

Vernes Lutheran Church News

August 2021

Well happy August to all of you! It's been a few months since you've heard from me. Yes, I did resign as the church secretary, and then pastor Jill, resigned as pastor and I really missed not having a newsletter to follow the events. So, I offered to take back the position again. I will be working with Diane to try to help lessen her load.

*Right away I am asking for input for the newsletter. Please tell me what you would like and what you really don't think needs to be in there. You can let me know with a note, a conversation, over coffee, a phone call at **218-368-6374**, or an e-mail at rfinseth@hotmail.com, But let your voice be heard. I want to change it up.*



Tuesday – Thursday
August 10, 11 and 12th
10:00-2:00

Program Thursday.
Supper at 6:00, Program at 7:00
Bring your friends!

A note from Valerie:

We need – 4 salads and 6 sweets

I have 1 potato salad and 3 sweets.

The hot dogs, brats, buns, chips, pickles, and watermelon are taken care of.

If you would like to bring for this, please call my cell 218-991-2522 and if I don't answer leave a message of what you would like to bring, and I will get back to you, so you know I got message. Sweets can be bars, cookies, cake, or donuts. Otherwise, I will go down our list and start calling people.

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

Prayer Schedule:

Aug 1	Betty Tangen	Christopher Thompson
Aug 8	David Thompson- Hailee	Scot & Jodie Thompson
Aug 15	Tyler Thompson	Ben & Kristi Tofsted – Will, Brooke
Aug 22	Julia Urdahl – Max	Irene Wishard
Aug 29	Richard & Linda Bergeson – Skyler	Skip & Angel Bergeson – Guy, Bronco, Clark, Summer

- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ confirmation/ church council.
- Jennifer Albright; continued blessings in her mission work in Slovenia
- Global neighbors/ President Biden and staff/other leaders in our land and around the world.
- Pray for those persecuted for their faith.
- **Commit to pray for our nation and its leadership.**
- Military: Austin Sannes, Brianna Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zackary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Katherine Finseth
- The call committee as they complete the task of choosing the pastor that You have already picked for Vernes. Give them wisdom and keen hearing to recognize Your voice.
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him. **“I trust You Jesus”.**

You Version is a great resource for prayer, devotions, Lenten programs. . .
Download the app by going to youversion.com

Prayer is talking to God anywhere, anytime, in any way. He will listen and answer.

From The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

(If you don't know this true story of the ten Boom family during World War II and their involvement in hiding Jewish neighbors, it is a wonderful depiction of their dedication to Christian values. I first read the book in 1973 and again recently – the following is a quote from the book that has been an inspiring tidbit in regard to answered prayer):

“Father ten Boom: Corrie, when you and I go to Amsterdam – when do I give you your ticket?”

Corrie: just before we get on the train.

*Father ten Boom: Exactly. **And our wise Father in heaven knows when we are going to need things, too. Don't run out ahead of Him, Corrie. When the time comes . . . you will look into your heart and find the strength you need – just in time.**”*

I love the Lord, because He hears my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1,2

Text prayer requests to Lynn @218.791.7520

Annual meeting February 17th, 2021

Before the annual meeting started,

President Sid Finseth called council to approve the 2021 budget.

Motion made by Rudy Finseth to approve budget and 2nd by Keith Sistad, Motion Carried

Treasurer Ray Sundrud gave the financial report and the current budget for 2021

Motion made by Larry Sollie, 2nd by Keith Sistad, Motion Carried.

Election of officers:

Ruby Sistad nominated for President

Ben Tofstad nominated for Vice President

Lynae Finseth nominated for Secretary

Ray Sundrud nominated for Treasurer

Wayne Brekke nominated for Trustee

Mary Ann Senn nominated for Deacon

Motion made by Leslie Finseth to accept nominations, 2nd by Keith Sistad, Motion Carried

New Business

Will resume Church services along with confirmation and Sunday School

Also, will have Lenten services every Wednesday night 7pm with a light lunch served at 6:30pm

2021 Projects:

Jeremey mentioned that to rebuilding the manger to store the nativity set.

