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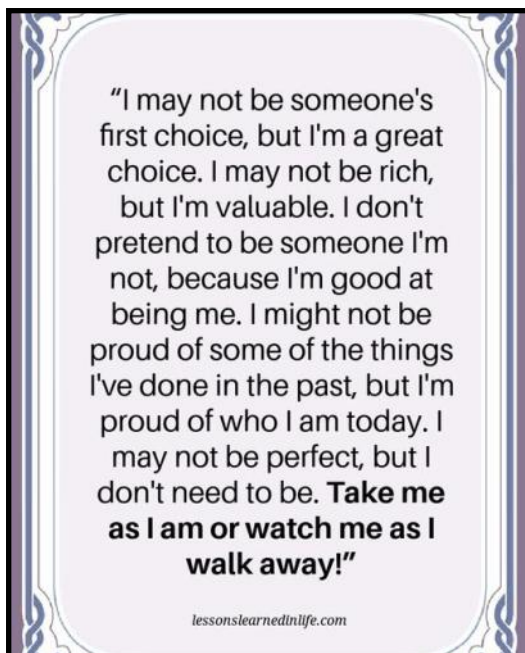
From the PASTOR'S DESK



Hard to believe July is almost here. It felt like the hotter days of summer would never arrive, but the rains and sunshine have now made everything green and warm. The herbs I have growing in planters on my balcony are doing well. I've enjoyed chives and basil for cooking and peppermint in refreshing citrus beverages.

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 at Dent or Vergas UMC's 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 <><



Vergas Main Street Beats & Eats
BY: OTTER COFFEE & VERGAS STATE BANK
GREEN SPACE PROVIDED
COURTESY OF LOONS NEST

Bring your favorite lawn chair and your appetite!

THURSDAYS THIS SUMMER!
JUNE 5TH - AUGUST 21ST
118 E. Main Street,
Vergas, MN 56587
WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE OTTER COFFEE FACEBOOK PAGE

Thursday:		
JULY 3RD	KATIE BAKER	TAQUERIA ESCOBAR
JULY 10TH	MITCH GROETHE	BOSSY BABES BBQ
JULY 17TH	TOM & SUZI	WOODFIRE PIZZA
JULY 24TH	KATE LACHOWITZER	LONE PINE SOUP COMPANY
JULY 31ST	MICHAEL RAY & THE NASTY NOTES	SPANKY'S

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July Worship



7/6 "Take Me to the River" 2 Kings 5:1-14 Communion

God often works in unexpected ways. Is there a muddy river in which we need to take a dip?
Hymns: Let All Things Now Living, Shall We Gather at the River?, Just as I Am, Without One Plea

7/13 "The Bystander Effect" Luke 10:25-37

Being a good neighbor is not a suggestion. And we can't assume someone else will take care of it.

Hymns: Be Thou My Vision, For the Healing of the Nations, Jesu, Jesu

7/20 "Jesus Versus Galactus" Colossians 1:15-28

When we encounter world-shaking challenges, we have access to a greater power in the universe.

Hymns: Majesty, Worship His Majesty, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus , Jesus, Name above All Names

7/27 "The Happiest Place on Earth" Luke 11:1-13

Prayer is good for us. It eases our stress, fills our life with meaning, and creates a happy place wherever we are.

Hymns: Sweet Hour of Prayer, You Are Mine, Seek Ye First

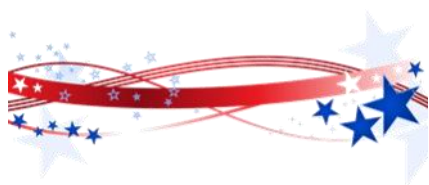


We have a meaningful worship opportunity each week, sharing our God Moments. These are not necessarily our stories about how we became a Christian – some of us have been one all our lives, and they aren't just big event stories – most of us will never experience talking to a burning bush.

