



Highlights of Life at Vasa in June

June 2 - Senior Recognition

Recognition of our Senior Graduates at Worship, and New Member Sunday, as well as a celebration of Pastor Maureen's 10th anniversary of her ordination, plus fellowship and refreshments after the service.

June 6-9 - Vacation

Pastor Maureen will be on vacation, so contact the office during her absence. Dahmon Romness will bring the message during the June 9th worship service.

June 16 - Father's Day

A day of celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in our lives.

June 23 - Midsommar Festival

This annual event begins with the Swedish Pancake breakfast at Vasa starting at 9 am. Our worship will be outdoors on the lawn, weather permitting at 10:30 am. **Please bring lawn chairs for your comfort.** The tractor parade begins at Vasa with the blessing of the tractors at 11:30 am.

June 24 - 27 Vacation Bible School

~This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond"~

Vacation Bible School will occur in the mornings from 9 am to 11:30 am. Students from 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to attend, please feel free to bring a friend!

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Duane Hanson and Kevin Eckblad help put up the new flag on May 25, 2019



A Message from Pastor Maureen

On Easter Sunday most of the children had small handbells to ring every time they heard the word "Alleluia" sung or read. It was a joyous way to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The thing about bells is that even the younger children can ring a bell. The other thing about bells and young children is that they may ring those bells at unpredictable times.

Notice, I didn't say inappropriate times. Like the children ringing the bells, unpredictable is a good word to describe God's work in the world. Humans like to categorize God. Predictability makes God safer. But God really isn't safe. God is kind and good and loving but God is definitely not safe and God is certainly not predictable.

When I heard the sound of those bells my mind went to the work of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit does something big and noticeable; something that most everyone recognizes as coming from God. I would compare that to the times when all the bells are being rung as we sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!" But there are other times when the Holy Spirit does something subtle; something that is noticed by just one or two people. That's like the occasional bell that was rung throughout the entire worship service.

Both the large and the small are instigated by the Spirit for God's purposes. We are privileged to be a witness to God's action and sometimes we even get to help. But we will most assuredly need to be prepared for God's unpredictability!

As summer begins and we enter into the travel season, there will be times when you are called upon to be God's hands in the world. There will be times when the Spirit calls you to action. Trust God's nudging. Say a prayer and do that which God has called you to. One thing I know for certain, you won't regret it.

Grapes and peas to you,
Pastor Maureen



Property Updates

On Sunday, May 19, the Vasa Congregation met and voted to go ahead with the flat roof repair project on the Lutheran Center. We knew that the roof was in very bad shape, but this winter sucked the last life out of it.

The Lutheran Center is the heart of our parish life. We spend about two hours of the 168 hours in a week up in the church sanctuary. We spend the other 166 in the Lutheran Center. It's important for our congregation to keep up on the repairs and maintenance of that building.

Do you realize how much the congregation has accomplished in repair and maintenance in the last three years?

1. In 2016 the congregation used about \$110,000 from the Endowment fund to pave the parking lots.
2. In 2018 the congregation used about \$95,000 from the Willard Josephson gift to put in the Gathering area with a new handicap accessible bathroom in the church sanctuary.
3. In 2018 the roof on the gym of the Lutheran Center was replaced using insurance money with a cost of about \$66,000.
4. In 2019 we will replace the flat roof of the Lutheran Center with a cost of about \$100,000.

However, and this is a big however, we have the money to pay for this roof replacement, without going to the endowment fund OR taking out a loan. Thanks to generous estate gifts from several parishioners we will be able to cover this expense.

Now, think for a moment. This is approximately \$370,000 worth of improvements that have not placed any financial strain on the congregation! Other congregations would not have been able to handle these expenditures without serious fundraising efforts.

God has placed generous hearts in the people of this congregation. But I would also say that this is proof that God is not done with this congregation. As we continue to modify and remodel we are preparing our facility for the next generations. Just as earlier generations built this place with an eye to the generations to follow, the same is true for us. We must remain steadfast in our financial support so that Vasa's future is secure.

