

# Vernes Lutheran Church News

*February 2020*

If you have any news or information to add, please e-mail me at [rfinseth@hotmail.com](mailto:rfinseth@hotmail.com) or call my cell 218-368-6374, you can also text my cell phone. Kathy Finseth

**Ladies Aid:** Will resume in March.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held from 10:15 – 11:15.

**Confirmation Class:** Wednesdays, at the church from 5:45-7:00.

**Directory:** See details in the newsletter. We've been so busy it's going to have to be 2020. But it will be done. Kathy and Mary Ann

**Movie day:** Will begin In January and run through April. If you would like to serve for one movie, or have a special movie to see let Lynn know.

**Healing prayers:** Pastor Jill will be having healing prayers the second Sunday of the month during communion. If you would like to have her pray for you or a loved one just motion to her. She will also have special prayers for anyone that would like prayer, in the pastor's room after services.

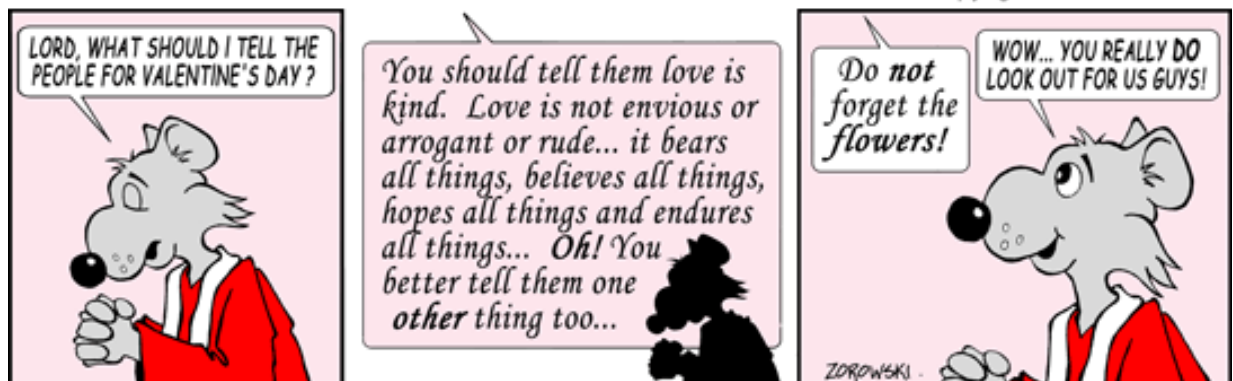
**Fellowship/Coffee:** There are a lot of Sundays to fill for serving after services. It makes coffee hour so much easier if there are people signed up. It doesn't have to be fancy or a lot. Thanks to all of you!!

**February Janitors:** John Peterson, Larry Sollie, Rick Bergeson

**Pastor Jill:** Phone Number: 218-556-2757, you can call or text. Email address: [jilltorgerson@gmail.com](mailto:jilltorgerson@gmail.com)

Feel free to contact Jill with any concerns, prayer requests or simply getting to know her. You can also contact me (Kathy) and I will gladly pass the message on to her.

## Church Mice



# February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Worship – 9:00 SS – 10:15	3	4	5 Confirmation 5:45	6 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	7	8
					Mavis Finseth	Renaë Brekke
9 Worship – 9:00 SS – 10:15 Communion	10 Shelby Long	11	12 Confirmation 5:45	13 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes	14	15
16 Worship – 9:00 SS – 10:15 Movie 2:30  Kylie Jo Sollie	17	18 Ladies Aid 6:30	19 Confirmation 5:45	20 9:00 Prayer Time at Vernes  Gavin Olson Bill Senn	21	22
23 Worship – 9:00 SS – 10:15	24	25 Bob Jasinski	26 Confirmation 5:30	27 Donna Peterson Mark Sannes	28 Chris Boxum Jenna Bergeson	29

## February Janitors:

John Peterson  
Larry Sollie  
Rick Bergeson





## "What does it mean that we are not to love the world?"

First John 2:15-16 says, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world." Yet John 3:16 begins, "For God so loved the world. . . ." So, God loves the world, but we are not supposed to? Why the apparent contradiction?

In the Bible, the term *world* can refer to the earth and physical universe, but it most often refers to the humanistic system that is at odds with God. When the Bible says that God loves the world, it is referring to the human beings who live here. And as His children, we are to love other people.

When we are told *not* to love the world, the Bible is referring to the world's corrupt value system. Satan is the god of this world, and he has his own value system contrary to God's.

The world is what we leave when we come to Christ. Why?  
The world often applauds sin.

Loving the world means being devoted to the world's treasures, philosophies, and priorities. We are to "seek first" God's kingdom and righteousness.

