



Happy Birthday!

<i>Madeline Ward</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>Barb Erickson</i>	<i>8/21</i>
<i>Ed Hakanson</i>	<i>8/8</i>	<i>Jan Hakanson</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>Marsha Wright</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>Beachie Wishart</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>Dorothy Holm</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>Zach Williams</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>Glenyce Ross</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>Sara Bigelow</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Tim Schwartz</i>	<i>8/15</i>	<i>Josh Clucas</i>	<i>8/25</i>
<i>Beth Olsen</i>	<i>8/17</i>	<i>Kelli Oster</i>	<i>8/25</i>
<i>Mason Halferty</i>	<i>8/18</i>	<i>Shelly Bratlien</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>Ernest Janzen</i>	<i>8/19</i>	<i>Mari Schielke</i>	<i>8/28</i>
<i>Terry Stredwick</i>	<i>8/20</i>	<i>Betty Rogstad</i>	<i>8/30</i>
<i>Bill Brueggemann</i>	<i>8/21</i>		

If your name does not appear or is incorrect, please let someone in the office know.

Happy Anniversary to...

- Travis & Samantha Feiring 8/3*
- Tom & Elsie Booth 8/4*
- Chad & Callie Gillespie 8/11*
- Glenn & Laurie Schechert 8/14*
- Chuck & Elizabeth Slocum 8/14*
- Bing & Bonnie Debar 8/16*
- Rich & Sharon Wendt 8/16*
- Bill & Kathy Brueggemann 8/20*
- Bill & Barb Erickson 8/20*
- Corey & Paula Burchill 8/21*
- Tom & Keary Myers 8/22*
- Chuck & Tammie Rabura 8/22*
- Erik & Jill Krema 8/27*
- Ken & Nancy Ray 8/27*
- Andy & Debbie Cotey 8/28*
- Dennis & Thelma Etchells 8/29*
- John & Carolyn Mikkeltorg 8/29*
- Bob & Carolyn Hibbard 8/31*

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God's Blessings To:

August

2010

PLEASE keep the office and Marsha updated with your current e-mail address, phone numbers and mailing address.



THE Vinyard

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*“I can do anything through Him
who strengthens me....”*

My experience this summer as an intern summed up thus far, though fairly low key, has seen some rough times and some exciting ones too. Being able to experience the high of being heard as I preached and to get feedback from members of the congregation was awesome. That has definitely been my high point, and learning from Pastor Chuck as we visited Muriel Williams in the weeks before her passing. Muriel, Karen, Marsha and Ida the saints of the church we have lost this summer will always remind me of what to strive for. Muriel casually joking with us as we sat by her bedside about the elections only makes me miss her more. This summer has also been a vital learning experience in that my confidence level in what I do is improving.

I tend to be my own toughest critic and a perfectionist, so I think God is showing me that I can do anything through Him who strengthens me this summer. Little by little I'll gain the confidence I need, and God will take me the rest of the way. The support and prayers I know I have always had will also guide me as I graduate (hopefully) from PLU next May and move on to the next big adventure in my life. Whether or not the ministry is my calling, I will definitely take what I've learned this summer with me wherever I go and in whatever career path I choose. These lessons have become invaluable to me, as I work especially closely with death and dying ministries at Martha & Mary this summer with Ernie McCluskey.

I have learned very much to deal with some of my own losses in my past, particularly the losses of my grandpa and uncle, which I think is something I needed to do. So all in all I will treasure this summer as I have all my other summers here at Vinland, and would like to thank you all for your love and support. I know that as I learn these tough lessons and figure these things in my life out, I have a soft place to fall here at Vinland and loving arms to catch me if I ever fall. Very few kids are as lucky as I am, being able to have the chance to have the experience that I have had this summer, and I acknowledge that. I am very blessed to have such a strong home congregation standing behind me supporting me every step of the way. I only hope that my future bodes more exciting opportunities such as this one and that I get along as well with the people I work with in the future!

It's been fun seeing the inner workings of the church I know and love so well! Now I know what to expect in a typical day in the life of the church, and in the daily workings of a chaplain through my time with Ernie at Martha & Mary. This has just worked so well for me, getting familiar with the concept of ministry in a familiar environment. Getting my feet wet, if you will. So all in all this experience has been well worth it! And as usual, you know I'll be home for visits during the school year and keeping everyone updated about what I'm doing and most importantly, my time in Greece in January! Expect pictures and a postcard, that'll be a pretty good experience too!

