

Vernes Lutheran Church News

August 2020

If you have any news or information to add, please e-mail me at rfinseth@hotmail.com or call my cell 218-368-6374, you can also text my cell phone. Kathy Finseth

Ladies Aid: Postponed until further notice.

Sunday School: Will resume in the fall. God willing

Confirmation: The new date for confirmation will be announced and held in the fall.

Directory: Postponed until further notice.

Movie day: Postponed until 2021.

Healing prayers: Pastor Jill will be having healing prayers after services. If you are not comfortable with that, she will also do prayers over the phone with you.

Fellowship/Coffee: Postponed until further notice.

August Janitors: Leslie, Sid and Rudy Finseth

Pastor Jill: Phone Number: 218-556-2757, you can call or text. Email address: jilltorgerson@gmail.com

Feel free to contact Jill with any concerns, prayer requests or simply getting to know her. You can also contact me (Kathy) and I will gladly pass the message on to her.



Church Mice

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Mission Festival

August 23, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Dinner served outside in the tents

Jennifer Albright will be presenting her experience at Bethany Global University. Bethany is in a 16-month cross cultural transformational training program. The interns are classified as missionaries thru Bethany Gateways. They spend all their junior year and part of their senior year overseas.

Jennifer will be her time as a missionary in Slovenia.

Offering that day will go to Jennifer's choice

**Please note the time change for services.

Also, as a reminder...

***We still must follow the COVID-19 recommendations. As a reminder masks should be worn in the church building. Outside it is your discretion.

***Dinner will be served outside in tents. No food can be eaten in the church.

***If you are asked to bring food please take your dirty bowls/pans or anything else home with you to wash.

***We will be using paper products that day also. Which includes, plates, cups, utensils etc.

***According to the guidelines only one person is allowed at the sink at a time.

If I have missed some important guidelines, please remind us on that day.

Kathy

IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE THE GOSPEL AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOU'RE YOUR OWN HEALTH....

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We believe that we can open our church for worship by following the recommendations we have received from the CDC, State of MN, and local health officials. We realize that these recommendations will not be received in the same manner for all who worship. This proposal is restrictive, but temporary. It errs on the side of caution. It calls for sacrifice and compromises. It is not based only on what would make the most people feel safe about gathering for worship to hear the life-giving Word of God, praise His Name and prayer with brothers and sisters in Christ.

***Some things to keep in mind:**

- Services will continue to be on the website and will be an option. Come to worship only when you feel comfortable
- Do not come to worship if you are sick or feel sick.
- Hold off coming for now if your immune system is compromised and/or age warrants that you refrain from attendance.

***For those attending worship service**

- We ask that all wear masks throughout the service (if you are able). Masks will be provided if you do not have one.
- We will be singing, but with our masks on.
- Social distancing is required. Please use every other pew. Unless you're sitting with your family.
- Refrain from handshaking and congregating inside the church after service.
- There will be NO coffee served after service.
- Offering plates will be set up in the back of the church.
- Only 2 people to the bathroom at a time and 1 person at the sink.

Communion:

Communion will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month as usual.

Moving forward:

- As restrictions change or are altered, we will change and alter our practices.
- We have our in-house nurses that we can ask to help us evaluate our safety precautions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vernes Council

Fancywork and Bake sale

There has been discussion on the Fancywork and Bake Sale.

We will need to assess the situation over in September, to see if it is something, we can do this year.

As of right now it does not look promising.

Please keep making your items and if we do not have it this year, we can all be ready for next year!!

