

From the **PASTOR'S DESK**

The summer is slipping by all too quickly. I hope everyone survived all the rain and high temps – oh the joys of summer in Minnesota! If you don't like the weather, don't worry, give it an hour and it will change. And remember those sub-zero winters temperatures? They will be here all too soon – so maybe we shouldn't complain about the heat.

Many young people are getting ready for a new school year or big change in their lives, whether it be for regular school, off to college or a new career; got me thinking about life transitions and how challenging they can be. Jesus reminds us that he will always be with us no matter the circumstances in Matthew chapter 28:19-20, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

So, I trust that Christ will surround all our young people and especially all recent graduates and uphold them and lead them into a blessed future. That promise is for all of us, not just those leaving for college or entering a new phase of life – all of us have been given this assurance, we just need to let go and let God.

See You In Church!
Pastor Joyce



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August Worship



8/3 Encrypted in Christ Colossians 3:1-11
Communion

Resurrection is the key that helps us decipher the mysteries of life and death. Hymns: Now Thank We All Our God; In Christ There Is No East or West; I Come With Joy; Then after communion; I Come With Joy

8/10 Look Busy Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Appearances can be deceiving, at work and in worship. Hymns: Victory In Jesus; Grace Greater than

Our Sin; Just a Closer Walk; **Video:** "Unashamed" by Matthew West

8/17 World-Changing Ideas Isaiah 5:1-7

God has planted us in his vineyard and expects us to produce good grapes. Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness; O Day of God, Draw Nigh; Sanctuary;

8/24 Collision Course Jeremiah 1:4-10

Humility and grace can soften the blow. Hymns: The Gift of Love; Help Us Accept Each Other; They'll Know We Are Christians; **Video:** "The Jesus Way" by Phil Wickham

8/31 The Gold Standard Luke 14:1, 7-14

There is a stable currency guaranteed not to lose value, but it isn't what you think. Hymns: As the Deer; More Precious than Silver; Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast; **Video:** "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury





Kayaking Dates:

August 3rd, 4pm Strawhorns

Neil & Donna are hosting at their home:
32328 County Hwy 4, Vergas

Kayak's can be launched at their doc. There will be a pontoon available for non-Kayakers. For fellowship they will supply the food and buns. Please bring a side to add to the meal and your own beverage.

For more details or questions contact Donna 218-234-1375 or Bryan Giese 701-663-1105



Other dates - details will be posted the week before

August 10, 4 pm Reitans

August 17, 4 pm Nelsons

"If you would like to host a gathering at your home, contact Sheri and let her know the date and time. Although the dates so far are scheduled on Sundays - you can choose any day of the week and whatever time works best for you."



FIREMAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8am - 10:30am - Dent Community Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAKE SALE 8am - 12pm - Dent Community Center

OLSON'S SANCTIONED PEDAL TRACTOR PULL 9am - Dent Community Center

KIDS CRAFT PROJECT 9am - 10:30am - Dent Community Center

FACE PAINTING 9am - 11am - Dent Community Center

VENDOR MARKET 9am - 2pm - Veteran's Memorial Park

*Food Trucks
10:30am - 5pm*

*Dent Community Club
Beer & T-Shirt Sales
12pm - 6pm*

Dent UMC

8am ~

Noon

BAKE SALE



INFLATABLES 9am - 1pm - Dent Community Center

BARREL RIDES 9am - 3pm - Dent Community Center

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES 9am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm - Veterans Memorial Park

ADULT & KIDS MEDALLION HUNTS 9am - Dougout Bar & Grill

CHIP SHOT GOLF CHALLENGE 9am - Dent Community Center

KIDDIE PARADE 11am - Main Street

GRAND PARADE* Immediately following kiddie parade - Main Street

CORN ON THE COB 11:30am - 1:30pm - Dent Community Center

CAR SHOW* 12pm - 3pm (Registration begins at 10:30am) Top 3 People's Choice Awards - Dent Community Center



The Vergas Church Ladies

Looney Days are right around the corner, so planning has begun! The sign-up sheet to volunteer is out and we need help with this event. If you

can't help in person, we also need people to sign up to bring snacks. We will be selling individual items at the sale so please package items to sell individually. These will also be free will offering. People can start bringing items for the rummage anytime as VBS was cancelled and leave in the fellowship hall. Remember no clothes or electronics, please donate items in good condition.



