



The Vasa Voice



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What's Happening This Month at Vasa

October 9—Pastor Appreciation Sunday

This is a time to thank Pastor Maureen and show our gratitude for all the hard work that she does here at Vasa and in the community.

October 12 — Vasa Community Dinner

This month's community dinner features Tater-Tot Hot Dish. Reservations for meal pick-ups or for dining in are required. You can reserve meals online at the Vasa Lutheran website, by email (office@vasalutheran.org) or by phone (651-258-4327.) Please leave your name, how many meals, and a phone number to reach you if we have a question. ALSO-for the duration of this 2022-2023 Community Dinner year, we are collecting items for the local food shelves. See p. 5 for details.

October 16 — 9:00AM Intergenerational Worship.

On the third Sunday of each month, Vasa Families have the opportunity to assist with the various aspects of the service including reading scripture, assisting with communion and the prayers of the congregation. There is no Sunday School on these Sundays.

October 29—Vasa Museum Swedish Pancake Breakfast

Come and support the Vasa Museum Board's annual Swedish Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on the morning of October 29 from 9:00-11:00AM. Free will offerings are gratefully accepted, with all proceeds going toward the Museum's general maintenance. Breakfasts are available for **Pick-Up on-ly**, and advance reservations are required. See the church website for a reservation form, or call or email the church office (like you do for the Community Dinner.)

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Worship Volunteers for October

USHER

October 2	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 9	Marv Fredrickson
October 16	Rick Samuelson
October 23	Randy Klein
October 30	Barry Skog

HOSPITALITY

October 2	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 9	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 16	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 23	Duane Thompson
October 30	Audrey Rosener

READERS

October 2	Ben Norman
October 9	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 16	Kathy Tilderquist
October 23	<i>volunteer needed</i>
October 30	Katie Featherstone

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 2	B-J Norman
October 16	Family to Assist



2	Edward Gruber
5	Jason Stahnke Bryan Diercks
6	Braeden Gillis
8	Jeannette Anderson Rebecca Fleming
9	Irene Carpenter
11	Camden Smith
13	Elijah Bauch Jenna Montey Lyle Ness
15	Grace Nelson Judy Scripture
19	Michael Rosener
20	Cary Clemens
21	Caleb Diercks Preston Pagel
23	Allen Peterson
24	Julia Fleming
26	Tim Carson
27	Coty Hyllengren James Gruber
28	Murlyn Rosener
30	Dale Anderson Doris Munsen
31	Jillian Anderson

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report August, 2022

For the Month of August:

Checkbook Balance August 1, 2022	\$69,837.77
General Fund Contributions:	7,876.18
Mission Endowment Offerings	7,425.00
Total Funds Available	85,138.95
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	23,042.95
Checkbook Balance, August 31, 2022	\$62,096.00
Mission Investment Fund, August 1, 2022	\$8,770.05
Mission Investment Fund, August 1, 2022	\$8,773.02

Thoughts from Pastor Maureen



Psalm 105:41 *[God] opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.*

September is always a busy month for everyone, including at our church. There has been a lot going on at Vasa Congregation over the last few weeks as we organized and participated in the start of Confirmation, Faith Formation, Sunday School, and the Community Dinner. As it happens there have also been members who have experienced the recurrence of serious health challenges. Add to that the death of my father-in-law (which was long expected but slow to arrive.) All of these activities keep a pastor on her toes!

The Scripture reports that Jesus routinely

went “up on a mountain” to pray. These times alone with his Father often occurred before or after a momentous event. He went away to pray after he fed the 5,000. He went away to pray on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane just before he was arrested.

After the intensity of work at Vasa for the last few weeks I sought a quiet place for a bit of respite. Caron County Park is about five miles west of Nerstrand Woods State Park and has a lovely walking path with a waterfall at the end. Because it has been rather dry, I wondered if there would be any water running. With delight I heard the splash of water as I approached. As you can see from the picture, there was water flowing over the rocky edge and into the pool at the base. For twenty minutes I just sat on a log and listened as the water cascaded over the rocks and into the pool. And I was restored.

Psalm 105:41 praises God for restoring the people with water from a rock. I praise God for restoring me with water flowing over a small waterfall and resting my mind.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Maureen

**Saturday
November 5**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

**VASA
BAZAAR**

VENDORS . CRAFTS . BAKE SALE . LUNCH

9 AM - 3 PM

VASA LUTHERAN CENTER
CORNER OF HIGHWAY 19 AND COUNTY RD 7

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RESERVE YOUR BREAKFASTS ONLINE (vasalutheran.org), by
email (office@vasalutheran.org) or by phone (651-258-4327)
RESERVATIONS DUE BY NOON, OCTOBER 26TH



STAND WITH UKRAINE

A community event to support our neighbors at
home and abroad

October 8, 2022
5-7PM

First English Lutheran Church
Cannon Falls

Live Music
Traditional Ukranian dishes
Meet The Petrenkos, our local
Ukranian
Refugee Family

RSVP by October 3rd

Sunday, October 9th is Pastor appreciation Day! This is a time to thank Pastor Maureen and to show our gratitude for all of the hard work she does for us! There will be refreshments after the service and a basket for cards!



Free Vasa Community Dinner

October 12

Meals served the 2nd
Wednesday of every month
from 5:30-6:30

Vasa Lutheran Center

15235 Norelius Road

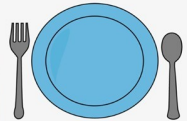
Welch, MN

October MENU:

Tater Tot Hot Dish & Cole Slaw!



