



We had an absolutely fantastic time at Vacation Bible School last week. We spent our week at Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. We were blessed by 15 children – some of who were with us last year, but new kids joined us as well; 6 youth, who served as Junior Counselors; and 8 adults, who were our Senior Counselors. Our Camp Call Out (the memory verse for the week) was “Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

Monday we heard the story of Jacob sleeping with a rock as a pillow and dreaming of a staircase that led from earth to heaven. We had a filling supper of sloppy joes, chips & watermelon, provided by Counselor Doreen. We made prayer journals in arts & crafts, in science we learned about what kind of rocks react to an acid (vinegar & limestone create bubbles) & about our center of gravity. Our Firelight Focus for this day was: “Trust God To Go With Us!”

Tuesday we heard the story of Ruth and Naomi and how eventhough they were traveling a long way from Moab to Bethlehem – they both knew to “Trust God To Lead the Way!” – this day's Firelight Focus. We ate an entire crockpot full of macaroni and cheese, all the carrot sticks, orange jello and cake provided by Counselor Eileen. We wrote in our prayer journals, and

made beautiful stained glass looking crosses. In science we learned about adaptation in plants – how some can take extreme hot and cold like evergreen trees and how some can't. Ruth and Naomi had to learned how to adapt to many changes, including a new city in which to live.

Wednesday we heard the story of a young boy named, Jesus who amazed the teachers in the temple and taught them some things about God. In science we did experiments with bubbles and some of what we learned surprised us, just like Jesus surprised the teachers in the temple. We finished our inlaid crosses and strung a bracelet that had the place we can find our memory verse in the Bible – Psalm 56:3 – so we would never forget. Recreation was frisbee golf. Our Firelight Focus was: “Trust God To Share Wisdom!”

Thursday we heard the story of Jesus, as a grown man, giving peace to the disciples by calming the wind and the waves of a storm when they were very afraid while in a boat on the Sea of Gallilee. Our Firelight Focus was: “Trust God To Give Us Peace!” We had pizza for dinner courtesy of Dent UMC's

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Doris Champlin & Peggy Maasjo. Parents were invited to come early and see their kids singing the songs and do the movements to some of our favorite camp videos, and we concluded our week by having a marshmallow roast and s'mores outside.

I want to personally thank everyone from church who donated camping supplies to make our sanctuary look like an awesome camp. I especially want to thank those who helped out during the week:

Kitchen/meals – Doreen Schwarzrock, Eileen Geise & 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 (voicing our Firefly mascot Lu) & Margy Nelson (playing Counselor Sam),

& Pastor Joyce (Our Camp Director)

Video Operator – Sheri Schoenberger

Junior Counselors – Ella, Sophia, Lauren, Caroline, and Thomas

Blessings and See You In Church!

Pastor Joyce



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 4 - "Jesus' Miracle Diet" John 6:24-35

Some diets aren't for everyone ... except this one.
Hymns: Let All Things Now Living, One Bread, One Body, Eat This Bread.

August 11 - "How to Talk Like a Christian" Ephesians 4:25-5:2

They say talk is cheap. But the kind of talk Christ calls us to utter - kind, compassionate, caring discourse - is the rarest of commodities and the building block of true Christian conversation. Hymns: A Charge to Keep I Have, Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, Let There Be Peace on Earth.

August 18 - "Thanks for Everything" Ephesians 5:15-20

Do we really have to give thanks for everything all the time? Even mosquitoes? Hymn's: Now Thank We All Our God, Give Thanks, Sent Forth by God's Blessing.