Our next
meeting will be
August 19th
12:30pm
at the church.



Dent Breakfast Club



Meets at Mysteries
Café at 9am on the
first Wednesday of
the month



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 5th
12:30 pm Potluck at
Doreen Schwarzrock's
Book:
"Counting Backwards"
by Jacquelin Friedline

AD COUNCIL MEETING



Wednesday,
August 20th
Dent 3pm
Vergas 6:30pm

Church Missions July / August / September



Vergas



Churches United was founded in 1987 by eleven local faith groups originating from the old Bethesda Lutheran Church. Over the past 37 years, the organization has expanded to include more than 100 supporting faith communities. Today, Churches United operates three locations throughout the Fargo-Moorhead community, offering one shelter, a food pantry, and a permanent supportive housing complex. Their core values are to Serve with Heart, Engage Authentically and Act with Courage. Their work is carried out with an emphasis on equity and authentic community engagement. 88% of every dollar received goes directly to serving our neighbors in need.



**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Vergas Local Outreach

June, July, and August Local dollars were sent to Frazee/Vergas, Pelican Rapids, and Perham schools to assist with providing help to the students that need it as school begins. Many children come to school without the supplies needed to be successful.

Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs.



Dent Mission of the Quarter ~ Rudolph's Closet



This is a wonderful and special event that Dent holds every year.

The community children are invited to come and shop for gifts for Christmas for their family members. They will be assisted with shopping, all gifts will be wrapped and refreshments are served.

The event is from 9 am to 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday in December. Same day as Dent's Santa Day.

Dent UMC will be collecting donations and money to help put this event together



JULY VOLUNTEERS LISTS



August Ushers

Ellie L / Rob M.

August Liturgist

Pastor Joyce

Aug	Fellowship
03	Doris C.
10	Nancy & Doug H.
17	Gretchen & Roger D.
24	Ellie L.
31	Toni & Lowell L.

Aug	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
03	Tonya J.	Faye & Tonya	XXXXXXX
10	Bev F.	NEEDED	XXXXXXX
17	Margy N.	Rick & Margy	XXXXXXX
24	Carla R.	Neil & Donna S.	XXXXXXX
31	Bryan G.	Bryan & Eileen	XXXXXXX

If you are unable to be there on a Sunday, please find a substitute to fill in for you. Thank You!



Aug 27th Jody & Sheri Schoenberger

Aug 9th Al & Jan Aanenson

Aug 25th Kelvin & Michelle Salthe

Aug 29th Don & Carolann Garber



Vergas Birthdays

Aug 1st Connie Titzow
 Aug 3rd Judy Noyes
 Aug 13th Connie Prunty
 Aug 18th Renee Sonnenberg
 Aug 19th Faye Courneya
 Aug 29th Chuck Hillstrom
 Aug 30th Mark Johnson

Dent Birthdays

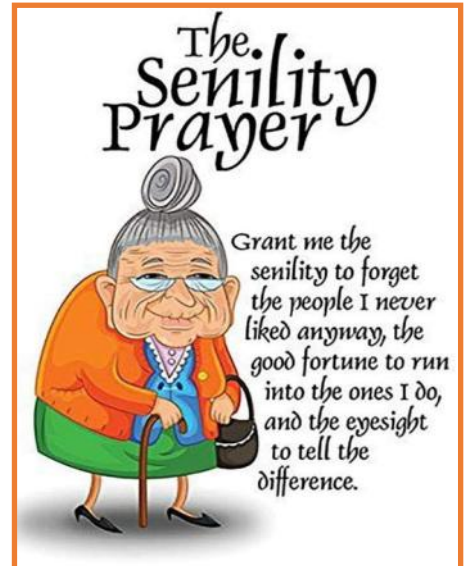
Aug 6th Louise Chapman
 Aug 8th Toni Larson
 Aug 19th Peggy Maasjo
 Aug 24th Peggy Meissner
 Aug 25th Al Aanenson

**FRIENDS
 ARE ANGELS THAT
 LIFT US TO OUR FEET
 WHEN OUR WINGS
 HAVE TROUBLE
 REMEMBERING
 HOW TO FLY**



A Thought for The Day

Overthinking will kill your peace. Sometimes you just need to pray and leave it in God's care.



