

Vernes Lutheran Church News

September 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.



Pastoral Search Committee Update



After meeting Pastor Lee Laaveg, and his wife, Denise, on August 8th, the congregation voted to extend a call to him. We are excited to see if he will be joining our church family. Right now, they are visiting their children while their house is being built in Bemidji.

They are building a house, on Wolf Lake and are looking for something part time. He has been a Pastor in the ELCA church for 30 years and left in 2010.



Ladies Aid News

- * Aid meeting is September 21 at 6:30
 - ** Hostess: Mavis
 - ** Election of officers
- * Fancywork and Bake Sale: Friday, October 8
 - ** Let's start early on our items!!
- * Mission Festival – Tentative date – October 31st

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

Prayer Schedule:

Sep 5	Lindsay & Chris Bergeson-Otto; Haaken, Henric	Scott and Jenna Bergeson; Walker, Kenzee
Sep 12	Dennis & Diane Boucher	Liza & Chris Boxum; Conner
Sep 19	Jeffrey Brekke	Wayne & Renee Brekke
Sept 26	Wesley & Val Brekke	Marlys & Barry Brovold

- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday school/ leaders and teachers/ confirmation/ church council.
- 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”.**

Prayer is talking to God anywhere, anytime, in any way. He will listen and answer.

Another quote From The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

(If you don't know this true story of the ten Boom family during World War II and their Involvement in hiding Jewish neighbors, it is a wonderful depiction of their dedication to Christian values. I first read the book in 1973 and again recently – the following is a quote from the book that has been an inspiring tidbit in regard to forgiveness):

“... and that is when I saw him, working his way forward against the others. One moment I saw the overcoat and the brown hat: the next, a blue uniform and a visored cap with its skull and crossbones. It came back in a rush: the huge room with its harsh overhead lights, the pathetic pile of dresses and shoes in the center of the floor, the shame of walking naked past this man. I could see my sister's frail form ahead of me, ribs sharp beneath the parchment skin.

Betsie and I had been arrested for concealing Jews in our home during the Nazi occupation of Holland; this man had been a guard at Ravensbruck concentration camp where we were sent.

Now he was in front of me, hand thrust out: “A fine message, Fraulein! How good it is to know that, as you say, all our sins are at the bottom of the sea!”

And I, who had spoken so glibly of forgiveness, fumbled in my pocketbook rather than take his hand. He would not remember me, of course – how could he remember one prisoner among those thousands of women?

But I remembered him and the leather crop swinging from his belt. It was the first time since my release that I had been face to face with one of my captors and my blood seemed to freeze.

“But since that time at Ravensbruck, I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fraulein- will you forgive me?”

And I stood there- I whose sins had every day to be forgiven- and could not. Betsie had died in that place-could he erase her slow terrible death simply for the asking?

It could not have been many seconds that he stood there, hand held out, but to me it seemed hours as I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do.

*For I had to do it-I knew that. The message that God forgives has a prior condition: that we forgive those that have injured us. **“If you do not forgive men their trespasses, Jesus says, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14,15”***

And still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is not an emotion. Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart. “Jesus help me!” I prayed silently. “I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling.”

And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. And as I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes.

*“I forgive you brother!” I cried. “With all my heart!”
I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.*

Text prayer requests to Lynn @218.791.7520

September 2021

September Janitors:

Norris Syverson
Wayne Brekke
Bill Senn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Prayer Time	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 Ben Tofstad	6 Mike Sundrud	7 Irene Wishard	8 Kendra Olson	9 Prayer Time	10	11
12 Worship 9:00 Communion	13	14	15	16 Prayer Time Rudy Finseth	17	18 Melissa Finseth
19 Worship 9:00	20	21 Ladies Aid 6:30	22 Delores Syverson Adelle Stenmoen	23 Prayer Time	24	25 Carol Sollie
26 Worship 9:00 Scott Bergeson	27 Brittney Finseth	28	29	30 Prayer Time Marlys Brovold		

September readers:

5th Cindy Schmiedeberg
12th Darlene Sollie
19th Marlys Brovold
26th Irene Wishard

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



90th Birthday Celebration!

for

Delores Syverson

Sunday, September 26th

*Please join Delores for Cake and coffee
After the 9:00 service*

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Thank you, Lynn, for submitting this recipe for the newsletter.