August 25 - "Just Read It! John 6:56-69

There is one sure way to increase your Bible literacy. Hymn's: Wonderful Words of Life, Standing on the Promises, Thy Word





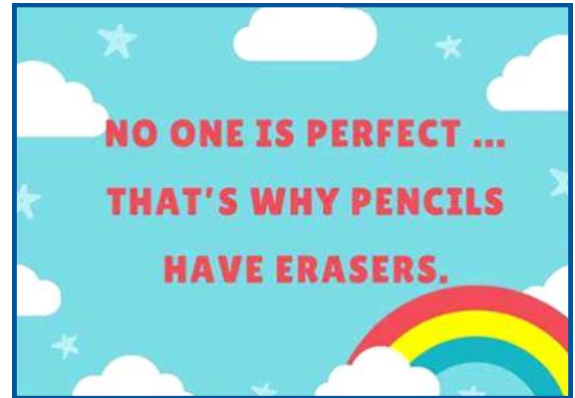
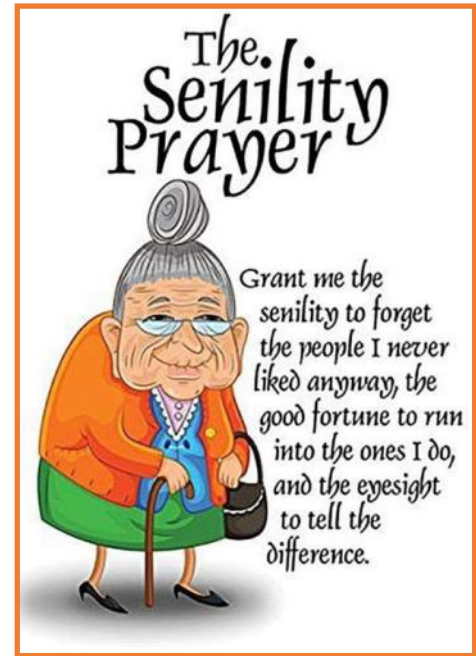
PONTOON AND KAYAKING



Hosts will provide the main part of the meal. Bring something to contribute to the potluck meal and if you want an adult beverage – bring your own.

Tues, July 30th 5 pm Lisa Wrabek's 32501 Starland Shore Dr, Dent. There will not be a pontoon available. Watch for more details on the Kayak group text thread.

Friday Aug 16th 5pm Ken & Doreen Schwarzrock 36773 E Rose Lake Rd, Frazee. Launch your Kayaks at the house and their will be a pontoon. They will provide the meat and the buns, please bring something to add to the meal, bring your own beverages.



August 8 - 11

Church Ladies

Rummage
SALE

Fri Aug 9th 8am~4pm
Sat Aug 10th 10am~2pm



Men's Brats & Beans
Fri Aug 9th
10am-2pm and 4-7pm
Sat Aug 10th 10am-2pm



The Vergas Church Ladies

The Church Ladies are planning for the Rummage Sale coming during Looney Days August 9 and 10. We will be setting up after church on August 4 and start putting out items on Thursday, August 8. Please be finding all your treasures to donate, but don't start bringing them to church until August 3 as VBS is being held in Vergas this year the week prior. Remember no clothing or electronics or items that are worn out. There is a sign-up sheet in church to help work at the rummage sale, please give us a hand during this event. The dollars collected are all returned to Missions, most of which are in our immediate area.



**Next meeting will be August 13th,
12:30 pm at Vergas church.
Please join us!!**



SWAP: Scripture Walk And Pray

10:30 – 11:30 am

Postponed until September

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.



Blessings at the Beach

Building upon an idea that came up during our Spring Bible study of the book "Multiplying Love", Members of Vergas UMC are going to meet at the public beach **3pm Wednesday August 7 & 14**. Our purpose is to go beyond our church doors to meet people and bless whomever is present with ice cream treats, the offer of hearing a Bible story and coloring a sheet that matches the story. Donations of money to purchase treats and volunteer time on any Wednesday to hand out treats are greatly appreciated. For more info on how you can be a part of this ministry, talk with Rick Nelson or Pastor Joyce.

Free Faith Float Fests

Dent UMC will be inviting the community to come to the church the **last Wednesday of August** to have a free pop float (a variety of flavors will be available), enjoy some indoor or outdoor games and visit with their fellow neighbors in Dent. Donations of pop, ice cream, time and games are appreciated. Talk to anyone on the Leadership Team or Pastor Joyce for more info about this exciting outreach ministry!



