



This poignant poem by Grace Johnson encapsulates the beauty and significance of autumn as a season of introspection. It emphasizes the parallel between the changing leaves and the transformation of our souls. Like the falling leaves, we surrender our fears and trust in God's guidance, knowing that God will carry us through the changing seasons of life.

Autumn is one of my favorite times of year: the last of the garden waiting to be shared or stored for the winter months, the smell of bonfires, and the taste of a freshly picked apple, and the air is cool! – these things are special to me.

Autumn, with its vibrant colors and gentle breeze, is a season of transition and transformation. As the leaves fall and nature prepares for the colder months ahead, Christians find inspiration in this beautiful time of year to reflect on their faith and seek renewal in their spiritual journey.

**God's word is also special – this is what Psalm 19 says:**

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*

May we make God's word part of our daily enjoyment of life. See you in church or at a SWAP day! (see on pg 2)

**Pastor Joyce**

## "The Harvest of the Spirit"

by Grace Johnson



*The leaves, like souls, begin to change,  
From green to gold in a vast exchange;  
Autumn's embrace, a gentle reminder,  
Of our own seasons, a time to surrender.*

*God's hand, like the wind, guides our way,  
As we walk through life, both night and day;  
And just as the trees, we shed our fears,  
Trusting that His love will dry our tears.*

*For every leaf that falls to the ground,  
A new prayer rises, a hopeful sound;  
Our hearts, like branches, sway in the breeze,  
As we find solace on our spiritual knees.*



## **SWAP: Scripture Walk And Pray** Beginning October 2nd Wednesdays in Dent at 10:30 & in Vergas at 1:30 for 1 hour



Spiritual Focus: Learn to memorize and meditate on God's Word as we walk. Perhaps meet some of our neighbors, praying all the time for the community and what the Lord lays on our hearts. **You may also walk and pray at a time that fits your schedule – instructions will be provided.**

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### **WORSHIP in October**



#### **Oct 6th - "Name, Image and Likeness"**

##### **Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

No one matches the NIL potential of Jesus Christ!  
Hymns: This Is the Day; Jesus, Name Above All Names; Come, Share the Lord; Shalom to You.

#### **10/13 "Night Vision" Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

It may be hard to see God as we travel through periods of spiritual darkness. But God knows the path we're on and can see us. Hymns: This Is the Day; Great Is the Lord; He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought; We Walk By Faith; Shalom to You.

**Video:** Word of God Speak by Mercy Me

#### **10/20 "A Full-Service Life" Mark 10:35-45**

Full-service banks, restaurants and gas stations are going out of style. But not full-service people who are following the example of Jesus. Hymns: This Is the Day; Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service; Go Forth for God; Here I Am, Lord; Shalom to You

#### **10/27 "Range Anxiety" Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

Can we trust the providence of God when we're in the middle of nowhere and running low on faith? Hymns: This Is the Day; A Mighty Fortress Is Our God; This Is My Father's World; God Will Take Care of You; Shalom to You

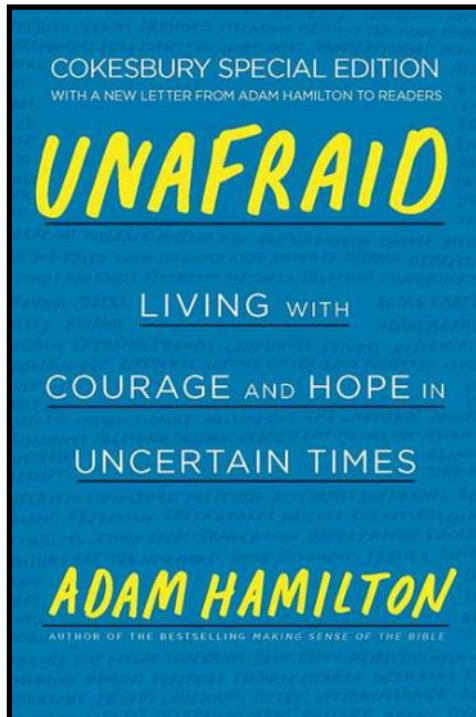


We have a meaningful worship opportunity each week, sharing our God Moments. These are not necessarily our stories about how we became a Christian – some of us have been one all our lives, and they aren't just big event stories – most of us will never experience talking to a burning bush.

These are stories of how we have seen or experienced God during the past week either ourselves, something we observed in others or saw on t.v. or read in the paper. Be on the look out for these moments and share them during the God Moments , Joys, & Concerns time during worship. God is working daily in our world friends – we just need to look and feel for these moments!

# NEW FALL

## Bible Study



You'd be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. Fear wreaks havoc on our relationships and communities. It leads us into making bad decisions. It holds us back from the very pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy.

As the senior pastor of a large, diverse church in America's heartland, Adam Hamilton has seen the cost of fear up close. When he surveyed his congregation on how fear affects them, 2,400 people responded—and what they said was eye-opening. Eighty percent admitted to living with moderate or significant levels of fear.

