The Vasa Voice

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Sunday School: The children continue to learn about the life of Jesus. They will discover the exciting events that centers on 'spreading the Good News!' We will begin Christmas program practice with assigning speaking parts, and learning the songs. The program will be on December 20th, at 10:00, brunch following at 10:45. More to come! Please bring your kids to these three practices: Sundays, December 6, 13, 20th(9:00). NOTE: No Sunday School on November 29th, due to Thanksgiving break.

Thanksgiving: We will celebrate Thanksgiving at the November 22nd service at 9:00. A treat will be enjoyed after the service.

Family Fun: On Wednesday, November 11th we will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Sue Hedeen serving chili and white chili, Sue's famous cinnamon rolls, and cheese YUM! At 6:00, there will be an activity, game, and devotions.

Goodhue County Christmas Project: Vasa Church is once again participating in this special outreach project for children in Goodhue County. Look for our decorated Christmas tree in the Narthex on November 29th, for donation possibilities.

Ages and Stages Women's Bible Study: **We are concluding our Esther study. We will meet on November 4th and 18th from 9:30- 11:00. We will be choosing our next Bible study this month and will let everyone know. Please consider joining us!**

Confirmation: **Confirmation for our ninth graders, will be Sunday, November 15th, at 9:00. We are so proud of our Confirmands: *Allison Finne, Larissa Fredin, Jaysa O'Connor,* and *Avery Schaffer.* Please come celebrate with them and their families. Confirmation cake will be offered.**

Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation. **We will conclude fall semester on November 18th. Winter/Spring Semester will start up again on January 6th. The schedule will remain the same. A light meal sponsored by Nick's Diner at 5:45 and study from 6:00- 6:45.**

**** Council Minutes unavailable to publish.**

Thoughts from Pastor Tim

A letter of Thankfulness

Grace and Peace to you from God our Creator through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I am so thankful for all the blessings of this day. I am thankful to be serving Vasa Lutheran and for the warmth and support I receive while serving here.

I am deeply thankful for our amazing Call Committee. Lori Hyllengren, Sasha Diercks, Kevin Eckblad, Rick Samuelson, Andrew Featherstone, BJ Norman, Bruce Tilderquist, and Nick Weigman. They have completed the Ministry Site Profile in record time with care, consideration, and efficiency. I am thankful for their dedication and for ability to discern the words and will of the congregation as we reach out for our next pastor.

I am grateful for the Church Council and their support and encouragement of the Call Committee and of me as an Interim. Every church has a different personality, and it is a pleasure to work with a Council that is positive, hopeful, and forward looking.

I am grateful for Kathy Tilderquist who is always willing to answer all my questions regarding Vasa, our membership, and our various ministries. It is wonderful as a pastor to have someone that can answer questions, offer gentle feedback, and give background information on any topic regarding Vasa Lutheran.

I am also grateful for Mo Hauck. She is my partner in ministry while teaching Confirmation and she has been helpful and encouraging since my first day. I have been living off her amazing farm fresh eggs since this summer. I am thankful to be teaching Confirmation and excited to celebrate with our students who will be Confirmed this month on the 15th. Thanks to Barb Weigman for the delicious meal before each Confirmation class.

I am also thankful for Pam Underdahl, our Administrative Assistant in the office. She is a joy to work with and she remembers all the things I mention to her in passing. I know she will do an amazing job helping your next pastor to be successful.

I am grateful for all our volunteers. It's a blessing to work with a congregation that has so much to offer. I am thankful for all those who help with worship, Sunday School, the museum, the finances, and all the great fellowship events, and everything else at Vasa.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to serve Vasa. I know that the Lord has a great pastor lined up to serve as your next Called Pastor and I can't wait to find out who it is.

Bless you and yours during this month when we all celebrate Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful to God for.

With Gratitude, Pastor Tim





2	Brenner Pagel
6	Malena Mandelkow
	Miranda Mandelkow
8	Steve Hyllengren
	Donna Anderson
9	Cassidy Smith
12	Miley Clemens
15	Dan Evenson
17	Andrew Featherstone
21	Charlie Peterson
22	Barbara Flueger
23	Teresa Schmidt
26	Alivia Schaffer
27	Kodee Lindahl
	Laurie Poole
28	Suzanne Ness
30	Christopher Poole

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer’s Report

September 30, 2026

For the Month of September, 2026:

Checkbook Balance, September 1, 2026	$ 57,174.12
General Fund Contributions:	6,871.64
Total Funds Available	**64,045.76**
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	(34,035.95)
Checkbook Balance, September 30, 2026	**$ 29,989.81**

Income behind budget by: $48,333.75 for 9 months of 2026



Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, November 11 from 5:30-7 at the Lutheran Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Sue Hedeen will be making both regular chili and white chili for supper. The activity for the children will be to pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox. Shoeboxes will be provided and labeled with a label for a boy or a girl, in ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 depending on what is in the box. If you or your family would like to purchase items to put in the boxes, here is a list of what can and can NOT be put in them.

