

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Hard to believe the weather that Minnesota has experienced lately, snow in May & lots of rain, but don't worry, if you don't like the weather just wait a few minutes and it will change.



As we enjoy all that God's creation has to offer in the summer, I encourage each of us to not let things crowd Jesus and church out of our lives. Though we take vacation from work and routine – do we really want to take a vacation from our spiritual lives and the One who gives us life? Make a point to worship this summer, whether it is here at Milaca UMC or somewhere else; while vacationing or just visiting different churches or denominations to see what's happening in other parts of the Christian world.

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



Pastor Joyce will be at Annual Conference in St. Cloud from Wednesday June 11th – Friday June 13th. Please feel free to call her with questions about anything or if you have a pastoral care need. 763-742-4241



I'm ready - let's go!

Pastor Joyce will be on vacation from Monday June 16th – Tuesday June 23rd. Don Garber will lead both services as a hymn sing & scriptures on the life of Jesus. She is working on finding someone to fill in for pastoral care.





June Worship

6/1 "Keep the Change" Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Can we expect a generous tip if we serve the Lord faithfully?

Hymns: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies; Of the Father's Love Begotten; As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

6/8 "God's Antidote to Gloom and Doom" Romans 8:14-17

Thinking about a shopping spree to boost your mood? Try purchasing some Pentecost power.

Hymn's: Sweet, Sweet Spirit; Spirit of God; Spirit of the Living God

6/15 "Humility and the Trinity" John 16:12-15

Most of us like to think we're always right, whether it's world politics or loading the dishwasher. But there is a benefit to admitting we may be wrong.

Hymn's: Holy! Holy! Holy!; Standing on the Promises; Awesome God

6/22 "Life of Jesus" Hymn Sing

Hymn's: Away in a Manger; Go, Tell It on the Mountain; Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days; Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Tell Me the Stories of Jesus; Hosanna, Loud Hosanna; Were You There?; Up From the Grave; Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

6/29 "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Is it possible to claim to be in the center of God's will? Maybe God isn't a helicopter parent, and we have some latitude to operate within certain boundaries.

Hymn's: Come, Christians, Join to Sing; I have Decided to Follow Jesus; The Summons



Funeral Service for Irma Sonnenberg

June 6, 2025 at Vergas UMC

Visitation 10:00 - 11:00am

Worship 11:00am - 12:00pm

Luncheon to follow the service

VACATION Bible School

SAVE THESE DATES AND INFORMATION!

July 21-24, 5:30-8: p.m. - Supper will be served each night. For ages 4 - 5th grade. Middle schoolers are welcome to be Junior Helpers.

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS: On the Road with God. This year's VBS is based on Joshua 1:9 - "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on

thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous puppet Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!



THURSDAY, JUNE 5
12:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
VERGAS EVENT CENTER

FOR AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT
MARIANN HOKANSON @ 701-866-4301 OR
LINDA KRABBENHOFT @ 218-790-2829
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	RIBS & POTATO SALAD TO GO • LOONS NEST • \$10
	RIBS FOR SALE AT DITTERICH MERCANTILE



Free! LIVE MUSIC
3 - 6 PM • MAIN STREET
~ Bring Your Lawn Chairs ~



Good friends get you out of mischief.
Best friends get you into it.



Funny bulletin announcement misprints

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.



The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus".

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of old useless things. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

Mrs Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again" which made the congregation happy.

For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday, there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be "What is Hell". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelop along with the deceased person you wish remembered.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Pot-Luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and medication to follow.





The Vergas Church Ladies

The Church Ladies met in May. We continue to work on new ideas to raise money for charity. We will try to work with the community events in

Vergas. We decided that we couldn't do "Shops and Hops" as there just isn't enough people. We decided to sell treats, individually wrapped during the Rummage Sale on Looney Days to earn extra money.



