

# Vernes Lutheran Church News

*It's A Blessed New Year!! February 2021*

Come! Service at Vernes Feb. 7 @ 9:00—followed by the Annual Meeting. All are invited!

**Ladies Aid:** There are no scheduled meetings until March or April.

**January Ushers & Janitors:** John Peterson, Larry Sollie, Rick Bergeson

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**February Birthdays** are listed on the Calendar Page.

**LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 17—ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7PM**



## *'Keeping the Focus'-- Preparing For Lent*

The days and weeks of Lent call us to *keep the focus* of our lives of faith on Jesus, our Lord, and to learn more of Him and His loving plan of salvation for us. One of the classic hymn stanzas of the Lutheran church portrays that proper focus in this petition to the Lord:

*On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!*

—LSB 422, LW 100, TLH 179

In the early centuries of the Church, the season before Easter was used to teach the faith to people who desired to convert to Christianity and asked to be baptized. The process of catechesis included a time when the candidates for Baptism were questioned about their understanding of what they had been taught regarding the basics of the faith.

In Latin, this sequence of inquiries was called *scrutinia*, from which our English word “scrutiny” is derived. At certain times during Lent, the greatest treasures of the faith were shared with the candidates for Baptism, including the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. The Gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus to pay the penalty for the sins of all mankind was told simply and directly as being of the greatest importance, as it still is. The observance of a holy Lent has a sacred purpose and can be of great benefit. **As we keep the fast, keep the silence, and keep the focus of Lent, it becomes a fuller and more meaningful season.**

*Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.*

# PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

There is definitely **power in prayer**. I will continue as always, but at home. I encourage each of you to make it a routine in your lives; maybe spending a few minutes at church during the week to pray, read the Bible, meditate. . . .

**Please text or e-mail prayer requests** to 218.791.7520 or [ralys@gvtel.com](mailto:ralys@gvtel.com)

## Prayer Schedule:

<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>Wesley and Val Brekke</b>	<b>Marlys and Barry Brovold</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Dellas &amp; Vi Disrud</b>	<b>Barb Drellack</b>
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Erik &amp; Corrie Drellack; Clark, Veda</b>	<b>Joey and Betsy Drellack</b>
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Jarrood &amp; Shelly Finseth; Catherine,</b>	<b>Joshua Jeremey &amp; Danielle Finseth;</b>

**Sophie**

- Those on February prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ confirmation/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- Jennifer Albright; continued blessings in the mission work in Slovenia
- Global neighbors/ President Biden and Trump/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, Briana Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zachary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Catherine Finseth
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him. **“I trust You Jesus”.**

**2021 – another year; fresh starts; new opportunities; moving forward with learnings from 2020.**

*Lord, help us to be grateful and thankful for our families, church, homes, etc. Keep us reflective and meditative upon You and Your Word. Help us to remember that You are our whole purpose in existing on this Earth. Keep all of us steady upon Your path. Amen!*

**A new year is also a time to reflect and review “saved” clippings.**

**My Aunt Marie Norberg had a profound effect on my Spiritual life as I was growing up.**

**She was the Sunday School Superintendent at Bethany Lutheran, Gully, for many years. The following prayer was one she wrote and had me read during one of the church events, either Luther League or Sunday School:**

**everliving** **Father in heaven, we are so thankful for Thy Son Jesus, our risen and Savior, the head of our home. Forgive us all that we have said and done this day that is displeasing to Thee. May our hearts be filled with the love that only Thou canst give. We thank Thee for our home, our food, and our health. We thank Thee for our church, our pastors and our Sunday School teachers. We pray for the people in the world that each and all of them may come to know Jesus as the Savior who died for their sins and rose again to be their**

**living** **Lord and Redeemer. Help us to do our part in sharing Christ with others. In His name we pray. Amen!**

**Amen Aunt Marie. Amen!!!!**

*“Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me.  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.” Kim Hopper*

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*



# FEBRUARY

- 1. Ex. 27-28, Matt. 21: 1-22
- 2. Ex. 29-30, Matt. 21: 23-46
- 3. Ex. 31-33, Matt. 22: 1-22
- 4. Ex. 34-35, Matt. 22: 23-46
- 5. Ex. 36-38, Matt. 23: 1-22
- 6. Ex. 39-40, Matt. 23: 23- 39
- 7. Lev. 1-3, Matt. 24: 1-28
- 8. Lev. 4-5, Matt. 24: 29-51
- 9. Lev. 6-7, Matt. 25: 1-30
- 10. Lev. 8-10, Matt. 25: 31-46
- 11. Lev. 11-12, Matt. 6: 1-25
- 12. Lev, 13, Matt, 26: 26-50
- 13. Lev. 14, Matt. 26: 51-75
- 14. Lev. 15-16, Matt. 27: 1-26
- 15. Lev. 17-18, Matt. 27: 27-50
- 16. Lev. 19-20, Matt. 27: 51-66
- 17. Lev. 21-22, Matt. 28
- 18. Lev. 23-24. Mark 1: 1-22
- 19. Lev. 25, Mark 1: 23-45
- 20. Lev. 26-27, Mark 2
- 21. Num. 1-2, Mark 3: 1-19
- 22. Num. 3-4, Mark 3: 20-35
- 23. Num. 5-6, Mark 4: 1-20
- 24. Num. 7-8, Mark 21-41
- 25. Num. 9-11, Mark 5: 1-20
- 26. Num. 12-14, Mark 5: 21-24
- 27. Num. 15-16, Mark 6: 1-29
- 28. Num. 17-19, Mark 6: 30 -56

**AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR  
NEEDS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF  
HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.**

*Philippians 4: 19*



## NOTES

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# February 2021

*Birthdays are in BLUE*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ushers: John Peterson Larry Sollie Rick Bergeson	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship at Church 9:00 Annual Meeting 10:00 Mavis Finseth Jayden Lewis	8 Renaek Brekke	9 No Ladies Aid	10 Shelby Long	11	12	13
14 Worship at Church (to be determined) Communion	15	16 Kylie Sollie	17 Ash Wednesday Service at Vernes 7PM Confirmation Class Attend this--	18	19	20 Bill Senn Gavin Olson
21 Worship At church 9:00 (To be determined)	22	23	24	25 Bob Jacinski	26	27
28 Worship at church 9:00 (To be determined)	25	26 Karina Skaug	27 Donna Peterson Mark Sannes	28 Chris Boxum Jenna Bergeson		

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