UGLY DUCKLING CAKE

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1 box (4 serving size) Jell-O Instant Pudding Mix
- 1-16 oz. can fruit cocktail, juice included
- 1 c. Angel Flake coconut
- 4 eggs
- ¼ c. vegetable oil

Topping

- ½ c. packed brown sugar
- ¼ c. nuts, chopped

Glaze

- ½ c. margarine
- ½ c. granulated sugar
- ½ c. evaporated milk or half and half
- 1 1/3 c. coconut

Blend the first 6 ingredients and beat for 4 minutes on medium speed. Pour into greased and floured 9x13 cake pan. Sprinkle the top with brown sugar and nuts.

Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched and pulls away from the sides of the pan. Do not under bake! Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Then make the glaze. Boil together the margarine, sugar, and milk for 2 minutes, then stir in the coconut. Pour over cake.

Store this cake in the refrigerator.

****I received this list of birthdays and noticed some spelling and date errors. Would each of you go through it and check for corrections of spellings, dates, or additions that you see. Please let me know ASAP so they can be corrected. Thanks Kathy

Birthdays

January 13 Ryan Skaug 23rd Cindy Schmeideberg 24th Lynae Finseth 26th Ordean Sundrud 27th Barb Drellack 29th Rachell Finseth 30th Chester Smebe Shawn Hyde

February 7 Jayden Lewis, Mavis Finseth 8th REnae Brekke 10th Shelby Long 16th Kylie Sollie 20th Gavin Olson, Bill Senn 25th Bob Jasinski 26th Karina Skaug 27th Donna Peterson, Mark Sannes 28th Chris Boxum, Jenna Bergeson

March 2nd Scot Thompson; 12th Cindy Lecy, Keith Sistad 13th Iris Howard, Shelly Finseth 14th Lanore Finseth 17th Les Finseth 23rd—Mark Lee, Riley Knutson 26th Henry Olson 27th Ostan Sundrud 29th Connor Boxum 30th Liza Boxum

April 5 Joan Lee; 6th-Haaken Colbert, Kelsey Lofgren; 7th—Diane Sundrud, Ariana Finseth; 15th Trevor Lecy; 18th Jeremy Finseth; 19th Wayne Schmeideberg; 20th-Mason Lofgren, Lindsey Otto; 22nd Will Tofstad; 24th Carol Sundrud;

May 1 Ray Sundrud; May 2 Clark Bergeson; 6th Janelle Finseth; 7th Tyler Thompson; 8th David Senn 11th Keisha Sollie; 14th Ruby Sistad; 16th Jon Lecy; 18th Skip Bergeson; 19th Courtney Lecy, Josh Finseth; 25th Rick Bergeson, Chris Thompson; 26th Jerry Torgerson

June 2—William Howard, 7th Amelia Bring, Bristol Bring, Chloe Thom 9th Jordan Finseth 10th Norah Skaug 12th Barry Brovold 14th Guy Bergeson 15th John Peterson, Katherine Finseth 21st Bret Sannes; 23rd Chloe Howard, Bronco Bergeson, 24th Travis Finseth 26th Katherine Howard

July 5 Vi Disrud; 11th Preston Lecy; 12th Summer Bergeson; 17th Heidi Long; 18th Larry Finseth; 26th Wayne Brekke, Sophie Finseth 29th Kathy Finseth, Cecil Finseth

August 2 Conne Syverson; 7th Dellas Disrud; 8th Gretchen Finseth; 10th—Nicole Lewis; 13th Sid Finseth; 17th Faith Hanson, MaryAnn Senn; 19th Natiley Bring, Hilda Updahl; 20th Sierra Guy, (Dylan, Brooks??); SMatt Finseth; 24 Darlene Sollie; 26th Kenzee Bergeson; Josh Long; 31st Lynn Sundrud