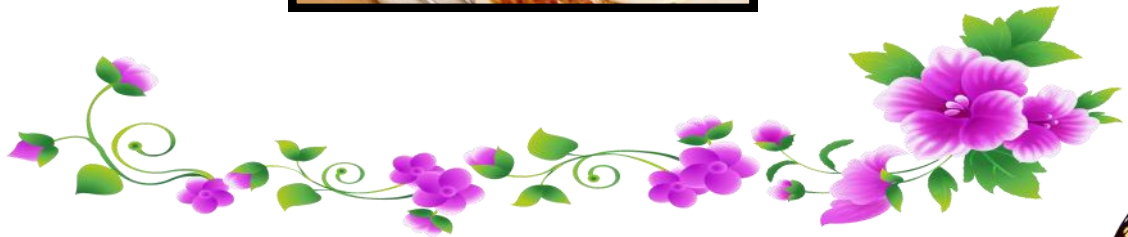
**Our next meeting will be
June 10th,
12:30pm
at the church.**



Dent Breakfast Club



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



AD COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 18th



Dent 3pm

Vergas
6:30pm



BOOK CLUB



Will Not Meet in June

Next Meeting

Tues, July 1st 12:30pm at
The Gobbler in Frazee

Book:
of your choosing



Church Missions April / May / June



Vergas 2nd Quarter Mission ~ Relay for Life

A cancer diagnosis is a tough one touching everyone in and around the patient. These patients need all the support they can get. The American Cancer Society offers assistance in so many ways. They offer a 24/7 hotline to talk and answer questions. They can assist with supplies like wigs, transportation and lodging. They can help navigate through the system as well as offer clinical trials. Raising money for this amazing organization has become a passion for Bev Flateland, her husband Myles, and myself. Please help us and thank you for your past generosity.

Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission dollars for May were given to the Frazee school as they cleaned our church yard and ditches for the annual Day of Caring.

June local dollars were banked as there were no requests.

Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs. Thank you for your continued support of missions.



Dent Mission of the Quarter



The Mission of the Quarter is UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief/ UMCOR works all over the world but does significant work in the United States. U.S. Disaster Response (UMCOR USDR) seeks to alleviate suffering caused by disasters that strike within the United States and its territories.

With a "communities own their recoveries" philosophy, UMCOR supports local efforts to accomplish immediate relief and long-term recovery while providing for volunteers to offer compassionate ministry in the aftermath of disasters.

UMCOR offers emergency financial assistance in the aftermath of a disaster to support local relief work, they are currently working in the LA area. The Ad Council is looking to help a Methodist church damaged by the fires to rebuild. Pastor Joyce has found two Methodist churches needing to be rebuilt, one in El Sedina and one in Palisades.





JUNE VOLUNTEERS LISTS



June Ushers

Robbie & Ivy M.

June Liturgist

Doris C.

June	Fellowship
1st	Dorothy W / Ivy M
8th	Michelle & Kelvin S.
15th	Peggy & Lyndon M.
22nd	Karen & Richard J.
29th	Peggy Meissner

June	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
1st	Carla R.	David & Carla R.	XXXXXXX
8th	Tonya J.	Faye & Tonya	XXXXXXX
15th	Rick N.	Rick & Margy N.	XXXXXXX
22nd	Bev F.	Neil & Donna S.	XXXXXXX
29th	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!



Vergas Birthdays

June 5th Pastor Joyce
June 9th Doreen S.

Dent Birthdays

June 9th Carolann Garber
June 10th Rob Mickelson
June 16th Joanne Stiras
June 27th Bob Belsly



Vergas

June 5th
Ken & Doreen Schwarzrock
June 6th
Jim & Melanie Hoffmann
June 28th
Chuck & Kathy Hillstrom
June 30th
Mark & Tonya Johnson



Helpers from **Frazee School's Day of Caring**. They did a great job with cleaning up the church grounds and cleaning ditches with the Men's group.



A Thought for The Day

As much as you want
to plan your life, it has
a way of surprising you
with unexpected
things that will make you
happier than you
originally planned.

That's what you call
GOD'S WILL.
the art beat



Life is an echo. What you
send out, comes back.
What you sow, you reap.
What you give, you get.
What you see in others,
exists in you. Remember,
life is an echo. It always
gets back to you. So give
goodness.



