

Vernes Lutheran Church News

Oh, the glories of May 2021!

WE ARE WORSHIPPING AT VERNES EVERY SUNDAY!
WEARING MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING

May Ushers & Janitors: Keith Sistad, Mike Sundrud, John Peterson

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May Birthdays are listed on the Calendar Page.

Ladies Aid meeting: May 18 at 6:30 PM Servers are Danielle Finseth & Cindy Schmiedeberg, Devotions by Lynae Finseth. Bible Study by Pr. Jill on "His Goodness"

NOTICE: Vernes is looking for a church secretary! If interested, call or email Ruby Sistad (rubysistad@yahoo.com) for more information.



There is a time for everything,
a time for every event under heaven.

A time to plant.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2

Pastor's Pathways

What a month of new beginnings! Will Tofstad is graduating from High School on May 30, Bergen Howard, Shelby Long & Courtney Lecy are being confirmed in their faith on May 16, & I will be beginning a new journey on May 31! I am believing God is rejoicing over all of us this Spring season—as we have come through (hopefully) the worst of the Covid time, & are looking forward to the health & wholeness we will experience in this new season.

To top it off, look at the beautiful creation He has given us—marked especially by all the colorful flowers, trees coming to life, waters opening up for swimming, fishing, boating! We have so much to be thankful for—and most of all, that we belong to such a blessed family of God. It is written in the Song of Solomon 2:10 **Think of our Lord**

Jesus speaking to us, His Bride:

My lover spoke & said to me,
"Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
& come with me.
See! The winter is past; the rains are over & gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
The season of singing has come,
The cooing of doves is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit;
The blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

I encourage each of you to make prayer 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

Prayer Schedule:

May 2 Mark & Joan Lee; **May 9** Kevin & Nicole Lewis; Damien, Jayden, Elliot, Madilynn; Kelsey & Peter Lofgren; McKenzie, Megan, Mason **May 16** Josh & Heidi Long; Shelby; Jennifer Olson-Burkman; Zackery, Trinity, Maxwell **May 23** Wendell & Hilda Opdahl; Kendra & Blake Olson; Gavin, Henry **May 30** Wayne & Cindy Schmeideberg, Mary Ann & Bill Senn, Adele Stenmoen

- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ confirmation/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- 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, Briana Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zachary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Catherine 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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 14

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven A time to give birth, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted. I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

Do you ever stop to think about what your first few minutes in heaven will be like?

Have you ever asked yourself:

- What will be the first things I see and hear?
- What will it be like to be in the presence of Jesus, to really, actually see Him?
- How will all this change me?

The Bible answers only a few of our many questions, but we know two things for sure:

- We will see Jesus "as He is" in all His grace, majesty, compassion, holiness, glory, and love.
- That experience will complete the process of our re-creation. We will "be like Him," the apostle John promises. Fully. Forever.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is. I John 3:2

The good news is that you and I are no longer who we once were! We have been remade! We are God's children now! Right now! But we are not yet all that we are going to be. Our re-creation will be complete when we wake up in the presence of Christ. The best is yet to come. How wonderful! (from Woman of God, Devotions for women).

My sister died a few weeks ago and is now living in the presence of Christ. I picture her without her disabilities; dancing, laughing, singing and walking again. Everything is perfection. Praise the Lord!!

Prayer starter: **Thank you Lord, that I am no longer who I once was. Continue to remake me so that I become more and more like Jesus. . . .**

MAY

- 1. 1 Kings 10-11, Luke 21: 20-38
- 2. 1 Kings 12-13, Luke 22: 1-30
- 3. 1 Kings 14-15, Luke 22: 31- 46
- 4. 1 Kings 16-18, Luke 22: 47-71
- 5. 1 Kings 19-20, Luke 23: 1-25
- 6. 1 Kings 21-22, Luke 23: 26-56
- 7. 2 Kings 1-3, Luke 24: 1-35
- 8. 2 Kings 4-6, Luke 24: 36-53
- 9. 2 Kings 7-9, John 1: 1-28
- 10. 2 Kings 10-12, John 1: 29-51
- 11. 2 Kings 13-14, John 2
- 12. 2 Kings 15-16, John 3: 1-18
- 13. 2 Kings 17-18, John 3: 19-36
- 14. 2 Kings 19-21, John 4: 1-30
- 15. 2 Kings 22-23, John 4: 31-54
- 16. 2 Kings 24-25, John 5: 1-24
- 17. 1 Chr. 1-3, John 5: 25-47
- 18. 1 Chr. 4-6, John 6: 1-21
- 19. 1 Chr. 7-9, John 6: 22-44
- 20. 1 Chr. 10-12, John 6: 45-71
- 21. 1 Chr. 13-15, John 7: 1-27
- 22. 1 Chr. 16-18, John 7: 28-53
- 23. 1 Chr. 19-21, John 8: 1-27
- 24. 1 Chr. 22-24, John 8: 28-59
- 25. 1 Chr. 25-27, John 9: 1-23
- 26. 1 Chr. 28-29, John 9: 24-41
- 27. 2 Chr. 1-3, John 10: 1-23
- 28. 2 Chr. 4-6, John 10: 24-42
- 29. 2 Chr. 7-9, John 11: 1-29
- 30. 2 Chr. 10-12, John 11: 30-57
- 31. 2 Chr. 13-14, John 12: 1-26

AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH
TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL
GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS
IN CHRIST JESUS.

Philippians 4: 7

NOTES

May 2021

Birthdays are in BLUE

May 1 Birthday: Ray Sundrud

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Worship 9:00 Last day of Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:00 Acolytes: Bergen, Chloe Clark Bergeson	3	4	5	6 <i>Janelle Finseth</i>	7 <i>Tyler Thompson</i>	8 <i>David Senn</i>
9 Worship 9:00 with Communion Mother's Day Acolytes: Courtney & Shelby	10	11 <i>Keisha Sollie</i>	12	13	14 <i>Ruby Sistad</i>	15
16 Worship service 9:00 with Rite of Confirmation & Communion for Confirmands, Families, Sponsors Jon Lecy	17	18 Ladies Aid at Vernes 6:30 Skip Bergeson	19 Courtney Lecy Josh Finseth	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 9:00 Presentation of Grad. Quilt to Will	24	25 Chris Thompson Rick Bergeson	26 Jerry Torgerson	27	28	29
30 Worship Service 9:00 Will Tofstad: High School Graduation	31 Memorial Day Pastor Jill's Last Day at Vernes					

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