



The Vasa Voice

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Sunday School: We continue to celebrate the many life lessons that our Bible contains. This month the children will learn about: God's greatest commandment- love, His gift to us- Jesus, the power of His Promises to us- life eternal, and meet more of the heroes in our Bible- Joseph and Mary, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and the angel, Gabriel. Sunday School meets from 9:00- 10:00, in the Lutheran Center. Please pick up your children in a timely fashion. Many thanks!

Confirmation: Pastor Tim Seitz (ninth graders) and Mo Hauck (seventh and eighth graders); we enjoy the confirmands! We thank Nick's Diner for providing a meal for our hungry teenagers! Confirmation for our ninth graders is set for November 15th at the 9:00 service.

Ages and Stages Woman's' Bible Study will be October 7th and 21st, at 9:30-11:00 at the Lutheran Center Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

Pastor Appreciation Sunday: We are so very thankful for our interim Pastor Tim Seitz. We can thank him on October 11th with a card and/or small gift. Some of his favorite things are: raspberries, salsa and chips, books, coffee and fishing. There will be a basket for cards or gifts and some oatmeal raisin cookies (his favorite).

October Birthdays

2	Edward Gruber
5	Jason Stahnke Bryan Diercks
6	Braeden Gillis
8	Jeannette Anderson Rebecca Fleming
11	Camden Smith
13	Elijah Bauch Jenna Montey Lyle Ness Judy Scripture
19	Michael Rosener
20	Cary Clemens
21	Caleb Diercks
23	Allen Peterson Ben O'Connor
24	Julia Fleming
26	Tim Carlson
27	Coty Hyllengren James Gruber
28	Murlyn Rosener
30	Dale Anderson Doris Munsen
31	Jillian Anderson

Church Council Minutes September 14th 2026

Devotions / Prayer – Pastor Tim 6 pm: Call to Order Members Present: Randy Klein, Bryan Diercks, Kent Volz, Mo Hauck, Tim Carlson, Pastor Tim Seitz.

Unable to Attend: Barbara Weigman, Chris Finne, Missy McCann, Sue Samuelson

Also Attended: Kathy Tilderquist

Reports Reviewed

1. Treasurer's Report- a. Checkbook balance \$57,174.12. Behind \$21,149.44 for 8 months of 2026.
2. Finance Report- a. Good standing in Fuel Fund b. Pam Underdahl is hired and working in the office admin position c. Quotes given to review for property insurance. i. (Discussed) – Motion + approved to have Finance make final decision of property insurance.
3. Parish Life a. Education – Ages + Stages meeting b. Sunday School started c. Confirmation classes started 7th-9th grade d. Pastoral Appreciation in October. e. Call Committee statement f. People are signing up for Family Fun Night g. Breakfast Club – Pastor Tim will do a presentation
4. Property Team Report- a. Looking into someone to do handy work in the parsonage. b. Replaced mini refrigerator c. Discussed to rent out the parsonage to power plant outage workers coming to area for outage
5. Endowment Report (NA)
6. Museum Board a. Map redone + complete b. Planning Swedish Pancake Fundraiser in October 4.
7. Cemetary Board (NA)
8. Executive Board Report (NA)
9. Pastor's Report a. First Call Committee meeting set up for September 17th b. Continues to visit to hospitals + the shut-ins c. Communicating with Synod about our pastor search + MSP October Meetings: 5th: Property @ 4:00 pm 12: Finance @ 5:00 pm, Parish Life @ 5:30 pm, Council @ 6:00 pm with Devotions by Missy McCann Adjourn: Close with the Lord's Prayer

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2026

For the Month of August, 2026:

Checkbook Balance, August 1, 2026	\$ 51,517.34
General Fund Contributions:	9,570.54
Mission Endowment Donation	13,000.00
Total Funds Available	74,087.88
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	<u>(16,913.76)</u>
Checkbook Balance, August 31, 2026	\$ 57,174.12

Income behind budget by: \$21,149.44 for 8 months of 2026

Worship Volunteers for October

Readers	
October 4th	BJ Norman
October 11th	Sid Featherstone
October 18th	Sasha Diercks
October 25th	Mo Hauck

Ushers	
October 4th	Duane Hanson
October 11th	Vicki Weckerling
October 18th	
October 25th	Rick Samuelson

Hospitality	
October 4th	Marilyn Hanson
October 11th	Marcia Featherstone
October 18th	
October 25th	Audrey Rosener

