



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, Marv and Laura Nicodemus,
Arnold Hammond, Don Cole

David Crawford	3/2	Bob Hibbard	3/5
Hayes Journey	3/2	Lydia Becker	3/15
Joe Beers	3/3	Janean Moriarty	3/20
Carolyn Mikkeltorg	3/3	Marv Nicodemus	3/24
Elaine Wenzlaff	3/4	Jeanette Kyster	3/26
Karen Oster	3/4	Kristen Crawford	3/28

Happy Anniversary to

Martin & Robyn Prehm 3/24

Hayes and Lisa Journey 3/25

Please e-mail the church office at vinland@vinlandlc.org or leave a note in the office if you change your phone, e-mail, or mailing address. Also, if your birthday or anniversary is missing, let the office know.

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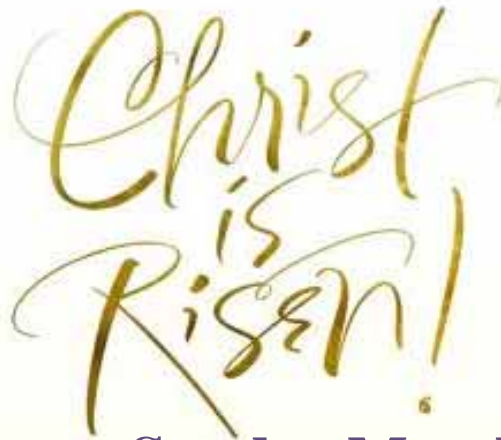
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Parish Secretary	Donna Beck
Preschool Director	Sherry Gutierrez



March 10



Easter Sunday March 31

Worship 8am and 10am

Breakfast 8:30-9:30am

Egg Hunt 9:30 am



The Vinyard

March 2013

Vinland Lutheran Church Newsletter

Jesus said to Martha,

“I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you this believe this?”

(From raising Lazarus from the dead - John 11:25-26)

The season of Lent is an intense countdown to Good Friday and Easter Sunday as we focus on the final days of Jesus' life climaxing his death and resurrection. You are invited to join us for our Lenten Wednesdays with soup and Compline. Our intention is to emphasis on scripture, prayer, biblical characters, and much-needed quiet. Yes, Lent is a discipline but also an opportunity to draw closer to Christ.

Wednesdays in Lent

Soup @ 6 PM and Night Prayer @ 7 PM

Join us for midweek worship with an emphasis on silence & simplicity

March 6	Wife of Pilate (Sharon Schmid)
March 13	Lazarus (Ernie McCluskey)
March 20	Mary, Mother of Jesus (Janean Moriarity)

Holy Week Schedule

The hub and highlight of the Christian calendar is Holy Week. We come together to recount the drama of the final week of Christ's life, his death on the cross, and his triumphant resurrection from the grave. Make time to prayerfully encounter the inspiration of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday,	March 24, 10 AM (Palm Processional)
Maundy Thursday	March 28, 7 PM (Holy Communion)
Prayer Vigil	Thursday March 28, 8 PM – Fri., March 29, 6 PM
Good Friday,	March 29, 7 PM
Easter Sunday,	March 31, 8:00/10:00 AM
Easter Breakfast	8:30 – 9:30 AM (\$support Youth Summer Mission)
Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 AM (Discovery Garden)

pastor chuck's backpage

THANKS TO:

Men's Breakfast for hosting Pancake Dinner (Feb. 12)

Vinland congregation for your ongoing patience and understanding with our parking challenges during construction.

Lunch Bunch @ Envy's in Poulsbo, Mon., March 4, 11:30 AM

This month our seniors stay local for a tasty lunch, interesting article, and EXCEPTIONAL company. Sign up in the fellowship hall!

Confirmation: Saturday, March 2, 10 AM – 3 PM

This month we begin study of The Lord's Prayer and follow up with a trip to Stone Chapel Funeral Chapel to prep for Easter Resurrection!

Spring Retreat: Sat., April 12, 6 pm -13, 1 pm @ Beachie Wishart's

Adult Education: Sunday Adult Forums: Sundays, 9:00 AM

We finish our series on world religions and begin a new DVD series on Jesus Christ featuring prolific Christian author John Ortberg.

March 3 Islam #2

March 17 Jesus Won't Go Away!

March 10

March 24 Good Friday-Easter Sunday

Lectionary Lunch: Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Bring your lunch, bible, & theological opinions to our weekly study.

March 7 NO CLASS (Pastor Chuck away) March 21 Luke 19:28-30

March 14 John 12:1-8

March 28 No Class (Holy Week)

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 8:00 AM

Our breakfast moves to the FIRST SATURDAY! Food and Fellowship!

STAY TUNED!!

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon, Mar. 25, 5PM

LIVING STONES VISIT: Saturday, March 23,
4:00-10:00 PM

We are collecting men's coats and sweatshirts & kid's books (4th grade and under. Bring them to church on March 17.