Pastor Maureen



Volunteers for June

USHERS

Steve Hyllengren
 Duane Martenson
 John Featherstone
 Dahmon Romness

READERS

2 Marilyn Hanson
 9 Geri Lindholm
 16 Duane Martenson
 23 Ben Norman
 30 Kathy Tilderquist

GREETER

Arleen Stahnke

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

2 Terri Mandelkow
 16 Bonnie Pagel
 30 Marilyn Hanson

COMMUNION SET-UP

Kathy Tilderquist



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

Birthdays

- 1 Andrea Hyllengren
Vanessa Parrott
- 2 Tyler Klein
- 4 Jeremiah Bauch
- 7 Ames Anderson
- 8 Kate Hart
- 10 Stella Lyden
- 13 Emily Nelson
- 14 Kent Volz
- 15 Kerry Sorenson
- 16 Wendy Anderson
Marshall Burke
Darrell Carpenter
Rosann Pearson
- 18 Jennifer Bauch
- 20 Arleen Stahnke
- 23 Morgan McCann
- 24 Lacey Hart

Don't forget to get the kids off to camp this summer! Visit the website www.goodearthvillage.org for more information or contact the church office! The church council voted to provide 75% of the cost of camp for any youth associated with Vasa. Please bring a copy of the camp registration form to the church office after your child is registered for camp in order for the remaining fee to be paid by the church. There are weekend camps for families and for grandparents with their grandkids. Check out the website!!



VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Treasurer's Report
 April 2019

For the Month of April:

Checkbook Balance, April 1, 2019	\$ 47,194.82
General Fund Contributions:	20,986.21
Total Funds Available	68,181.03
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	<u>15,334.35</u>
Checkbook Balance, April 30, 2019	\$ 52,846.68
Mission Investment Fund, Mar 31, 2019	\$110,488.59
Mission Investment Fund, Apr 30, 2019	\$110,614.82

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2019

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

Devotions: Sid Featherstone

Members present and Absent:

Present: Pastor Maureen Hagen; Greg Drewianka, President, Jim Hedeem, Vice President; Gayle Strusz-Klein; Rick Samuelson; Steve Hyllengren; Kevin Eckblad; Dan Hedeem; Sid Featherstone and Ben Norman
Ten voting members present

Unable to Attend: Geri Lindholm; Duane Hanson and Mike Carlson

Also Present: Kathy Tilderquist

Adoption of the agenda:

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 council meeting
as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

1. Treasurer and Finance Team Report (Attached)
 - a. Offering was up in March.
 - b. The average expenses for January, February and March were \$16,241 per month.
2. Parish Life (Attached)

It was moved and seconded to have the church pay 75% of the cost for kids going to summer camp at Good Earth Village.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Property Team Report. (Attached)
 - a. Looking at estimates for Lutheran Center flat roof replacement.
4. Museum Board (Attached)
5. Endowment Board Report (No Meeting)
6. Cemetery Board (No Meeting)
7. Executive Board Report (Not Available)
8. Pastor's Report (Attached)
 - a. Shelley Pohlman has resigned from the position of Office Administrator.

Tabled Business

The council discussed including the furnace and AC project for approval at a May 19, 2019 Congregational Meeting.

Old Business (None)

New Business/Discussion

It was moved and seconded to have a Congregational Meeting May 19, 2019 after church to discuss/and or approve the Lutheran Center roof replacement and furnace and AC project.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to have a special council meeting April 28th after church to review roof replacement estimates.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to have the next mission endowment payment put into the mission investment fund.

MOTION CARRIED

May Meeting Dates: (Tentative schedule)

Parish Life: Monday May 6th @ 6:30pm

Finance: Monday May 6th @ 7:30pm

Property: Tuesday May 7th @ 5:30pm

Executive: Monday May 13th @ TBD

Council: Monday May 20th @ 7:30pm Devotions Gayle Strusz-Klein

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Report submitted by:

Rick Samuelson, Secretary

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
May 19, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Greg Drewianka, Council President @ 10am

The purpose of the meeting is to approve funds to replace the flat roof at the Lutheran Center.

Dan Hedeem discussed the project and the contractors that were contacted for bids.

Greg stated that the total cost of the project with a contingency would be \$120,000.

Greg answered questions from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to move forward with the project and approve the \$120,000 request.

Paper ballots were passed out.

In favor – 53 Against – 1

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:25am

MOTION CARRIED

Report submitted by:

Rick Samuelson, Secretary



Come to Church on Sunday, June 2!