Unafraid is Hamilton's insightful and impassioned response. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton uses a mixture of facts and faith to help readers understand and counter fears related to such outside perils as death and illness, as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter. He invites us to:

Face our fears with a bias of hope  
Examine our fears in light of the facts  
Attack our anxieties with action  
Release our cares to God

Writing with generosity and intelligence, Hamilton shows in this 5 week study how believer and unbeliever alike can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus's recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid." For anyone struggling with fear or wondering how families and communities can thrive in troubled times, Unafraid offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions

**Tuesdays @ Vergas 10:30 am & online via Zoom at 6:30 pm starting Oct 1st**  
**Thursdays @ Dent 10:30 am starting Oct 3rd**





# The Vergas Church Ladies

**Next meeting will be Oct 15th,  
12:30 pm at Vergas church.**



A big thank you to all who helped with baked goods for the funeral and helped serve and clean up. Everything went well and we really appreciated the help!

The Church Ladies are busy again planning for November 10<sup>th</sup> at Vergas. We will be having a Good Stuff Sale as well as a Potluck dinner after church. This will be a combined service with Dent at 10:30 and the Band of Faith will be providing the music. We will hopefully have a quilt for silent auction also to help raise money.

If anyone would like to donate baked goods or crafts to the sale, we would appreciate it! All proceeds from this sale will go to Samaritan's Purse for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. Start accumulating items for the shoe boxes as well. We are looking at packing the shoe boxes on November 17<sup>th</sup>



**Vergas / Dent UMC  
November 10th  
10:00am  
in Vergas**





**THANKSGIVING  
IN  
OCTOBER  
DINNER & BAKE  
SALE**

*Enter parking lot via 4<sup>th</sup> St SE*

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

**Bake Sale & Dinner:  
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota**

**Menu**

- Turkey & Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- & Gravy Carrots,
- Cranberry Relish
- Lefse, Rolls & Pie
- Milk
- Coffee




**PUBLIC IS INVITED  
-FREE WILL DONATION-  
COME AND JOIN US!!**

"And my people shall be satisfied  
with my bounty", says the Lord.  
~Jeremiah 31:14b

**ENDING HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

RAISING animals.  
**GROWING  
communities.**



**Sunday,  
October  
6<sup>th</sup> 1pm**

**"Crop Walk  
for Hunger"**

Maple Wood State  
Park, Pelican Raids  
Free Pass  
Available



**CDH -Fire & Rescue  
Fund Raiser**

**October 26th  
5:00pm  
Vergas Event Center**

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The Pumpkin harvest was a success this year (2024) and **the Pumpkin Place** located on Highway 34 east of Detroit Lakes will be opened this Saturday (September 28th) at 9:00am!!! Roads will be posted!!!



**PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF SPINE-TINGLING TERROR IN THE HAUNTED FOREST**  
**October 18th & 19th**  
 FIRST SCARE STARTS: 6:30PM  
 LAST ARRIVAL: 10:30PM  
 35848 134th St, Frazee 56544  
 Cost: \$10 Family Max \$50  
 Hosted by CornerStone.  
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 218-329-6199  
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**The Haunted Forest October 18th & 19th** (changed locations to add to your scary Halloween excitement) event involves

walking 1/2 mile on a cow path through wooded areas around swampy land & then through the outbuildings of an old farm. Enjoy being scared by over 30 spine tingling friends. Terrain may have hanging branches, uneven terrain, and includes various frightening experiences such as loud noises, frightening sights, fog machines, strobe lights, screeching noises, and other sensory stimuli.

Tennis shoes are a must. Waiver on site to sign. Questions: call 218-329-6199

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## Headwaters District

From: Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink  
Headwaters Conference Superintendent

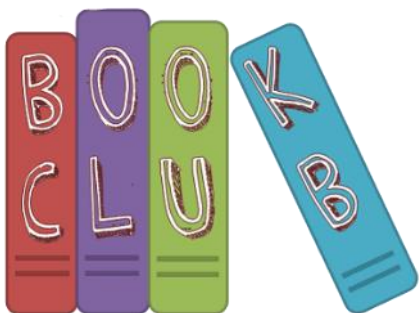
I will be meeting with church leaders in every local church through an in-person Cluster Charge Conference (a time for worship and the annual business of the church, alongside several other churches).

**Dent & Vergas UMC's are scheduled for our Cluster Charge Conference on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-4:30 at Detroit Lakes United Methodist Church.**

I encourage you to attend and would be delighted to meet you at that gathering. It is my hope to join every church for their Charge Conference this year.

I am celebrating with you all the ways in which God is working through the ministry presence you have in your local community.

Blessings,



### Next Meeting



Tues, Oct 1st 12:30pm  
Corner Collective Bistro  
in Frazees. Enjoyed the food so much they wanted to go back!

