



Highlights of Vasa in October

October 3 - American Red Cross Blood Drive at Vasa

Save a life & donate blood! At the Vasa Lutheran Center from 1pm until 7pm, the American Red Cross will host a blood drive. Refreshments will also be served throughout the event for those giving blood.

October 9 - Community Dinner

This month's community dinner occurs on Wednesday, October 9th with a Roast Beef meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people. Friends and neighbors gather to share in a meal and conversation. Many of those attending are not members of Vasa and they truly appreciate the hospitality that is offered. Dozens of meals are delivered to people in our area. If you can help please see the sign up sheets posted at the Lutheran Center during the week and at the Church on Sundays.

October 13 - Third Grade Bibles

Our third grade students will receive their Bibles at the 9am Worship Service on Sunday, October 13th.

October 13 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday

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

October 26 - Vasa Museum Swedish Pancake Breakfast

The annual fundraiser for the Vasa Museum is on Saturday, October 26, held at the Vasa Lutheran Center from 8am until 11am. Come out and support the hard work the Museum Board does to preserve history in Vasa.

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Pastor's Thoughts for October

Vasa Voice Article – October, 2019

Matthew 9:11-13 "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

In the last couple of months I have been contacted by a couple of Vasa members asking me to connect with a friend or relative because they have significant health challenges. These folks live locally but do not have any church home. It has been a privilege to visit them and remind them of God's promises. It is deeply fulfilling for me to see the glow of peace in their eyes as they hear that they are beloved by God, cherished by God, and claimed by God.

Jesus was sent to earth to share the true nature of God the Father as one who is loving and merciful. Jesus recognized that his primary mission was to share the good news of God's love and mercy with those who weren't hearing that message. As a follower of Jesus, this is my mandate too: to share the good news of God's love and mercy with others.

How does this translate into our lives? More than anything it translates into two actions.

1. Refrain from judgment
2. Welcome everyone to the table, whether that is at Sunday worship or Tuesday morning coffee or the Community Dinner.

Marty Haugen writes in his hymn *All are Welcome*:

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live....

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard....

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

in a world
where you can
be anything.
BE kind.



Photo: 2018 Bible Distribution

2019 Third Grade Bible Distribution

**The following 3rd graders will
be receiving Bibles on Sunday,
October 13, 2019:**

Gabe Bauch

Aliyah Chaska

Marissa Mandelkow

Kennedy McCann

Bella Otto

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report

August 2019

For the Month of August:

Checkbook Balance, August 1, 2019	\$ 38,193.47
General Fund Contributions:	14,924.80
Total Funds Available	53,118.27
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	<u>14,477.64</u>
Checkbook Balance, August 31, 2019	\$38,640.63

Mission Investment Fund, July 30, 2019	\$96,385.59
Mission Investment Fund, August 31, 2019	\$96,475.88

Volunteers for October

USHERS

John Featherstone
Steve Hyllengren
Duane Martenson
Dahmon Romness

READERS

6 Jim Hedeem
13 Jessica Anderson
20 Mark Hagen
28 Marilyn Hanson

GREETERS

Evans and Norlene Josephson

ACOLYTES

6 Carson Lind
20 Braeden Gillis

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

6 Jason Pagel
20 Malissa Stahnke

COMMUNION SET-UP

Faye Drewianka



Apologies for mistakes or omissions. If you know of any birthdays that are missing or wrong, please contact the Vasa church office. THANKS!



Confirmation classes continue for 7th and 8th graders at 10:30am on Sundays at the Vasa Lutheran Center in the Youth Room. The Youth Room is the last room on the right at the end of the hallway. Classes will last for one hour every Sunday morning. We will try to be done promptly at 11:30am. **If you have your BIBLE, bring it.** The last class of the fall session will be on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

Confirmation Classes continue for 9th graders from 7:15pm-8:00pm on Wednesdays at the Vasa Lutheran Center in the Youth Room. The final class will be Wednesday, November 6. Confirmation Sunday is on Sunday, November 17 at 9am where our Ninth Graders will Affirm Their Faith.



Birthdays

2	Edward Gruber
5	Jason Stahnke
	Bryan Diercks
6	Braeden Gillis
8	Jeannette Anderson
	Rebecca Fleming
9	Irene Carpenter
10	Jeffrey Clemens
11	Camden Smith
12	Jill Rivard
13	Elijah Bauch
	Jenna Montey
	Lyle Ness
15	Thomas Ahern
	Grace Nelson
16	Johanna Majerus
	Judy Scripture
19	William Ahern
	Michael Rosener
20	Cary Clemens
	Karen Pearson
21	Caleb Diercks
23	Taylor Little Soldier
	Allen Peterson
24	Julia Fleming
27	Coty Hyllengren
	James Gruber
	Hunter Lindblom
28	Murlyn Rosener
30	Dale Anderson
	Doris Munsen
31	Jillian Anderson

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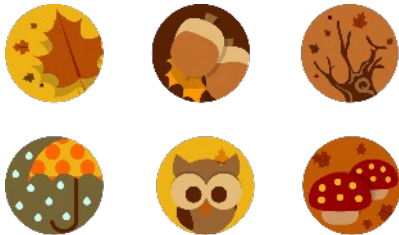
September's Community Dinner

Thank you everyone for helping with our first dinner of 2019-2020. On September 11 we fed **266** people- 186 in the gym, made 56 deliveries and had 24 take-outs! This is most we have ever fed in the gym!!