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9AM worship Communion	5	6  coffee 9:30	7 Women's Bible study 9:30-11	8	9	10
11 9am worship	12	13  coffee 9:30	14 Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00pm	15	16	17
18 9AM Worship Communion	19	20  coffee 9:30	21 Women's Bible study 9:30-11	22	23	24
25 9AM worship	26	27  coffee 9:30	28	29	30	31 Swedish pancake breakfast 9-11AM



Family Fun Night procedures have changed a little. Here is what you need to know:

1. We have the months of March and April left to sign up for—dates are March 10 and April 14.
2. When you sign up to “host” Family Fun Night, here are your responsibilities:
 - a. Determine a menu
 - b. Purchase the food (we will either get money from Thrivent for you to use, or we will use money from the Community Dinner Fund. If there’s no Thrivent card, you may need to pay for the food up front, and then we will reimburse you when receipts are provided. This can be done at the Family Fun Night you sponsor.
 - c. In order to get Thrivent dollars (\$250), you need to have some type of “education” for the kids. Hopefully we will have a pastor in place who can provide this. If not, a Bible story can be read to the kids or some type of book or speaker they would be interested in.
 - d. It would be nice to have some type of activity for the kids so they aren’t just running around. If you need an idea of what to do, talk with Deb Donath, BJ Norman, Sasha Diercks, or Kathy Tilderquist—usually someone can come up with something. Supplies for the activity will be provided. Easter is on March 28th, so March could be something related to Easter. (I think we have an Easter Bingo game here somewhere.)
 - e. Tables for serving need to be set up and cleaned up. You may need help with dishes. Reach out for help (see above names for ideas of who can help)

There were 44 people at the Family Fun Night on September 9. The menu was walking tacos and watermelon, and Lora Gruber brought cupcakes for her birthday which was that day. The kids talked about achieving peace using a short outside activity at 5:30. Because not everyone arrives exactly at 5:30, it is suggested that the education piece of the evening start at 6:45.

If you have any questions concerning sponsoring Family Fun Night, please talk to Deb or Kathy.

Oct 14: Dawn Lindstrom

Nov 11: Sue Hedeon

Dec 9: Deb Donath and Kent Volz

Jan 13: The church council

Feb 10: Ages and Stages Bible Study

March 10:

April 14:

May 12: Mo and John Hauck



OCTOBER 31, 2026

9:00-11:00AM



SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Vasa Lutheran Center

15235 Norelius Road

Welch, MN 55089



**DINE IN!
NO RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED!**

**Swedish pancakes
Sausage patties
Lingonberries**

Proceeds will be used to update our Halon fire suppression system. All donations are greatly appreciated as we continue to protect our history.





FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
MOBILEPACK™
VOLUNTEER • GIVE • CHANGE LIVES

Together we can make a difference!

MEALS • PEOPLE • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

FMSC PACK EVENT

Saturday, November 7th, 2026

Cannon Falls High School
820 East Minnesota Street • Cannon Falls, MN



PACK MEALS
Work together to make a difference.



FEED CHILDREN
Nutritious meals for kids around the world.



SHARE HOPE
Help fight hunger and change lives.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE
People of all ages can volunteer!



Meals Change Lives

TWO PACKING SHIFTS:

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Choose the shift that works for you!

Scan to Register & Donate

Register to volunteer and/or make a donation.



NOURISHING KIDS • STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES • CHANGING TOMORROWS

35th Annual Taste of Welch Bake Sale Lunch




Homemade Chicken Wild Rice Soup
Homemade Vegetable Soup
Roast Beef Sandwiches
Coleslaw
Assorted Desserts
Hot and Cold Beverages

Raffle

Beautiful Hand Tied Quilt 84"x 92" Queen
Many other items including:
Handmade wooden kid's table & bench
Gift Baskets, Gift Cards and Gift Certificates
Sign up for FREE drawings! Some Crafts available

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

24036 Co. Rd. 7 Blvd., Welch, MN
Saturday, October 10th, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm



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Thrivent Action Grants



JOIN US FOR THE

VASA BAZAAR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
9 AM - 3 PM

Crafters: Jewelry, home decor,
holiday decor, crafts, freeze dried
candy, crochet and sewn items,
homemade soaps, stain removal,
huge supply of quilting fabric, lots
of quilt kits, & quilting accessories
and more

