

Happy Birthday

<i>Bill Erickson</i>	<i>5/1</i>	<i>Devin Horn</i>	<i>5/14</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>5/5</i>	<i>Bonnie Debar</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Evelyn Beers</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>Michael Warbois</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Doug Barnhart</i>	<i>5/9</i>	<i>Lou Youngs</i>	<i>5/17</i>
<i>Jan Janzen</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Jan Saenz</i>	<i>5/19</i>
<i>Dan Carlson</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Frank Schmid</i>	<i>5/20</i>
<i>Mark Slocum</i>	<i>5/10</i>	<i>Kendall Becker</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Ethan Gillespie</i>	<i>5/11</i>	<i>Helen Jensen</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Carlos Gutierrez</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Jim Berentson</i>	<i>5/24</i>
<i>Chuck DeBroeck</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Denise Deitch</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Martin Prehm</i>	<i>5/14</i>	<i>Keary Myers</i>	<i>5/27</i>

Please hold in prayer...
Those mostly homebound...
 Dorothy Holm, Al Grondahl,
 Les Oen, Florence Paulson, Jeannette Kyster
Those in need of healing and comfort...
 Ann Williams, Bob Stuhmiller, Jeannette Kyster,
 Marv and Laura Nicodemus, Don Cole,
 Tony LaMagna

Happy Anniversary to...

Matt & Kris Clucas 5/9
Dave and Tina Bigelow 5/23
Tom & Billie Jo Settle 5/30

WORSHIP AT 9:30 BEGINNING MAY 27

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"Pies and Pentecost" on May 19!!

Bake your favorite pie to share. We will be "leaving our mark" on the new building. Following worship we'll grab a pen or pencil and write our names, favorite verse, hopes, etc. on the studs and unfinished floors of the new building. Then we'll eat PIE!



may 2013



Pentecost The Vineyard

May 2013

Vinland Lutheran Church Newsletter

“Jesus asked, ‘Friends, have you no fish?’ ‘No,’ shouted his disciples, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.” JOHN 21:5-6

The post-resurrection stories in the gospels are an intriguing mix of work and play, heaven and earth, food and fellowship in a post-Easter world. The story that the verses are excerpted from above is a fishing story. After the trauma of the cross and shock of resurrection, the former fishermen go on a fishing trip. Maybe they are back in Galilee and back on the boat to refresh and reorganize. They had been through so much- watching Jesus die and witnessing Christ back from the grave. When the disciples on the boat can't catch a fish to save their lives, the risen Christ surprises them on the shore of the lake. Believe it or not, Jesus is fixing breakfast for them. They don't recognize the risen Christ until after they load the boat. We don't recognize him either even though our bounty and blessings come from him.

My seminary professor tells the story of his former parishioner they called Fat Fred Anderson. He was a fisherman in Coos Bay who notoriously kept his tax records in a fiberglass barrel on his boat. Fred Anderson declared, “If the IRS wants to audit me they will have to empty out this barrel and sort it out.” Like most fishermen, Fred had good times and bad, plenty and poverty. There was one day, the once-in-a-lifetime experience, where Fred went out and loaded the boat. King and Silver Salmon loaded the boat down so it swayed back and forth. As his boat came into dock, there was some question whether it would make it under the weight of all those salmon. When Fred took it to market he sold his boatload of fish for over \$8,000!

Pure excess. Swamped with blessings. Teeming with new life. Flush forever. Like Fred the fisherman who comes up with a boatload and Peter the Apostle when he meets the risen Christ, we have more than we can imagine in a post-Easter world. So often we in the church operate as if we don't have much; don't have much to offer, don't have much to spare, don't have much that people need. We are wrong. In Christ Jesus, by his crucifixion and resurrection, we're swamped in grace, flush with forgiveness, loaded with fellowship, and built on the promises of God. Our greatest challenge is to be resurrection people in a world that is afraid in scarcity. This Easter season may we remember who we are and what God has given us to share. God has placed us here in Poulsbo to be fishers of people for Jesus sake.

pastor chuck's backpage

THANKS To Beachie Wishart for hosting our confirmation retreat
THANKS To musicians and singers for blessing Holy Week!
THANKS John Ross, Glenn Schechert, Scott Puhn, Galen Sele, Rich Gregersen, Dennis Deitch and John Rova for the many hours of work they put into restoring our septic system!!