**Youth Mission! We go local June 24-29 with
Lutheran Partners in SERVICE!**

Here's what's
happening!

barb's backyard



*One day, you'll be just a memory for some people.
Do your best to be a good one.*

Anonymous

I was stunned the first time I read this because it is the absolute truth and truth can be pretty jarring.

-Barbara Erickson

None of us will be here forever and I well know that someday I, too, will be gone - just like my mom, dad, sister, and a few good friends. But I tend to think of myself in terms of the past and present, not so much in the future. I know what my past looks like and how I was then; the here and now are what I muddle through daily, but my future is totally unknown. As to how I'll be remembered by others.... **that's** a very good question.

This time of year seems to be one of stirring, a time when winter shifts a bit toward the spring that's out there somewhere. It was in February twenty six years ago that I lost my mom; in December a year ago I lost my sister. Recently, a dear friend's death was sudden and totally unexpected. I know that people of my age begin to experience these losses more and more often, so it follows that these lead to greater introspection.

It helps to think of people we've known and how we remember them - and why. I had an uncle whom I disliked immensely; I wasn't the only one. We did not see him often, but I never looked forward to it. Mean-spirited and rude, he knowingly asked inappropriate, embarrassing questions in front of others just to watch your reaction. It seems that he got great pleasure at the expense of others. A great "ladies' man", he went out dancing well into his eighties, so he certainly had his charming side. In his later years he did seem to mellow and the last time I saw him he was very kind and appreciative of the visit we had. I have tried to understand why he behaved as he did and to remember him as he was that last time I saw him. That's difficult, as there are so many negative memories of him because of his unkind treatment of others.

In contrast, there must have been two hundred people at the memorial service for the friend mentioned above. Everyone spoke of her as a well-respected friend and devoted volunteer to the myriad causes she was committed to. I liked and felt at ease with her immediately because she was approachable, down to earth, curious about the world around her, and willing to share whatever she knew. There was never a doubt about what she valued most - her husband, family, friends, and the importance of learning about and sharing knowledge of the natural world. She literally gave her all and the world is better because she was here.

Although we have no direct control over how others will ultimately remember us, we certainly can control how we live our lives today. As Christians, we have the sterling example before us - all we need do is attempt to follow in His footsteps...

*And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying,
"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

Luke 22:19

women's groups

Women of vinland

Open to ALL women of Vinland.
Next meeting will be March 20 at 10am
Spring Celebration on Saturday, March
16 at Silverdale Lutheran. Only \$12
includes lunch! 9am-2pm. See bulletin
board for more information.



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. We will finish our study of Gary Chapman's
book "Love as a Way of Life" in March.
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's" 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 is "The Florist's Daughter."*

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!

youth and family

Local Summer Mission 2013

(YOUTH 7TH GRADE+ and ADULTS from Local Lutheran Churches)

Summer



Servants

Purpose? Service, community-building with youth, good times!

Whose going? Youth (7th +) & Advisers: Vinland, Family of God, and First (Port Orchard) Lutheran Churches

Dates: Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28, 2013

How are we traveling? Rental vans to mission sites, etc.

Estimated Cost? \$150 (includes travel, mission, food)

Projected Itinerary: Summer Mission 2013

Sunday, June 23

Depart 4 PM: Vinland Lutheran

Arrive: 6 PM – Edmonds Lutheran

Housing: June 23-25 @ Edmonds Lutheran

Seattle- Urban Service

Sunday, June 23, 9 PM

Monday, June 24

Tues., June 25

Tuesday, June 25

Compline at St. Mark's Cathedral

Lutheran Compass Center (serving meals)

Community Lunch/Central Lutheran (serving meals)

Depart: Edmonds Lutheran

Arrive: Burlington- Burlington Lutheran

Burlington- Service at Tierra Nueva Ministries

June 26 - 27

Friday, June 29

Working in the community garden with migrant families

Depart AM : Burlington Party! Vacation Day @ Wild

Waves in Tukwila - Arrive PM back at Vinland.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

YOUTH

The SWWA Synod **youth retreat** is happening at camp Berachah March 15-17. Cost is only \$150. This will be a weekend of adventure, FUN, growth, FUN, bonding, FUN, worship, FUN.

Youth group meets Wednesday nights from 5-6 PM during Lent. Stay for soup supper and worship!



In March **FAITH TREK** will be looking at the story of the boy who shared his lunch (John 6:1-14) Using art, games, drama, science and service we will look at how one BIG God can do amazing things and how one person can make a BIG difference.

Between the services on **Easter morning** Vinland is a busy place! Easter breakfast has traditionally been served by youth, families and mission teams. We also have a huge easter egg hunt.

How can I help? Thanks for asking!