"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 July is June 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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June / July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		No Book Club Meeting this month	9am Dent Breakfast Club	Pastor Joyce Vergas Blood Drive 12pm - 6:30pm Vergas EC		Shops & Hops Vergas Main St
8	Doreen S (V) Carolann G. (D)	9	10	11	12	13
		Rob M. (D)				14
		12:30pm Vergas Church Ladies	Mn Annual Conference in St Cloud - Pastor Joyce will be attending			
15	Joanne S. (D)	16	17	18	19	20
		Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas				21
Happy Father's Day						
Pastor Joyce on Vacation June 16 thru June 23rd - Don Garber covering both churches on 22nd						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Bob B. (D)		
Pastor Joyce on Vacation						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		12:30pm Book Club @ The Gobbler	9am Dent Breakfast Club			

Ad Council Minutes Vergas United Methodist Church
May 21, 2025, 6:30 pm in person at church

Present: Jane Wasvick, Sheri Schoenberger, Faye Courneya, David Reiten, Renee Sonnenburg, and Doreen Schwarzrock

Absent: Joyce Slostad

Jane opened the meeting with prayer.

Review of Church Attendance

Sheri stated that attendance has remained steady. In person has seen 24-25 with stronger Easter. Online is around 50 and seems to be increasing.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer report was accepted as handed out pending audit.
- FDIC covers savings, checking, and CD's up to \$250,000. All assets are in the Vergas Bank totaling greater than that amount. As the current CD's become due, there will be an evaluation of where the money should be banked. This will be discussed in November.

Trustee Report

- David has been ill and will contact Zitzow Electric to take out the alarm.
- Doreen asked about the shed which is falling down and needs to be replaced. Consensus was to give this to the Men's Group to consider as their items are stored there.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Joyce was ill and couldn't attend the meeting.

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

- Joyce found two Methodist churches that were destroyed by the California fires so we will decide how we use the dollars at the May meeting. Since UMCOR is the first quarter Mission, we will see the total that is collected and then add it to the money that Iona left to the church. Joyce will investigate how we can contact the church directly. Congregation giving for this mission is \$5316.63 so far and the Lenten coins will be added to this fund. Tonya made the motion to send \$10,000 to one of these churches or \$5000 to each one depending on what Joyce can find out about the situation. Jane seconded and the motion was passed.
- Local mission dollars for June were tabled as no issues were brought up.

Shops and Hops

Jane discussed the current status of the signup sheet for Shops and Hops. Plenty of people were willing to donate items to sell, but not enough people were willing to come and man the booth. The Church Ladies suggested that we do not participate in Shops and Hops but use the idea of individually packed snacks to sell at the Rummage Sale during Looney Days. The Ad Council agreed with this suggestion, and this will be added to the signup sheet for Looney Days.

Fellowship

The decision to purchase rolls once a month is costly, about \$54. Faye made a motion to just have coffee available and no treats for the summer, seconded by David and passed. This decision will be reevaluated in the fall.

Snow Removal

Snow removal is provided by Carl Hoffman and by Franklin Fence when the timing is right. Tonya made a motion to pay Carl \$250 for snow removal, seconded by Faye and approved.

Day Care Use of Church

Jane and Faye met with two people who were hired by Vergas City to explore daycare options in the community. They are through the CEDA, Community and Economic Development Association. They will do all the work to assess the feasibility and the cost of using the church basement for this purpose. They would also pursue grants for any building construction. They will report back to Ad Council their collected information. No decisions will be made without the approval of the church. The Fire Marshall did not agree to do an audit of the church so this will be done by the CEDA.

Computer Upgrade

- Sheri reported on what Jody has suggested to be purchased to replace existing hardware. The office computer would cost \$479 and the audio/visual computer would cost \$750. The current subscriptions would follow the hardware. Doreen made a motion for Jody to proceed with the purchase, seconded by David, and passed.
- Sheri also suggested deleting the video access for \$300 as it is not used, all agreed.

Spring Work

Mark began to look at the work that needed to be done and met with a landscaper and cement person. He submitted a bid on the project. Tonya presented the bid for the work to be done to seal the basement and the concrete work to follow. The bid was obtained from Do-Right Construction who did work in the church recently. The total was \$15,441.31 for the project. Doreen made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by David, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on June 18th in person at the Church.