

Vernes Lutheran Church News

July 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.

July Janitors: Jeremey Finseth, Bill Senn, Mark Lee

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

Copyright Karl A. Zorowski



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. Each family will be handed a baggie with the communion supplies in for you to disburse at communion time. The communion cups and wafers are in a sealed package and we ask that you use them and then put the wrappers back in the baggie and put in the basket at the back of the church.

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

July 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------------------|--|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Janitors: Jeremey Finseth Bill Senn Mark Lee | | | 1 | 2 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Worship 9:00 No coffee www.verneslutheran.org Vi Disrud | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes | 10 | 11 Preston Lecy |
| 12 Worship 9:00 Communion No coffee www.verneslutheran.org Summer Bergeson | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes | 17 Heidi Long | 18 Larry Finseth |
| 19 Worship 9:00 No coffee www.verneslutheran.org | 20 | 21 No Ladies Aid | 22 | 23 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 9:00 No coffee www.verneslutheran.org Wayne Brekke Sophie Finseth | 27 | 28 | 29 Kathy Finseth Cecil Finseth | 30 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes | 31 | |

PASTOR'S PATHWAYS FOR JULY 2020
FROM *MIGHTY PREVAILING PRAYER* BY WESLEY L. DEUWEL

There is often great mystery concerning the time span required in prevailing prayer. The secret of prevailing prayer is simply to *pray until the answer comes*. The length of time is immaterial. It is God's answer that counts. The length of time required may often seem perplexing and may prove a test of your faith.

Prevailing prayer may be repeatedly necessary in some situations before final achievement of God's will is secured. Epaphras prevailed in prayer day after day for the church in Colossi (Col. 4:12-13). Paul also prevailed continuously for the Jews, even though he was primarily an apostle to the Gentiles (Rom. 9:1-3)

THE LEVELS OF PREVAILING PRAYER

In order to prevail, the intercessor must often increase the intensity of his or her praying one level to another. I suggest seven such levels. The first three are listed by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7:7). To these I add four more levels from Scripture.

Level 1: Ask: Matthew 7:7

Level 2: Seek: The asking becomes longer and more intense.

Level 3: Knock: Interceding becomes even more urgent and insistent.

Level 4: Fast: To INCREASE intensity and urgency of intercession, fasting is added.

Level 5: Prayer burden: The burden may be intense, brief or extend over a longer time.

Level 6: Wrestling in prayer: Very intense praying.

Level 7: Prayer warfare: Prayer battle, extending over a prolonged period.

Perhaps we should call these levels seven aspects of prevailing prayer. Instead of giving up, we move into ever more determined intercession until we prevail. These levels of prayer intensity are not totally separate from each other. During prevailing in prayer, one level may merge into another almost without the intercessor's awareness of it.

+++++
In the world you have
tribulation,
but take courage;
I have
overcome
the world.
~ John 16:33

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:

| | | |
|---------|--|-------------------------------------|
| July 2 | Dellas & Vi Disrud | Barbara Drellack |
| July 9 | Erik & Corrie Drellack-Clark, Veda | Joey & Betsy Drellack |
| July 16 | Jarrold & Shelly Finseth-Catherine, Joshua | Jeremey & Danielle Finseth - Sophie |
| July 23 | Larry & Melissa Finseth – Brady | Leslie & Mavis Finseth |
| July 30 | Matthew & Rachell Finseth-Cecil, Lanore | Patricia Finseth |

Pray for:

- Those on July prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- New babies Norah, Willow and their families
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- Global neighbors as we have become closer thru this pandemic
- President Trump and other leaders in our land and around the world
- Military: Austin, Briana, Dusty, Zackary, Dawn, Catherine
- 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.

***The Lord is my light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?***

***The Lord is the strength of my life,
Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1***

Persecution is growing rapidly in many places in the world, especially India. Ask God to strengthen persecuted believers. Pray that He will help them to boldly share His Word with others.

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_todotour 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).

July Birthdays



July 5 – Vi Disrud
July 11 – Preston Lecy
July 12 – Summer Bergeson
July 17 – Heidi Long
July 18 – Larry Finseth

July 26 – Wayne Brekke
Sophie Finseth
July 29 – Kathy Finseth
Cecil Finseth

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



Three precious baby girls have been born in the past couple months.
To acknowledge these little ladies and their parents.
There will be a “No touch, No see” Basket shower

Each little girl will have their own basket in the dining room,
With their name and a picture on it.
You can place your gifts in the baskets anytime during July.

Introducing the three young ladies and their parents...

Ariana Anola Finseth – Jordan Finseth and Brittany Kelley
Born: April 7, 2020

Willow Grace Lee – Gretchen (Finseth) and Hunter Lee
Born: May 16, 2020

Nora Marie Skaug – Ryan and Karina (Sollie) Skaug
Born: June 10, 2020

God Bless these precious baby girls and their families!

The Kings from First and Second Kings

Here's a challenging Bible Word Search puzzle! We've used the names of the kings who ruled Judah and Israel in the books of I Kings and II Kings. Correction...One of these names actually belonged to a Queen. Do you know which one it is?



(Note: There were two kings each named Jeroboam and Ahaziah, but we've used these names just once.)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| REHOBOAM | UZZIAH | ZEDEKIAH | JEHOAHAZ |
| ABIJAM | JOTHAM | JEROBOAM | JEHOASH |
| ASA | AHAZ | NADAB | ZECHARIAH |
| JEHOSHAPHAT | HEZEKIAH | BAASHA | SHALLUM |
| JEHORAM | MANASSEH | ELAH | MENAHEM |
| AHAZIAH | AMON | ZIMRI | PEKAHIAH |
| ATHALIAH | JOSIAH | OMRI | PEKAH |
| JOASH | JEHOAHAZ | AHAB | HOSHEA |
| AMAZIAH | JEHOIAKIM | JEHORAM | |
| | JEHOIACHIN | JEHU | |

Vernes Lutheran Church
29961 320th Ave SE
Trail, MN 56684

