

Vernes Lutheran Church News

October 2020

Ladies Aid: Postponed until further notice.

Sunday School: Sunday School classes and Confirmation will start. on October 4th

Confirmation: Confirmation ceremony on October 25th

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.

October Janitors: Jeremy Finseth, Keith Sistad, Rick Bergeson

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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Janitors: Keith Sistad Rick Bergeson Jeremey Finseth				1 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	2	3
4 Worship 9:00 No coffee	5	6	7	8 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	9	10
11 Worship 9:00 Communion No coffee	12	13	14	15 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	16	17
18 Worship 9:00 No coffee	19	20 No Ladies Aid	21	22 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	23	24
25 Worship 10:00 No coffee Confirmation	26	27	28	29	30	31

Pastor's Pathways: Letting Your Leaves Fall

by Rachel Wojo

Little yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree “Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!” But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to:

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [Ephesians 4:31,32 \(NIV\)](#)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:18,19 \(NIV\)](#)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other “decayed leaves” you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.



PRAYER VERNES –

TIME AT

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

Be assured that “my lips are sealed”.

Prayer Schedule:

Oct 1	Ava & Bergen Howard & family	Emily Strom & family
Oct 8	Wayne & Cindy Schmeideberg	Mary Ann & Bill Senn; Adele Stenmoen
Oct 15	David Senn; Bella	Keith & Ruby Sistad
Oct 22	Karina & Ryan Skaug; Nora	Chester & Connie Smeby
Oct 29	Darlene Sollie	Larry & Carol Sollie; Keisha, Kylie Jo

Pray for:

- Those on October prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- Global neighbors President Trump and other leaders in our land and around the world
- Military: Austin Sannes, Briana Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zachary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Catherine Finseth, Gabe Webb
- 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.**

From Open Doors Ministry:

“Samson grew up as a Buddhist in Myanmar but came to faith in Jesus. When he and his family refused to deny their new faith, their community attacked their house with rocks and tried to burn it down with the family inside. The family survived, and Samson chose to respond with forgiveness and love. Now, one of his persecutors also follows Christ.”

- Pray for effectiveness of Open Doors mission; protection and encouragement to endure the humiliation and attacks for their faith; protection for believers in other countries that require you to be Buddhist
- Pray for comfort and shelter for those that lose their homes because they choose to follow Christ.

Thank God that one of the persecutors came to faith in Christ

“The mother of Ethiopian sisters Fatuma and Amina never told her daughters she was a Christian. If her Muslim husband discovered she had renounced Islam, he would likely divorce her-or worse. For her safety and her childrens, she hid her faith but continued praying for her family in secret. Six months ago, the sisters cam to Christ. They, too, tried to keep their faith from their father. But despite their best efforts, he found out, took all their belongings and kicked his children out of their home.”

- Pray Fatuma and Amina grow strong in their love for Jesus and knowledge of His word.
 - Pray for father of the sisters so that the family would encounter peace and healing of Christ.
 - Pray for protection and provision for Galia, a young convert in Kyrgyzstan whose Muslim brother is abusing her
 - Pray for believers in Indonesia who have converted from Islam.
- “Open Doors has a 7 year plan to pray for the church in the Middle East. Join our multi-year Hope for the Middle East prayer campaign as we lift up requests from believers in Iraq and Syria. ODUSA.org/Pray4ME”
- Pray for wisdom for new believers.
 - Pray for renewal of believer’s strength in Iraq and Syria and protect them as ISIS militants re-emerge
 - Pray for peace in the Nineveh Plains
 - **Free prayer app. Text PRAYER to 32500 to download app.**

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.

2020 Annual Gathering Here's How to Watch Live



By [Kristy Thomas - LCMC](#) - September 28, 2020

Our **20th Annual Gathering & Convention** is only one week away! Since we are anticipating more people than ever to be tuning in live, we thought we would fill you in on a few last minute details.

Those of you who plan to "attend" the event virtually can access our live stream on **Monday, October 5** from **9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CDT** by visiting www.lcmc.net/live.

A digital version of this year's event program, which includes a detailed schedule, speaker bios, and more, can be downloaded from our website under **Events > Media > Annual Gathering Books** or by [clicking here](#).

If you're active on social media, be sure to share your photos and other Annual Gathering related posts using the hashtags **#LCMC2020AG** and **#LCMC3point0** so others can find them! [\[Follow us on Facebook\]](#)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **LCMC 3.0** - Introducing Mike Bradley as LCMC's new service coordinator and thanking Mark Vander Tuig for his service to the association
- **Keynote Speakers** - Gemechis Buba and Matt Randerson

- **Panel Discussion** - To help provide a more interactive experience for our 2020 participants, a panel discussion will be held. If you would like to submit a question to the panel, please text it to (515) 333-2772 by 3:30 P.M. CDT on October 5.

For those who are unable to attend in person or tune in live, we plan to make videos of this year's speakers available [on our website](#) under **Events > Media > Videos & Podcasts** and in our mobile app by winter 2021.

If you would like to be notified when videos become available, please [download our app](#) and opt in to receive notifications.

October Birthdays



October 2 – Skyler Bergeson
 Lisa Knutson
 October 9– Jodi Thompson
 October 12 – Brady Finseth

October 16 - Corbyn Guy
 October 31 – Larry Sollie
 Austin Sannes

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

Sunday School



Classes start October 4th. Classes will be held following the church service. We need to follow the CDC guidelines. Please keep the Sunday School in your prayers.

The teachers this year are:

- Superintendent - Kelsey Lofgren*
- Music coordinator - Mavis Finseth*
- Preschool-3rd grade - Kelsey Lofgren*
- Middle class - Rudy Finseth*
- Confirmation - Pastor Jill*

Fancywork and Bake sale

There has been discussion on the Fancywork and Bake Sale. It has been decided to cancel the Fancywork sale for this year. Hopefully, next year will be back to “normal”

Valerie Brekke, Ladies Aid President

BE FULL OF JOY PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Always be **full** of **joy** in the **Lord**. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone **see** that you are considerate in **all** you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't **worry about** anything; **instead, pray** about everything. **Tell God what** you **need**, and **thank** him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's **peace, which exceeds** anything we **can** understand. His peace will **guard your** hearts and **minds** as you **live** in **Christ Jesus**. And now, **dear** brothers and **sisters, one** final **thing**. **Fix** your thoughts on what is **true**, and honorable, and **right**, and **pure**, and **lovely**, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep **putting into** practice all you **learned** and received **from** me—everything you **heard** from me and **saw** me **doing**. Then the God of peace will be with you. (NLT)



Important message from Kathy:

I am resigning as secretary of Vernes Church effective October 1, 2020. Sadly, this is the last newsletter I will be emailing and sending out. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter and will miss it.

I thank those that have enjoyed reading my quirky jokes, upside down pages and other goofy things that happened. (some not intentional)
Also, thanks to those that contributed to the newsletter in many ways.

God's blessings to each one of you.
Thanks again.

Kathy

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