



The Vasa Voice



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VASA SUMMER SERMON SERIES



There will be two consecutive sermon series over the next two months. The first is a four part series on *the 10 Commandments*.

July 3: Nineteen comes before Twenty—a consideration of God’s choice to make the Israelites God’s chosen people. This week will provide the theological and narrative context for the law. In other words, why do we need “the law” in the first place.

July 10: The First Table—Tuned into God. This week is devoted to Exodus 20:3-11; those laws that govern our relationship with God.

July 17: The Second Table--Turned Toward the Neighbor. Exodus 20:12-16 explicates those laws that govern our relationships with each other

July 24: The Desires of the Heart: Do not Covet. While this may seem like an odd choice, it emphasizes that so many of our sins start with our desires.

The second sermon series is a six part series on *Biblical Views of Economic Justice*. The first three weeks will examine texts from the Old Testament. Then we will consider three texts from the gospels.

July 31: Debt Forgiveness & Fair Wages using Deuteronomy 15:1-11 and 24:10-15

August 7: Loving Your Neighbor & the Stranger using Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-37

August 14: What Does the Lord Require of You? Using Micah 6:6-15; 7:1-7

August 21: Jubilee & the Kingdom of Heaven using Luke 4:16-21 and 18:18-30

August 28: Forgive Us Our Debts using Matthew 6:7-15, 19-21

September 4: The Poor Will Always Be with You using John 12:1-8

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Worship Volunteers for July

USHERS

July 3	Outdoor Worship—Gazebo
July 10	Rick Samuelson
July 17	Vicki Weckerling
July 24	Duane Hanson
July 31	Bruce Tilderquist

READERS

July 3	Outdoor Worship—Gazebo
July 10	B-J Norman
July 17	Mo Hauck
July 24	Geri Lindholm
July 31	Ben Norman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 3	Outdoor Worship—Gazebo
July 17	B-J Norman

CHURCH COUNCIL

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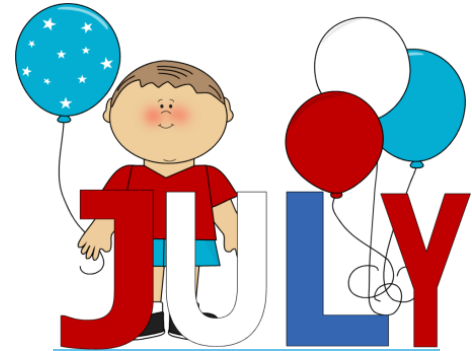
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	Steve Hyllengren	651-258-4338



BIRTHDAYS

July 5	Bryan Anderson
July 6	Zach Carlson
July 8	Fiona Diercks
July 9	Maureen Hagen
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 Maureen

When the apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church in Philippi he wrote as a prisoner who recognized that his life, ministry, and travels were winding down. Yet, even under those circumstances he was able to share beautiful and reassuring words in Philippians 4:4-9 I encourage you to get out your Bible and read the passage for yourself.*

In verses 6 and 7 Paul says, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Do not worry. That’s a tough thing to achieve these days. There’s so much to worry about! From health challenges, to high gas prices, to the war in Ukraine, to climate change....the list goes on and on! Wisdom is to recognize that we have no control over these external factors. What we do have control over is our inner emotions including our worry. Sometimes the smartest thing that we can do is let go of our worry. Then we need to strive to fill the gap with another emotion like trust in God. Putting it another way: release the worry, ask God to provide for your needs and then look with eyes of faith for the ways that God is providing. Sometimes we even have to ask God to open our eyes so that we can see that God is providing for us. The end result is that we will be filled with the peace that passes all understanding.

Verses 4-7 are habits of the heart. Verses 8-9 are habits of the mind. But taken together they open us to the peace of God: the peace that is so extensive that it is beyond our imagination.

May you be filled with the peace that passes all understanding, trusting that God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. You are, after all, heirs of the kingdom and God always takes care of his heir.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Maureen

* Another option is to look up the passage on the searchable website BibleGateway.com.

Pastor Maureen leaves on vacation

after worship on July 17th. She will be away for two weeks, including Sunday July 24 and 31. She will return to the office on Monday, August 1.

Dahmon Romness will lead worship and preach on July 24. He will preach on *The Desires of the Heart: Do not Covet* from Exodus 20:17.