Gift box ideas: small dolls, small stuffed animals, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), toothbrushes, socks, combs, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, coloring books, hair accessories, solar calculators, small flashlights, sunglasses.

DO NOT BRING: soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans

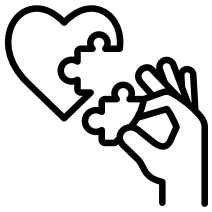
Children will also create a drawing or note of encouragement or decorate a prayer that will be included in the box while we are at Family Fun Night. We will try to pack 12 boxes over the evening. The boxes will be delivered to New River Assemblies of God Church in Red Wing sometime during the week of Monday, Nov. 16.



MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Every year the Vasa Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund awards scholarships to students of active Vasa families pursuing post-secondary education. Application forms can be downloaded from the Vasa Church website. They are also available at the back of the sanctuary or at the Lutheran Center. The application deadline is November 30th. Awards will be made in early 2027.

The next endowment meeting will be held December 8th 4:30 at the Lutheran Center



Worship Volunteers for November

Nov 1st

Usher-	Duane Hanson
Lector-	
Hospitality-	Lora Gruber
Communion Asst-	BJ Norman

Nov 8th

Usher-	Bruce Tilderquist
Lector-	Kathy Tilderquist
Hospitality-	Sue Hedeen

November 15th

Usher-	Kevin Eckblad
Lector-	Jeanette Anderson
Hospitality-	Sue Ness
Communion Asst.-	

November 22nd

Usher-	Rick Samuelson
Lector-	Barry Skog
Hospitality-	Sue Hedeen

November 29th

Usher-	Tim Carlson
Lector-	Tim Carlson
Hospitality-	Audrey Rosener



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Sat.
1 All Saints Sunday comm. 9AM worship	**2** **Property 4PM**	**3** Coffee 9:30 	**4** Womens Bible study 9:30-11	**5**	**6**	**7** Vasa Bazaar 9-3
8 9AM worship Veterans day remembrance	**9** **Finance 5pm** **Parish Life 5:45pm** **Council 6PM**	**10** Coffee 9:30 	**11** **Family Fun Night**	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 Confirmation comm. -Temple talk after service 9AM worship	**16**	**17** Coffee 9:30 	**18** Womens bible study 9:30-11	**19** **Blood Drive** **1-7PM** 	**20**	**21**
22 9AM worship	**23**	**24** Coffee 9:30 	**25**	**26**  Happy Thanksgiving	**27**	**28**
29 9AM worship	**30**					



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Location	Date & time	Contact info
Riverwood Community Church	Tuesday, November 17, 2026	Pastor Dustin
5343 Highway 19 Blvd	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	office@riverwoodonline.org
Cannon Falls, MN 55009		507-263-2304

griefshare.org/holidays

Quilt Drawing Fundraiser

for Cannon Falls
Feed My Starving Children Event

Hand-made Quilt



$5 Donation - 1 Ticket $10 Donation - 3 Tickets
$20 Donation - 7 Tickets

All proceeds go to the Cannon Falls Feed My Starving Children Event

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
MOBILEPACK™

Tickets available through November 7, 2026
at the following churches
Vasa True North St. Ansgar's Spring Garden
Urland Riverwood Wangen Prairie First English
and at the school on the day of the event
Drawing held at 4:00pm Saturday, November 7
Do not have to be present to win The CF-FMSC is a 501(c)(3) organization



Vasa Lutheran Center
Blood Drive

15235 Norelius Rd
Welch, MN 55089

Thursday, November 19, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: vasa lutheran to schedule an appointment.

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VASA BAZAAR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
9 AM - 3 PM
Crafters: Jewelry, home decor, holiday decor, crafts, freeze dried candy, crochet and sewn items, homemade soaps, stain removal, huge supply of quilting fabric, lots of quilt kits, & quilting accessories and more
Vendors: Norwex, Scentsy, Animal 3D puzzles, Pampered Chef
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Vasa Lutheran Center
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MEALS • PEOPLE • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
FMSC PACK EVENT
Saturday, November 7th, 2026
Cannon Falls High School
820 East Minnesota Street • Cannon Falls, MN
PACK MEALS
Work together to make a difference.
FEED CHILDREN
Nutritious meals for kids around the world.
SHARE HOPE
Help fight hunger and change lives.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
People of all ages can volunteer!
TWO PACKING SHIFTS:
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Choose the shift that works for you!
Meals Change Lives
Scan to Register & Donate
Register to volunteer and/or make a donation.
NOURISHING KIDS • STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES • CHANGING TOMORROWS

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)*

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Pam Underdahl, Office Administrator
Melissa McCann, Custodian
Anne Anderson, Worship Accompanist
Gail Strusz-Klein, Wedding Coordinator

VASA MISSION STATEMENT

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