Lunch Bunch @ Puerta Vallarta, Mon., May 6, 11:30 AM. To celebrate Cinco de Mayo we go Mexican in Kingston. Sign up!

CONFIRMATION Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-3pm

Our final class of the year participates in SYNOD SERVE DAY. Meet at the church at 8am to serve the community.

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday Adult Forums: Sundays, 9:00 AM

Vinland Re-discovered - a refresher course for veterans and new Vinlanders: identify, Mission and Future.

May 5: Rooted

May 12: Rejoicing

May 19: Reaching Out

LECTIONARY LUNCH Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

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

May 2: John 5:1-9

May 9: John 17:20-26: John 10:22-30

May 16: Acts 2:1-12

May 23: Psalm 8

SUMMER LOCAL MISSION June 23-27

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, May 4 at 8am

We meet for Fine Food and Fine FELLOWship!



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Hare and Hounds Pub, Mon, JUNE 10, 5PM

May and June meetings combined.

Here's what's
happening!

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER!

Mexico Mission spring break 2014!? Meeting 6/2
Let's meet and share information and gauge interest for an
adult/yout Tijuana house-building trip.

barb's backyard

-Barbara Erickson



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1

Each spring, we spend some time up on Vancouver Island. The weather might be a bit more unsettled than later in the season, but the crowds and costs are less, so it balances out. We find the east coast of the island tranquil and inspiring, with miles of accessible beaches, mountains, forests, and streams to explore. On those days when the clouds and fog lift, the view of mainland British Columbia is awe-inspiring; snow-covered peaks form a breathless backdrop across the waters of the Strait of Georgia.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy... Psalm 98:8

Each day, no matter the weather, we spend some time out exploring. Two of our favorite hikes are through lush forests with deep canyons and fast-rushing streams. Full to the brim with spring runoff, these waters gurgle, tumble, and crash their way over steep drop-offs and myriad boulders before leveling off and smoothly, but swiftly, flowing into the sea. To be in their presence is beyond words - to be washed with their spray, enveloped in their roar, and dwarfed by their force is a truly humbling experience. Because this engages all of our senses, we are led to contemplate just what and who we are, where we came from and where we will return to. We are reminded that there is intelligence and a power far beyond our comprehension.

... Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord. Psalm 96:12

And the trees - as in any full grown or old-growth forest in this part of the world - are utterly spectacular. Cedar, fir, hemlock, maple, madrone, and alder - each is unique and inextricably connected to the climate, land, and other living things both above and below the soil. They purify the air we breathe by supplying oxygen and absorbing other gases we do not use. The materials that make up their bodies provide us with wood, medicines, and many other products. We are only beginning to tap the knowledge of the breadth and wealth of their influence on myriad other species in the forest. To see their various colors and textures, smell their distinct odors, and to hear the sound of the wind rippling through their branches is to witness a design and variety that is unfathomable and unending.

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Psalm 47:1

In our busy, self-serving lives, it is easy to forget our age-old connection to these things, but they remain essential to us nonetheless. What a wonderful way to be reminded and to offer up our gratitude and praise for these priceless gifts as a part of our worship services!

*You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12*

women's groups

Women of vinland

Open to ALL women of Vinland. The women will host the residents of Martha and Mary on Wednesday, May 15. This annual luncheon is a much-anticipated and appreciated event. Watch for ways in which you can help.

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.

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 April book, "Same Kind of Different As Me" will be discussed on April 30 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!

youth and family

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!!

Summer



Servants



YOUTH & EDUCATION



Last class for Faith Trek is May 19. Kid's Church will continue through the summer.

Many thanks to all the teachers and guides who have been so faithful in teaching our kids and youth!

Last youth group meeting will be on May 22! Have a great summer.



VBS will happen in July. Watch the weekly bulletin and E-Flash for updates.

may miscellaneous



Fiona Kate Gillespie, beautiful daughter of Callie and Chad Gillespie and adored baby sister of Ethan and Spencer, was baptized on April 28. We rejoice with the Gillespie family!

We remember those who are mourning the loss of dear ones... Carolos, Sherry, Ben and family following the death of Carlos' mother. The Rasmussen family following the death of Clarence. A memorial service was held at Vinland on April 21.