On October 9th, we will be serving a roast beef dinner and delivering to the **farmers** who are working hard with harvest.

As we are serving more guests we need **more help**, please sign up on the volunteer sheets as they are posted each month.

History: In October, 2012, the Community Dinner served 75-85 people and delivered 13 meals. The meal was served in the Fellowship Room/Hallway because WELCA was preparing for their Garage Sale in the gym (late due to Hwy 19 road construction). How far we have come!!!!



Faith Life Night

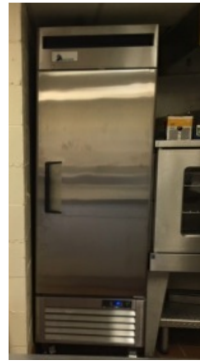
Wednesday evenings at the Vasa Center

5:15pm Education for Children

6:15pm Worship

7:15pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class

NEW KITCHEN REFRIGERATOR!



We have a new single-door refrigerator in the kitchen!! The previous refrigerator in the kitchen was 30 years old with a 25 year old compressor. It was basically worn out and beyond repair. As a result we now have a **new** single-door refrigerator in the kitchen (as well as a new two- door cooler/refrigerator in the kitchen workroom.) Both appliances were paid for out of money from the Christmas bazaar and the April rummage sale.

Community Dinners

The donation list and the work schedule for the Community Dinner will be on the table in back of church on Sundays and at the Vasa Center during the week.

Everyone is welcome at the Community Dinner, there is no charge! This is a great event bringing communities together.

If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Sue Hedeem or Jeannette Anderson.

There are many things to do including donations of menu items, serving & clean up, and delivery of meals to our shut-Ins.

Free Community Dinner





**Vasa Do-Day
September 22
2019**



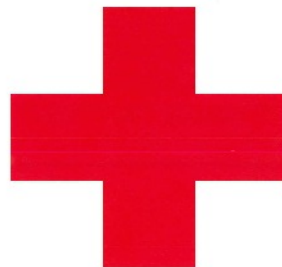
Seniors Luncheon

The Seniors Luncheon is an opportunity to thank our senior members for all that they do at Vasa. The event will be on Thursday, October 31st beginning at 12 noon. It takes place at the Vasa Lutheran Center. There is no cost to this luncheon for our members who are 65 years of age or older. This year's guest speaker will be Larry Hawe, a Red Wing native, who will speak about leaving a legacy and estate planning.



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Vasa Lutheran Church
15235 Norelius Rd

Thursday, October 3, 2019
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.



Other Project Updates:

- **Workroom progress:** lots of progress has been made on the kitchen workroom. Cement was poured in the space where the walk-in cooler used to be, new walls erected and both the walls and ceiling now have insulation, vapor barrier, and sheet rock. The painting is also done. Still to be completed: a bit of floor tile, some electrical work, and replacing work benches and shelves. The goal is to have it done by October 1st. The kitchen crew is really excited to have this expanded space to work in come the next Community Dinner.
- **Lutheran Center Roof:** is complete, including the trim. I didn't realize how much of a burden the leaky roof was to me as the person working in the LC every day. Now I can enter the Center in the morning without having to do a walk through adjusting pans and trash cans to catch the drips.



Austin plans to have a choir sing for the

Christmas eve service. Practices will be on Sunday mornings, after worship. Look for an announcement in the NOVEMBER VOICE for more details!

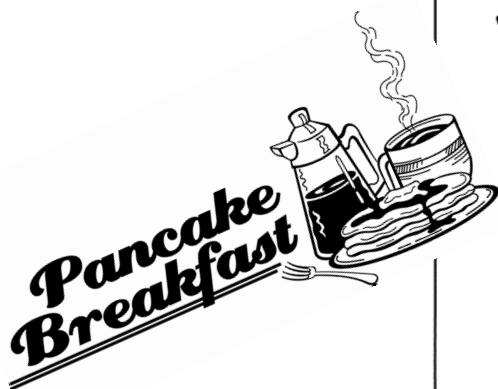


In **November** we will have three LUNCH & LEARN sessions addressing common questions that come up as we face end-of-life issues. Each session will be at noon. A light lunch will be served.

