

Happy Birthday



Please hold in prayer...

Those mostly homebound...

*Dorothy Holm, Al Grondahl,
Les Oen, Florence Paulson, Jeannette Kyster*

Those in need of healing and comfort...

*Bob Stuhlmiller, Jeannette Kyster, Marv and
Laura Nicodemus, Don Cole, Father Tim*

<i>Kate Cotey</i>	<i>4/1</i>	<i>Marj Kallem</i>	<i>4/17</i>
<i>Sam Horn</i>	<i>4/2</i>	<i>Delores Hammond</i>	<i>4/17</i>
<i>Tom Settle</i>	<i>4/2</i>	<i>Camile Journey</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Megan Adrig</i>	<i>4/2</i>	<i>Kurt Peterson</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Bing Debar</i>	<i>4/3</i>	<i>Todd Bailey</i>	<i>4/22</i>
<i>Willy Stuhlmiller</i>	<i>4/4</i>	<i>Sharon Wendt</i>	<i>4/22</i>
<i>Karen Beers</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>David Schielke</i>	<i>4/23</i>
<i>Jean Danielson</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>Bev DeBroeck</i>	<i>4/25</i>
<i>Anita Puzon</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>Hilja Cain</i>	<i>4/25</i>
<i>Robyn Prehm</i>	<i>4/11</i>	<i>Chuck Slocum</i>	<i>4/27</i>
<i>Ben Gutierrez</i>	<i>4/11</i>	<i>Carolyn Hibbard</i>	<i>4/28</i>
<i>Henry Becker</i>	<i>4/12</i>	<i>Judy Wales</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Bob Winkel</i>	<i>4/13</i>	<i>Norma Lien</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Eleanor Beers</i>	<i>4/13</i>	<i>Jack Clearman</i>	<i>4/30</i>
<i>Julie Swenson</i>	<i>4/16</i>	<i>Tina Bigelow</i>	<i>4/30</i>
<i>LaVonne Berentson</i>	<i>4/16</i>	<i>Tony LaMagna</i>	<i>4/30</i>
<i>Ann Williams</i>	<i>4/16</i>		



Happy Anniversary to...

Chuck & Bev DeBroeck 4/11

Dan & Linda Carlson 4/12

David & Karyn Crawford 4/12

Corey & Kelli Oster 4/12

Don & Janean Moriarty 4/15

Don & Jean Danielson 4/25

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*Christ
is
Risen!*

Easter Sunday March 31

Worship 8am and 10am

Breakfast 8:30-9:45am

Egg Hunt 9:30 am



Song of Solomon 2:12



The Vinyard

April 2013

Vinland Lutheran Church Newsletter



“Jesus said to Peter, James, and John, ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. **Yet, not as I will but as you will.**” *Matthew 26:38-39*

This is it. Holy Week is at the center of the Church calendar. Christians also believe the events of this week shape the cosmic calendar and our eternal destiny. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is confronted with the temptation to abandon his mission. So he prays fervently and honestly to the Father asking for a way out yet finally he submits to the will of the Father. As Jesus’ followers, it is this week that we enter into the story. Our purpose is not to so much understand as to believe.

John Ortberg writes, “He could withdraw like the Essenes. He could collaborate like the chief priests. He could try to cut a deal with Pilate. He could call on God to be delivered. He did none of these things. Setting aside questions of his divinity and identity, this is

what Jesus did. This one lone, deserted, vulnerable man, decided, *I know what I must do. I will not fight. I will not run. I will not deal. I will not dazzle. I will die.* Then Jesus prayed, “*Not my will but your will be done.*”

We invite you as Jesus’ people to pay extra attention. This is it. Holy Week is it. Come to worship. On Maundy Thursday, we hear the story of Simon Peter, remember the Lord’s Supper, and consider the way Jesus washes the feet of his followers. Participate in the Prayer Vigil at church or at home, keeping watch with Jesus. Come on Good Friday worship to contemplate the mystery of the cross and reflect on the silence of God. Then on Easter we gather to celebrate resurrection. This is it. The very center of time, space, salvation, history, hope, eternity, heaven.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule



Maundy Thursday	March 28, 7 PM “Simon Peter” and Holy Communion
Prayer Vigil	Thurs, March 28, 8 PM – Fri, March 29, 6 PM
Good Friday,	March 29, 7 PM “The Silence of God”
Easter Sunday	March 31, 8:00/10:00 AM
Easter Breakfast	8:30 – 9:45 AM (\$support Youth Summer Mission)
Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 AM (Discovery Garden)

pastor chuck's backpage

- THANKS** To Matthew Nelson for hosting our March 16 council retreat
- THANKS** To Lenten Wednesday dramatists- Danielle Branes, Dr. Russ Horn, Sharon Schmid, Ernie McCluskey and JaneanMoriarty
- THANKS** To Vinland congregation for your generous support for financial (\$1000), reading, & clothing donations for Living Stones!!

