

Vernes Lutheran Church News

December 2021

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.

If you see something else, you would like to try your hand at in church just come talk to me. We will try to accommodate any requests.

Let your voice be heard. We want to change it up a bit.



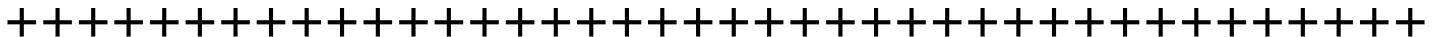
Ladies Aid News

- Next Aid is **Tuesday** December 14th @ 6:30
- Hostess is Valerie
- Devotions by Kathy
- Disbursements of funds



Sympathies: To the family of Gordon Syverson. He will be deeply missed by many.

Blessed be the memory of Gordon. We will not say goodbye, but bid you a "fond farewell"



Baptism

*Brooks Bo Farrell, son of Josh and Cassey Farrell.
Will be baptized on December 12th.*

Please keep this handsome little boy and his family in your prayers as he starts his life following Jesus.



FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Vernes family,

Each time a baby is born, those who know the parents rush to see the new precious child.

On that first Christmas, no grandmas or grandpas came to the manger. But after the shepherds listened in fear and wonder to the angel's song, they immediately journeyed to Bethlehem, searched to find the newborn, and greeted the baby, Mary and Joseph.

On Sunday, **December 19th at 10 a.m. (note special time)** the youth of Vernes will share the Christmas story during our worship service.

And of course, on Christmas morning at 9 a.m. we will celebrate Jesus' birthday together in worship.

The words of the well-loved Christmas hymn invite us to again journey to the manger,

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!"

God's child is born for you!

Christmas joy,

Pastor Lee



Recipes

Trying something new again!! Let's try to have a new recipe every month! If you've tasted something new or have an old favorite. Let's try sharing them! I'll just keep collecting them and just take out of my "stash" every month. Everyone loves new ideas for main meals, desserts, salads, even sandwich ideas! Soups would be wonderful this time of year also! So, start turning those recipes in!!

This month's recipe is from Kendra Olson:

Chili/Dip Recipe - It was thick, so I used it for a chip dip.

*2 chicken breasts
8 oz cream cheese
1 can rotel (not drained)
1 pkt ranch seasoning*

*1 can black beans (drained)
1 can corn (not drained)
1 pkt taco seasoning*

Combine all ingredients in the crockpot. Cook on high for 3-4 hours. Take chicken out and shred it. Put it back in the crockpot for another 30 minutes.

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

Prayer Schedule (Vernes members and friends rotating list):

Dec 5	Katherine Howard; Ava, Bergen, Chloe, William, Iris	Robert Jasinski
Dec 12	Lisa & Rylie Knutson	Cindy & Jon Lecy; Preston, Courtney, Trevr
Dec 19	Gretchen Lee; Willow	Hunter Lee
Dec 26	Mark & Joan Lee	

- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday School/ leadership and teachers/confirmation/ church council
- Jennifer Albright; Slovenia mission work, returning home to USA soon.
- 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, Mason Rominski
- Pastor Lee and Denise; house finishing miracles so their nomad life turns into a home.
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him. **“I trust You Jesus”.**

Luke 2:7-18 and she gave birth to her first-born son, and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn.

8. And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10. And the angel said to them, **“Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;**

11. **for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

12. **and this will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.”**

13. and suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14. **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”**

15. and it came about that when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

16. and they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

17. and when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about the Child.

18. and all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. but **Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.**

LORD OF THE DANCE (Shaker melody “Simple Gifts”; text written by Sydney Carter 1963)

Verse 1

I (Jesus) danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
 At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
 And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

Text prayer requests to Lynn @218.791.7520

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Confirmation 6:30	2 Prayer Time	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 SS, Conf R-Jeremey P-Pastor Lee	6	7	8 Confirmation 6:30 Cassey Farrell	9 Prayer Time Karen Hyde	10 Danielle Finseth	11
12 Worship 9:00 Communion Baptism SS, Conf R-Lynn Sundrud P-Kathy Finaeth	13	14 Ladies Aid 6:30	15 Confirmation 6:30	16 Prayer Time	17	18
19 Worship 10:00 SS Program Dinner after	20 Caitlin Sannes McKenzie Lofgren	21 Brooke Tofstad	22	23 Prayer Time	24 Norris Syverson Angel Bergeson	25 Christmas Worship 9:00 R-Darlene Sollie P-Darlene Sollie
26 No service today	27 Linda Bergeson Megan Lofgren	28	29	30	31 Jill Torgerson	

December Janitors:

Sid Finseth
Larry Sollie
Mark Lee

Readers

I have a list of people that are willing to read.
If you would like to be added please let me know.

Kathy



*Sunday, December 19th
10:00 AM*

*Join the Sunday School as they tell the
Story of the birth of our Savior.*

Then enjoy a delicious meal following.



Council Meeting

*Tuesday December 7th
7:00 PM*



Poinsettias



If you would like to order a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, please fill out this form and give it to Diane Sundrud, or Kathy Finseth along with \$10.00 for each flower ordered. We would like them for the Sunday School Program on December 19th.

Given by: _____

In honor or memory of _____





The Annual meeting is January 30th.
 Please have your reports in ASAP so the annual reports get out early for review.
 The following positions need to submit reports:

Pastor	Statistics
President	Ladies Aid President
Treasure	Ladies Aid Treasure
Secretary	Ladies Aid Secretary
Janitor list	Sunday School Superintendent



Birth Announcement

Name: Paisley Marie Beckman
Parents: Brooke Tofstad and Jessie Beckman
Born: November 24, 2021
Weight: 8 lbs. 13 oz Length: 22"



Church decorating

Thanks to all of you that had a part in decorating the church for Christmas.

Everything looks beautiful.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle.

There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

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- BAUBLES
- CANDY CANE
- CAROLS
- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- DECEMBER
- ELVES
- GIFTS
- GINGERBREAD
- GREETING CARDS
- HOLLY

- MISTLETOE
- NORTH POLE
- NUTCRACKER
- ORNAMENTS
- POINSETTIA
- REINDEER
- ROBIN
- SANTA CLAUS
- SNOWFLAKES
- SNOWMAN
- TOY FACTORY
- WINTER

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