

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Giving Thanks – Cultivating an attitude of gratitude

What Is Gratitude?

Gratitude is a positive feeling one experiences after receiving something, such as support, love, or even a gift.

When one experiences gratitude, he or she should let the other person know to let their efforts be recognized. People need to feel appreciated and expressing gratitude is beneficial to all of us.

“Gratitude is one of the strongest and most transformative states of being it shifts your perspective from lack to abundance and allows you to focus on the good in your life, which in turn pulls more goodness into your reality.”

– Jen Sincero

“If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.” – Meister Eckhart

I’m thankful for two congregations that have been adaptable, accepting of change, and are a personal blessing to me to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ alongside.

Take a few moments each day to reflect on something for which you can be grateful – I truly believe it will change your outlook on life!

Blessings, and See You in Church!



November Worship



11/2 "Gridiron Gospel" Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

All Saints Sunday

It's halftime and you're down 21. When the going gets tough, the tough ask questions. Hymns: For All the Saints, Be Thou My Vision, Be Still My Soul
Video: "Confidence" by Sanctus Real

11/09 Band of Faith, District Superintendent Preaching

Hymns: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus, O God, Our Help In Ages Past,
Selections by Band of Faith

11/16 "Rethinking Old Age" Isaiah 65:17-25

Worried about retirement? It's never too late to contribute to God's 401(k) plan. Hymns: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, I'll Fly Away, Video: Shout to the Lord by Hillsong United Worship

11/23 "Benedictus" Luke 1:68-79 **Christ the King Sunday**

A blessing isn't always flashy, and it doesn't have to come wrapped in comfort. Hymns: Rejoice the Lord Is King, Blessed Be the God of Israel, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus. Video: "Blessings" by Laura Story

11/30 1st Sunday of Advent

Hymns: Come Though Long Expected Jesus, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, View the Present Through the Promise, Video: "I'm Trading My Sorrows" by Hillsong United Worship





Vergas Looney's Relay for Life Team A Christmas Gathering

~ Concert and Bake Sale ~



Sunday, December 7th
2:00pm – 4pm
St John's Fellowship Hall
410 E Scharf



Admission \$10 ea / \$25 Family
All Proceeds will go to
American Cancer Society



Enjoy an afternoon of
Christmas Music

Laura Hagen & Renee Fuchs
Leona Rogers on Piano
Half Gap Musical Group

Refreshments will be served
Baked Goods for Sale,
(Free Will Donation)



ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER PROGRAM

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



SPONSORED BY
Vergas / Frazee &
4 Corners Lions

Register for dinner
and / or Quilt By
Nov. 9th

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025
Frazee Event Center

Dinner Reservation: Cost for Dinner –
Free for Veterans Spouse & Guest: \$12 non-Veteran

5pm Social / 6pm Dinner ~ Program to Follow

*If you have been touched by war and have not received a Quilt
for your service from the Quilts or Valor, you can call us.

Call or text Contacts: Pam Krieg 701-261-1632 or Janelle Lotzer 701-680-2429



Shop Local

VERGAS MN

Save Bucks!

Get Your Holiday Bucks

Purchase \$100 in Holiday Bucks for \$80

Holiday Bucks will be available on Main Street for
Small Town Christmas Festival on Saturday on Nov. 29th.

They can also be purchased at Vergas State Bank
December 1st thru December 23rd.

Use them at any Vergas Community Club member business.

Holiday Bucks must be used by 1-2-26
Not valid on gas, tobacco or gambling
Limit \$500 per family



Wreaths & Swags \$18ea
Crosses \$20ea

See order sheet in the social hall
or talk to Connie Zitzow

Delivery will be at the Vergas
church on Sunday, Nov 23rd

Make checks payable to:



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
 FROM 9AM-2PM AT
 THE DENT COMMUNITY CENTER.
 Handmade Crafts, Art, Antiques,
 and more. Free Admission / Kids are
 Welcome - Free Photos with
 Santa 11am - 1pm
 Food & Beverages served all day
 by Local 4-H Club

Vergas Small Town Christmas

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, November 29th
 2:00 to 5:30 pm



**Santa and Mrs. Claus
 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm**
 (under the new awning by the liquor store on Main St)
 • Gift drawings directly after
 • Filled stockings for the kids from VCC
 • Photo opportunities

FREE
 Hot Chocolate
 and Cookies

**Stores Will
 Be Open
 Late!**

Farm 41
 Horse Drawn
 Wagon Rides

Fire Pits
 and activities
 in the stores

**Trowbridge
 Creek**
 Nativity
 Animals

**Holiday
 Bucks**
 Buy \$80, get
 \$100

A Free Event!
 Businesses will have a Winter Wonderland trail
 for games and activities.