*When we enter God's family through faith in Christ, God gives us the ability to exit the world's rat race. We become citizens of another kingdom. Our desires turn heavenward, and we begin to store up eternal treasure. We realize that what is truly important is eternal, not temporal, and we stop loving the world.*

To continue to love the world the way unbelievers do will cripple our spiritual growth and render us fruitless for God's kingdom. Not loving the world extends to our own lives as well. Jesus said if we love anything more than Him, we are not worthy of Him.

In general, *the term world in the Bible refers to the evil system controlled by Satan that leads us away from worship of God.* John Calvin said, "The human heart is an idol factory." We can make idols out of anything. Any passionate desire of our hearts that is not put there by God for His glory can become an idol

So, while we are commanded to love the *people* of the world, we are to be wary of anything that competes with God for our highest affections.

## Lenten Services Schedule 2020

It was voted on at the Annual Meeting today to have Lenten Services EVERY Wed. night of Lent, instead of the former every other Wed. as we've had in other years.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00, Communion, Confirmation class 5:30

March 4 - Lenten Service at 7:00, soup/sandwiches at 6:30, Confirmation Class 5:30

March 11 - Lenten Service at 7:00, Soup/sandwich 6:30, Confirmation Class 5:30

March 18 - Lenten Service at 7:00, Soup/Sandwich 6:30, Confirmation Class 5:30

March 25 - Lenten Service at 7:00, soup/sandwich 6:30, Confirmation Class 5:30

April 1 - Lenten Service at 7:00, Soup/Sandwich 6:30, Confirmation Class at 5:30

April 5 - Palm Sunday Service 9:00, Confirmation Day for Preston, Brooke, Emily & Ava

April 12 - Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:00 (Sunday School serves) Service at 9:00

## Confirmation Class Schedule: Studying the Lord's Prayer

February 5 Meet at 5:45

February 12 Meet at 5:45

February 19 Meet at 5:45

February 26 Meet at 5:30

## Acolyte Schedule:

Feb. 2 Brooke & Shelby

Feb. 9 Ava & Bergen Howard

Feb. 16 Preston & Courtney

Feb 23 Brooke & Shelby

Ash Wed. Remains to be planned but Confirmation kids will be involved

# Prayer time at Vernes - Most *Thursdays, 9a.m.???????*

**Call or text if you plan on participating**

Email prayer requests to Lynn [ralys@gvtel.com](mailto:ralys@gvtel.com)

Text: 218.791.7520

Feb 6	Jennifer Olson Burkman-Zachery, Trinity, Maxwell	Wendell & Hilda Opdahl
Feb 13	Kendra & Blake Olson – Gavin, Henry	
Feb 20	Ava & Bergen Howard (confirmation)	Emily Strom (confirmation)
Feb 27	Wayne & Cindy Schmiedeberg	Mary Ann & Bill Senn – Adele Stenmoen

**pray for:**

Those on the February prayer schedule  
 Healing for Vernes Member's & Friends – See Sunday Bulletin  
 Sunday School leaders and teachers; Vernes church council.  
 Pastor Jill as she continues to minister to the people of Vernes and the community.  
 President Trump & other government world leaders  
 Your community neighbors  
 Those that are grieving  
 Pray for the many countries that are under persecution for their faith in Christ.  
 Lebanon; India; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh  
**Those currently in the military: Austin, Briana, Dusty, Zachary, Dawn**  
 Praise to God for what He has and is doing.  
**REMEMBER TO PRAY!!!**  
 Listen!  
 AMEN....

**Pray -**

- to ask earnestly
- to make a request or confession
- to chat with God
- to depend on God; focus on God rather than self.
- “to wait before Him until the dust settles and the stream runs clear”  
(sometimes no words)

**Prayer = dependence on God; prayer is your greatest action.**  
**Not praying = dependence on self**

<b>A Adoration</b>	giving glory to God for who He is.
<b>C Confession</b>	Confessing known sins; accept His forgiveness.
<b>T Thanksgiving</b>	thank Him for answered prayers, etc.
<b>S Supplication</b>	bringing others before God's throne of Grace. (Praying for others)

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times of my life.

I asked the Lord about it. “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow You, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most.”

The Lord replied, “My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you.”

*As you go on your way, may God go with you.  
 May God go before you to show you the way.  
 May God behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you,  
 above you to watch over, within you to give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

## Bible Study



Lynn Sundrud would like to know if there would be interest in a Bible study. She would like to hold it in her house. If you are interested, please talk to Lynn.

## February Birthdays



February 7 – Mavis Finseth  
February 8 – Renae Brekke  
February 10 – Shelby Long  
February 16– Kylie Jo Sollie  
February 20 – Gavin Olson  
Bill Senn

February 25 – Bob Jasinski  
February 27 – Donna Peterson  
Mark Sannes  
February 28 – Chris Boxum  
Jenna Bergeson

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



## Vernes Member Directory

*Vernes Directory. It will be just a simple booklet with, names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and a picture of your family.*

*No date has been set up yet, as soon as we do it will be in the newsletter.*

*Thanks for your cooperation!  
Kathy*

*Kathy's contact information*  
*218-368-6374*

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### To all parishioners...