Lunch Bunch @ McCormick Woods, Mon., April 8, 11:30 AM. Our senior group return one of our favorite Kitsap destinations, McCormick Woods in Port Orchard. Sign up in the fellowship hall!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Fri., 4/12, 6 PM – Sat., 4/13, noon.
This month we meet at BeachieWishart's for a retreat focusing on prayer. We begin with dinner on Friday and Saturday we serve at Lutherhaven.

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday Adult Forums: Sundays, 9:00 AM We continue our DVD series exploring the historical and global impact of Jesus Christ featuring Christian author John Ortberg.

- April 7: Resurrection Reality
- April 14: Power of Forgiveness
- April 21: Changing the Culture
- April 28: Our Father's World

Lectionary Lunch Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM Bring your lunch, bible, & theological opinions to our weekly study.

- April 4: NO CLASS
- April 18: John 10:22-30
- April 11: Psalm 30
- April 25: Revelation 21:1-6



Here's what's
happening!

STAY TUNED!!

Men's Breakfast, Sat, April 6, 8am
Fine Food & Fellowship

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon, April 22, 5PM
"Creation Care" to celebrate Earth Day!

barb's backyard



-Barbara Erickson

There are those we know, retirees, who spend their winters “down south”. They drive or fly to Arizona, New Mexico, California, or Hawaii to escape the cloudy, wet days that make up our winters here in the Pacific Northwest. Some in the Northeast go to Florida to avoid the snow and cold. Those who are younger, or still working, may take a cruise or mid-winter vacation to places of sun and warmth.

It is to be expected; human climatic migrations are eons old. The grass is always greener - no, sunnier and warmer perhaps - than it is here.

We are drawn to other places for what we perceive as a better climate, but also for a change of scene, an adventure, a look at the world outside of our usual domain that will increase our understanding. And, interestingly, if we go often and far enough, what we really discover is ourselves. For if we find the people here cool and unfriendly, those are the people we will find in New Mexico. If we are unmotivated, bored, and find little of interest here, California will be more of the same. Unusual and unseasonal heat, rain, snow, and storms are as likely to hit Arizona and Hawaii as they are anywhere else. Likewise, we will probably respond there in the same way we do here - by complaining about the weather...

If we know how to find contentment, yet stimulating challenges, within our everyday lives, then we will find these things wherever we are. If our life is full of adventure, we'll carry that with us. If we are grateful for what we have, refusing to constantly want for more and more, our travels will always be more about experiences than about things.

It really is, to some degree at least, all about how we view and adjust to our lives wherever we may be. Granted, some surroundings may please us more than others, but we all know people who seem to shine no matter their circumstances. We also know some who are never content, regardless of how well-off they may appear. And so getting away from it all to some other environment is more than a nice change of pace - it is a way to better discover who we really are.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, the Spring Peeper frogs are again filling the nights with their songs. There is a stirring in the land, a subtle warming and gradual advancement of daylight. Plant buds are swelling, birds are singing, insects are increasingly creeping about and those gentle rains sprinkle down on everything. The gardeners among us are tending to trees, planting new specimens, busily planning summer gardens; resurrection surrounds us.

No doubt, many “snow birds” we know will soon be returning here. Perhaps it is warming a bit too much for them where they've spent the winter, the climate does not look as good now as it did a few months ago, or they simply long or need to return home. Those of us who have remained here - for various reasons - will welcome them with open arms. For they are a part of our larger extended family and, if they are friends of ours, we already know who they really are. Rain or not - welcome home!

***“I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.
The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops...”***

Ezekiel 34:26-27

women's groups

Women of vinland

Open to ALL women of Vinland.
Next meeting will be April 17 at 10am.
It's Rummage Sale Month!!! Save your
stuff and bring it to church on
Friday, April 12. The one-day sale will be
on Saturday, the 13th!!



Women of grace

An evening meeting of women, some of whom work during
the day. Lively conversation, good tea, and sharing of life's
ups and downs. Focus on Bible Verses in April!
Meet on the FIRST & THIRD Mondays at 7pm.