-Ashley LaMagna

this and that

ATTENTION!

Pastor Chuck's Faithbook

Lutherhaven Family Camp:
Movies Meet the Bible: July 26-29

Looking forward to another epic series where Hollywood collides with the Holy Land, Spielberg and special effects meet baptism and resurrection. Maybe that is over the top, but don't miss out on our annual morning bible study at camp.

Pastor Chuck and family will be on vacation from
July 29-Aug. 13

John Bartlett will bring us the message on August 1 and Alyssa Bowman will bring the message on August 8. We look forward to hearing from both of these fine preachers. Chaplain Ernie McCluskey will preside both Sundays.



CHURCH
COUNCIL

No Council Meeting in July
See everyone in August!



Campaign Team Members will meet on Saturday, August 28 for a planning workshop. This will be at church from 9-2 and will be led by Marc Rieke.

“For all the saints, who from their labors rest...”

A memorial service was held for Muriel Williams on July 10. Muriel was 93 years old and sharp as a tack! Memorial donations in her name can be given to Vinland Lutheran Church, Poulsbo Historical Society or Friends of the Library.

Ida Puzon passed away peacefully with Lou at her side on July 3. A family memorial service will be held in Montana later this summer.

“Some people come into our lives, stay for awhile and quietly leave. Others leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same.”

capital campaign news

Building Beyond a Building and Lessons from St. Benedict

- Ernie McCluskey

I hope you were as excited as I was with the vote in June to move forward with the capital fundraising drive in the fall. Certainly the proposed new building will expand the possibilities of Vinland's mission and ministry, but moreover the possibility of the Spirit working new ways within our hearts and lives as a community is something to hold in front of us as an encouragement. We have a marvelous opportunity to grow as a cohesive and blessed community and in personal spirituality. Lately I have been reading about St. Benedict's guide to spiritual growth, which he called *The Rule*. It's really a gentle, loving, and very practical guideline for not only monastic life, but for all average laity engaged in average daily life in *today's world*. Even though the Rule was written fifteen hundred years ago, it is very much alive and practiced in the lives of thousands of devoted Christians today who are intentionally looking for something spiritually deeper than where they may have been.

In a recently written book, *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*, by Joan Chittister, the author tells us that a person's spirituality affects the way they image God, the way they pray and the place they give to ministry and community. She points out more than once the challenges faced by well meaning Christians is that we live in a "me," "my" and "I" culture that quenches the notion of a community that first considers the greater good framed in the command to love thy neighbor. This is much more than simply altruism. Chittister wisely notes that, "People live together in armies, prisons, college dormitories, and hospitals, but they are not community unless they live out of the same reservoir of values and the same center of love. She further says that, "Alone I am what I am, but in community I have a chance to become everything I can be."

Collectively we have a chance to every thing we can be. A first order of business should then be to begin in prayer. Later in the fall we will ask everyone to be part of a 24 hour prayer vigil, but we can begin now to pray for a good beginning to our project. Benedictine spirituality is rooted in consistent daily prayer that is centered in the Psalms and Scripture. Consistent communal prayer, they have shown, diminishes self-importance to transport one into larger vision of life in Christ and in the unison of community. Because we always have something pressing on our daily list to accomplish, consistent prayer is often relegated to a back burner. Benedictine spirituality teaches that to pray only when it is convenient is to send the message that God's agenda is low-priority. Even the Benedictines are careful to purposefully take time to balance the day with intentional prayer. Thus for many years they have been blessed in a special way to understand that prayer makes us something bigger than ourselves. In light of our vision for Vinland, that sure makes sense for us today.

Here's what's
happening!

ACTION-PACKED...
Fun-Filled Fall Ahead!

Here's what's
happening!

Relax, refresh and renew yourself in the summer sun and then gear up for some incredible fall events.

We will kick-off our capital campaign on September 12. There will be opportunities for all ages to "get on board" with exciting opportunities. There will be informational gatherings (of course, with coffee and treats!), Bible Study large and small group gatherings, special events just for the kids, a huge all-church dinner celebration in late November and lots of plain old fun stuff in-between.