August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Janitors: Leslie Finseth Sid Finseth Rudy Finseth						1
2 Worship 9:00 No coffee Conne Syverson	3	4	5	6 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	7 Dellas Disrud	8 Gretchen Finseth
9 Worship 9:00 Communion No coffee	10	11	12	13 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes Sid Finseth	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 No coffee	17 Faith Hanson Mary Ann Senn	18 No Ladies Aid	19 Hilda Opdahl Natiley Bring	20 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes Matt Finseth	21	22
23 Worship 10:00 Mission Festival Dinner following Outside	24 Darlene Sollie	25	26 Kenzee Bergeson	27 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes Josh Long	28	29
30 Worship 9:00 No coffee	31 Lynn Sundrud					

PASTOR'S PATHWAYS FOR AUGUST Love Beyond Human Limits

By Maria Fontaine

Consistently thinking of others and trying to help meet their needs, especially when that involves personal sacrifice, is a tall order! It's so easy to be self-centered. Most of us are that way naturally. Our first reactions are usually about ourselves--what we want and what will make us happy. But if we ask Jesus to help us and put forth a genuine effort, we can develop new habits and reactions, which, with time, will help us become more loving, caring, sacrificial individuals.

Jesus understands that we don't naturally have enough love to live in the loving manner He has said we should, but that's really no excuse. Just because we can't do it doesn't mean He doesn't expect it of us, because He will do it for us and through us if we want it badly enough and ask for His help. He is happy to give us all the outgoing, sacrificial love we need, because that's what He wants for us too.

It's human nature to put our own needs and survival above others. But here's where those who have received God's love in Jesus have a great advantage, because the Bible promises, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus helps us break those natural circuits. He rewires our minds and hearts to do His bidding, which is to love others.

To become the new creation, He wants to make you, all it takes is a willing mind and heart, a believing spirit, prayer, and following through with many small deeds of unselfish love. As you begin to do your part, you will find that you think more of others, feel their needs more readily, and have more genuine concern for their happiness and well-being. More wonderful still, you will find yourself gladly giving up some of your own plans or things you once held dear for the sake of others.

To be all you can be and accomplish all you can, you need to be filled with the love of God, which you find in Jesus. He has more love to give you than you've ever dreamed possible! He is waiting with a flood of love to pour upon you, if you will only believe that such love is possible, ask, receive, and then be willing to put it into action.

So let's let Jesus' love for others shine through us. Let's let the Lord's love be manifested in more forgiveness, understanding, communication, sharing, support, sympathy, and practical, loving, caring action. Let's give of our time, be a listening ear, and open our hearts and lives to others. Let's be swift to forgive and forget. Let's do our best to be our brother's keeper. Let's not hold back the simple affection that so wonderfully communicates the Lord's love. Let's be a strong shoulder to lean on or cry on. Let's not jump to conclusions or judge unfairly, but instead give others the benefit of the doubt. Let's try with all our hearts to set a good example of the Lord's unconditional love. Let's bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill God's supreme law: love.

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES — Most Thursdays, 9a.m.???????????????

Call or text if you plan on participating
e-mail ralys@gvtel.com; Cell 218.791.7520

Prayer Schedule:

August 6	Rudy & Kathy Finseth	Sarah Finseth
August 13	Sidney & Lynae Finseth	Travis & Janelle Finseth; Brianna, Brittney Jordan Finseth & Brittany; Kamron, Ariana
August 20	Sierra Guy; Corbyn, Dylan, Brooks	Shawn & Don Hagen; Isabella Soller
August 27	Robert Jasinski	Lisa & Rylie Knutson

Pray for:

- Those on August prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- Global neighbors
- President Trump and other leaders in our land and around the world
- Military: Austin Sannes, Brianna Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zackary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Catherine Finseth
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him.
- Pray, knowing that God has heard you. Wait and listen for His answer, with patience.
- IDEA: timer on phone throughout the day as a reminder to pray.

The following song has been repeatedly running through my brain recently:

O what a wonderful, wonderful day by Judie J Smule

O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget, after I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior, I met.

O, what a tender compassionate friend. He met the need of my heart; shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart.

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul, when at the cross the Savior made me whole. My sins were washed away and my night turned to day, heaven came down and glory filled my soul.

For me, that day was June 12, 1971 at a Billy Graham crusade in Illinois.