Vendors: Norwex, Scentsy,
Animal 3D puzzles,
Pampered Chef

FOOD . BAKE SALE . VENDORS . CRAFTERS

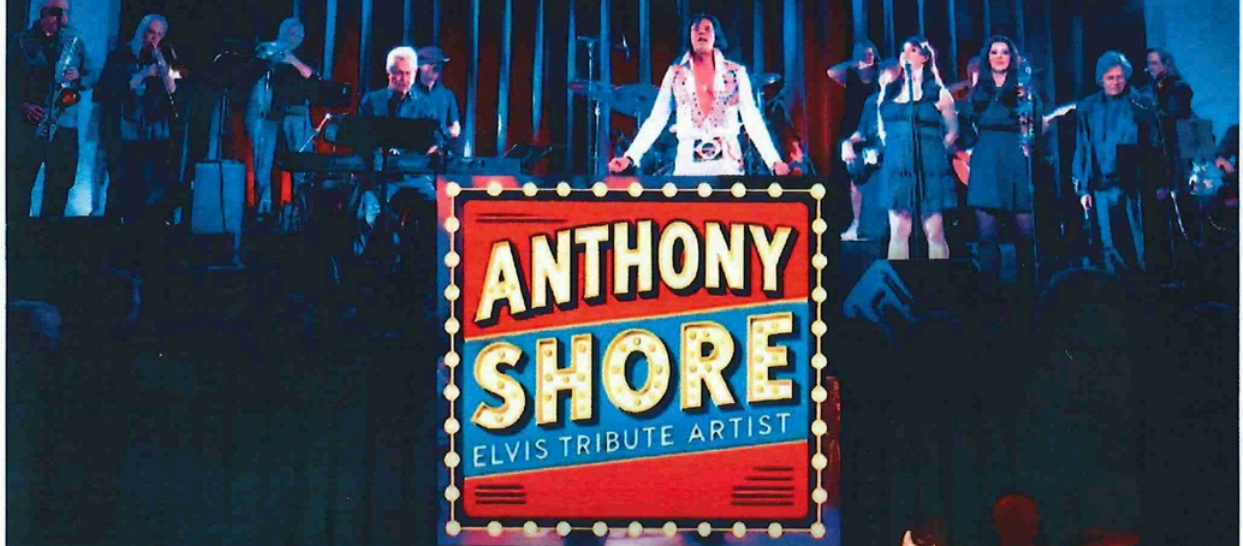
Vasa Lutheran Center
15235 Norelius Rd, Welch

Located on the
corner of Hwy 19
and Cty Rd 7, east of
Cannon Falls

ELVIS

OCTOBER 24, 3:00 PM

Cannon Falls High School Auditorium



Experience the King like never before. Anthony Shore's Elvis Tribute Show recreates the electric energy of the 1970's Las Vegas era with a massive 11-14 piece band, complete with soul-stirring strings and a powerhouse horn section. From chart-topping hits to rare fan favorites, this isn't just a tribute- it's a high-octane journey into the height of Rock 'n' Roll royalty.



Tickets: \$40 - \$45 at the door



Annual Fundraising Event for
**CANNON VALLEY
SENIOR CENTER**

Tickets also available for purchase at the CVSC office or on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.Eventbrite.com)



September 15, 2026

Vasa Lutheran Church
15235 Norelius Rd
Welch, MN 55089-4561

Together, we build a better future. Your generous donation of \$275.00 to Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity is proof! With partners like you, we're building more than homes – we're building strength, stability, and opportunity for local families.

Your gift empowers families to build equity, children to experience stable lives, and neighborhoods to improve and strengthen. Through our partnership with Habitat International, you're also building hope globally.

We're deeply grateful for your commitment to this movement. You're part of the solution to our national and regional housing crisis.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob".

Bob Hawley
Executive Director

No goods or services were provided by Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity in return for your contribution

651-327-2195

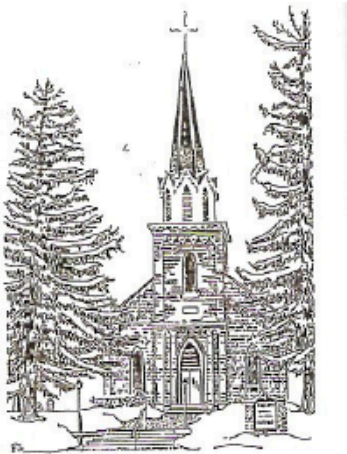
614 Plum Street, Red Wing, MN 55066

www.gchabitat.org

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)

Executive Team

Bryan Diercks, Council President	507.259.3909
Randy Klein, Council Vice President	651.212.8045
Barbara Weigman , Council Secretary	507-202-7880

Pastor Tim Seitz

pastor@vasalutheran.org

(Cell)617-710-9687

Church Staff

Kathy Tilderquist, Treasurer
Pam Underdahl, 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!