If you like to cook, we will pass out recipes on Palm Sunday and let you put your cooking skills to the test. If you like to serve, we are looking for

people to help in the kitchen and the fellowship hall. If you like to fill easter eggs, we can use your help! If you like to shop, we need some serious candy/stickers/small treasures that will fit in plastic eggs. A container will be in the narthex for your GREATLY needed donations. Thank you!!!



march miscellaneous



Dates and Times: 8pm March 21 - 6pm March 22 (Maundy Thursday to Good Friday)

Spend time in intentional prayer, either in the sanctuary or at home. Sign up for a time slot - 1/2 hour...1 hour...or more; the goal is to have someone praying for the entire 24 hours.

This is a gift of time you give yourself and God.

Relinquish your worries, fears, joys and concerns to God. Pray for yourself, your friends and family, the community, the world.

Thanks to Ernie McCluskey for organizing this event.



We have ordered 25 lilies for Easter morning. You may purchase one or more for \$9 per plant in honor or memory of a loved one. Order forms will be in the weekly bulletin or on the bulletin board.

You may take your lily home following the 10am Easter worship service.



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Dearest Lord Jesus the Christ,

As we travel the worn path through life's forest we seek and receive your guidance. Thank you for your *Sure Salvation*.

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid



Easter Butterfly

For a number of years Barb Erickson has taken charge of hanging the beautiful butterfly that she made.

She is ready to relinquish that ministry. Please call or e-mail Barb if you are willing to store, hang and take down this beautiful Easter symbol.

The Congregational Council will gather at the home of Matthew Nelson (Serenity Lodge) on Saturday, March 16 for an all-day retreat.

This will be a time to get to know one another, pray, and plan for the coming year. Thank you to all who have answered the call to serve the Vinland congregation.



preschool news

Preschool Vision

“Honoring God by Nurturing Children’s Relationships”

The preschoolers are beginning to enjoy the early signs of Spring—the crocuses are beginning to bloom and buds are everywhere in our Play Garden. The Sandbox has dried up a little bit, so they are back at work digging trenches, building sand castles, and making cookies. Water has collected in the mini plastic sandbox (which does not have sand), so they have been collecting the water to make soup and mudpies. Wouldn't you like to join them? We have two new students, so I am looking for two more prayer buddies. Let Sherry know if you would like to be praying for a preschooler and his/her family.



Thank you very much for supporting our Sack Lunch Fundraiser at the Annual Meeting. Over \$500 cash was given and all the food was donated by preschool families. Because our preschool is fully enrolled now, we are able to use the fundraiser money to add to the Nancy Pearson Tuition Assistance Fund and to purchase additional equipment that is used by the children in their learning through play.

Preschool Classes For 2013/2014

Preschool registration opens on Tuesday, March 19 for Vinland members and currently enrolled preschool families.

Registration opens to the community on April 9. Classes will fill on a first come with paid registration/first served basis. **We will continue to have three classes.**

Call or email Sherry if you have questions or know someone who is looking for a preschool! **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



spring stuff

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



Except during the most inclement weather, the Preschool children spend a portion of each day outdoors. The Discovery Garden provides many opportunities for learning and growth that some children can get no other way.

Some of the kids have been involved in “relocating” a couple of the larger rocks out there. Since these rocks are much too heavy for one child to move, they’re definitely learning the value of teamwork.

The new tricycles purchased with money from last year’s auction have been getting good use. Peddling and steering these sturdy, heavy-duty vehicles helps kids develop healthy bodies, coordination skills and learn how to follow directions. Cruising down the slight hill from upper to lower grassy areas has become a new favorite activity for some.

Another new activity is tree-climbing. Under supervision of adults, this is an excellent way to build muscles and develop coordination, balance, and confidence. It’s also a great way to learn about trees, especially the difference between the evergreens and those that shed their leaves during this time of year.

In anticipation of spring, the children have planted crocus bulbs in the “Welcome Garden” along the fence dividing the two play areas. After digging in the sandbox for fun, this is a time to discover the true value of soil as a growing medium for the new life that will soon appear. Children, as well as adults, have a much greater appreciation for growing things when they take some part in the process.

As you can see, not only the plants are developing and growing out back!



Check out the bulletin board in the social hall!
Our “on-site photographer” is Bill Erickson and he is keeping us updated via photos.
Thanks Bill!

To date \$642,983 has been received for the building fund. Thank you Vinlanders for your generosity and faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It’s fun to watch the money being used to “raise the rafters!”



**LIVING STONE’S
“SALAD BAR SUNDAY”
March 17 (wear green!!)**

Bring your favorite salad and/or bread to feed a crowd!. We’ll have a delicious feast after worship and learn a little more about the Living Stone’s congregation within the walls of Shelton Men’s Prison.

Bring your collected men’s coats and sweatshirts that Sunday - also kid’s books (4th grade & under)