

# Vernes Lutheran Church News

June 2020

If you have any news or information to add, please e-mail me at [rfinseth@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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

**Directory:** Postponed until further notice.

**Movie day:** Postponed until further notice.

**Healing prayers:** Pastor Jill will be having healing prayers the second Sunday of the month during communion. If you would like to have her pray for you or a loved one just motion to her. She will also have special prayers for anyone that would like prayer, in the pastor's room after services.

**Fellowship/Coffee:** Postponed until further notice.

**June Janitors:** Scot Thompson, Ben Tofstad and Ordean Sundrud

**Pastor Jill:** Phone Number: 218-556-2757, you can call or text. Email address: [jilltorgerson@gmail.com](mailto: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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## **WE ARE EXCITED THAT WE CAN OPEN OUR CHURCH FOR WORSHIP AGAIN!**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## Pastor's Pathways for June 2020 The Power of God in Our Lives

Picture this: You're in church, the temperature drops, and a sudden gust of wind comes through the windows. Papers start flying everywhere. You see what looks like flickering tongues of fire over the heads of the other people. Everyone looks around in shock. No one has seen anything like this before! Does this sound strange? It's actually happened! We find a scene like this described in the Bible, in the book of Acts, chapter 2. It takes place on the day of Pentecost!

What does the event that took place on this Holy Day teach us about God's purpose for you? Change is something God wants and expects from us (Romans 12:2). However, He doesn't expect us to do it alone. He promises us the help (John 14:26) that we need to transform our lives into the vibrant, happy lives we desire but often find so elusive, if we are seeking change.

Jesus Christ promised His disciples the help they would need to live transformed lives. He said, "The Father is sending a great Helper, the Holy Spirit, in My name to teach you everything and to remind you of all I have said to you" (John 14:26). Here on the night before His death, Christ revealed the promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

***The power that transformed Peter and the other disciples is available to you today.*** Christ promised this power, and you can have it in your life as well! The result of the Holy Spirit coming to man would be **transformed lives in those who would hear and respond.** Men and women of all times would have opportunity to call on God. And His Spirit of love, peace and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) would provide clear-minded thinking to help create a life as God intended—a life fashioned and molded in the image of Christ.

Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

Once we've received God's Spirit, it's His power in our life to change our life. It gives us the opportunity to draw closer to God, to have a spiritual relationship with Him, to understand more about what His will and His purpose for us is.

God's Spirit helps us to understand His Word so we can read the Bible with much deeper understanding. When we begin to do that, then we will see the need to change further, and where and what we need to change in our lives. We will see the shortcomings in our life, and through God's Spirit we can overcome. The Holy Spirit is the power that helps us to *truly change*. He convicts us. He works with us. He helps us to see where we need to realign our lives with God's way.

The day of Pentecost represents the only way we can really change our lives. We need the power of God's Spirit working within us to be the kind of transformed people God wants us to be. And Pentecost—the giving & receiving of the POWER OF GOD----IS FOR YOU!

**Remember to check out the new website and Facebook page!**

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

Call or text if you plan on participating  
e-mail [ralys@gvtel.com](mailto:ralys@gvtel.com); Cell 218.791.7520

## Prayer Schedule:

June 4	Lindsay & Chris Bergeson-Otto, Haaken,	Scott & Jenna Bergeson; Walker, Kenzee
June 11	Dennis & Diane Boucher	Liza & Chris Boxum; Connor
June 18	Jeffrey Brekke	Wayne & Renee Brekke
June 25	Wes & Val Brekke	Marlys & Barry Brovold

## Pray for:

- Those on June prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- 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, Zachary, Dawn, Katy, Katherine
- 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.

**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1**

Prepare the way. As farmers and gardeners are planting seeds in their fields, they know that the soil needs to be prepared to get good results. That is true in our lives too.

I have been hearing of the Spanish flu that occurred in 1918 and seeing pictures of people covering their faces with masks. What????? Apparently, after the crisis lessened, life went back to normal without seriously preparing for another pandemic. It is so difficult to believe that this is happening now as well as encompassing the entire world. It has given us all a chance to pause and think about what is important in our lives. I would venture to guess that the list would include family, friends, worship, hugs, touch. Let us hope that our world will become a better place – not taking each other for granted – loving one another - preparing.

We do not know what tomorrow brings. God does. He desires our communication (to Him) and reading (or listening) to God's word (feeding our souls). "He will not leave us or forsake us." "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**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. He will love them.

From Corrie ten Boom:

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. It does not enable us to escape evil. It makes us unfit to face evil when it comes. It is the interest you pay on trouble before it comes."

"Let God's promises shine on your problems."

[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](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).

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## June Birthdays



June 7 – Amelia Bring  
Bristol Bring  
Chloe Thom  
June 9 – Jordan Finseth  
June 12 – Barry Brovold  
June 14 – Guy Bergeson

June 15 – John Peterson  
Katherine Finseth  
June 21 – Annette Sannes  
June 23 – Bronco Bergeson  
June 24 – Travis Finseth

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



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