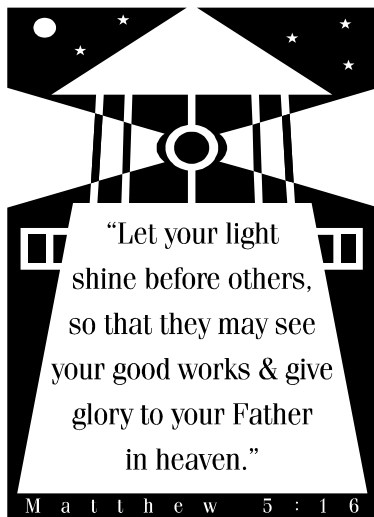
Keep your eye on the bulletin board and check our weekly E-Flash to stay on top of things!
There will be so much happening...and you won't want to miss out!

women's groups

Women of Vinland

August Meeting will be a salad potluck on August 18 at 10am. Jan Janzen and Elsie Booth will be the hostesses and Catrina will provide a devotion.

Bible Study Event introducing next year's LWT study will be at Silverdale Lutheran on Aug. 20 from 9-3:30. The study will be titled "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." Check the WOV bulletin board for registration details. The presenters will be the co-authors of the study: Rev. Jensen Seyenkulo and Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo.



Women of Grace

We will not meet in July and August.

This is a lively group of mixed-age women who enjoy sharing ideas and laughter and a cup of de-caf coffee.

Take time to relax this summer and we'll meet again in September.

QUILTERS

Newcomers always welcome...
no experience necessary!

Look for fabric, sheets and blankets while out garage-saling this summer.

Meet at 9am on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Women's Breakfast

On the second Saturday of each month women of all ages meet at Sheilas in downtown Poulsbo, (on the waterfront) at 8:30am



Last Tuesday Women's Book Group

will meet on July 27 lakeside at Lutherhaven at 1pm for a discussion of "Olive Kitteridge."



Busy Moms will meet at

Lutherhaven for the summer months. Pack a lunch (don't forget the kids!) and meet on the picnic side around 11 or 11:30. Great time to visit and let the kids play.

DISCOVERY GARDEN UPDATES

Summer Waterers Still Needed

You can get some fresh air and a bit of exercise and do a good deed all at once!! Plants in the Discovery Garden need water to make it through the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can spare an hour every once in awhile. A lot of work went into planting the garden....we want to keep the plants alive and growing.

Discovery Garden Benches are in the Garden!

Thanks to Barb and Bill Erickson, Tony LaMagna, Carlos Gutierrez and five benches are put together and waiting for you in the Discovery Garden.

Thanks to the following people,
all five benches were donated.

***Dick and Lonnie Swanson
in memory of their daughter Kelly***

***Beachie Wishart
in memory of her husband, Dr. David Wishart;***

***The Busy Moms
in honor of all Vinland children - young and old;***

***Barb and Bill Erickson
in memory of Helen Karas and Karen Ejde;***

Beth Olsen



PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

*Lord, you are with us as
we walk the warmed
grassy pathways as well
as along the rain-soaked
pavement; however, we
thank you most
gratefully for carrying us
as we stumble down
life's valleys and attempt
to climb difficult
mountain terrain.*

Amen.

contributed by Sharon Schmid

Find Your Group...

Are you feeling left out?

I am looking for people that may be feeling left out of regular fellowship opportunities. I want to help you by either directing you to one of our current groups or by starting something new if there is enough interest. So, if you are feeling disconnected, call me and I will help you connect to the wonderful community we have at Vinland!

Deanna 360-638-2161

youth and family

Calling ALL People of VINLAND CONNECT 5 this summer! (Food, Faith, Friends, Fire, Fun)

Youth night is no longer just for youth. ALL people are invited this summer for some good old fashioned family fun in the sun. Wednesday nights June 23-Aug 25 from 6-8 pm. Bring yourselves, your families, swim suits, Frisbees, balls, bats etc. and a picnic dinner or potluck item to share!!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUG. 16-20

Clear your calendar...invite all the kids you know and join in the fun We LOVE volunteers, and it takes many to run a week of VBS. If you are bringing a child (children) to VBS, consider volunteering for something during the week. Getting to know the other adults is just as much fun as getting to know the kids!

“Water Wonders Preschool Day Camp” in the Discovery Garden August 10-12, 9:15 - noon

Preschool children ages 3-5 will explore water through learning activities, art, stories, and play. You must be registered by August 1 to attend this fun activity. Cost is \$65 and needs to be paid at time of registration. There is tuition assistance available. Contact Sherry Gutierrez (Preschool Director) at 360-779-3428 for questions or to register a preschooler.

This is open to anyone - not just Vinland folks, so if you know of someone with a preschooler let them know about this fun camp!