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

VACATION Bible School

VBS will not be happening this year due to being unable to align our volunteers time in July & August, we could not come up with enough volunteers to help with VBS. We will plan on having VBS next July in hopes of having more people available to help. Please consider keeping VBS in mind when scheduling your calendars for July 2026. Thank you.



Don't forget as you are cleaning out places and spaces in your home or garage to save your in good shape items for the Church Ladies Annual Rummage Sale during Looney Days,

August 1st & 2nd this year. **They take all items, except: clothes, computers & T.V.'s.** Please don't bring your donations to church any earlier than Sunday July 27th and donations are accepted through Thursday July 31st. Individually bagged snacks are also something we will be offering for a free will donation – think what you could make to contribute to this effort. I.e. giant cookies individually bagged, sweet and/or savory snack mix, popcorn, etc.

Kayaking Dates:

July 27, 4pm Gloria Bancroft

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."



Starting at 6:30 – Otter Tail County Fairgrounds. Come out & support the Vergas Looney's Team which includes Bev Flateland & Jane Wasvick. There are many booths with food & items to purchase – all of which support cancer research.

Relay For Life is more than a walk – it's a chance to come together in your local community to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against every cancer as we come together for every life. Be a part of the global community of passionate supporters working to help end cancer as we know it, for everyone.



The Luminaria Ceremony is a signature element of every Relay For

Life event. At nightfall, these homemade paper lanterns, decorated with the names of loved ones, are lit in honor and in memory of a life touched by cancer. The ceremony includes a moment of silence for those we have lost. When you make a donation for a Luminaria, you are honoring a loved one while helping the American Cancer Society continue to fight cancer on all fronts.



Vergas Church Ladies

Looney Days are right around the corner, so planning has begun! We reviewed times and dates for Rummage Sale and felt we would leave all times the same. Setup will be Thursday, July



**Our next
meeting will be
July 15th,
12:30pm
at the church.**

31, from 9 am till 1 pm. The sale will start on Friday morning, August 1 at 7:30 and run until 3:30. On Saturday, the sale will run from 10 am until 2 pm. The sign-up sheet to volunteer will circulate after the 4th of July 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. We are going to try this and see if we can make some extra money. People can start bringing items for the rummage after July 27 and leave in the fellowship hall. Remember no clothes or electronics, please donate items in good condition.

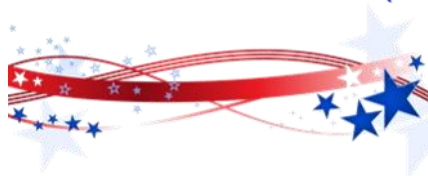
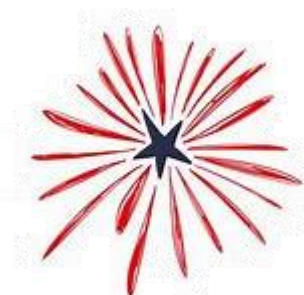
Remember all donations coming from the sale are given to charities in our area, so give generously.



Dent Breakfast Club



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



AD COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 16th



Dent 3pm

Vergas
6:30pm

Church Missions April / May / June



Vergas 2nd Quarter Mission ~ Relay for Life

The Missions of the Quarter for 2025.

1st Quarter, UMCOR recap, a total of \$10,000 was sent to the Los Angeles Fire Recovery Fund through the California-Pacific Conference for Altadena UMC which was completely burned to assist with their rebuilding. These dollars represented the generous giving of the congregation for the quarter as well as dollars tithed from the estate of Iona Tenter.

2nd Quarter Mission is Relay for Life - The Relay for Life Event is July 11th in Perham at the Fair Grounds. Anyone interested can attend, it is a fun and special night. Talk to Bev Flateland if you are interested in joining the walk that night.

Upcoming 3rd Quarter Mission is Churches United Homeless mission.



Thank you for your
continued generosity

Vergas Local Outreach

June Local Mission dollars will be used to supply food for VBS held at the end of July. VBS cancelled re-evaluate June dollars.

July local dollars were banked; Tonya is looking into a Parenting Program in Pelican Rapids.

