

From the **PASTOR'S DESK**



We had an absolutely fantastic time at Vacation Bible School last week. We spent our week on a Road Trip: On the Road With God. We were blessed by 9 children – some of who were with us in past years, but new kids joined us as well; 4 youth, who served as Junior Leaders; and 8 adults, who were our Senior Leaders. Our Green Light Verse (the memory verse for the week) was “The Lord your God is With You Wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

Monday we heard the story of Abraham and Sarah being asked by God to leave their homeland and travel far away. In arts & crafts we made bags for our take home items and colored designs on wooden cars and ran them through a course designed by Tonya & Faye. We played 2 kinds of tag and learned it is easier when someone helps you. In science we learned about how our wooden cars traveled on different road surfaces – smooth, rocky (with the help of bubble wrap) & sandy (with the addition of sandpaper). These were the kinds of roads our biblical friends traveled on. Our road sign for this day was: “God Is With Us On the Journey”.

Tuesday we heard the story of the

Israelites and their journey from Egypt to the promised land. This day's Road Sign was “God is With Us When We Go Off Track”. We had a filling supper of sloppy joes, chips & watermelon, provided by Eileen, Doreen & Anna. In craft time we worked on balloon powered cars & started decorating stand up crosses for our rooms at home.

Wednesday we ate an entire crockpot full of macaroni and cheese, & many carrot sticks. We learned the story of Zacheus and even though he had done some bad things like cheating people on their tax payments, Jesus wanted to go to his house and forgave Zacheus and he changed his life because of this. Our road sign was “God is With Us When We Are Lonely”. In science we learned about Sir Isaac Newton & his theory of gravity and that no matter the size of the ball – they all fell at the same rate and hit the ground at the same time.

Thursday we heard the story of Paul taking the message of God's love and forgiveness to many places in the ancient world. Our Road Sign was: “God is With Us Near and Far” We had pizza for dinner courtesy of Doris Champlin & her daughter Karen, from Dent UMC. Parents were invited to come early and see their kids sing the songs and do the movements to some of our favorite camp videos and we concluded our week by having an ice cream treat outside.

Blessings and See You In Church!

Pastor Joyce



Volunteer Spotlight

We especially want to thank all those who helped out during the week:

Kitchen/meals –

Doreen Schwarzrock,
Eileen Geise and
granddaughter Anna

Recreation –

Rick Nelson

Bible Storyteller –

Margy Nelson

Arts & Crafts –

Tonya Johnson
Faye Courneya

Science –

Doreen Schwarzrock
Pastor Joyce

Opening & Closing each night –

Rick (voice of our puppy mascot Scout)

Renee Sonnenberg (as The Navigator)

Video Operator –

Sheri Schoenberger

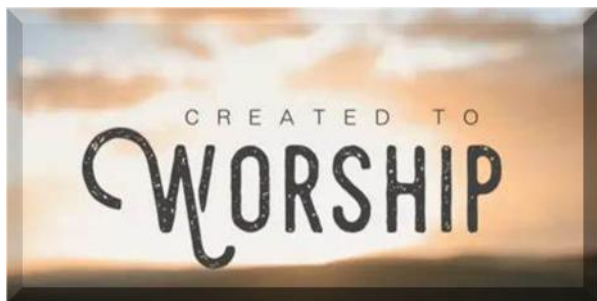
Junior Counselors –

Ella, Sophia, Autumn, and
Thomas (Eileen's grandson)

2026 Vbs class



Arts & Crafts Opening Session



8/2 "And the Winner Is ..." **Genesis 32:22-31 Communion**

The real victory is in striving to overcome our daily struggles. Hymns: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; Seek Ye First; Surely the Presence of the Lord

8/9 "A Real Hugger" **Romans 10:5-15**

You can't put a price on a hug. Hymns: Take My Life, and Let It Be; More Love to Thee, O Christ; Blessed Assurance

8/16 "God's Disownment Policy" **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

You can leave home, but God will always keep the porch light on for you. Hymns: In Christ There Is No East or West; Because He Lives; This Is a Day of New Beginnings

8/23 "Early Hebrew Influencers" **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Change happens when ordinary people show up. Hymns: He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought; Christ for the World We Sing; Here I Am, Lord

8/30 "How to Overcome Evil" **Romans 12:9-21**

Paul's "How-to" guide for people who want to follow Jesus Christ. Hymns: Lead On, O King Eternal; Jesus Call Us; Together We Serve



Let's Go Kayaking



David & Carla Reiten are hosting Wednesday, Aug 5th on Lake Seven at 4pm. All kayakers and people who want to ride on the pontoon should meet at the Lake Seven public access on the north side of Lake Seven 34214 Camp Cherith Rd, Frazee (Lake Seven is also known as Scalp Lake)

Fellowship at their house after (50807 East Lake Seven Rd, Frazee). Bring your own beverage and something to share.

For more details Contact:
Carla at 701-721-0422 or
David at 701-721-0863

Vergas Looneys Relay For Life Pampered Chef Fundraiser!