What's Happening With Evangelism?

Marilynn Maas-Jones is our council Evangelism Steward. She is off and running with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm. You might receive a phone call from her. She is updating information for our records, assessing YOUR needs and soliciting YOUR ideas.

Marilynn is also pursuing the idea of a new in-house produced pictorial directory. Watch for details and ways you can help.



PLEASE let me know of any interesting tidbits in the lives of our congregation. We all enjoy sharing moments large and small in each other's lives.

Get in the Game!

PINOCHLE!

New players welcome (but don't take the game too seriously!)
Pinochle at the church Friday May 24,
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.



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Dearest Living Lord,

Your love and saving grace remain a mystery at the heart of the universe.

May we LISTEN for the Song of Resurrection in anticipation of God's movement in our lives.

Amen

contributed by Sharon Schmid

preschool news

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



Spring has arrived and soon comes the birthday celebration of the church—Pentecost.

We praise God for the Holy Spirit who calls us and brings us together in this community of God’s people at Vinland Lutheran Church. Several Preschool Families recently enjoyed a gathering where each family made an “edible art creation”. These creations of boats, fish, a Viking vessel, a beautiful face, a playground, flowers, caterpillars and the like were joyously made using delicious foods like bananas, oranges, blueberries, strawberries, raisins, marshmallows, pretzels, chow mein noodles, and cream cheese. The children and parents engaged in conversation and laughter as they created.

I wonder the ways in which God was equally engaged as God created through The Word and participation. We as humans continue to create. The preschool children are invited, encouraged, and supported in their creative endeavors. They are learners and explorers filled with wonder. Their presence in our midst blesses us and centers us in the wonderful loving presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!



The Preschool is once again offering discounted tickets to a Mariner’s Game!

Mariners vs Pittsburgh Pirates

Wednesday, June 26 at Noon

Ticket Price: \$15 (regularly \$20)

Seats on the 3rd level between home and first plate

Tickets will be sold during the month of May

This is a GREAT event for friends and family!!



PRAYER BUDDY LUNCH, Wednesday, May 22ND, 11:45 – 12:45

Dear Prayer Buddies, thank you for your continued prayers for the children and their families. We cordially invite you to come share lunch with the child for whom you are praying. Once again this year, we will have a Bible-based book for you to present to your child. Please make or purchase a special bookmark that can be included with your gift! Ask Sherry if you have any questions.

There are still openings in all three fall preschool classes. Think of friends or family who might be interested in enrolling their children/grandchildren in our great preschool! Talk to Sherry Gutierrez if you have questions.

spring stuff



Pies and Pentecost
and Plenty of Fun!
May 19 after
worship

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

*Thank you for your faithful contributions to the capital campaign.
The to-date total contributed to the fund is \$669,533.*

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*



Spring is definitely here and the Discovery Garden is a-buzz with activity - human and otherwise! The Pre-school children have been spending a lot of time out back and on some Sundays the older kids are there during their classes. More brush bunnies have been sighted this year, so they seem to be thriving with the many places to hide and feed. Watch for them.

It's gratifying to notice that many of the shore pines and a couple of the flowering currents have grown quite tall. The flowering currents are now bursting forth in bloom; their bright pink blossoms will provide early spring nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies and forage for the larvae of more than two dozen species of moths and butterflies. Any of the extremely tart berries they might produce could also provide a longer term food source for numerous birds, including quail, robins, finches, towhees, and woodpeckers.



With two work parties scheduled recently, we plan to remove a large bramble of invasive blackberries. In accordance with good forest practices, we'll also thin some alders to open the canopy a bit and allow the remaining trees to grow strong and healthy.

When the new parking lot in back is finished, it will allow better access to the garden and play area, so be sure to stop by and enjoy this wonderful area.

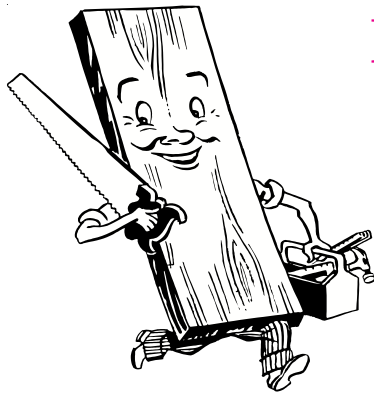
summer stuff



We begin the “green season” with the great celebration of the day of Pentecost on May 19.