Bill Peterson (Emily Peterson’s husband) will lead worship and preach on July 31. He will open the next sermon series titled *Biblical Views of Economic Justice*. His topic will be *Debt Forgiveness & Fair Wages* using Deuteronomy 15:1-11 and 24:10-15 as his Scriptural references .

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2022 @ Lutheran Church

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Barbara Weigman, President

Devotions: Mo Hauck

Members present and absent:

Present: Pastor Maureen Hagen; Barbara Weigman, President; Randy Klein, Vice President; Bryan Diercks, Duane Hanson; Maureen Hauck; Ben Norman; Lora Gruber; Kent Volz; and Andrew Featherstone, Secretary.

Unable to attend: Jason Stahnke, Chris Finne, and Missy McCann

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 approved the minutes of the April 18, 2022 council meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

1. Treasurer's Report (Attached)
 - A. April was a good month for the checkbook balance.
2. Finance Report (Attached)
 - A. New sanctuary antenna will be paid from the Evan Josephson Fund.
 - B. The fuel fund is depleted and the May propane bill will come from the general fund.
3. Parish Life (attached)
 - A. We have seven Graduates this year.
 - B. The flags will be replaced, following the May 29th service.
 - C. There are still openings for camping at Good Earth Village.
4. Property Team Report (attached)
 - A. Property Team and volunteers are planning on painting the parking lot lines on a Saturday in the near future.
 - B. Pastor picked up a light for above the Pastor's office. John Hauck will install light.
5. Cemetery Board (N/A)
6. Executive Board Report (N/A)
7. Pastor's Report (Attached)
 - A. Children and youth programming. Vasa needs to think hard about what we can do to enhance the faith of our children and youth.
 - B. Remodeling of the Kitchen. The rummage sale funds for two years and Christmas Bazaar total about \$17,000. These funds are designated for the kitchen project.
 - C. Redecorating of the church sanctuary. Property team will begin gathering estimates to take forward to the annual meeting in February 2023. The goal is to have the church redecorated by September 2025 when Vasa will celebrate its 170th anniversary.

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2022 @ Lutheran Church (cont.)

8. Museum Board (N/A)

9. Endowment Board Report (attached)

A. A special meeting was held after church on March 20th.

B. A motion was made and approved to give \$2,000 to the “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” to help the people in Ukraine through Lutheran World Federation.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Report submitted by: Andrews Featherstone, Secretary.

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report May, 2022

For the Month of May:

Checkbook Balance May 1, 2022	\$60,939.83
General Fund Contributions:	11,027.87
Endowment Offering	9,350.00
Total Funds Available	81,317.70
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	25,728.50
Checkbook Balance, May 31 , 2022	\$55,589.20
 Mission Investment Fund, May1, 2022	 \$8,761.23
Mission Investment Fund, May 31, 2022	\$8,764.20

No peeking!!

12. Alpha, Omega, Beginning , End (Revelation 1:8)
11. Redeemer (Job 19:25)
10. Vine (John 15:1)
9. Jesus, Son, God (John 20:31)
8. Lord, Lord (Matthew 7:21)

1. way, the truth, life (John 14:6)
 2. Son (Matthew 3:17)
 3. light, world (John 8:12)
 4. Savior (Luke 2:11)
 5. Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14)
 6. Son, Man (Luke 19:10)
 7. Door (John 10:9)
- Bible Trivia Answers



July 4th!



Come celebrate Vasa's Swedish heritage at
1:00 on the 4th of July at the Vasa Museum!

Root beer Floats, along with chicken sandwiches and
chips will be available for purchase with all pro-
ceeds going to the general oper-
ating expenses of the museum.



Summertime fun...



Fourteen Vasa people gathered for pizza at Zwingli UCC in Berne MN on Wednesday evening, June 29. The pizza was scrumptious, the music was marvelous, and the conversations were life-giving. (Pastor thinks we may have to go again!)

The members of Zwingli UCC are the heart of Berne Wood-Fired Pizza. That said, over the course of a summer over 800 volunteers from various organizations supply the people power to make the hundreds of pizzas that are served every Wednesday evening. Proceeds from pizza sales go to a variety of nonprofit organizations in Goodhue and Olmsted County.

Make Amazon smile...on VASA!

The Amazon online retail company has a program called **Amazon Smile**. If you routinely order items through Amazon, you can sign up to have a charitable donation sent to Vasa based on the percentage of your purchase. Doing so does not increase the cost for your purchases; rather a small portion of Amazon's profits goes to the charity of your choice. Things on Vasa's Amazon Smile Charity List include:

Church or Office Supplies (paper, pens and pencils, sticky notes) disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, thank you notes/cards, non-perishable food pantry items, arts and craft supplies.