THE BUSY MOMS

A gathering of moms of school-age and younger kids.
Meet EVERY THURSDAY at 9:30am downstairs.
Childcare is provided while moms share their stories, pray
and discuss various articles and books.

Women's Breakfast

Women of all ages gather on the SECOND SATURDAY at
8:00am at "Envy" in the Poulsbo Junction area

QUILTERS

Dedicated group of women meet on the SECOND and
FOURTH Tuesdays at 9am to piece quilts for Lutheran
World Relief. They also take turns bringing soup, bread and
dessert for lunch! No experience necessary. Join in anytime.

last tuesday Book Group

A selected book from the Library Discussion Series is
discussed at 7pm on the LAST TUESDAY of the month.
Books are available in the Social Hall for check-out. *The
March book, "The Florist's Daughter," will be discussed
on March 26 at 7pm.*

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! **NO CRAFT NIGHT IN MARCH.**

youth and family

Revised Summer Mission 2013 (for youth 7TH GRADE+ and adults)

PURPOSE SERVICE

Faith-building thru worship/bible study, community
Serving meals for the homeless, helping urban ministries,
AND dedicating a day of our labor to Vinland's building.

During our mission we will take time to meet the Vinland congregation at SAFECO FIELD on Wednesday, June 26(Preschool fundraiser) for a day game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

ALYSSA'S Last Hurrah: Help us say farewell to our beloved youth director on her last trip!! We already miss her!!!

Dates: Sunday, June 23- Thursday, June 27, 2013
Estimated Cost? \$125 (includes travel, mission, food)

Projected Itinerary

Sunday, June 23 Depart 4 PM: Vinland Lutheran
Arrive: 6 PM – Edmond's Lutheran
Housing: June 23-26 @ Edmond's Lutheran

Highlights

Sunday, June 23 Compline at St. Mark's Cathedral
Monday, June 24 Compass Center/ Pioneer Square
Tuesday, June 25 Community Lunch/Capitol Hill
Wed, June 26 Noon: Mariner's Baseball
4 PM: Annie's Kitchen/Edmonds
Thursday, June 27 Depart: Edmonds: early AM
Arrive: Poulsbo: 9 AM for Construction Labor @ Vinland
Thursday, June 27 Closing BBQ on the Beach
WE ALL SLEEP IN OUR OWN BEDS!! Work well done!!



YOUTH & FAMILY STUFF

During lent we have been focusing on the nuts and bolts of the Bible. We've been learning how to read the Bible, how the Bible is put together, and how the Bible fits into history. Into April/ May we will be looking at how the Bible and our faith relates to Day to day life. We will look at topics like prayer, stewardship, service etc.

April 3 is spring break. We will not meet.

April 10 we meet from 6-7:30

April 17 is pastor Q&A...Pastor Chuck is in charge!

April 24 Alyssa is out of town. Youth group is TBA

Faith trek for middle and high school is being led by Elizabeth Slocum in the youth room.

Easter Sunday and April 7 there is no Faith Trek.

Have a wonderful spring break! This term we have been looking at some of the miracles that Christ did. In March we have been looking at the healing of the 10 lepers in Luke 17. In April we will shift to look at the healing of Jarius' daughter in Mark 5:35-43. A huge thank you to all of our amazing teachers for loving, caring for, and teaching our kids!



april miscellaneous



Spring Cleaning for Easter!!

Posted on the bulletin board is a list of tasks that need doing around the church, inside and out.

Just choose a task, sign your name, grab a friend and some cleaning supplies and spend a few hours cleaning! Just finish before Easter Sunday!

What's New with Vinland Evangelism Efforts?



With so much focus on construction and ongoing transitions (such as Alyssa moving on), we need to remember the Great Commission, “to go and make disciples”. This is at the core of Jesus’ call to be Christians, to go and share the good news in Poulsbo and beyond. Recently, several of us quietly slipped into Poulsbo churches to see what our fellow churches are doing for their evangelism efforts. Some of you have inquired about what exactly we discovered.

We spread out among three churches and rendezvoused for lunch to exchange ideas and impressions. Newer churches were more intentional in reaching out to guests like us. I visited a more established congregation and was surprised how little effort was made to welcome me. All the churches had information centers with brochures. Overall, we were amazed that a few churches spared no expense on their publications. The music was of the “praise-band” variety with high-level projection and sound system. The pastor’s message was basically a bible study.