November 7: Jason Hoffman, attorney, "Legal needs of the Elderly"

November 14: Hospice Care representative

November 21: Sue Klicka, funeral home director.



VASA HISTORICAL MUSEUM



SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

8:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Vasa Lutheran Center

Hwy 19 & County Rd 7



Fundraiser for roof repair
of Vasa Museum



VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2019 @ Church

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Greg Drewianka, President

Devotions: Geri Lindholm

Members present and Absent:

Present: Pastor Maureen Hagen; Greg Drewianka, President, Jim Hedeem, Vice President, Gayle Strusz-Klein; Rick Samuelson; Steve Hylengren; Kevin Eckblad; Sid Featherstone; Ben Norman; Duane Hanson, Mike Carlson, Dan Hedeem and Geri Lindholm
Thirteen voting members present

Unable to Attend: None

Also Present: Kathy Tilderquist

Adoption of the agenda:

The item under New Business was removed.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the revised agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 council meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

1. Treasurer and Finance Team Report (Attached)
 - a. Doing ok because we received another endowment contribution
 - b. We filled LP tanks during summer fill and contracted for 6000 gallons @ \$ 1.13/gallon
2. Parish Life (Attached)
3. Property Team Report. (Attached)
 - a. A insurance rep is coming to review insurance claims for last years storm
 - b. Sid and Dan gave a update on the LC roofing project
4. Museum Board (Attached)
5. Endowment Board Report (Attached)
6. Cemetery Board (No Meeting)
7. Executive Board Report (No Meeting)
8. Pastor's Report (Attached)
 - a. The pastor talked about the ELCA Sanctuary Church vote
 - b. There is some interest in starting a Mom's group at the LC
 - c. Emily Peterson has been hired as the new Office Administrator

Tabled/Old Business (None)

New Business (None)

Discussion

The ELCA's decision to designate our denomination as a Sanctuary Church. Further discussion will take place at our next council meeting.

September Meeting Dates: (Tentative schedule)

Parish Life: Tuesday September 3rd @ 6:30pm

Finance: Sunday September 1st after church

Property: Tuesday September 3rd @5:30

Executive: Monday September 9th @ TBD

Council: Monday September 16th @ 7:30pm Devotions Rick Samuelson

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Report submitted by:

Rick Samuelson, Secretary

OCTOBER

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2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	September 30 7:30 PM Finance Team (due to vacations)	October 1 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours 9:30 AM Coffee with Pastor	2 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours 5:15 Faith Formation 6:15 Wed Evening worship 7:15-8:00PM Confirmation 9th	3 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours 10:00 AM Cannon Rivers Worship 1:00 PM Blood Drive	4 Pastor Out of Office	5 Pastor Out of Office
6 Pastor Out of Office 9:00 Service of Holy Communion – Dahmon Romness Officiating 9:00 Sunday School 11:30 Museum Open	7 6:30 PM Parish Life Team 6:30 Museum Board	8 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours 9:30 AM Coffee with Pastor 12:30 PM Property Committee (NEW TIME)	9 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours 5:30PM Community Dinner (No Wed Eve Worship) 7:15-8:00PM Confirmation 9th	10 9:00 – 1:00 Office Hours	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
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FIELDS OF FAITH

OCTOBER 9, 2019

John Burch Park

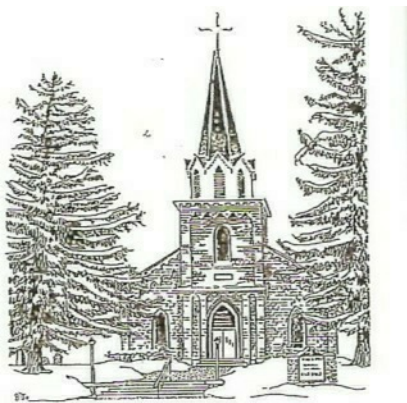
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ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.

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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

9:00 am Sundays

Christian Education

9:00-10:00 am Sunday School

At the church

September 8, thru May

Wednesday Evening Faith Formation

5:15-6:15pm Wednesdays, September-May

Vasa Lutheran Center

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Wednesday Worship and Everyday Bible Conversations

6:15pm Wednesdays June-August

Vasa Lutheran Center

Confirmation

10:30am Sundays - 7th/8th Grade

7:15pm Wednesdays - 9th Grade

Vasa Lutheran Center

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Church Staff

Kathy Tilderquist, Treasurer

Emily Peterson, Office Administrator

Melissa McCann, Custodian

Austin Ferguson, Worship Accompanist

Gail Strusz-Klein, Wedding Coordinator

Paul & Jay Mikaelson, Missionaries in LaPaz, Bolivia

Vasa Mission Statement

We the Vasa congregation, called by
God, commit to:

Worshipping together,
Growing in faith,
Serving others, and
Welcoming and loving all!



Scatter seeds
of kindness
wherever you go