Meets at Mysteries
Café
9am on the 1st
Wednesday of the
month

Dent Breakfast Club



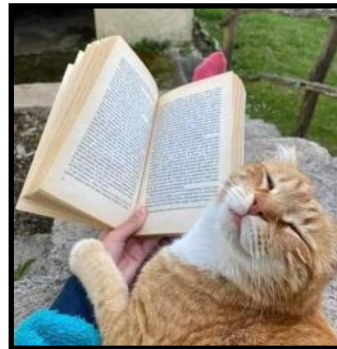
Next Meeting

Tues, Aug 6th 12:30pm
Billy's in Vergas

Books:

“The Return of Ellie Black”
by Emiko Jean and
“The Stationary Shop”
by Marjan Kamali

Ad Council
Wednesday, Aug 15th
Dent 3:00pm
Vergas 6:30pm



THE
**UPPER
ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Dent UMC - Upper Room Devotionals for
July & August are available.

2024 The Bridge Food Pantry - Monthly Donation Needs

August - Personal Care Items
September - Breakfast Items
October - Tomato Products
November - Baking Items
December - Canned Meats

**Please ensure all items are new,
unopened, and not expired. **

8 Pieces Of Wisdom That Can Change Your Life

1. Words are powerful, use them wisely.
2. People come and go,
but the right ones stay.
3. You are doing enough even if
it doesn't feel like it.
4. Failure is when you don't try.
5. Random acts of kindness
make everyone feel better.
6. Live for today, not for tomorrow.
7. Never look back,
there is nothing there for you.
8. Overthinking kills happiness.



Church Quarterly Mission July / August / September

Vergas Mission



The Mission of the Quarter (July, August, and September) is the Salvation Army. A statement from the website describes a service currently offered locally. 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. Donations from Vergas Church go to the Fergus Falls chapter.

Vergas Local Outreach

Half of the April local mission dollars was used for a drawing held during Shops and Hops. There was not a suggestion on how to spend the June local dollars and half the April dollars so \$450 will be saved until the next meeting.

The Ice Cream Treats at the Park is going twice a month with the first event having about 25 people touched.

Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs.



Dent Mission of the Quarter



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

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS LISTS

August Ushers	
Austin & Darlene H.	
August Liturgist	
Michelle S.	
Aug	Fellowship
04	Carolann & Don G
11	Doris C.
18	Ellie L.
25	Nancy & Doug H.

Aug	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
04	Tonya J	Bryan & Eileen G	NEEDED
11	Bev F	NEEDED	Margy N.
18	Margy N.	Rick & Margy N	Lana J.
25	Bryan G.	Faye & Tonya	Doreen S.

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

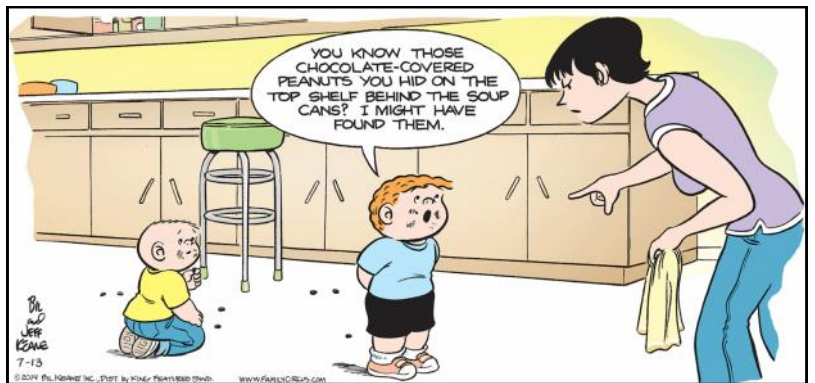
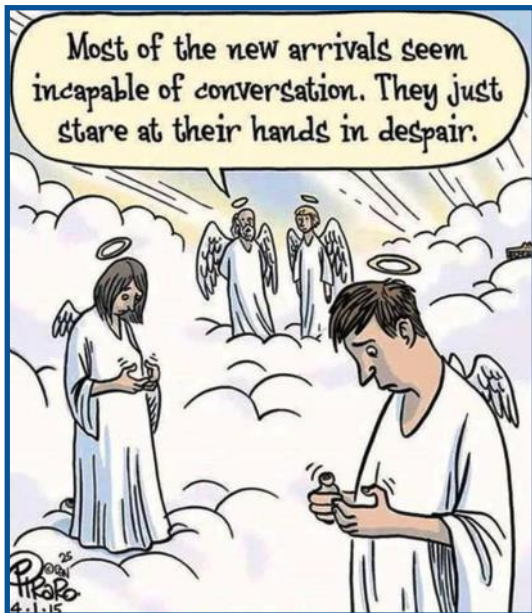