Our new evangelism steward is Marilynn Maas-Jones. If you are on the road and check out a church and have ideas to bring back to Vinland we would welcome that. Reaching Out is the responsibility of all of God’s people, not just pastor, staff, or church council. Consider who you could invite and welcome to Vinland!!!

Get in the Game!

PINOCHLE!

New players welcome (but don’t take the game too seriously!)
Pinochle at the church Friday April 19,
starting with potluck @ 5:30,
cards dealt @ 6 PM.

We play partners, pass 4, so we need an accurate count of card players – please sign up on bulletin board or contact Frank & Sharon Schmid
779-2944 fschmid@ieee.org



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

*Perfect Savior,
Everything under the sun
is yours.
You call us to use all things
in FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
and SERVICE.
May we use them before you
in Jesus name.*

*Amen
contributed by Sharon Schmid*

preschool news

Preschool Vision “Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

*“Allelu, allelu, everybody sing allelu, for the LORD is risen, it is true.
Everybody sing Allelu!”*

Come hear the preschool children sing this song at the worship service on Sunday, April 28! We will celebrate Preschool Sunday along with the baptism of Fiona Gillespie.



Dinner is served

Save the Date For The Spring Italian Dinner Preschool Fundraiser

DATE *Friday, May 3*

PLACE *First Lutheran Christian Center (next time - our own building!!)*

TIME *Early Evening - be on the lookout for further details*

COST *Tickets sold in advance for a minimum donation of \$15/person and \$10/children 5 and younger.*

Dinner will be prepared by professional Chef Matt LaMagna and include delicious pasta with homemade sauce, luscious meatballs, vegetables, bread, salad and beverage. If you have eaten a meal prepared by Chef LaMagna, you know that this dinner is one to attend. Because it is a fundraiser, tickets are being sold in advance. Funds raised will go toward the Nancy Pearson Tuition Assistance Fund and toward learning materials to support the preschool ministry.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is open for Vinland members and enrolled families. Registration opens to the community on April 9. Call or email Sherry if you have questions.
Phone: 779-3428 or Email: preschool@vinlandlc.org.

CLASS ONE **Ages 3-5 years old**
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings
9:15 a.m. to noon (12-14 spaces)
Registration fee \$55 (\$35 for additional sibling)
Tuition: \$1940/year

CLASS TWO **Ages 3-5 years old**
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons
12:30 – 3:15 p.m. (12 spaces)
Registration fee \$55 (\$35 for additional sibling)
Tuition: \$1940/year

CLASS THREE **Ages 2-3 years old** **Friday mornings**
9:30- 11:30 a.m. (10 spaces)
Registration fee \$55 (\$35 for additional sibling) Tuition: \$540/year

Out Back in the Garden



The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 1:15

It's nice to stroll through the Discovery Garden any time of year, but winter and spring offer a different view than one might normally get. Chickadees, dark-eyed “Oregon” juncos, song sparrows, rufous-sided towhees, and woodpeckers are easier to spot among the leafless trees. Sometimes, you may not see a particular type of bird, but careful observations will show you that they stop by from time to time.

Miss Sherry reports, and I have confirmed, that she sees signs that sapsuckers have been visiting the large western red cedars for some time. “Sapsuckers” get their names from the foraging behavior which they follow. This consists of drilling orderly horizontal rows of holes into tree trunks and then returning to those holes later to feed on the running sap and the insects attracted to it. They often forage in healthy trees and most, if not all, western red cedar trees that you see will have thousands of these holes ringing their trunks. Tree sap is the main food of red-breasted sapsuckers, although they also eat some insects and fruit. They will eat more insects during the nesting season and will feed primarily insects to their young. They are considered a “keystone” species, which is significant because it means that many other species use the sap wells they drill.

So the next time you hear a polite hidden “tapping” sound going on and on in a cedar tree out back, take the time to look more closely. You might find this bird happily showing you that our Discovery Garden is a healthy part of the larger ecosystem!



Discovery Garden Work Party

Saturday, April 20, 10 - 12 AM.

Please bring work gloves, pruners, shovels & a wheelbarrow, if possible. We will be doing some pruning & brush-clearing in the wooded area - kids are welcome & encouraged to come!



Check out the PHOTO BOARD in the Social Hall! Watch us grow!!

May 19 is Pentecost - the Birth-day of the church. We are planning a fun celebration that day with a special “building blessing.” We are going into the new building and writing our hopes, dreams, prayers, blessings, names on the unfinished floors, and framework of the building!!