perseverance lived out among the senior saints of Vinland. It constantly amazes (and saddens) me to see the forces of aging, accumulated losses, physical failure, and frustration pile up on these people. And yet, and yet, they keep going with their walkers, wheelchairs, and wily sense of humor. Trust me, I am not romanticizing this most difficult stage of life and faith. I have been with too many of these saints all the way to death to be sentimental. But, precisely because I’ve been privileged to be witnesses of their faith, life, and love, that I’m not amazed, but inspired by God’s gritty grace at work.

At Vinland, we do well to look around and realize we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, especially those who park in the handicapped spots. These are warriors who face the ultimate struggles, just to get dressed in the morning. And yet they continue to run with perseverance and patience and precision the race marked out for them. All Saints Day is about a month away, but every day is really All Saints Day. The Holy Spirit is at work among us sustaining and spurring us on.

pastor chuck's stuff

MISSION, BIBLE STUDIES, FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO 25 Vinlanders for God's Work/Our Hands Day of Service on 9/13 and to all who brought food for Fishline.

Thanks Ernie McCluskey, Sharon Schmid, Nita Johnson, Catrina Stroud and Lisa Mansfield for helping plan our Healing Service on 9/27

Welcome Robbie Taylor our new choir & New Song accompanist.

LUNCH BUNCH Monday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 at church. We've had enough eating out (for now). Our own resident chef Judy Wales is cooking for our gathering at the church. The cost is \$10 per person; \$5 will go to the Women of Vinland for improvements in the Haugen Hall kitchen.



LECTIONARY LUNCH Thurs., 11:30 AM -12:45 PM

Bring a lunch, a bible, & open mind to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY Sundays, 9:40-10:20 in Haugen Hall

Between services you are invited to explore John Ortberg's superb book, Our focus is to better understand and nurture our inner life of the soul. We have a video clip followed by coffee and conversation.



MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Oct. 3, 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 March 31-April 8, 2016 Open for Registration



To sign up for our house-building trip to Tijuana, there is a \$200 non-refundable/transferrable deposit. 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.

Please contact pastorchuck@vinlandlc.org for info. and to sign up.

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Campana's, Mon. Oct. 26, 5 PM

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

music



Calling all singers! The traditional choir is still looking for members to sing on the first and third Sundays of each month for the 10:30 service. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Lisa Mansfield: mansfie250@gmail.com

Hand Chimes Are Coming! Would you like to join a new instrumental music group at Vinland? Starting in October, a hand-chime choir will begin rehearsals to play special music for Sunday, Nov. 22. This ensemble is open for teens to adults. Please contact Lisa Mansfield to sign up &/or receive more information: mansfie250@gmail.com

New Song Worship Team

Practices for the contemporary services' New Song Worship Team are on Tuesdays from 7-9pm and on Saturday mornings from 9-10am. We are a very inclusive group and invite singers and instrumentals with some experience in guitar, bass, drums (other?) to come and make a new song with us!



Special "Sundays at Two" concert on November 8.

This will be a tribute to veterans. Navy Band NW's woodwind quintet and sax quartet will play during the concert! The entrance "fee" will be a donation -money or item- for a local food bank. We will host a reception following the concert. What a great way for Vinland to share it's facility with the community!

Invite friends!

Stavanger, Norway Cathedral Choir at Silverdale Lutheran on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30pm - Freewill Offering.

This promises to be a wonderful evening of choral music with a renowned organist accompanying the group.



barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



Entering the woods this day, I am once again intrigued by his single-mindedness. That being to fully take in and enjoy every single bit of ground that we cover and, looking forward only a limited distance, that which lies ahead. I observe his steady gait – the little trot-trot with a bounce in every step. The alert expression on his face – head and tail held high, ears forward, nose twitching, eyes continually scanning. Rather small, he is close to the ground and the grass is high, so his vision is limited. But for him the nose rules all, and his senses are constantly inundated with scents I can only imagine: mice, moles, squirrel, deer, raccoons, and dogs – always there are dog scents... To him, they are all good and exciting!

