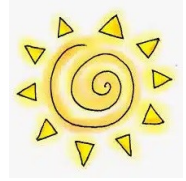




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The Vasa Voice



AUGUST 2026

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One way to help with Vasa's expenses is to sponsor the flowers on the altar for a week. The cost of flowers for a week is \$15 if you want the Altar Committee to pick them up. If you want to provide your own bouquets for a week, that's perfectly fine. Sign up in the gathering space for September, October, or November now. It's a great way to honor a birthday, an anniversary, a new baby, or just a way to help our sanctuary look nicer! Note which week you want on the sign-up sheet in the specific month's spot. If you are honoring someone or a special event, and want it noted in the worship folder, that can happen.

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Worship Volunteers for AUGUST

USHER

August 2 Rick Samuelson
 August 9 Kevin Eckblad
 August 16 Marv Fredrickson
 August 23 Rick Samuelson
 August 30 Duane Hanson

READERS

August 2 Mo Hauck
 August 9 Barry Skog
 August 16 Stuart Samuelson
 August 23 *Volunteer Needed*
 August 30 Mo Hauck

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 2 B-J Norman
 August 16 Sue Samuelson

HOSPITALITY

August 2 Mo Hauck
 August 9 Sue Ness
 August 16 B-J Norman
 August 23 *Volunteer Needed*
 August 30 Audrey Rosener

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Roger Guttromson
 2 Corey McCann
 8 Callie Schmidt
 9 Madison McCann
 13 John Flueger
 Christopher Schaffer
 14 Jaxson Safe
 15 Lucas Anderson
 17 Rose Lxvold
 18 Jake Jacobson
 19 Duane Hanson
 Avery Schaffer
 20 Megan Lindstrom
 21 Susan Samuelson
 22 Brad Anderson
 Kerry Finne
 Nicholas Weigman
 23 David Carlson
 Dustin Lindahl
 24 Warren Schmidt
 31 Marvin Fredrickson



Sunday School will begin on September 9th. All children Pre-School through Grade 5 are welcome to participate. Sessions will be held in the Lutheran Center from 9:00-10:00



Thoughts from Pastor Tim

Grace and Peace to you as we enter the inexhaustible heat of August.

August is an exciting month in the life of the church because we are making preparations for the Fall. But before we reach the Fall we have a lot going on in August.

First we begin with our Temple Talks on August 3. These are structured conversations led by me, Pastor Tim with help from Council. Leading discussions about what people love in their church is one of my favorite parts of my ministry. It is energizing to hear what people love about their church and want to see continue. It is equally energizing for me to hear what areas need more attention, and what are the hopes and dreams for Vasa Lutheran.

Through the coming month and into the Fall we will be forming our Call Committee. We are currently considering potential candidates and working towards inviting people to serve as members of the Call Committee. The Call Committee is the team that will take the information from the Temple Talks and their own experiences to form the Mission Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is a 30-page document that describes the characteristic, hopes, and dreams of Vasa Lutheran and what kind of pastor would best serve our needs and our vision for the future.

It doesn't take long to realize Vasa Lutheran is a special church and a great community. Please come and share your insights during our Temple Talks and ensure that our next pastor has an opportunity to hear what is great about our community before the first interview.

I met with the Synod last week and they are excited for the future of Vasa Lutheran. Together, with your help, I know God will lead us to a wonderful candidate to serve as your next Pastor.

Thank you for all the encouragement and positive feedback. Thank you also for the helpful advice that you share from time to time. It is a pleasure to serve Vasa Lutheran and may you have a wonderful August and please stay cool.

With Gratitude,

~Pastor Tim

Family Fun Night will continue this year if we have help to do the following:

Decide on a menu and make sure we have the food/supplies we need. You don't have to pay for the food—the church will pay. Help serve supper and clean-up or find someone else who can do it

Determine some type of activity for the kids who attend—

- Sept and May usually have been playing outside
- Oct has typically been a hayride

Dec can be caroling in the gazebo

We have painting supplies, and can find supplies for lots of different things to do, including Bingo and board games.

If a family or 2 families work together to sponsor the month, maybe the kids in the family can help figure out what to do and help teach the other kids something or lead an activity.

This is a chance for a small group of people or families to work together and create a fun night for those of all ages to attend. Sign up on the sheet in the gathering space to be in charge of a month of fun!

Family Fun Night is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Sept through May but can only happen if we get help!!