### Books:

“Chasing Fireflies” by Charles Martin  
and “SOS” by Lucinda Michalski;  
The Bible: Book of Mark

### Vergas Church Conference

Sunday, October 20th  
after the Service



### SPPRC meeting

Sunday, Oct. 13th  
Noon in Vergas



### Ad Council

Wednesday, Oct 16th  
Dent 3:00pm  
Vergas 6:30pm



**Free, Safe, Non-scary,  
Church Event - All Are Welcome**

**Thursday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Dent UMC & Vergas UMC**

It's not too early to begin planning for this year's event. We had many children attend the event at both churches and would like to have lots and lots of decorated trunks and church members in costume (non-scary) to meet and greet parents & children. **A sign-up sheet for donations of candy, \$\$, and/or providing a decorated trunk will be passed around in church.** If you would like Pastor Joyce to order you a trunk decorating kit for around \$15, please let her know and she can show you options for Christian themed Halloween décor to make your trunk look extra-special! Event will be held indoors if there is inclement weather happening – too cold or snow.

# Church Quarterly Mission October / November / December

## Vergas Mission ~ Local Food Pantry's



Minnesota is a leader in agriculture. Yet every day in Minnesota, over 9,000 people visit a food shelf to get help meeting their daily food needs. Let's work together to advance solutions that tackle hunger on a large scale. Each dollar helps struggling Minnesotans. Your support helps parents with children, seniors, and working adults.

## Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission dollars \$300 will be sent to Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Throughout communities, neighbors are helping neighbors stay in their homes. It was on this premise that Neighbor -to-Neighbor was founded in 1970 when Fort Collins neighbors banded together to prevent a family from losing their home. Now neighbors are helping more than 5000 neighbors stay in their homes each year.

Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs you may know of. Thank You!

## Dent Mission of the Quarter is Salvation Army



The Salvation Army has been helping people in need for more than 150 years. We have seen many changes since then, but one thing remains constant: God calls us to serve those who are most vulnerable. Today, The Salvation Army provides emergency services, including food, clothing, shelter, a safe space, and a hopeful word to everyone who needs it regardless of religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. For many, making ends meet is a daily challenge, forcing people to choose between things like heating their homes and putting food on the table. We understand the stress these situations put on families and are here to help. With utility assistance, our goal is to provide resources that will help families stay in their homes.



# OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS LISTS

<b>October Ushers</b>	
Roger & Gretchen D.	
<b>Oct Liturgist</b>	
Pastor Jocye	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
<b>6th</b>	Karen & Richard J.
<b>13th</b>	Peggy Meissner
<b>20th</b>	Lisa Wrabek
<b>27th</b>	Darlene & Austin H.

Oct	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
<b>6th</b>	Carla R.	Neil & Donna S	Eileen G.
<b>13th</b>	Tonya J.	Faye & Tonya	Tonya J
<b>20th</b>	Bev F.	Byron & Connie Z.	Connie Z.
<b>27th</b>	Lana J.	David & Carla R.	Bev F.



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



**Vergas Birthday's**  
**15th Annetta Haley**  
**24th Kathy Hillstom**  
**26th Erin Gjerde**  
**28th Diane Menz**  
**31st Jim Hoffmann**

*Happy Anniversary*  
 Oct 11th Tim & Faye Courneya  
 Oct 26th Carl & Connie Hoffmann

**Dent Birthday's**  
**No Birthdays in Dent that I am aware of.**

*Happy Anniversary Oct 12th*  
 Doug & Nancy Hovey





## A Thought for The Day

A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



A fallen leaf  
is nothing  
more than  
a summer's  
wave  
goodbye

Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

## "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](http://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](mailto:sheri.Lschoenberger@gmail.com) or call her at 218-329-7465

Additions to the newsletter, **deadline for November is October 26, 2024.**

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.

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# October / November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		V Bible Study 10:30 am 1 12:30pm Book Club 6:30 pm online Zoom Bible Study	9am Dent 2 Breakfast Club SWAP Walk Dent 10:30am Vergas 1:30pm	3 10:30 am Dent Bible Study	4	5
6	7	8 10:30 am V Bible Study 6:30 pm on Zoom	9 SWAP Walk Dent 10:30am Vergas 1:30pm	10 10:30 am Dent Bible Study	11	12
13 12:00pm Vergas SPPRC meeting	14	Anetta H. (V) 15 10:30 am V Bible Study 6:30 pm on 12:30pm Church Ladies	16 SWAP Walk Dent 10:30am Vergas 1:30pm <u>Ad Council</u> 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	17 10:30 am Dent Bible Study	18	19 10am - 5pm Vergas Wine Walk
20 11:30pm Vergas Church Conference	21	22 10:30 am V Bible Study 6:30 pm on Zoom	23 SWAP Walk Dent 10:30am Vergas 1:30pm	Kathy H. (V) 24 10:30 am Dent Bible Study	25 Pastor Joyce attending Training class in the Cities	26 Erin G (V) 26 5pm VEC CDH-Vergas Fire / Rescue Fnd Raiser
27	Diane M (V) 28	29	30 SWAP Walk Dent 10:30am Vergas 1:30pm	Jim H. (V) 31 5 - 7pm Trunk or Treat Dent & Vergas	1	2
3	4	5 12:30pm Book Club	6 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries	7	8	9