This little rescue dog is new to our family and in some ways he had changed our lives. Sure, he has some “baggage” – some we know about, some not. There have been challenges – some we have overcome, some training is in progress, some we are still figuring out how to deal with. The upside continues to be his unique little personality. So often, there is a joyfulness about him that defies explanation. He enjoys playing with his toys, but the small rubber ball trumps all. He would go to the moon and back to retrieve this ball, chews on it, rolls it around with his nose, squeaks it, and holds it between his paws to keep it from being taken away. Each morning, or on our return from being away, he greets us with such enthusiasm – tail wagging his entire body. He enjoys his cuddle time, curling up tightly against each of us in turn, sometimes under a quilt or blanket. He loves to be brushed, stroked, scratched, or to have his belly rubbed - yawning, stretching, rolling onto his back, and surrendering to the enjoyment. I swear this dog actually smiles with pleasure at it all!

Anyone with a dog understands and I think we all could learn something from these loyal companions. That would be to simply welcome each day as it comes and to make the very most of it; to have a true interest in our immediate surroundings and the people we encounter. To take life in with all of our senses: to clearly see the eyes of those we meet, hear the nuances of the music we listen to, smell the mudflats at low tide or the fresh air after the rain, taste the dinner someone else has prepared, touch the shoulder or hand of someone who needs to know we care. To be aware of our demeanor and what it says to others, whether we look fretful and busy, or enthused and energetic. We should not ignore the future, but also not look too far ahead, as we can only adequately deal with today. If we enjoy our leisure time to the fullest, throwing ourselves into whatever our interests are, could we not do the very same with our work? What if we gave those we associate with our full attention and those we’re closest to our total commitment? When was the last time we really ENJOYED this life – every single day of it?

Of course, not every day is pleasant for us because life is full of hardships, uphill battles, pain, and grief. No one ever promised us that it would be easy. All these trials can wear us down and before we know it we can become locked into the negatives more than the positives. I think it is important not to forget that there are always some positives and that it would be good to celebrate those while we have them.

As you head out on your path of life today, remember that you will never pass this way again. Although the trail may be rutted, rocky and muddy, there are many interesting surprises along the way. As best you can, try to keep your head up, your step lively, and your senses fully engaged. Don’t forget to walk with those who love you and keep your tail waggin’ ... there is rest later and tomorrow is indeed another day.

*This is the day the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

women's groups

Women of Vinland

Third Wednesday of each month



The Women of Vinland will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 in Haugen Hall. Muriel Dodge and Beachie Settle are the hostesses and Marcie Halferty will lead the devotions. All women of the church are invited to join in worship, song, prayer, study, fellowship, and lunch. Please join us.

*.Just a reminder: The container for recycling the following is located in Haugen Hall just beyond the dividing wall: *cancelled stamps, * used greeting cards, *used eye glasses and cases, *receipts from Red Apple Market, *used computer ink cartridges.*

Let's be good stewards and recycle!!!! Bring your items to church and duck into Haugen Hall before the service to deposit your recyclables



Women of Grace

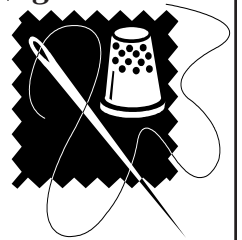
Our fall meetings will begin in OCTOBER. *October 5 will be our first meeting and let's begin at 6:30pm instead of 7pm.*

Let me know if this is a problem for anyone. I have e-mailed an article, but will have hard copies at church.

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.

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
are still busy,
but not too
busy to get
together!**

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

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.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!!

It's only September, but the months fly by, so we are in the planning stages for the kid's Christmas Program on December 13, following the Youth Worship Service at 9:30am. You will receive information via e-mail as plans fall into place.

Congratulations Cody & Martha



Cody Warren will have his Eagle Court of Honor on Oct. 3. His Scouting journey includes earning 34 Merit Badges, the God and Church award (for this he learned about his faith through study with Pastor Chuck), 3 50-Miler awards, and more. He has worked on many community service projects. His Eagle project was improving the trail, steps, and landing for the outhouse, and the landing to the altar area at Fredericksen's Wilderness Park on Big Valley Road. Both of these areas were in such disrepair that they were unusable. Last summer, he and other boys and adults from Troop 1571 completed a challenging and fun trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. If you want to know more about Scouting, ask Cody!