Lawn mowing will be done by Jeremey Finseth

Snow removal will be done by Sidney Finseth

Rudy Finseth made motion to monthly support Jennifer Albright (missionary). Motion tabled

Motion was made to give \$1500 per quarter and review how it has gone

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Rudy Finseth, 2nd by Mary Ann Senn, Motion carried

Minutes by Mary Ann Senn

Secretary

Council meeting

5/12/21

Attendance: Wayne Brekke, Jeremey Finseth, Rudy Finseth, Ray Sundrud, Mary Senn, Lynae Finseth, Ruby Sistad, Diane Sundrud, Keith Sistad,

Not in attendance: Leslie Finseth, Ben Tofstad

Called to order Ruby Sistad

Devotion for the day Philippians 4-6, John 14-27

Lead in prayer by Ruby Sistad

Old Business:

New Business:

Calling of a pastor

Filling the position of secretary

Diane reviewed cost of full time Pastor

Discussion held regarding expectations with new Pastor

Worship on Sundays

Visitation of the ill

Ladies Aid meetings

Council meeting

Discussion regarding pastor salary

Call committee will meet with candidate for interview

Secretary role: Wage-\$200/mo

Bulletin / Newsletters

Deaths, Wedding, confirmation, baptisms, and member list

Meeting Adjourned

Lynae Finseth

Wayne Brekke
Council Meeting
May 23, 2021

Meeting called to order by Ruby Sistad
Discussion to offer call Lexy Carson
Motion made by Diane Sundrud, seconded by Lynae Finseth
Motion to call Lexy Carson will be brought to church member May 28th
Discussion regarding gift for Pastor on last Sunday May 28th
Rudy made motion gift of \$500.00, Diane seconded motion
Discussion held regarding offering plate returns to previous process.
Ruby Adjourned the meeting, 2nd by Lynae Finseth

Attendance: Ruby Sistad, Ray Sundrud, Wayne Brekke, Diane Sundrud, Ben Tofstad, Mary Ann Senn, Lynae Finseth, Leslie Finseth, Keith Sistad and Jeremey Finseth
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**Council Minutes Meeting**  
**July 18th, 2021**

Meeting called to order by Pres. Ruby Sistad  
Discussion topics: Vacation Bible School  
Church Secretary position  
Kathy Finseth has stated willingness to assume the role of church secretary.  
Compensation: \$350/month plus expenses Expectations: Keep Books up to date, Monthly newsletter and bulletins, other duties as assigned.  
Motion made: Lynae Finseth Seconded by Ray Sundrud Motion Carried  
Vacation Bible School Discussion reach out to Suzanne Wicks and her instructor group regarding availability, dates if available and times  
Motion made by Rudy Finseth for Deacons to reach out and discuss availability, compensation, dates, etc.  
Seconded by Lynae Finseth Motion carried  
Meeting Adjourned by Pres. Ruby Sistad

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Pastoral Search Committee Update

Join us on August 8th



Pastor Lee Laavig, and his wife, Denise, are going to visit Vernes. They currently live in Spencer, Iowa and are retiring the end of July. They are building a house, east of Bemidji and are looking for something part time. He has been a Pastor in the ELCA church for 30 years and left in 2010. Mark your calendar and plan to come meet them.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:00	2 Conne Syverson	3	4	5	6	7 Dellas Disrud
8 Worship 9:00 Communion Pastor Lee Laavig Gretchen Finseth	9	10	11	12	13 Sid Finseth	14
15 Worship 9:00	16	17 Ladies Aid 6:30 Faith Hanson Mary Ann Senn	18 Hilda Opdahl Natiley Bring	19	20 Matt Finseth	21
22 Worship 9:00	23	24 Darlene Sollie	25	26 Kenzee Bergeson	27 Josh Long	28
29 Worship 9:00	30	31 Lynn Sundrud				

August Janitors:

Leslie Finseth
Sid Finseth
Rudy Finseth

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