



## Kids' Summer Sunday Special Time

Every Sunday during the summer after the Children's Sermon upstairs in the "bride's" room. All kids welcome for a Bible story and craft/activity.



### Topics:

- July 5: Noah and the Flood
- July 12: Moses in the Bullrushes
- July 19: David and Goliath
- July 26: Daniel and the Lion
- Aug 2: Jonah and the Whale
- Aug 9: The House on the Rock
- Aug 16: How to Pray
- Aug 23: Lost Sheep/Lost Coin Stories
- Aug 30: Mary & Martha

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## Worship Volunteers for July

### USHERS

July 5	Mike Bauch
July 12	Marvin Fredrickson
July 19	Duane Hanson
July 26	Bryan Diercks

### READERS

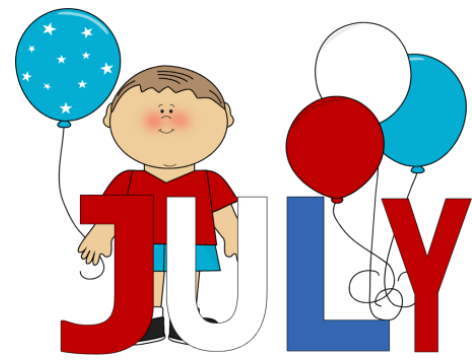
July 5	Mo Hauck
July 12	Jeanette Anderson
July 19	Barry Skog
July 26	Kathy Tilderquist

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 19	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
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### HOSPITALITY

July 5	Mo Hauck
July 12	Marcia Featherstone
July 19	Marilyn Hanson
July 26	Lora Gruber



## BIRTHDAYS

July 6	Zach Carlson
July 8	Fiona Diercks
July 10	Patrick Rehder
July 12	Steven Thomforde
July 15	Randi Widstrom
July 16	B-J Norman
July 18	Nora Poole
July 19	Joel Hyllengren
July 20	Karen Lindblom
	Beibhinn Winn
July 26	Bonnie McNamara
July 27	Emmitt Featherstone
July 28	Dylan Anderson
	Kelsey Lindholm
	Jedd Otto
July 31	Nancy Trelstad





### ***Thoughts from Pastor Tim***

Grace and Peace to you as we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country!

It's a wonderful time to be alive when you consider all the life that has gone on before our time. The rise and fall of communities, countries, and entire empires all within the short life of our beloved country.

Think about what creates a country. It's not the flag or the Constitutional Convention. It's not the laws or the borders that create a country.

This year as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and celebrate the most diverse country in the world. Let us remember that it is love and support between neighbors that leads to communities. And support between communities is what eventually leads to a country.

This Independence Day ask yourself, what kind of country am I trying to create? One with love and hopefulness for a better future? Or one with more division, more fear, and less unity?

Be the neighbor you wish you had, be the citizen that consciously works to make our whole country more loving and welcoming, and know that you are doing the Lord's work every time you celebrate by getting along with friends and strangers.

Today we celebrate our Independence as a country. As we do, let us also celebrate our dependence on God and the love of our neighbors. Let us remember it is not independence; but rather, complete dependence on others that creates the great country we live in today.

God Bless You and Happy Independence Day!

With gratitude,

Pastor Tim



Church Council  
Highlights!

**VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
May 11, 2026 at Lutheran Center

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Bryan Diercks, President  
**Devotions:** Pastor Maureen Hagen

**Members present:**

Pastor Maureen Hagen, Bryan Diercks-President, Randy Klein-Vice President;  
Kent Volz, Barbara Weigman, Mo Hauck  
Six voting members present

**Unable to attend:** Susan Samuelson, Chris Finne, Missy McCann

**Also Present:** Kathy Tilderquist

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

Addition of the Parsonage Insurance, then it was moved and seconded to  
approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026  
council meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED

**Reports Reviewed and Accepted:**

1. Treasurer's Report (Attached)
  - a. Checkbook balance \$60,345.66 (behind budget by \$17,977.90).
2. Finance Report (Attached)
  - a. Sumer fill of Fuel in August will be short approx \$2,000. Post in July/August Voice newsletters for funds/donations.
  - b. \$100 donation from Just for Kix received for use of VLC during covid.
  - c. Worship/Music spending was for organ repair of a key and that mileage.
3. Parish Life (attached)
  - a. Calendar Work
    - i. MidSommar - 10am outdoor service on June 28th with Coffee and Rolls (sign-up posted for volunteers).
  - b. VBS at 1st English, our team helps on Tuesday. Vasa kids are sponsored and do not need to pay registration fee.
  - c. Continue teaching the Easter story with a Program.
  - d. Confirmation agendas discussed.
  - e. 1st Communion agendas discussed.
4. Property Team Report (N/A)
  - a. Parsonage Tenant is overdue on rent. Eviction notice given.
  - b. Insurance quotes received.