Martha Rabura has achieved the Gold Award - the highest level in Girl Scouting. The totals for her gold project are: A library for the Mallory Jansen Memorial School, an elementary school for Children of the Nations serving children ages three to thirteen in Sierra Leone Africa. She collected 3455 books and other items for the library, including four kindles/nooks. She sorted, cleaned, catalogued and labeled the books. She also sent two boxes of additional books to their secondary school. She raised \$3177, which was spent on books, shipping, bookshelves, tables and chairs for the library. Finally, she created a "How to Build a Library" manual for COTN to use for future library projects. The first shipment of books has arrived at the school. The second shipment should arrive in December. She hopes to someday visit the library.

loft news



Sunday School at 9:40am every week in the LOFT.

L.O.F.T. Wednesdays in October

September 30 - School Spirit Night at LOFT. Wear your school colors.

October 7 - Potluck!! Bring your favorite food to share.

October 14 - Corn Maze at Minder Farms. Meet at Minder at 6pm or carpool from the church at 5:45 (DO NOT BE LATE). Bring \$5 (payable to Karyn) and a flashlight.

October 21 - Holy Halloween Party - wear a costume!

Krispy Kreme Donuts will be delivered October 11th!

Pre-order a dozen for \$10 and have them waiting for you at church on Oct. 11 - enjoy them during the Seahawks game! You can pre-order on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4.



High School Bible Study Every Sunday Times & Activities Vary

October 4 and 18 - 6:30-8pm - meet in the LOFT

October 11 "Second Sunday Service" We are making and serving dinner at the Union Gospel Mission Emergency Shelter for Women and Children. Meet at church at 2:30pm; we will return on the 8:10 ferry.



**NO PARENTS NIGHT OUT IN
OCTOBER**

Parents' Night Out has become not only a great way for parents to have an evening out and know that their kids are well-cared for, but an important fundraiser for our youth. The money generated from PNO supplements almost ALL the activities of our youth. It is also a great opportunity for the youth to learn responsibility and child care.



"Haunted Woods" on Oct. 23, 6-9pm



Karyn Crawford's Girl Scout troop will have a "haunted woods" event at Vinland Friday, Oct. 23 from 6-9pm. Lots of scary fun is planned. \$5 per person at the door. From 6-7pm, the fun will be geared to younger kids, so this is a good time to bring your pre-school kids. Vinland sponsors this troop. Spread the word...this should be a really fun event!

preschool



Vinland Lutheran Preschool began its 11th year of operation this fall. We are grateful for the curious children who have taken us on adventures over all these years. We look forward to many new adventures this year! Lori VanVlerah begins her 9th year as our head teacher with Lynn Florent continuing as assistant teacher and Janean Moriarty as director. We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of the Vinland congregation. This fall our Preschool Angels have donated supplies and old appliances for our housekeeping area, offered referrals and prayers and supported a successful fundraiser. We especially thank Glenn Schechert for leading the effort to make our sidewalk and railing a reality. We love it! We are so blessed!

A big preschool hug to all who made The Bite of Vinland a success, especially the many ministries that donated “bites.” We were able to raise nearly \$700.

We are seeking Prayer Partners for each child in preschool. Currently we have 30 students. As a partner, we ask that you pray for the child and his/her family during the school year, then, attend a spring luncheon with the preschool families where you present a special book to the child. We request a \$20 donation to offset costs for the luncheon and book. You are also welcome to visit preschool or send cards for holidays or birthdays. Please consider connecting with a little one through this ministry. Volunteers can sign up in Grace Hall or contact Janean.

Please get connected with our preschool by LIKE-ing us on Facebook. Search for Vinland Lutheran Preschool.

We have openings in our afternoon class (T/W/Th for 3-5 year olds). Please let your friends, neighbors and coworkers know about us! We welcome you to visit our program. Contact Janean Moriarty at preschool@vinlandLC.org or (360)865-0510.

october events



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.

*Bring a buck to buy your burger
and a side dish to share.*

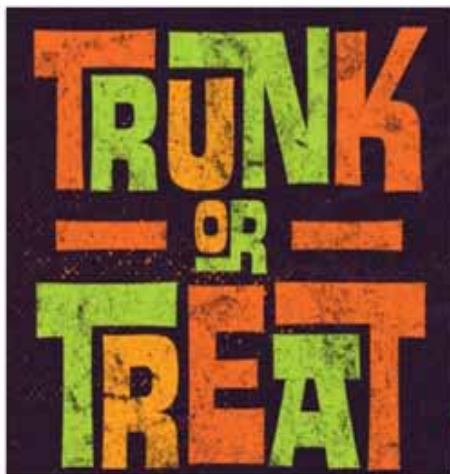
Join the square dancing fun in Grace Hall!