Pastor Jill is looking for volunteers to be readers on Sundays and for doing the Sunday prayers. If this is something you think you would like to try, please talk to Jill. She always has the readings weeks ahead of time, so you will have the readings to go over.

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There are many Sundays without anyone to serve coffee!!  
Let's see if we can get a couple months at a time filled up

## Bible Word Search Puzzles

Joseph – Son of Jacob

The life of Joseph, found in Genesis Chapters 30 – 50, was fascinating! Find the 42 words listed below in this word search puzzle. They may appear in any direction, both backward and forward. Also, find one phrase that is NOT on the list, the name of his most famous garment.



ASHER  
AUTHORITY  
BAKER  
BENJAMIN  
BROTHERS  
CANAAN  
CISTERN  
CUPBEARER  
DAN  
DREAMS  
EGYPT  
EPHRAIM  
FAMINE  
FATHER

FLOCKS  
GAD  
GOSHEN  
GRAIN  
HANDSOME  
INTERPRETER  
ISRAEL  
ISSACHAR  
JACOB  
JUDAH  
LEVI  
MANASSEH  
MASTER  
NAPHTALI

NILE  
PHARAOH  
POTIPHAR  
PRISON  
RACHEL  
REUBEN  
SEVEN YEARS  
SHEPHERD  
SIGNET RING  
SILVER CUP  
SIMEON  
WARDEN  
ZEBULUN

2020 Vernes Janitor and Usher list

January	Mike Sundrud, Scot Thompson, Wayne Schmiedeberg
February	John Peterson, Larry Sollie, Rick Bergeson
March	Rudy Finseth, Ordean Sundrud, Ray Sundrud
April	Wayne Brekke, Norris Syverson, Les Finseth
May	Keith Sistad, Mike Sundrud, John Peterson
June	Scot Thompson, Ben Tofstad, Ordean Sundrud
July	Jeremey Finseth, Bill Senn, Mark Lee
August	Rudy Finseth, Les Finseth, Sid Finseth
September	Norris Syverson, Wayne Brekke, Bill Senn
October	Jeremey Finseth, Keith Sistad, Rick Bergeson
November	Ben Tofstad, Ray Sundrud, Wayne Schmiedeberg,
December	Sid Finseth, Larry Sollie, Mark Lee

**Janitors duties:** greet guests, handout bulletins, shovel sidewalks, light candles, take offerings, touch up vacuuming and bathrooms, fill toilet paper and paper towel, take garbage, ring bell, change light bulbs, reset clocks, lock doors, turn off lights

In the winter - fill floor drains, there are 4 drains to fill - 1 in each bathroom, 1 in utility room and 1 under south sink.

Kristi & Brooke will vacuum the whole church and clean both bathrooms 1 time per month



**Movies at Vernes**

February 16, March 15

2:30 PM

Snacks, relaxation, time with old and new friends.  
Bring your neighbors.



**February: Temple Grandin**

“Autism gave her a vision; she gave it a voice.”  
Questions-call Lynn @ 218.435.1029



2020 Church Council

President: Sid Finseth  
V President: Ruby Sistasd  
Secretary: Mary Ann Senn  
Treasurer: Ray Sundrud  
Deacons: Keith Sistasd  
          Rudy Finseth  
          Diane Sundrud  
Trustees: Ben Tofstad  
          Jeremey Finseth  
          Les Finseth

2020 Ladies Aid

President: Valerie Brekke  
V President: Carol Sundrud  
Secretary: Mavis Finseth  
Treasurer: Carol Sollie  
Sunshine: Irene Wishard  
Historian: Mavis Finseth

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Stuff

Every spring I start stirring in my stuff. There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded, until I decide if I will need the bad stuff.

When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff, but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff, will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other people’s stuff has been taken

Whenever we have company, they always bring bags and bags of stuff. When I visit my son, he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. My daughter-in-law always clears a drawer of her stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff-it would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave mu stuff at home, with the rest of my stuff.

This spring I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all the stuff too good to throw away and to bad to keep with my good stuff. You may not have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with my stuff—food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff, and outside stuff. Whatever would life be like if we didn’t have all this stuff.

Now there is all that stuff we use to make us smell better than we do. There is stuff to make our hair look good. Stuff to make us look younger. Stuff to make us look healthier. Stuff to hold us in, and stuff to fill us out. There is stuff to read, stuff to play with, stuff to entertain us and stuff to eat. we stuff ourselves with the food stuff.

Well our lives are filled with stuff-good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junky stuff, and everyone’s stuff. Now when we leave all our stuff and go to heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won’t matter. We will still have the good stuff God has prepared for us in heaven.

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