In a nutshell, I heard and responded to the "steps to peace with God":

1. God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life - abundant & eternal John 3:16, 17
2. The problem: sin separates us. Rom 3:23; 6:23
People have tried in many ways to bridge the gap between themselves & God.
3. God's remedy: The Cross Rom 5:8
4. Our response: Receive Christ Rom 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thank you, Jesus. Be near us, Lord. Come, Holy" Spirit.
Simple prayers that you can use throughout the day. Simple, but focus is on God.

New Ways to Keep our Church Family in touch!

Hey gang! - **Vernes is digital!** Sometimes it takes a global pandemic to push us into the modern age! To stay in touch with our church family, we've created the following new tools for you while we're all staying safe at home:

1. **Website:** <https://www.verneslutheran.org/> - This is our new website! Check it out when you can. You'll find current information there, we'll keep this very current, especially through this 'stay at home' time. Right now, we have a pdf version of our March 29 **worship service**, as well as a couple **activities for kids**, an electronic form for **prayer requests**, and instructions to subscribe to our digital bulletin. We'll be adding **photos**-both new and old, as well as **videos** to this space (i.e. our Vernes Church Fire Anniversary video) for you to look at. We hope you enjoy them.
2. **Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/Vernes-Lutheran-LCMC-102017338124228/?modal=admin_todo_tour Can you believe it? Vernes has a Facebook page. Crazy, right? We know many of you are Facebookers, so please find us on Facebook and LIKE OUR PAGE! (note- there's a link to the Facebook page at the bottom of the website landing page). We would love to see your comments and any photos you'd like to share.
3. **Digital worship bulletin** – Each week, we'll send a mobile version of the weekly worship service bulletin directly to your smartphone. You'll get Jill's weekly message, scripture readings for the week, music selections, etc. in a fun new format that's convenient for smartphone users. Watch for fun photos of familiar faces and places added in for extra interest. But wait! You'll need to subscribe from your phone to receive the bulletin. Subscribe now – Just send a text message to this number: **41411** In the message field, type the following code: **bltn temp2515** You'll get a confirmation text so you know your text was received, and you'll start getting the weekly bulletin.
4. **Words for the Warrior** – Jill has been providing daily messages of inspiration via text. If you have not been getting these, let us know and you'll get added to the send list! If you do not have an email or able to receive text messages, Kathy is willing to mail them to you. You will get a week at a time by mail.

It's a very challenging time in our community and in the world right now. On a bright note, many free and reduced cost tools are out there right now – it's a great opportunity for us to try things that can help us stay connected. **We continue to explore these things** and make them better and more convenient for you. We're always **interested in your feedback** to help improve! Please be sure to let us know, make sure Kathy Finseth has your email address and your cell phone number.

Contact us to let us know how we can help. Kathy Finseth (218-368-6374), Pastor Jill (218-556-2757), Diane Sundrud (218-280-8169). Remember to **submit prayer requests** from the website or directly to Lynn Sundrud cell (218-791-7520).

August Birthdays



August 2 – Conne Syverson
 August 7– Dellas Disrud
 August 8– Gretchen Lee
 August 13– Sid Finseth
 August 17– Faith Hanson
 Mary Ann Senn

August 19 – Natiley Bring
 Hilda Opdahl
 August 20 – Matthew Finseth
 August 24 – Darlene Sollie
 August 26 – Kenzee Bergeson
 August 27 – Josh Long
 August 31 – Lynn Sundrud

If am forgetting anyone on the birthday list, please let me know!!

Psalm 100



BEFORE
 BLESS
 COURTS
 ENDURETH
 ENTER
 EVERLASTING
 GATES
 GENERATIONS

GLADNESS
 GOD
 JOYFUL
 LANDS
 LORD
 MERCY
 NOISE
 PASTURE

PEOPLE
 PRAISE
 PRESENCE
 SERVE
 SHEEP
 SINGING
 THANKSGIVING
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