There are multiple events taking place on Sunday, June 2. We will be recognizing our high school graduates:

Dillon Anderson and Jeremy Soine

And college graduate:

Katie Skog

We will also be welcoming new members. They are:

Sasha and Bryan Diercks

Brian And Rose Lexvold.

And it is the 10th anniversary of Pastor Maureen's ordination so we will be helping her to celebrate that occasion.

Thursday, June 20., at 9:30 am.

All women are welcome for Bible study and fellowship!

WELCA = Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Tuesday AM Coffee

Please join Pastor Maureen, Tuesday mornings for coffee. This is not a Bible study or any other kind of study. It is just good fellowship. Enjoy an hour, more or less, with Vasa people, and bring other people you know who are not connected with Vasa.

Time: 9:30 am, every Tuesday

Location: Vasa Lutheran Center's Fellowship Room



Midsummer Celebration, Sunday, June 23

Please sign up to help with the June 23rd Midsummer Celebration. Sign-up sheets will be in church on Sundays & at the center during the week.

Also, you can call the church office. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Faith Life Night

Throughout the summer we will continue to have Wednesday evening worship with communion at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Center.

If you are busy on the weekend or away with travel, you are invited to join us.

Membership Update

Baptism

May 19, 2019

Anders Donald Lindstrom, son of Dustin and Megan Lindstrom

It's Time for Vacation Bible School at Vasa!!



Vacation Bible School will be held from **June 24-27** from 9-11:30am at the Lutheran Center. All children, ages 3 through 5th grade are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. **(Registration Form below)**

Students grade 6 and above are welcome to attend as helpers. We always need extra hands and eyes to supervise. Adult helpers will be welcomed also. Please contact Pastor Maureen if you can help.



Vacation Bible School Registration

Name _____

Birth Date _____ Entering Grade _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

Name _____

Birth Date _____ Entering Grade _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

Name _____

Birth Date _____ Entering Grade _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Emergency Phone _____

Health Care Phone _____

Church _____



Save your Family Fare and Econofoods receipts! We're raising money for Vasa through Direct Your Dollars

Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local **Family Fare or Econofoods** store, save your receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for **Vasa!**

To reach our goal of \$150,000 in receipts, we'll be collecting eligible receipts in our Direct Your Dollars envelope. The envelope has the DYD logo on it, and it's located at the **entrance to our Church and the Lutheran Center**. Please make sure you drop off the original receipt – that's how we earn our \$1,000 check.

If you aren't able to drop your receipts off in person, you can also mail them to **15235 Norelius Road, Welch, MN 55089**.

Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn **YOUR Family Fare and Econofoods** receipts into cash!



**Interested in the history of the area?
The Vasa Museum is now OPEN for
the Summer!**

Sundays, from 11:30am - 4pm

***Make plans to stop and
visit the Vasa Museum
this summer, staffed every
Sunday afternoon by a
knowledgeable member
of the Museum Board.***

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to those who helped with Sunday School this year. Your willingness to work with the children of the church was much appreciated!

BreAnna Hanson	Courtney Hovel
Missy McCann	Lori Hyllengren
Andrea Hyllengren	Barbara Weigman
Geri Lindholm	Andrea Gillis
Kathy Tilderquist	



HELP NEEDED

WELCA is looking for a couple of people to help make denim and flannel quilts. Two types of help are needed. One or two people are needed to cut 6-inch squares out of donated denim blue jeans. We also are looking for people who are interested in sewing a quilt using the denim and flannel. Talk to Jeannette Anderson for more details.

Mission Support 2018



[Thank You]

To the members of
Vasa Lutheran Church
Welch, MN
#2939
from the

Southeastern Minnesota Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
In grateful appreciation for giving

\$7,140

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and
churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Steven H. Delzer

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth C. Eaton

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



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Dear siblings in Christ at VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH,

THANK YOU!

Your congregation's generous financial partnership serves as a tangible symbol of our work together as a synod.

Working together, in the past year we:

- Ordained 5 new ministers of word and sacrament
- Approved 7 new candidates for rostered ministry
- Supported 23 ministry candidates across 6 seminaries
- Walked with 42 congregations in the call process
- Rejoiced as 17 congregations called a new rostered leader
- Welcomed over 500 people to a global mission focused synod assembly that, as one participant noted, "Was more like a revival than an assembly!"
- Provided for 10 congregations to take part in Stewardship for All Seasons, expanding their capacity to do God's work in their congregations and communities
- Accompanied with Bishop Delzer and Assistant to the Bishop Kathy Chatelaine as they worked on our behalf to foster deep relationships through visits to Colombia, South Sudan, and Tanzania

That doesn't even include the 48% of your Mission Support that we shared with Churchwide, allowing them to develop leaders, equip congregations, and accompany global partners on an international scale!