Vergas Birthday's

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

Dent Birthday's

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



A Thought for The Day



“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, 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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August / September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Connie Z. (V) 1	2	Judy N. (V) 3
				5:30 - 8:30pm VBS		
4	5 Louise C. (D) 12:30pm Book Club @ Billy's 5pm Kayaking at Lisa W's	6	7 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Ca- 3pm Ice Cream at the Beach	8 Toni L. (D) 9am - 5pm Rummage Sale Set up	9 7am-4pm Rummage Sale 10am-2pm Men's Brat's & Beans	10 10am-2pm Rummage Sale 10am-2pm Men's Brat's & Beans
11	12 Connie P. (V)	13	14 3pm Vergas Ice Cream at the Beach	15	16 5pm Kayaking at Ken & Doreen Schwarzrock's	17
Renee G. (V) 18	19 Faye C. (V) Peggy Ma (D)	20	21 Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	22 12:30pm Church Ladies	23	24 Peggy Me. (D)
AlA. (D) 25	26	27	28	29 Chuck H. (V)	30 Mark J. (V)	31
4pm Kayaking at David & Carla Reiten's						
1	2	3 10:30 - 1130 am Dent SWAP Walk	4 10:30 - 1130 am Vergas SWAP Walk	5	6	7
		12:30pm Book Club	9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café			

Ad Council Minutes
Vergas United Methodist Church
July 17, 2024, 6:30 pm at the Church

Present: Jane Wasvick (by phone), David Reiten, Joyce Slostad, Tonya Johnson, Faye Courneya, and Doreen Schwarzrock

Absent: Lisa Wrabek, Sheri Schoenberger

Opening Prayer

Pastor Joyce opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

Review of Church Attendance

Sheri sent a review as she was out of town, attendance has remained steady.

Secretary Report

The minutes from June 18th were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer report was accepted as handed out pending audit.
- Another bill was received from Marco for \$600 which Faye is working on. The contract for this service is unable to be found. In the future, we need to do a better job of keeping track of outside contracts. Joyce suggested asking Marco to show us the contract so that we could be sure that we should pay the money.
- Faye has worked to get the Northstar insurance payments straightened out so that the correct amount is paid each month. Faye talked to the Conference about the investment that we made with them, and we have earned \$435 so far and we will start getting statements from them.
- The dollars donated by Iona Tenter will likely come in September.
- There is a fee of \$756 for maintaining the web site, this fee is once every three years. David moved, seconded by Faye, to approve this payment and make a check to Sheri Schoenberger who will pay with a credit card.
- The General Fund is stable with giving being steady.

Trustee Report

David will meet with Hanson's to install the thermostats this week. He will check with them on the alarm system. He talked with Byron Zitzow about fire extinguishers in the church, how many are needed and how to maintain them. Byron suggested talking to a fire extinguisher company in Fargo who can help with what is needed. David will follow up when he is in Fargo. He will also address the sign by the road. There was a suggestion to obtain a lawn service to weed and fertilize the lawn to improve its condition.

Mission

The Missions of the Quarter for the year.

- 1st Quarter, Relay for Life, Vergas Looneys
- 2nd Quarter, UMCOR

- 3rd Quarter, Salvation Army
- 4th Quarter, Local Food Shelves, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Detroit Lakes

The local Mission dollars for April to provide prizes for Shops and Hops which was \$150. May will be used for the Bless the Community meal. \$250 was spent at the Mercantile, Jane purchased several items and asked for \$50 for the supplies that she bought. June dollars will be held along with the \$150 left from April to use as needed in the future.