"Worship Times"

Dent UMC

8:30am Pre Fellowship
9am Worship Service

Vergas UMC

9:30am Adult Sunday School (Sep thru May)
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship



Livestream Service begins at 10:30am on the [Vergas Facebook page](#)



*Recorded Service will be posted on YouTube and dentvergasumc.org
Click on the icon or link to go to the site*

Are there things you would like to see each month in your newsletter? Would you like to write an article? Submit photographs? Share a recipe? Please let us know and we will do our best to include it here. Also, If you want your Newsletter delivered by email. Please let Sheri Schoenberger know at sheri.Lschoenberger@gmail.com or call her at 218-329-7465

Additions to the newsletter, **deadline for September is August 26, 2025.**

We will be sending out the newsletter on the first or second Sunday of each month, if possible. To defray costs the newsletter will be offered in the following formats:

Email - Website - In person pick up at church - 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month.

US Mail - Remaining newsletters will be mailed on the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month.

Church Secretary / Newsletter editor

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August / September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Connie Z. (V) 1	2
Judy N. (V) 3 4pm Kayaking & Potluck - Hosted by Strawhorn's	4	12:30pm Book Club Potluck @ Doreen's	5 Louise C. (D) 6 9am Dent Breakfast Club	7	Toni L. (D) 8	9
10 4pm Kayaking & Potluck - Hosted by Reiten's	11	12	Connie P. (V) 13	14	15	Dent Corn Daze 8am - Noon Dent UMC Bake Sale 16
17 4pm Kayaking & Potluck - Hosted by Nelson's	Renee S.. (V) 18	Peggy Ma (D) 19 Faye C. (V) 12:30pm Vergas Church Ladies	20 Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	21	22	23
Peggy Me. (D) 24	Al Aanenson (D) 25	26	27	28	Chuck H. (V) 29	Mark J. (V) 30
31	 1	3 12:30pm Book Club	9am Dent Breakfast Club	4	6	7

Dent United Methodist Leadership Meeting

The regular meeting of the DUMC Leadership Team was held on Wednesday, July 30, at 3:00 pm.

Members present: Pastor Joyce, Doris Champlin, Austin Holtz, Karen Johnson and Ivy Mickelson.

A Zoom presentation was given by Phil with Edward Jones in regards to our investment. We have this set up for long-term usage with 50% being in fixed income investments and 50% in the equity sector. At this time, it appears there is less than an average chance of volatility before the end of the year.

Devotions and a prayer were given by Pastor Joyce.

Minutes: These were tabled as we didn't have a copy at our meeting.

Finance: Ivy reported that bills had been paid. No questions were asked. Karen made a motion to accept with a second from Austin. Approved.

Old Business:

- We discussed the items that need to be cleared up by 9-5-25 for Grinnell Mutual insurance after the inspection was done this spring.
- Roger and Robbie replaced the batteries in the security lights that weren't working. Roger and Robbie, also, replaced the bulbs in the exit signs.
- Austin contacted a company to examine our fire extinguishers.
- The remaining item is getting a water leak sensor installed in the utility room/kitchen area. Lyndon has the form, and Austin will work with him to get the last one completed.

New Business:

- Pastor Joyce asked Austin to converse with Roger about the possibility of Roger using his truck and trailer for our parade entry. Pastor will work out a message for the trailer and print it out. We have some candy in the freezer and Karen will pick up 2 more bags.
- The Bake Sale will be held at the Community Center with plans to set up the day before.
- Ivy brought up that our church listing in the Perham Focus is outdated. Austin will send the wording that is in Pelican Rapids newspaper to Ivy and Ivy will contact the Focus to get it updated.
- The spaghetti supper that was tentatively set for September was discussed. Austin made a motion with a second by Ivy to cancel our fall spaghetti supper.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Joyce reported that she was asked to and will be mentoring a group of pastors in the area for the next year.
- She will also be going to or meeting with somebody from the Frazee UMC to bless the elements, as they currently have no pastor.
- She also reported that she does not plan to retire until 2028 and hopes to continue to serve our parish.