**Take-Out at
5:00pm**



**OR DINE-IN
5:30-6:30**

**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED FOR
BOTH!**

Reservations can be made
online (Information &
Events tab, Vasa Communi-
ty Dinners). OR Call or email
the church office.

office@vasalutheran.org
651-258-4327

Reservations are due by NOON on
October 5th. PLEASE NOTE: Reser-
vations will NOT BE ACCEPTED AF-
TER THIS DATE.



CHURCH COUNCIL

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WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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**Kitchen: Sue Hedeem 651-380-6270
Faye Drewianka 651-212-3209**

**Outdoors: Greg Drewianka 651-301-2472
Duane Hanson 651-380-1763
Steve Hyllengren 651-258-4338**



Food Shelves Still Need our Help!

To help with increase in demand, Vasa will be collecting **food shelf donations** at all of the community dinners during the 2022-2023 year. The food bank in Rochester, one of the main food sources for smaller, local Food Shelf operations, depends on the USDA food program, which ran out of resources in January. In addition, food manufacturers no longer do product overruns specifically for donating. And then, there are the usual supply chain issues. All of this means that our donations are more critical than ever. Whether you are dining in or picking up your meal(s), bring your donations with you! Here is a list of items that are most needed:

Cereal

Soups

Canned chicken

Saltine and/or snack
crackers

Canned fruit

Chili

Diced tomatoes

Hamburger helper

Sloppy joe sauce



**BIBLES LAID TO REST ON ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY.**

As people downsize or move into smaller living quarters it becomes difficult to know what to do with old Bibles. From now through the end of October we will accept old Bibles with the intent to respectfully dispose of them on All Saints Sunday on November 6th. You may drop them off at the church office or with the pastor.



VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 22, 2022 @Lutheran Church

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Barbara Weigman, President
Devotions: Kent Volz

Members present and absent:

Present: Pastor Maureen Hagen; Barbara Weigman, President; Mo Hauck; Brian Diercks; Duane Hanson; Ben Norman; Missy McCann; Lora Gruber; Kent Volz; and Andrew Featherstone, Secretary;
Ten voting members present

Unable to attend: Randy Klein, Vice President; Chris Finne; and Jason Stahnke.

Also Present: Kathy Tilderquist

Adoption of the Agenda:

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 council meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

Treasurer's Report (Attached)

Checkbook balance went up from people paying once a year from IRA.

It was motion and seconded to lock in fuel prices in at September 1 to March 31 at \$1.98 at 7,000 gallons.

MOTION CARRIED

The budget is looking normal.

Finance Report (Attached)

Pastor Howard established the Vasa Cares fund to help cover medical expenses for a young person.

The fund has not been used since and the \$110 balance is being transferred to Community Dinner.

Vasa Cares is being deleted as a line item.

\$5,000.00 is being transferred from the mission endowment fund to the fuel fund.

Parish Life (Attached)

Vacation Bible School went really well, one of the best Bible School programs in a few years.

Kathy Tilderquist and Mark Hagen will be principal organizers for Church Photo Directory. Ben Norman will assist. Propose beginning this project in early November.

Property Team Report (Attached)

We are currently looking for a contractor to refinish the exterior doors.

Cemetery Board (NA)

Executive Board Report (NA)

Pastor's Report) Attached)

We are now licensed through an organization called OneLicense for our worship music.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra to perform at Vasa Saturday December 3. It is a free concert.

Museum Board (N/A)

Endowment Board Report (N/A)

New Business:

Wedding Contract- It was moved and seconded to implement the proposed raised fees for members and non members.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

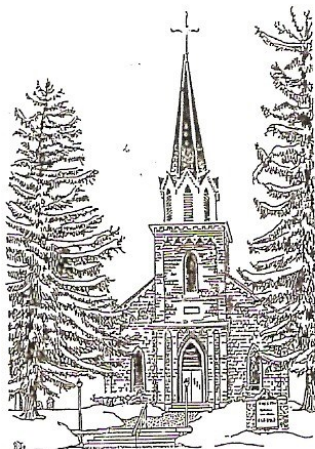
Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Featherstone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9AM Communion Worship and Sunday School @ Lutheran Center 11:30-4:00 Vasa Museum Open	3 TEAM MEETINGS 5PM Finance 6PM Parish Life 6:30 Museum 7:00 Property	4  9:30 5:30pm 9th/10th grade Confirmation Class	5 Community Dinner Reservation DEADLINE @ NOON. 6:45pm Wednesday Evening Worship 5:45 7th/8th Confirmation Classes		7 Pastor's Day Off	8
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VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH

15235 NORELIUS ROAD (in Vasa)

WELCH, MN 55089



Historic Vasa Lutheran Church Built in 1869

(Vasa Drawing by B-J Norman)

Worship Schedule

9:00AM Sundays (also live-streamed)

Wednesday Evening Worship

6:30pm Holy Communion + Everyday Bible Conversation
(Fellowship Room of Lutheran Center)

Executive Team

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Randy Klein, Council Vice President 651.212.8045

Andrew Featherstone, Council Secretary 651.470.9823

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Church Staff

Kathy Tilderquist, Treasurer

Emily Peterson, Office Administrator

Melissa McCann, Custodian

Anne Anderson, Worship Accompanist

Gail Strusz-Klein, Wedding Coordinator

Paul & Jay Mikaelson, Missionaries in La Paz Bo-
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Vasa Mission Statement

We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!