There was a question on where the Salvation Army dollars are sent. Faye sends these dollars to Fergus Falls chapter.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Joyce will be gone August 7-14 and will need coverage for Sunday, August 11, Tonya will do Vergas and Joyce will find someone to do Dent. She has a funeral in Dent on Saturday, July 20. She has been asked to officiate Perry and Renee's wedding on July 27th. VBS is July 29-August 1 5:30-8:00 pm in Vergas. 3 children have signed up so far.

Report from SPPRC

Jane reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. We have replaced the Dent members with Lisa Wrabek and Roger Dornbusch. See attached minutes for report.

Bless the Community Meal

The meal on June 21st was poorly attended so another approach is needed. Joyce talked to the owner of Otter Coffee who is working with obtaining food trucks for the Thursday night events. We will try to get on their schedule next year to have a Bless the Community event where people would already be coming, and we could be represented.

Ice Cream Giveaway at Beach

Ice cream treats continue and will watch swimming lesson schedules to see if times should change.

New Mission Statement

Tonya continued the discussion on the Mission. There was agreement on one statement, Tonya will draft and bring it to the next meeting. Motion by Doreen, seconded by Faye to proceed with this statement.

Doreen mentioned that her mother, Aneta, will be the Queen of Frazee Turkey Days at the home. It was felt that we should send her flowers in honor of this occasion.

The next meeting will be on August 21st at 6:30 at the church.

SPPRC Meeting
July 7, 12:00 pm
Vergas Methodist Church

Present: Pastor Joyce Slostad, Lyndon Maasjo, Jody Schoenberger, Lisa Wrabek, and Jane Wasvick

Pastor Joyce opened with prayer.

Pastor Joyce announced new members to the committee representing Dent will be Lisa Wrabek and Roger Dornbusch. The members welcomed Lisa to the team, Roger was unable to attend today's meeting.

The churches are doing well with the leadership of Pastor Joyce. Many new ideas are being tried. Joyce's goals were reviewed.

1. Increase attendance in worship. There are some new people that are attending, but some have left the church.
 2. Bible study participation. Joyce has offered 3 bible studies which have been attended, another is being planned for fall.
 3. Reshape worship to improve experience. Joyce has offered many new ideas for worship and worship service is going well, positive comments about sermons. Music is improved with a system that selected hymns are reviewed prior to finalizing the list.
 4. Grow the leadership base. Still working on this.
 5. "Fresh Expression". Vergas is trying Ice cream on the beach twice a month. Vergas also held a "Bless the community" free picnic which attendance was less than expected. Dent is offering floats and held a Rummage Sale and is planning a spaghetti dinner in September. More events are being planned.
 6. New opportunities for the community to come to the church. These ideas are with Fresh Expressions. New visitors are welcomed. Joyce is currently starting a Scripture Walk and Pray in both communities and will see how that goes.
 7. Connect our churches to the conference more. The churches participated in Conference led Bible studies during Advent and Lent. Joyce continues to watch for opportunities.
- The Conference has decreased their overall staff and budget for next year to be more fiscally responsible to the churches. They moved from 5 districts to 4 in the next year and the district lines have been redrawn. Our district is the Headwaters District, and the new District Superintendent is Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink. Jane will send out the information about her with the minutes.
 - Jane reminded the committee that the salary changes need to be sent to the conference prior to Dec. 1. This will be discussed at the October

meeting. The housing allowance for Joyce needs to be addressed. This will need to be coordinated with the budget committee and Ad Councils. A new job description and evaluation form was developed last year for Sheri and will be used again this year. Joyce's job description is in the Book of Discipline and the Conference sends the evaluation form.

- Jane asked about the Charge Conference for the churches. These will be held in October as an annual meeting and evaluation of how the churches are doing. The District Superintendent will be notified of the meeting and receive copies of the minutes.
- Joyce reminded the committee that anonymous complaints are not discussed. Jane reminded members that we have a Conflict Resolution Process which would encourage someone with a complaint to direct it to the person themselves or request help from members of the leadership groups to assist them to resolve the issue. Jane also thanked the group for participating and encouraged members to support each other and Pastor Joyce as we move forward.

Jane closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, October 13 at noon in Vergas at the church.

Submitted by Jane Wasvick, Chair/Secretary