It has been nicknamed “the long green” or “ordinary times.” We will stay in this season until the start of Advent in November. It is the season of seedtime, growth and harvest...in the church, in the land, and in our lives. It is a time of refreshment and renewal...a time to soak up the word of God, strengthen our relationships to creation and one another and broaden our horizons.

Beginning MAY 26 we will worship at 9:30 am.



Family Camp & Church Picnic August 9 - 15 “BUILDING”

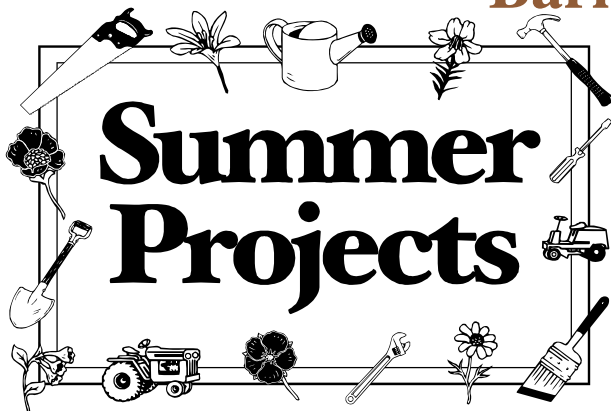
On our life journey, we build many things...homes, churches, relationships, memories, our faith foundation....

“Build” with us at camp this year!

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.

OLD-FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.

Barn-Raising Time is Coming!



*Doesn't the new building look GREAT!!!
Soon, your help will be needed with the finishing touches...painting, tiling, electrical, cleaning, cookie-baking, landscaping, etc. etc.*

There is something for everyone to do...kids to seniors. And if you are unable to physically help, your prayers would be very much appreciated.

living stones worship



-Sharon Schmid

An inspiring worship service – some with hands raised to heaven, the whole congregation singing joyfully, a solo sung with a depth of meaning, a Passover message for a Good Friday service even though it was a Saturday, men in prison garb, a wooden cross centered on a red table cloth, locked doors, daffodils blooming outside secured windows

These seemingly discordant components were part of a recent visit to Washington Correction Center in Shelton.

There were 8 of us attending a prison worship service at the Living Stones congregation, presided over by *Pastor Eric Wangen-Hoch*. I go to the prison thinking these incarcerated men would enjoy knowing there are people outside their world of bland color, cell-life and razor wire who have not forgotten them. However, as with every visit, I come away with many more blessings from the inmates than I am able to pass along to them.

When we arrive, bearing men's coats (for the men to wear when they leave prison) plus children's books (for the inmates to read into video for their children) we empty our pockets, are searched, turn over our licenses, and walk through metal detection. We eye one another warily (nervously?) in the 10 x 10 room with locked, barred, metal doors that *CLANK!* shut loudly around us.

After spilling out of the "holding" area, we have a bit of a walk to another building, surrounded by fences made more secure with menacing rolled razor wire atop. We enter the worship space which has about 50 comfortable chairs and spanking new Bibles. The men file in and immediately head for us with outstretched hands to welcome us to their service. We share names – first names only of course – and talk of everyday things – what work do you do here, did you come to faith here, do you have family?

Worship begins with a men's chorus accompanied by keyboardist. They lead us singing songs for which we have no words nor music and an apology about no screen for projection, but we find it easy to join in because of their enthusiasm. Several men read Scripture. We're part of a Good Friday service because they can meet only once per week – an hour on Saturday evenings – next Saturday it will be *Easter* for them.

Pastor's message, as always, is geared to the men with no apology for where they are. It's the Passover story of cooking quickly and leaving which seems to resonate with them as the 1700 inmates must all eat in 10 minutes to make room at the table for others. *Pastor Wangen-Hoch* has been called to serve here and is very well-suited. We are fortunate to have such a servant of Christ represent the ELCA and who connects in his unassuming way with his congregation. We can only imagine the stories he carries to prayer at the end of each day.

There is no "feeling sorry" for these men – *when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?* – they are Jesus among us.