Letter of Resignation

July 9, 2026

Dear Vasa Church Council,

It is with a gratitude and sadness that I must announce my resignation. My final day will be August 28th. I have decided that I want to apply to enter the monastery at Saint John's Abbey and will be going for three days of interviews on August 10-12. I gave St. Ansgar's my letter of resignation this week as well and have spent a bit of time talking with their Pastor, Pastor Andrew Thompson, and he has expressed an interest in wanting to continue the partnership with office managers as he thinks this is a great way to bring churches together more often, such as with VBS.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to work with this community. I have loved every second and will always have Vasa in my heart and prayers. This community has something not a lot of places do and its authentic community.

Thank you,



Preston Parks

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Bibles will be given to this year's 3rd graders during worship on Sunday, September 13.

The Vasa Bazaar date for this year is Saturday, November 7. Registration forms are available on the church website or in the church office. We need crafters and vendors to make the day a success! Please spread the word.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND STAGES Bible Study Group will resume meeting in September at the Lutheran Center. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30AM. This year *The Book of Esther* will be the focus of study. All are welcome! Questions? Call Mo Hauck at 651-331-8593!

Treasurer's Report June, 2025

For the Month of June:

Checkbook Balance, June 1, 2025	\$ 85,752.24
General Fund Contributions:	11,501.08
Total Funds Available	97,253.32
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	(16,475.28)
Checkbook Balance, June 30, 2025	\$ 80,778.04

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2026 at Lutheran Center

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:55 pm by Bryan Diercks, President

Devotions: Pastor Maureen Hagen

Members present: Bryan Diercks-President, Randy Klein-Vice President; Barbara Weigman-Secretary, Kent Volz, Mo Hauck, Tim Carlson (6 voting members present)

Unable to attend: Pastor Tim Seitz, Susan Samuelson, Chris Finne, Missy McCann

Also Present: Kathy Tilderquist

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 council meeting with the addition of Tim Carlson present.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

1. Treasurer's Report (Attached)
 - a. Checkbook balance \$65,157.98 (behind budget by \$13,165.58).
 - b. Mission Endowment Offering of \$8,000 is slightly less than last year.
2. Finance Report (Attached)
 - a. Offering Counter volunteers: Bryan D, Jill A, Amber G.
3. Parish Life (attached)
 - a. Calendar Work
 - b. Confirmation Schedules discussed
 - c. Sunday School - Spark curriculum
4. Property Team Report (N/A)
 - a. Outdoor Sign updated.
 - b. Window leaking, furnace filters, pest control, cross disassembled.
 - c. Parsonage insurance in place. Tenant paid Jan/Feb rent.
5. Endowment Board Report (N/A)
6. Cemetery Board (N/A)
7. Executive Board Report (N/A)
8. Pastor's Report (via Randy K)
 - a. Next steps: Get to Know Each Other, Identify Key Issues / Temple Talk, Form Call Committee, Missions Site Profile, Interview Candidates
9. Museum Board (N/A)

New Business:

1. Shared Pastor
 - a. Briefly discussed this possibility.
2. MidSommar Prep
 - a. Communion / Intinction, 1 Usher, kids pass Offering plates, Kent provides branch and bucket for blessing of the Tractors

July/August Meeting Dates:

Council: Tuesday, July 14th at 6pm

Monday August 3rd: 4pm-Property; 5pm-Finance; 5:30pm-Parish Life; 6pm- Council (Devotions: Tim Carlson)

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:10pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Report submitted by: Barbara Weigman, Secretary



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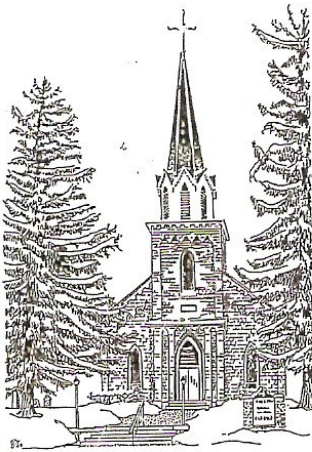


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9AM Communion Worship	3 TEAM MEETINGS 4PM Property 5PM Finance 5:30PM Parish Life 6PM CHURCH COUNCIL	4 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	5	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 9AM Worship	10	11 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	12	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 9AM Communion Worship	17	18 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	19	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9AM Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9AM Worship	31	9:30 am Coffee and Conversation			Pastor's Day Off	

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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Preston Parks, 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!