5. Endowment Board Report (N/A)
6. Cemetery Board (N/A)
7. Executive Board Report (N/A)
8. Pastor's Report (Attached)
  - a. The last of team meetings have been or will be attended by Pastor before her departure at the end of the month.
  - b. Visiting shut-ins one last time to say goodbye.
  - c. Binders have been prepared with materials to help guide us and pastor Tim Seitz.
9. Museum Board (N/A)

**New Business:**

1. Parsonage Insurance: two quotes received from Old Republic (\$8038 for \$825k coverage) and Vasa Spring Garden (\$4,000 for \$400k coverage).
  - a. It was moved and seconded to accept the Vasa Spring Garden insurance quote.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**June Meeting Dates:**

- Property: Monday June 1st at 4pm  
 Finance: Monday June 8th at 5pm  
 Parish Life: Monday June 8th at 5:30pm  
 Executive:  
 Council: Monday June 8th at 6pm (Devotions: Mo Hauck)

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

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

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 Barbara Weigman 507-202-7880

**WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

**Indoors: Tim Carlson 651-442-5066**

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

**Outdoors: Duane Hanson 651-380-1763  
 Steve Hyllengren 651-258-4338**

**VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Treasurer's Report**

**May 30, 2026**

For the Month of May:

Checkbook Balance, May 1, 2026	\$ 60,345.66
General Fund Contributions:	13,786.78
Mission Endowment Offering	8,000.00
Total Funds Available	82,132.44

Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:(16,974.46)

Checkbook Balance, May 30, 2026 \$ 65,157.98

Income behind budget by: \$13,165.58 for 5 months of 2026



# July 4th!

## 7:00 PM



Come celebrate Vasa's Swedish heritage at 7:00 on the 4th of July at the Gazebo! Root Beer Floats, along with hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to fix the outdoor basement entrance to the main building to prevent water damage in the basement.

# MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN!



The Historic Vasa Museum was built in 1862. It is open from the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in October, or by appointment.

All monetary donations received by the Museum are used for improvements and upkeep of the Museum. Three fundraisers are held yearly: the first Saturday in March is the Annual Museum Soup Luncheon. July 4th features Root Beer floats and sandwiches served during the Vasa Parade, and the last Saturday in October is the annual Swedish Pancake Breakfast.

The Museum Board thanks everyone for their support!



An American flag is shown waving in the sky. The flag's stars and stripes are clearly visible, and the sky is a bright blue with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the flag.

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

*250th Anniversary*

This year we broke our record for the Epilepsy Foundation! Thank you to everyone who helped contribute donations. We were able to collect \$515.63 from the weight of the clothes!



thank  
you!



**Vasa's Softball Schedule**

To  
Be  
Announced



# Celebrate

**MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.**



**American  
Red Cross**

## **Vasa Lutheran Center Blood Drive**

**15235 Norelius Rd  
Welch, MN 55089**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026  
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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



Scan to be directed to  
RapidPass®

**Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward  
by email to see a movie on us! [rcblood.org/July](http://rcblood.org/July)**



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an appointment.

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# BAPTIZED IN muddy waters



### Synod Nomination Results:

- 1x Synod Secretary
- 4x Synod Council lay people
- 5x Synod Council Rostered Ministers
- 1x Synod Council young adult
- 2x Synod Council youth
- 1x Augsburg University Corporation Board

**14 positions filled!**

### Baptism Discussion:

All were invited to share in conversation with others about the following:

- What do you know about your own baptism?
- Talk about a baptism you have witnessed that had an impact on you.
- What images come to mind when you think of baptism?

### Other Business:

- The **spending plan** for 2027-28 was approved.
- **Amendments** to the synod constitution were approved.
- **Reports** were received from Bishop Hassanally, Vice President Lisa Dierks, Synod Treasurer Tammy Dahlvang, Synod Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, ELCA Churchwide representative Rev. Barbara Lund, and others.
- Find the spending plan, photos, video messages, and more online.



Bishop Hassanally, Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, Vice President Lisa Dierks, Parliamentarian Dave Borka

**Guest Speaker:**  
Dr. Michael Chan

### Actual Offering Received: **\$17,539+**

*Supporting what the Holy Spirit is doing through the synod's campus ministries and candidacy process, and International Women Leaders of the ELCA. (As of 5/2/26.)*

### Total Attendees:

- 194 Lay voting members
- 127 Pastor voting members
- +5 Deacon voting members
- 326 Total Voting Members**
- 5 Voice Without Vote
- 19 Visitors and Guests
- +12 Volunteers

**362 People!**









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# July

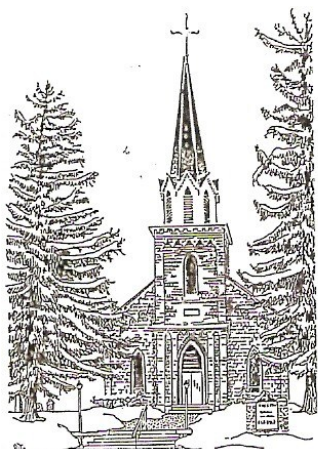


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Happy July 4th ! 1:00 pm Vasa Museum Fund- raiser / Parade
5 9AM Worship w/ Communion	6	7 	8	9	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
12 9AM Worship	13	14 	15  American Red Cross 1pm-7pm	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18
19 9AM Worship w/ Communion	20	21 	22	23  Endowment Team 6:30PM	24 Pastor's Day Off	25
26 9AM Worship	27	28 	29	31	31 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)

### **Executive Team**

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### **Church Office**

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### **Church Staff**

Kathy Tilderquist, Treasurer

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!