Trustees Report:

Austin reported that we have been having an ant problem in the utility room. He has sprayed the garbage can back there and the floor area and they appear to be gone. We will be more diligent about removing the garbage promptly to lessen the issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Austin, seconded by Karen.

Ad Council Minutes
Vergas United Methodist Church
June 18, 2025, 6:30 pm in person at church

Present: Jane Wasvick, Faye Courneya, David Reiten, Sheri Schoenberger, Tonya Johnson, Joyce Slostad and Doreen Schwarzrock. Absent: Renee Sonnenburg

Evidence of God's grace were shared.
Joyce opened the meeting with prayer.

Review of Church Attendance

Sheri reported that attendance remains about the same in person and online.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer report was accepted as handed out pending audit. Faye stated that she will cash the CD due this summer to pay for the construction costs and will do this out of the general fund.

Trustee Report

David reported that the fire alarm system is disconnected and should no longer be alarmed.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor Joyce reported that VBS needed to be cancelled due to conflicts of dates with the volunteers.
- Pastor Joyce was asked about her retirement plans and said that she is going to delay retirement until 2028. There will likely be no change before that date in the current arrangement.
- Joyce has been asked to mentor new pastors in the system.

Mission

The Missions of the Quarter for 2025.

1st Quarter, UMCOR

2nd Quarter, Relay for Life

3rd Quarter, Churches United Homeless Mission

4th Quarter, Local Food Shelves, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Detroit Lakes

- The approved \$10,000 to send to the churches in California was sent, and a nice letter of gratitude was received from the churches that were helped.
- Since VBS was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers, the June dollars are now available again. Tonya suggested we send local mission dollars to the schools to help with providing school supplies. Jane made a motion to take June, July and August local dollars and send \$300 to Frazee/Vergas School, Pelican Rapids School, and Perham School for them to purchase school supplies for the fall, seconded by Sheri and approved.
- Tonya reported on a new parenting class starting in Pelican Rapids, she discussed this with the Social Worker who was trained in the program from the Circle of Security International which is helping new mothers. She will remain in contact with this person, and we can consider this as a mission later.

Looney Days

- Planning is happening in the Church Ladies and Men's Group for Looney Day activities.
- Plans for a joint church service were cancelled.

Day Care Use of Church

Faye received an update from the EDA meeting, which was attached to the agenda. Everything is in pause until dollars can be obtained. Faye also shared an article from the newspaper, attached to official minutes.

Computer Upgrade

Sheri reported that Jody has the information on the new computers and needs to pick them up in Minneapolis. Sheri will coordinate with Joyce.

Arrowlift Service Agreement

Faye said that she received a request from Arrowlift for chair inspection and maintenance for \$848. Jane talked to Connie who said that it should not be that much. The State inspects them once every 3 years and we only need a once-a-year contract. Faye will follow up with Arrowlift to discuss options.

Spring Work

Contracts are in place, and we are waiting for the contractors to come and do the work. Tonya will have Mark mention to the contractors that Looney Day week would not be a good time to start.

Community Meal

Joyce stated that we are signed up to provide the food on August 14th for the Thursday night event in Vergas. We need a sign-up sheet to help. This will be a free meal to Bless the Community. We will serve Hot dogs, Chips, and Beans. The event is from 5:30-7:30 pm, we will need to start at church around 4 pm. Joyce will try to find out approximately how many have been served to have an idea of amount to order. We will get the food from the Mercantile. No drinks will be offered. We will need to have a tent, tables, and chairs for workers. We can plug roasters in at Otter Coffee.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with members expressing gratitude.

The next meeting will be on August 20th in person at the Church.