

Vernes Lutheran Church News

January 2022

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.



Dear Members,

Our church directory is available to view on your computer! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a member website.

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let **Diane Sundrud** or **Kathy Finseth** know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too.

For more information about the members' website, go here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>

Information about security and privacy can be found at this link.

Thank you!

Diane Sundrud



If anyone would like an annual report emailed or mailed to them, please...
email Kathy at: rfinseth@hotmail.com

call or text 218-368-6374

FROM THE PASTOR



January 2022

Dear Friends of Vernes,

As this new year of life and ministry begins, I ask you to renew your heart's commitment to the Lord Jesus, and to our congregation. Pray with me that the Holy Spirit guides our decisions and leads us to accomplish all that is the Lord's will. Pray that Vernes will continue to be a light welcoming all people to know Jesus Christ by faith.

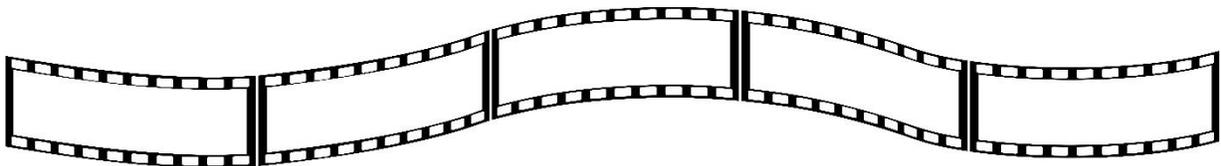
The winter snows remind me of the verses of scripture in Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

It is a powerful promise to know that Jesus Christ's forgiveness and grace washes our hearts clean and pure. We begin each day and yes, each year as clean and pure as the driven snow. When God looks at you He sees your beauty, your abilities, and your potential. He never looks at you to see your flaws or mistakes. His Spirit desires you to become all He intended you to be.

More than that, God loves you and desires that you would journey with Him each day, trusting Him with your life and your loved ones, sharing your heart and your dreams with Him in prayer, walking with Him in faith each day.

May our Lord bless our life together for His sake,

Pastor Lee



Movie Afternoons Are Back!!!

January 23 2:00 p.m.

February 20 2:00 p.m.

March 20 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Invite your neighbor!

Questions: Call Lynn at 218-791-7520



January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:00	3	4	5 Confirmation 6:30	6 Prayer Time	7	8
9 10:00 Mission Sunday Jennifer Albright Dinner Following Communion	10	11	12 Confirmation 6:30	13 Prayer Time Ryan Skaug	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 Annual Meeting Following Worship	17	18 No Ladies Aid	19 Confirmation 6:30	20 Prayer Time	21 Denise Laaveg	22
23 Worship 9:00 Cindy Schmiedeberg	24 Lynae Finseth	25	26 Confirmation 6:30 Ordean Sundrud	27 Prayer Time Barb Drellack	28	29 Rachell Finseth
30 Worship 9:00 Chester Smeby Shawn Hyde	31	Janitors: Mike Sundrud, Scot Thompson. Wayne Schmiedeberg Readers / Prayers: 2 - Mary Ann / Keith 9 - Ray / Kathy 16 - Scot / Pastor Lee 23 - Diane / Diane 30 - Lynn / Pastor 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

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

Prayer Schedule (Vernes members and friends rotating list):

Jan 2	Kevin & Nicole Lewis; Damien, Jayden, Elliott, Madilynn	Kelsey & Peter Lofgren; McKenzie, Megan, Mason
Jan 9	Josh & Heidi Long; Shelby	Jennifer Olson-Burkman; Zachery, Trinity, Maxwell
Jan 16	Wendell & Hilda Opdahl	Kendra 23& Blake Olson; Gavin, Henry
Jan 23	Wayne & Cindy Schmeideberg	Mary Ann & Bill Senn – Adele Stenmoen
Jan 30	David Senn; Bella	Keith & Ruby Sistad

- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday School/ leadership and teachers/confirmation/ church council
- Jennifer Albright; mission work
- 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”.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“.....and I said to the man who stood at
the gate of the year,
Give me light that I may tread safely
into the unknown.
And he replied: Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way.”

Lord, I Praise You

By Amy Nobles and Carrie McDonnall
Lord, I thank You for the cross
Choir: Lord, I praise You
Lord, I thank You with my heart
Choir: Lord, I praise You
I thank You with my life
Choir: Lord, I praise You
I'll thank You with this song
Choir: Lord, I praise You

Chorus: Lord, I praise Your name
Give You thanks and
Lift up holy hands
Without shame
I will proclaim
Jesus' name
In all the earth

So, I'll sing among the nations
Choir: Hallelujah!
For great is Your love
Choir: Glory! Glory!
It's higher than the heavens
Choir: Higher! Higher!
It reaches to the sky!
Choir: Lord, I praise You!

Text prayer requests to Lynn @218.791.7520

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: Kathy Finseth:

FRENCH TOAST

Spray a 9 x 13 pan with pam
Melt ½ cup butter in pan
Sprinkle cinnamon over butter
Sprinkle ½ cup pecan pieces on cinnamon (optional)
Layer 16-18 slices round buttered cinnamon bread

Heat the following just to melt the butter:

¾ cup butter ½ cup orange juice

Add 6 beaten eggs to above mixture and pour over the bread

Cover with foil. Let stand for ½ hour

Remove foil and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and bake for 10- 15 minutes.

Topping stir together:

Small container cool whip

½ cup caramel syrup

Pecans - optional

I don't have a recipe for next month!



We are sad to announce that Kristi and Brooke Tofstad have resigned has the monthly church cleaning service. They have done such a wonderful job. Thank you for your services.

So now we are in search of someone to replace this duo. If you would like to inquire about this position, please contact Lynn Sundrud at 218-791-7520.

2022 Vernes Janitors

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

Janitor duties:

- Greet guests
- handout bulletins
- shovel sidewalks
- light candles if acolytes are not present
- take offering
- touch up vacuuming
- bathrooms, fill toilet paper, paper towels, empty garbage, and fill soap
- ring bell before services
- change light bulbs or tell trustees
- reset clocks
- open all inside doors and long bi-fold doors, so the air can circulate
- turn off lights
- remove all garbage from the kitchen, bathrooms, and utility room
- lock doors

Thank you to all the janitors for their faithful service!

Biblical Names - Word Search

There are thirty biblical name in this word search game. Spare some time and try to find them.
The words in this word search are hidden across, down, and diagonally, with backwards.

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ANDREW
BARTHOLOMEW
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DAVID

EVE
GOLIATH
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JEREMIAH

JESUS
JOHN
JOSHUA
LUKE
MARK
MARY

MATHIAS
MOSES
NOAH
PAUL
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