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 12:30 PM



Bring your cherished companion
for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.



SUNDAY
OCT. 25
3:30PM

GAMES, TREATS, DINNER!
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Sign up if you can help with food or clean-up AND if you would like to decorate your trunk or bring some candy to pass out.

This is fun for all ages!

miscellaneous



Vinland supports the **Living Stones Prison Ministry** at the Shelton Men's Correctional Center. Living Stones is an ELCA congregation within the walls of the prison.

Currently, there are two service opportunities. When we worship with the men on October 10, we will bring the backpacks and clothes.

The **FREEDOM BACKPACK PROGRAM** provides backpacks to men as they are released. You or a group can provide a filled backpack.

Purchase a serviceable backpack or duffle (new or gently used). Fill it with toiletries/hygiene items like a comb, toothpaste and toothbrush, shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer, washcloth, and hand towels. Also, ziploc-type bags in quart and gallon-size.

Poncho, Tarp (approx. 8'x9', socks and used plastic grocery bags.

The **CLOTHING LOCKER** provides clothes for the men.

Needed are serviceable clothing such as shirts, jackets, pants, underwear, socks and shoes.

Lutheran Community Services Brunch on November 8 at Kitsap Conference Center

Called *Soaring into New Tomorrows*, the annual brunch is Lutheran Community Services Northwest's (LCSNW) largest fundraiser for the Bremerton/Kitsap County areas. Proceeds from the event benefit Home Care, Senior Companion, Navy Respite, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Caregiver Services.

Although there is no upfront cost to attend the fundraiser, there is an opportunity to make a gift or pledge to support the services of LCSNW. Social hour begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by a buffet and program at 1:30 pm.

Contact Tammie Rabura if you are interested in attending.



CHURCH PARKING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

You may have seen the poster in Grace Hall describing the Parking Improvement Project which includes widening parking spaces and the driveway in the north lot, creating a new parking area in the grassy area, improving markings for Reserved Limited Mobility spaces, creating a passenger loading area, adding some walkways and handrails, and improving lighting.

We need your help both for workparties and donations to pay for materials (about \$2500 total). We're starting on the north lot on Sept. 26, spreading gravel and painting lines. *To donate contact Jean Danielson, our Financial Secretary. To help with the work contact Kurt Peterson or Rand Hein at 206-228-2133.*



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Some Frequently Asked Questions About Simply Giving...

How does Simply Giving® work?

Your offerings are transferred electronically from your bank or credit union checking or savings account. They are deposited directly into Vinland's accounts. As a result, your contributions cannot be lost, stolen or forgotten. And it helps Vinland!

What are the major advantages of giving through Simply Giving®?

Direct debit is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency that better matches how we incur expenses. It also reduces the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed in the church office.

It is important that I put an offering in the plate as part of worship. How can I do that if I'm participating in Simply Giving®?

We will provide laminated "I give through Simply Giving®" cards. Just pick up a card in the Narthex and place it in the plate during the offering.

Can I restrict my contributions?

Yes. You can allocate your offering to one or more different accounts at Vinland, including the Restricted Account. The application form lists the various options for your offering.

How are my automatic contributions deducted and transferred?

First, you sign and return an authorization form to the church indicating the amount you wish to contribute on a regular basis. Contributions are then transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income.

When will my contribution be debited from my account?

A debit to your account will occur each week or month on the day you specify on your authorization form. You will see the debits listed on your bank statement.

How much does Simply Giving® through direct debit cost?

It costs you nothing and it costs the church about 20¢ per transaction. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds when you consider the effort associated with handling checks and cash and manual record keeping.

What if I try electronic giving by direct debit and don't like it or want to change when or how much I contribute?

You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying Vinland's Simply Giving® coordinator, Diane LaMagna, at least 10 days before the next scheduled debit. To change your contribution level or frequency, just fill out a new authorization form.

How about record keeping?

Your bank statements will provide a record of your contributions through the year. A nice feature of Simply Giving® is that the servicer provides a year end accounting to Vinland that easily can be incorporated into the yearly tax statement.

Can I make additional contributions to Vinland without changing my Simply Giving® commitment?

You betcha! Although the easiest and most convenient method, Simply Giving® is just one way to make offerings at Vinland. You can choose how much of your offering is made through Simply Giving and how much through plate donations.