JOIN US FOR
**Santa
 DAY**

MEET SANTA
 SLEIGH RIDES
 COOKIES & HOT COCOA
 FREE GOODIE BAG

WIN PRIZES
 COLORING CONTEST
 CHRISTMAS CRAFT

**DECEMBER 13TH
 10 AM - 1 PM**
 DENT
 COMMUNITY
 CENTER



Rudolph's Closet
 Dent United Methodist Church

**Saturday,
 December 13th
 8am to Noon**

Kids can shop for
 gifts for their family
 and we will wrap their
 selections up for them

Enjoy
 Coffee & Goodies

While they shop

**Oh Yeah! It's
 FREE**



The Vergas Church Ladies

We are also planning to participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. We will have a donation box at church in October to start collecting items to fill the boxes. We will be filling the boxes on

November 16th after church so help will be needed that Sunday. after church so help will be needed that Sunday. There is still time to bring in donation, we also accept monetary contributions to assist with the postage.

Remember all donations raised by Church Ladies are given to charities in our area, so give generously.



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Trail Mix

Bugles: Shaped like a cornucopia, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Nuts & Seeds: Promise of a future harvest and growth.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy Corn: Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Dried Fruit: Harvest gifts from our bountiful land.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a bright future.

GIVE THANKS



Dent Breakfast Club
Meets at The Dugout
9am on the first
Wednesday of the month



Tuesday, Dec 2nd 12:30 pm
at The Loon's Nest
Book: "The Girls With No Name"
by Serena Burdick



AD COUNCIL MEETING



Wednesday,
November 19th
Dent 3pm
Vergas 6:30pm



SPRC Follow up meeting
Sun. November 9th
Immediately after
the service

Church Missions October / November / December



Vergas - Local Food Shelves



1st Quarter, UMCOR, a total of \$10,000 was sent to the Los Angeles Fire Recovery Fund.

2nd Quarter, Relay for Life, a total of \$800 was sent to Vergas Looneys Relay for Life. The Women's Group and Men's Group also donate to this cause.

3rd Quarter, Churches United Mission \$5000 sent earlier and \$740 sent as Mission of the Quarter

4th Quarter, Local Food Shelves, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Detroit Lakes

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.

Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission dollars for October will be sent to the New Life Center for Thanksgiving food.

Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs.



Dent Mission of the Quarter ~ 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

November Ushers

Doris C / Peggy Me

Nov. Liturgist

Doris C.

Nov	Fellowship
02	Ivy & Rob M.
09	Combined Srv Potluck
16	Doris C.
23	Gretchen & Roger D.
30	Toni & Lowell L

Nov	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
02	Bev F.	Faye & Tonya	Faye C.
09	Combined	Service	Potluck
16	Bryan G	Bryan & Eileen G	Eileen G.
23	Carla R.	David & Carla R.	XXXXXXX
30	Rick N.	Rick & Margy N.	XXXXXXX



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

Vergas Birthdays

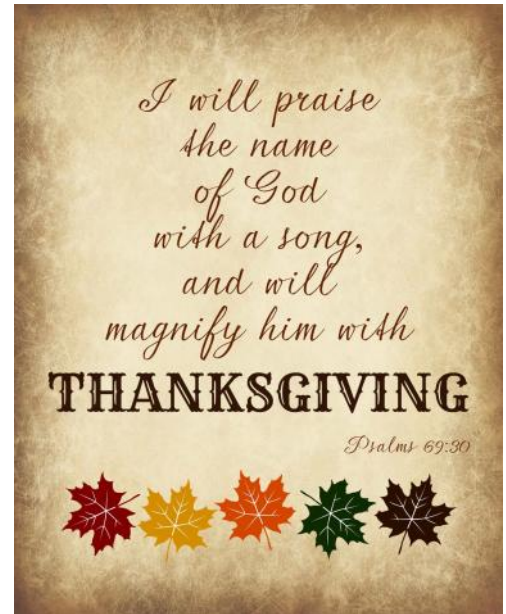
Nov 15th David Reiten
Nov 26th Pete Slostad
Nov 27th Eileen G.

Dent Birthdays

Nov 3rd Don Garber
Nov 3rd Trisha Satter
Nov 7th Rose Thompson



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 December is November 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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