Share the Love!
Invite your Friends



VERGAS LOONEYS RELAY FOR LIFE PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER'

Sunday, August 16th at 2pm

Hosted by Jane Wasvick at her house, 25222 Dunton Locks Rd, Detroit Lakes.

visit the Pampered Chef Website at www.pamperedchef.com/party/Vergaslooneysrelay

TEXT ERIN SWYTER
PAMPERED CHEF DIRECTOR
AT 218-220-5049
WITH ANY QUESTIONS




Dent Corn Daze 2026

Saturday, August 15th

Pancake Breakfast
Dent UMC Bake Sale
Corn on the Cob
Face Painting
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
Cornhole Tournament
Dunk Tank
and so much more...

Food Trucks
T-shirts
Beer Sales
All Day!





The Vergas Church Ladies

The Church Ladies are preparing for a big weekend during Looney Days. Donations are accepted all week and setup will begin on Thursday, July 30 with the sale Friday and Saturday. We will try to sell the items that are left in the basement from the storage room. We appreciate any help during the sale and afterwards.



Our next meeting
will be Aug 20th,
12:30pm
at the church



AD COUNCIL MEETING

Wed. Aug 19th

Dent 3pm

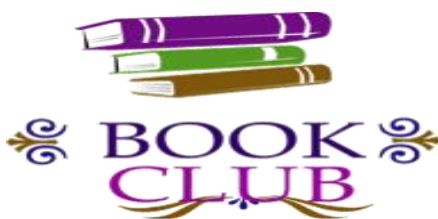
Vergas
6:30pm



Dent Breakfast Club



Meets at The Doug Out
9am on the first
Wednesday of the month



Next Meeting
Tues, **Aug 4th** 12:30pm
at the Perham Golf Course again,

Book:
"Becoming Madame Secretary"
by Stephanie Dray



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

August Ushers

Ellie L / Rob M

August Liturgist

Darlene H

Aug	Fellowship
02	Dorothy W / Ivy M
09	Michelle & Kelvin S
16	Peggy & Lyndon M
23	Karen & Richard J
30	Darlene & Austin H.

Aug	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
02	Bev F	NEEDED	
09	Tonya J.	Faye & Tonya	Faye C
16	NEEDED	Neil & Donna	Donna & Neil
23	Carla R.	David & Carla	
30	Bryan G.	Bryan & Eileen	

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



Vergas

Aug 27th Jody & Sheri Schoenberger

Dent

Aug 9th Al & Jan Aanenson

Aug 25th Kelvin & Michelle Salathe

Aug 29th Don & Carolann Garbor

Vergas Birthdays

Aug 1st Connie Zitzow
 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

OVERTHINKING WILL DESTROY
 YOUR HAPPINESS AND YOUR
 MOOD. IT'LL MAKE EVERYTHING
 WORSE THAN IT ACTUALLY IS. TAKE
 A DEEP BREATHE, EXHALE AND
 HAVE FAITH. WHAT'S MEANT TO BE
 WILL BE.





Church Missions

July / August / September



Vergas Mission of the Quarter

The second quarter mission was Relay for Life, Vergas Looneys. A total of \$805 was collected during the quarter. This is in addition to what the Church Ladies and Men's Club gave during the year as Sponsors of the Event.



The Third quarter mission, Lend A Hand Up is a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of the Dakota Medical Foundation that started in February 2008 as a way to raise financial help and hope for local families facing health issues and other trauma. Now in its 18th year, Lend A Hand Up and caring community members have raised \$28 million for more than 900 families residing within the program's service area which includes the ND Counties of Cass, Steele, Trail, and Grand Forks, and the MN Counties of Clay, Becker, Norman, Polk, Red Lake,

Vergas Local Outreach

The local mission dollars for August will be sent to Brian Cook who is a service worker at Pelican Rapids School and has been diagnosed with cancer requiring him to travel to Mayo Clinic

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

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

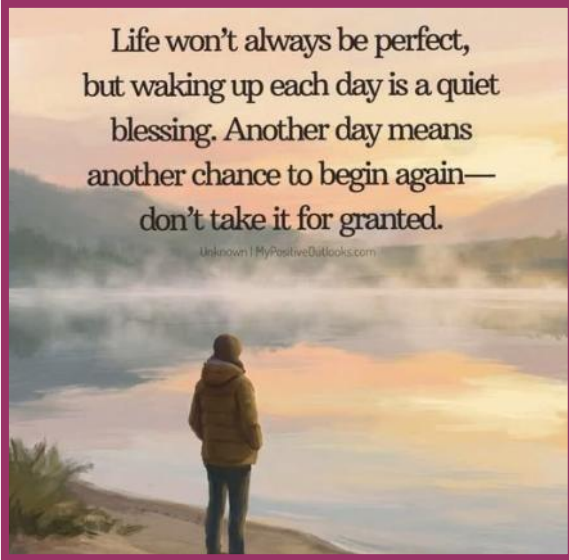


Thank you for your continued support

A Thought for The Day

Life won't always be perfect,
but waking up each day is a quiet
blessing. Another day means
another chance to begin again—
don't take it for granted.