Go to Amazon.com and type Amazon Smile into the Search box for more info. Kathy Tilderquist can also give you some tips!

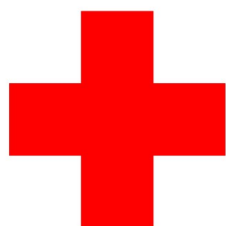


Happy Campers Vacation Bible School!

August 15-18, 5:30-7:00pm



SAVE THE DATE for Vasa's Summer Vacation Bible School! August 15-18, 5:30-7:00pm. Did you know Jesus and his disciples did a lot of the same things we do when we go camping? They went fishing and hiking, they told stories and they shared meals together. They were, in a way, Happy Campers, and that's what we hope to be this summer too! Check the Vasa website for a registration form after July 3!



American Red Cross

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Vasa will be on July 28th from 1:00pm-7:00pm, and July 29th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. You can schedule by calling 1-800-733-2767, or by visiting RedCrossBlood.org. Enter Vasa Lutheran to schedule your appointment.



From the Cannon Falls Food Shelf:

Dear Vasa Lutheran,

Thank you for your very generous donation to the Cannon Falls Food Shelf. It is greatly appreciated by our community.

*Robin Stewart,
Treasurer*

*you
make a
A DIFFERENCE*



More Bible Trivia! How many names and titles of Jesus do you know?

1. Jesus said: "I am the _____, _____, _____, and the _____."
2. "This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased."
3. Jesus said: "I am the _____ of the _____."
4. "To you is born this day in the city of David a _____, who is Christ the Lord."
5. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name _____."
6. "The _____ of _____ is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
7. "I am the _____; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."
8. "Not everyone that saith unto me _____, _____ shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."
9. "That ye might believe that _____ is Christ, the _____ of _____."
10. "I am the true _____, and my father is the gardener."
11. "I know that my _____ lives."
12. I am _____ and _____, the _____ and the _____.





2022 National Night Out



Join us for the annual **National Night Out party!**

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022

Food served from 6:00pm – 7:00pm



Bring your Lawn Chairs!!

Hosted by Vasa Township and



Vasa Lutheran Church located at County Rd 7 & Hwy 19

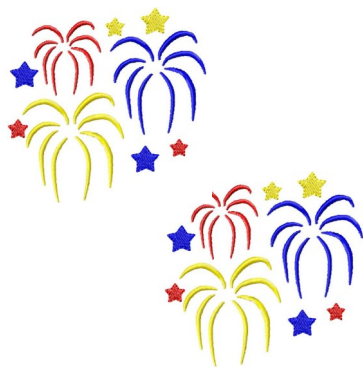
Build neighborhood involvement by bringing our Local







Fire & Police Departments and other **Township** officials together.



Enjoy **Food & Fun** with your neighbors! Get to know one another in your neighborhood.

Meet your neighbors!

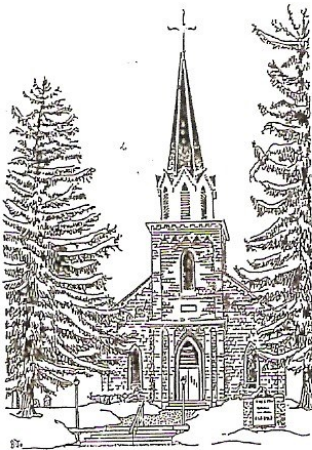


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	NO TEAM MEETINGS IN JULY!!				1	2
3 9AM Communion Worship	4 Happy July 4th ! 1:00 pm Vasa Museum Fund- raiser	5  9:30 am Coffee and Conversation 4PM Property Team	6 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Wor- ship	7	8 Pastor's Day Off	9
10 9AM Worship	11 NO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	12  9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	13 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Wor- ship	14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
17 9AM Communion Worship	18 NO CHURCH COUNCIL Pastor Maureen Away	19  9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	20 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Wor- ship	21	22 Pastor's Day Off	23
24 9AM Worship	25 Pastor Maureen Away	26  9:30 am Coffee and Conversation	27 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Wor- ship	28  American Red Cross 1pm-7pm	29  American Red Cross 9am-2pm	30
31 9AM Worship						

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)

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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!