September 5 Ben Tofstad; 6th Mike Sundrud; 7th Irene Wishard 8th Kendra Olson; 12th—Damien Lewis; 15th Elliott Lewis 16th Rudy Finseth; 18th Melissa Finseth 22nd—Delores Syverson, Adele Stenmoen; 25th Carol Sollie; 26th Ava Howard, Scott Bergeson 27th Brittney Finseth, 30th Marlys Brovold

October 2 – Skyler Bergeson	October 16 - Corbyn Guy
Lisa Knutson	October 31 – Larry Sollie
October 9– Jodi Thompson	Austin Sannes
October 12 – Brady Finseth	
October 22—Bergen Howard	

Nov. 5—Kevin Lewis
Nov. 7 Madilynn Lewis Nov. 8 Walker Bergeson
Nov. 12 Brianna Finseth Nov. 20 Jarrod Finseth
Nov 24 Betty Tangen
Nov 26 Sierra Guy, Kristi Tofstad
Nov. 29 Blake Olson, Wendell Opdahl

Dec 8-Cassandra Farrell Dec 9 Karen Hyde Dec 10 Danielle Finseth 20th McKenzie Lofgren, Caitlin Sannes 21st Brooke Tofstad 24th Angel Bergeson, Norris Syverson 27th Linda Bergeson, Megan Lofgren 31st Jill Torgerson

Congregational meeting

August 22, 2021

Meeting called to order by Pres. Ruby Sistasd

Call Committee interviewed Pastor Lee and are recommending letter of call to be sent.

Keith Sistasd made motion to send letter of call to Pastor Lee

Cindy Lecy 2nded motion

Discussion was held regarding compensation package

Ruby reviewed letter of call that was sent to previous applicant, call letter to Pastor Lee will be the same compensation and expectation package that was sent to previous part time pastor.

Expectations for Pastor Lee will be the same expectations as Pastor Jill.

Ruby called for vote on motion to send letter of call to Pastor Lee.

Motion passed to extend letter of call

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting

Pres. Ruby adjourned meeting

Secretary minutes

Lynae Finseth



Council meeting

August 22nd

Council meeting called following congregational meeting

Pres. Ruby Sistasd called meeting to order

Ruby asked for discussion regarding letter of call, compensation and expectations

Discussion was held regarding compensation and expectation package that has been developed for calling a part time pastor. This compensation package will be used as baseline for interviewing and calling any pastor that has applied for a part time pastor at Vernes. This package is open for negotiation with applicant pastor once into a letter of call.

Motion made to extend letter of call to Pastor Lee by Mary Ann Senn

Motion seconded by Wayne Brekke

Motion carried to send letter of call

Motion made to adjourn meeting Rudy Finseth

Seconded by Mary Ann Senn

Meeting Adjourned by Pres. Ruby Sistasd

Secretary minutes

Lynae Finseth

Teach Me Your Statutes

Find the 43 bold words from Psalm 119:129-136 (ESV)

I S T P E C E R P E L P M I S
M T T W N V S M A E R T S M P
O N T E O S A E S I M O R P E
U E E L G N I D R O C C A A E
T M S R S S D J L V O V E R K
H D T E W T M E T P A U T L
G N I D N A T S R E D N U S Q
I A M E K T L N C F W F T T S
L M O E R U Y A O N U O U E T
O M N M O T F G O I H L R A E
N O I S S E R P P O N D N D P
G C E R H S I N I Q U I T Y S
M Y S U O I C A R G Y N M E H
E A A Q D V N M R X A G A O E
M X B W H C A E T P L V G X D

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

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The Greatest

Find the 34 bold words from Mark 9:30-37 (ESV)

A R G U E D M U U G Y G O D M
T N A V R E S L N M R A I T U
S E L P I C S I D A E S W W A
P D Y K H S H C E N C A J E N
G G E A I C O G R U E D Q L R
J N N R A L A N S X I I T V E
T D I E E L L S T M V A S E P
S S T Y I V I S A Z E R N A
C N A L A N I T N E S F I I C
D A E L G S N L D M E A F D J
A E L G R E A T E S T R L V E
Y G G L L O X N M D S I H M S
S Z K I E R E T F A H U A T M
M E S I R D R K W C K N O W R
S E N T K S A C C O C C A F U A

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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