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"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, 2026.**

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

Sheri Schoenberger

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August / September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Connie Z. (V) 1 10am - 2pm Ladies Rummage Sale 11am - 2pm Men's Brats & Beans
2	Judy N (V) 3	12:30pm Book Club at Perham Golf Course	4 9am Dent Breakfast Club 5 4pm Kayaking Lake Seven	Louise C (D) 6	7	Toni L. (D) 8
9	10	11	12	Connie P. (V) 13	14	15 8 - 11am Dent UMC Bake Sale
Al / Jan A (D)						
16	17	Renee S. (V) 18	Peggy Ma (D) 19 Faye C. (V) Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	20	21	22
2pm Relay for Life Pampered Chef Party				12:30 pm Church Ladies		
23	Peggy Me (D) 24	Al A. (D) 25	26	27	28	Chuck H. (V) 29
		Kelvin / Michelle S. (D)		Jody / Sheri S. (V)		Don / Carolann G. (D)
Mark J. (V) 30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		12:30pm Book Club	9am Dent Breakfast Club			

DENT UMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

July 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the DUMC Leadership Team was held on Wednesday at 3:00 at the church. Members present were Austin Holtz, Karen Johnson, Ellie Lodin, Lyndon Maasjo, Peggy Meissner, Ivy Mickelson, and Pastor Joyce Slostad.

CALL TO ORDER: Lyndon called the meeting to order and Pastor Joyce opened with a devotional and prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting were approved with a motion by Austin and a second from Ivy.

FINANCE: The monthly financial statement was discussed and all bills have been paid. Ellie made a motion to approve subject to audit with a second from Karen. Financial statement approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The results from the financial letter that was sent to members was positive with increased giving.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion about having a float in Dent Corn Daze parade on August 15. It was decided to have something for the parade. We will do a truck with church signs instead of using a trailer. Parade starts at 11 am. We will do a bake sale at the community center from 8 to 11 before the parade. We plan to do setup on Friday with time to be determined. Please have bake goods to the church by Friday August 14 otherwise the community center Saturday morning. Discussion about changing the Leadership Team back to Administrative Council. Austin made a motion to change name with a second from Karen. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: A Bible study is planned for September thru October; dates will be announced later. Pastor will be taking September 9 thru 19th; she will preach on Sunday September 13 and will be available for pastoral care.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Part of our silver maple tree came down over the highway in a storm. Thank you to all who helped clean it up. Austin and Lyndon plan on doing the weed spreading.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT: Next scheduled meeting will be August 19. Austin made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ivy, meeting adjourned.

Vergas United Methodist Church
Ad Council Minutes
June 17, 2026, at Church

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

Pastor Joyce shared a devotion and prayer.

Sheri reported that attendance has been steady. Several visitors were present this week.

Secretary Report: The minutes were approved as sent out, corrected, and resent.

Financial report:

- Faye distributed the Treasurer's report with no note changes or questions.
- Faye did transfer \$10,000 from the Money Market to the General Fund to cover current expenses.
- There was discussion about the overall giving being down and not meeting budget several of the last few months. It was decided to send a letter to the congregation about the current state of the budget. Joyce and Sheri will work on a letter; have it reviewed by Tonya and Faye and get it mailed out.
- The chairs for the fellowship hall were purchased from Memorial dollars. The couch will be sold at the Rummage Sale.
- Tonya moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by David and approved pending audit.

Trustee:

- David will follow up with an electrician to see what needs to be done to fix the problem with the lights. David did not receive a call back from Zitzow Electric.
- David reported that he received a bid of \$300 to provide gutters. Faye moved, seconded by Jane that the gutters would be purchased. The contractor will go ahead when able.

Pastor:

- Pastor Joyce indicated that she has changed internet providers at the apartment in Perham. She switched from Arvig to T-Mobile which lowers the bill from \$75 to \$40 per month beginning in August.
- Joyce will begin a Bible Study in the fall.
- Joyce will have some time off September 9-17, but she will be in the area and cover pastor calls and Sunday service.

Mission:

- The current quarterly mission is Lend a Hand Up, a non-profit organization who helps local needs.
- June and July dollars will be used for Ice cream treats, community Dinner, and VBS food.
- Tonya brought up a need for Brian Cook, a service worker at Pelican School, who has been diagnosed with cancer requiring him to be treated at Mayo. Jane moved to send the \$300 for August to this person, seconded by Tonya and approved.

Miscellaneous Agenda Items:

- VBS will be held July 20-23. There are several interested children.
- Looney Days will be July 31 to August 2.
- The annual cost for the Chairlift has increased to \$711.
- Discussed the dinner on July 16th. There will be no charge. Joyce will hand out flyers talking about future events at the church. Doreen is handling the event center signage. Jane will start the roasters after Church Lady meeting. Setup should be around 4:30 with serving beginning at 5:30.

- Ice cream treats were distributed on July 9. This went well; a suggestion was made to purchase a magnet for the freezer with the church name and logo so that people can readily see who is giving away treats Tonya will go ahead and get the magnet
- The parking lot is improved but could use another treatment after cars have driven over it, Faye will follow up.

Joyce closed with prayer and Doreen adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on August 19th at the church.