This all happened because of congregations like yours that financially joined us in ministry. Thank you! Your partnership in God's work is truly appreciated.

Together, we are equipping congregations and leaders to follow Jesus into a changing world!

In Christ,

Cheryse L. Brenno
Call Process & Roster Administrator
Southeastern Minnesota Synod

Sunday, June 23, 2019



VASA-SPRING GARDEN Annual Tractor Parade and Midsommar Festival

Vasa Lutheran Church
15235 Norelius Road
Welch, MN 55089

Spring Garden
Lutheran Church
10239 County 1 Blvd.
Cannon Falls, MN

VASA CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**9:00 a.m. Swedish Pancake
Breakfast at the Lutheran Center**
(free will offering)

**10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship with
the VBS Kids singing (indoors at
the Lutheran Center if it rains)**

**11:30 a.m. Blessing of the tractors
and drivers before they head out**

SPRING GARDEN CHURCH

10:00 a.m. Church Service
**11:00 a.m. Midsommar Festival
Activities Begin**

Food will be Served (Free Will Offering)

Games for the Kids!

LIVE MUSIC!

Swedish Heritage Food

Parade Departs Vasa at 11:30 a.m. & will Arrive at 12:30 p.m. at Spring Garden Lutheran Church

For Entry information, contact VSGMI Office: 507-263-0174
SPONSORED BY Vasa-Spring Garden Mutual Insurance



community grown insurance



ONLINE GIVING COMES TO VASA

Powerful giving with your Smartphone

The Vasa Lutheran Church Council has authorized the option of online giving through use of your Smartphone. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year, because you can either give one time or make a recurring gift through your phone from where ever you are. Here's what to do:

- Download the FREE GivePlus Church app on your phone (works on Apple or Android phone)
- Find Vasa Lutheran Church in the list of churches
- Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- You can log in with an account you set up or donate as a guest
- Your donation is secure through the use of a PIN, password, or Touch ID/Fingerprint if your phone has that capability

Donations go through Vanco which has historically been our site for weekly/biweekly/monthly giving. We have never had security issues with this company. This is an easy way to give. Right now, donations go into the general fund, but fund designation will be available soon. Also coming soon is the option to donate to Vasa through our web page. Watch for further announcements.



Frequently Asked Questions Concerning GivePlus Church

Where can I download the GivePlus Church app?

GivePlus Church is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app, then be sure to allow access to location services if you'd like to use the app's *Find Churches Near Me* feature.

Is the GivePlus Church app free to use?

Yes! The app is free to download and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.

How do I find my church in the app?

When you open the GivePlus Church app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church you want to give to. You can also use the *Find Churches Near Me* feature to search for churches in your area.

What payment methods can I use to donate?

GivePlus Church donations can be made with all major debit/credit cards currently accepted by your church. Use your phone's camera to quickly scan your card information or enter it manually. You can also give or pay using your checking or savings account.

Can I add to my donation to help offset processing fees?

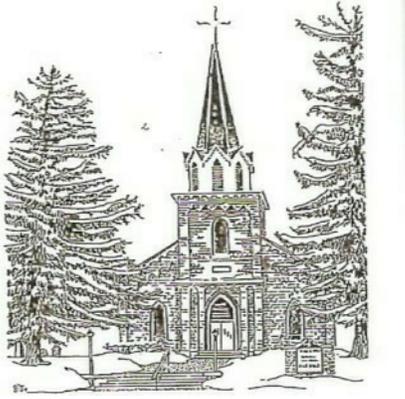
Yes. You can check a box that adds an additional amount to your donation to help offset processing fees. ~Taken from giveplus.com

June 2019

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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–will resume in September

Faith Life Night children’s classes–will resume in September

Wednesday Night Worship

6:15 pm Wednesdays
Vasa Lutheran Center

Confirmation–will resume in September

7pm Wednesdays
Vasa 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!

Scatter seeds
of kindness
wherever you go