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



July Ushers

Austin & Darlene H.

July Liturgist

Peggy Meissner

July	Fellowship
06	Lisa W.
13	Darlene & Austin H.
20	Ivy & Rob M.
27	Carolann & Don G.

July	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
06	Rick N.	Rick & Margy N.	XXXXXXX
13	Bev F.	Byron & Connie Z.	XXXXXXX
20	Lana J.	NEEDED	XXXXXXX
27	Carla R.	David & Carla R.	XXXXXXX
			XXXXXXX

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



Vergas Birthdays

July 2nd	Jim Scheer
July 22nd	Wayne Bancroft
July 23rd	Zoie Zitzow
July 27th	Bryan Giese
July 28th	Alwyn Martinson

Dent Birthdays

July 4th	Lowell Larson
July 5th	Myron Steinhofer
July 6th	Dorothy Woods
July 7th	Tanner Monson
July 15th	Nancy Hovey



"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."



A Thought For The Day

Never Forget

nothing is
more powerful than
prayer, nothing
is stronger
than faith, and
nothing is greater
than God.

Amen!



"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 August is July 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.

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July / August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jim S. (V)	2	3 Lowell L. (D)	4 Myron S. (D)	5
			9am Dent Breakfast Club			
Dorothy W. (D) 6	7	12:30pm Book Club The Gbler, Frazee	8	9	10	11
					6:30pm Relay for Life Perham Fair Gr.	12
13	14 Nancy H. (D)	15	16	17	18	19
		12:30pm Vergas Church Ladies	Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas			
20	21 Wayne B. (V)	22	Zoie Z. (V)	23	24	25
						26
Brian G. (V) 27	Alwyn M. (V) 28	29	30	31	Ladies Rummage Sale 1 7:30am -3:30pm	Ladies Rummage Sale 2 10am -2pm
4pm Kayaking & Potluck - Hosted by Gloria Bancroft				9am - 1pm Set up Church Rummage	Men's Brats & Beans 11am - 2pm	Men's Brats & Beans 11am - 2pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		12:30pm Book Club	9am Dent Breakfast Club			

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

Present: Jane Wasvick, Faye Courneya, David Reiten, Renee Sonnenberg, and Doreen Schwarzrock

Absent: Joyce Slostad, Sheri Schoenberger

Doreen opened the meeting with prayer.

Review of Church Attendance

Sheri was absent, but everything seemed stable

Secretary Report

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed with changes.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer report was accepted as handed out pending audit.

Trustee Report

- David reached Jeff Zitzow, but they couldn't connect. Note from David after the meeting that the fire alarm system was disconnected, they did find a live wire.
- Consensus was to give the outbuilding to the Men's Group to consider as their items are stored there.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Joyce was on vacation.

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 is ready. Faye is waiting for Joyce to get the information to send the checks.
- Tonya made a motion to use the Local mission dollars for June for VBS food costs, seconded by Renee and approved. Doreen will shop for food.
- July Local Mission dollars will be held. Tonya discussed a new parenting class starting in Pelican Rapids, she will investigate it further as this may be a suggestion for local mission dollars.

Fellowship

The Sign-up sheet for fall is posted.

Looney Days

- Information relating to hours for the Rummage Sale and Food sales needs to get to the city to be on the flyers.

- There is also discussion about a church service in the Ball Park on the Sunday of Looney Days, Jane said that the Band of Faith has been asked to play. It was suggested the Joyce talk to St. John's Lutheran to see if our church could join for this worship.

Day Care Use of Church

Faye received a message that the study is continuing. No action on our part is required currently. The costs of the study are being absorbed by the city.

Computer Upgrade

No new information is available currently.

VBS

There needs to be an organizational meeting to plan for VBS. Registration needs to be starting now. There will be a meeting following church on June 29th to plan for VBS and what needs to get done. All interested parties will be asked to attend. Jane will put in the bulletin.

Spring Work

Contracts are in place, and we are waiting for the contractors to come and do the work.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on July 16th in person at the Church.