

Vernes Lutheran Church News

It's A Blessed New Year!! January 2021

Keeping you posted---due to increase in COVID cases in our area, Vernes Council voted to temporarily pause worship & Sunday School @ the church until January 17 at the earliest. The council will meet & evaluate on January 13 and will announce whether to end or extend the pause. In the meantime, digital services will be posted to our worship page each week and include a recorded sermon from Pastor Jill, scriptures, hymns and announcements. The website is found at verneslutheran.org. Confirmation classes will begin Jan. 6 and continue weekly via Zoom.

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

January Ushers & Janitors: Mike Sundrud, Scot Thompson, Wayne Schmiedeberg

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January Birthdays are listed on the Calendar Page.

PASTOR'S PATHWAYS



Biblical Basis for the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26-28

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Since we will not be worshipping at the church on the 2nd Sunday this month, I encourage you & your family to receive Communion at home. It is imperative to confess your sins first & receive God's forgiveness.

Then you may speak the Words of Institution: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, & gave thanks; broke it, & gave it to His disciples, saying "Take & eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, & gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you & for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then pray the Lord's Prayer together & I also add these Scriptures: I Peter 2:24: By His stripes you (I) have been healed. Also, Isaiah 53:5: But He was pierced for our (my) transgressions, He was crushed for our (my) iniquities; the punishment that brought us (me) peace was on Him, & by His wounds we (I am) are healed. Thus, we can proclaim, "I have been healed. I am healed." We don't have to beg God to do this for us—He has already made the provision. We just need to believe it, confess it, receive His healing & thank Him. Now we are ready to receive His provision:

TO PARTAKE, HOLD THE BREAD IN YOUR HAND & SAY: "Thank you Father, for the gift of your Son. By the stripes that fell on His back, my body is healed from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. Every cell, organ, every function of my body is healed, restored, & renewed. In Jesus' Name, I believe & receive." (Eat the bread)

NEXT, TAKE THE CUP IN YOUR HAND & SAY: "Lord Jesus, thank you for your precious blood. Your sin-free, disease-free, poverty-free life is in your blood. And your shed blood has removed every sin from my life. Through your blood, I am forgiven of all my sins—past, present & future--& made completely righteous. Today, I celebrate & partake of the inheritance of the righteous, which is preservation, healing, wholeness & provision. That you Lord Jesus, for loving me & saving me. Amen." (Drink the wine or juice) **You can finish by singing or declaring: Rejoice in the Lord always, & again I say REJOICE!**

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

Prayer Schedule:

Jan 7 Richard & Linda Bergeson, SkylerSkip & Angel Bergeson,

Guy.Bronco.Clark.Summer

Jan 14 Lyndsay & Chris Otto, Haaken.Henric Scott & Jenna Bergeson, Walker.Kenzee

Jan 21 Dennis & Diane Boucher Liza & Chris Boxum, Connor

Jan 28 Jeffrey Brekke Wayne & Renee Brekke

- Those on January prayer schedule
- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ confirmation/ church council. Pastor Jill.
- Jennifer Albright in her mission work in Slovenia
- Global neighbors/ Transition of presidents in America/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, Zachary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Katherine Finseth
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him. **"I trust You Jesus"**.

Do You Hear What I Hear? Written by Noel Regney & his wife Gloria Shayne. 1962.

"Written not as a Christmas song, but as a hymn of peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis."

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?

Way up in the sky, litte lamb, "Do you see what I see?"

A star, a star, dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?

Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song high above the trees with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold-let us bring him silver and gold, let us bring him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say!

Pray for peace, people, everywhere, Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night. He will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light.

.. those that wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31

and "Hope is the things with feathers – that perches in the soul – and sings the tune without words – never stops – at all." Emily Dickenson

Amen.

January 2021

Birthdays are in BLUE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ushers: Mike Sundrud, Scot Thompson, Wayne Schmiedeberg					1	2
3	4	5	6 Confirmation class Via Zoom 7 pm	7	8	9
10 Communion at Home	11	12 No Ladies Aid Confirmation class via Zoom 7 pm (Wed. nite Jill has council meeting)	13 Council Meeting 7PM at Church Ryan Skaug	14	15	16
17 Resume Worship At church 9:00 ??? (To be determined)	18	19	20 Confirmation class via Zoom 7PM	21	22	23 Cindy Schmeideberg
24 Worship at church 9:00 (To be determined) Annual Meeting at church 10:00 with lunch served Lynae Finseth	25	26 Ordean Sundrud	27 Barb Drellack Confirmation Class via Zoom 7 PM	28	29 Rachell Finseth	30 Chester Smebe Shawn Hyde

31 **Alternative
Annual Meeting
If storm last Sun.**

Worship at
church 9:00 ? (to
be determined)

A Note from Pastor Jill: Thank you all for the generous Christmas gift you gave me! I appreciate it very much! We had a very merry Christmas—everyone is well and happy in our family! We are looking forward to a New Year filled with lots of opportunities to enjoy living and loving.....

JANUARY

- 1. Gen. 1-3, Matt. 1
- 2. Gen. 4-6, Matt. 2
- 3. Gen. 7-9 Matt. 3
- 4. Gen. 10-12, Matt. 4
- 5. Gen.13-15, Matt. 5: 1-26
- 6. Gen. 16.17, Matt. 5: 27-48
- 7. Gen. 18-19, Matt. 6: 1-18
- 8. Gen. 20-22, Matt. 6: 19-34
- 9. Gen. 23-24, Matt.7.
- 10. Gen. 25-26, Matt. 8: 1-17
- 11. Gen. 27-28, Matt 8: 18-34.
- 12. Gen. 29-30 , Matt. 9: 1-17.
- 13. Gen. 31-32 , Matt. 9: 18-38.
- 14. Gen. 33-35 , Matt. 10: 1-20.
- 15. Gen. 36-38, Matt. 10: 21-42
- 16. Gen. 39-40, Matt. 11.
- 17. Gen. 41-42, Matt. 12: 1-23.
- 18. Gen. 43-45 , Matt. 12: 24-50 .
- 19. Gen. 46-48, Matt. 13: 1-30
- 20. Gen. 49-50, Matt. 13: 1-58
- 21. Ex. 1-3, Matt. 14: 1-21
- 22. Ex. 4-6, Matt. 14: 22-36
- 23. Ex. 7-8, Matt. 15: 1-28
- 24. Ex. 9-11, Matt. 15: 21-39
- 25. Ex. 12-13, Matt. 16
- 26. Ex. 14-15, Matt. 17
- 27. Ex. 16-18, Matt. 18: 1-20
- 28. Ex. 19-20, Matt. 18: 21-35
- 29. Ex. 21-22, Matt. 19
- 30. Ex. 23-24, Matt. 20: 1-16
- 31. Ex. 25-26 , Matt. 20: 17-34

NOTES



FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

Jeremiah 29:11

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