



Highlights of Life at Vasa in February

February 9 - Community Dinner

Community Dinner Drive Thru will open at 5:30. Meal reservations are due in the office by Noon on February 2.

February 27 Vasa Annual Meeting

On this Sunday our worship will take place in the sanctuary with a brief service of Holy Communion. The meeting will immediately follow, but will only consist of elections and approval of the 2021 budget. For more details, see page 8!



Lenten Worship begins on March 2

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent.

This year Ash Wednesday falls quite late, on March 2. We will have in-person worship at 7:00 in the sanctuary. The service will include an opportunity for the imposition of ashes as well as Holy Communion.

Wednesday Evening Worship will continue during Lent but will be held in the Church Sanctuary, March 2 - April 13. Anne Anderson and Emily Peterson will accompany us as we sing Holden Evening Prayer.

The Lenten worship theme will focus on the audacious "I AM" statements attributed to Jesus, found in the gospel of John. BJ Norman is coordinating the artwork that supplement and enhance our understanding of these statements.

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Pastor's Thoughts for February

Isaiah 64:8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Have any of you ever created a meal and said, "This dish needs a little something!" Then you add some salt or pepper or cinnamon to create an interesting or more flavor-filled taste. It seems to me that God our creator does the same thing. God is an artist that loves to create. But God isn't interested in producing identical people like widgets from a factory. God has a bigger idea in mind. God looks at the created being and says, "This person needs a little something special. I'm going to add a sense of humor or leadership ability or skill with financial details or people management." It is consistent with God's love for the world that this person exercise these traits in ways that benefit a family, a business or a community of faith.

When someone creates a meal there are different parts to the meal. All the parts, while individual, combine to create a pleasing total meal from salad to soup to bread to meat to vegetables to dessert. A clever chef chooses the individual parts to complement each other. When God creates a faith community God draws in individuals who add flavor to the mix. Those individuals have talents, skills, and abilities that generally complement each other.

In the 1964 television classic Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer, the characters were afraid of the abominable snowman and didn't think he had a place in their community. That is, until Yukon Cornelius showed them that the snowman was uniquely created to place the star on the top of the Christmas tree. He may have had only one job but it was an important one!

God is the potter and we are the clay. We are the work of God's hands. God added characteristics to our personality that make us unique while also shaping us to have a place in God's community. It was with joyful intent that God created each of us and we can give thanks for God's creative ability.

Stay warm and stay safe,

Pastor Maureen

VASA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Treasurer's Report	
December, 2021	
For the Month of December:	
Checkbook Balance, December 1, 2021	\$ 52,677.45
General Fund Contributions:	28,405.86
Total Funds Available	81,083.31
Budget Approved Monthly Expenses:	<u>28,926.42</u>
Checkbook Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 52,156.89
Mission Investment Fund, December 1, 2021	\$12,774.43
Mission Investment Fund, December 31, 2021	\$10,846.57

Worship Volunteers for February

USHERS

- 6 Steve Hyllengren
- 13 *Volunteer Needed*
- 20 John Feathersonte
- 27 *Volunteer Needed*

READERS

- 6 *Volunteer Needed*
- 13 Marilyn Hanson
- 20 Sid Featherstone
- 27 Marcia Featherstone




February Birthdays!

- 2 Riley Munson
- 3 Jocelyn Finne
Connor Hyllengren
Chantz Nelson
- 5 Parker Anderson
- 6 Cynthia Gianoli
- 7 Ben Norman
Michael Bauch
Elleanor Diercks
- 8 Lorrie Samuelson
- 10 Shelley Evanson
- 13 Stella Stejar
- 14 Mason Chaska
- 15 Jessica Anderson
Garrett Samuelson
- 18 Kathi Pearson
- 19 Daniel Anderson
Dora Boe
- 21 Faye Drewianka
- 22 James Anderson
Larissa Fredin
Chance Rehder
Michele Rehder
- 23 Kyle Gillis
- 24 Dawn Lindstrom
- 25 Robert Sammelson
- 26 Lucy Sense
- 27 Emmett Pearson Jr.



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





Save the date
for the annual meeting to be held on Sunday, February 27. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 for a brief worship service, and then start the annual meeting immediately after. Business will include election of new Council Members, and approval of the 2021 budget. Because of Covid, there will NOT be a meal



The next Community Dinner will be on February 9th. The menu will include: beef stew, dinner roll, orange tapioca jello salad and cake. Please RSVP to office@vasalutheran.org by Wednesday February 2nd at noon.

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 20, 2021 @Lutheran Church

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Sid Featherstone, Vice President

Devotions: Lora Gruber

Members present and absent:

Present: Pastor Maureen Hagen; Sid Featherstone, Vice President; Ben Norman; Duane Hanson; Kent Volz; Greg Drewianka; Lora Gruber; Randy Klein; Steve Hyllengren; and Andrew Featherstone, Secretary;
Ten voting members present

Unable to attend: Barbara Weigman, President; Kevin Eckblad; Missy McCann; Jessica Anderson; and Brian Diercks

Also Present: Kathy Tilderquist

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 approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 council meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports Reviewed and Accepted:

1. Treasurer's Report (Attached)
 - a. Budget is on track.
2. Finance Report (Attached)
 - a. Kent found rental agreement online and will email Andrew so he can go over the agreement at the property meeting.
 - b. Ali Peters can't find any insurance companies that will insure Vasa. She pursued one lead that would insure Vasa for \$70,000/yr. Once outstanding claims are finished we should have better results.
 - c. We will begin to train people in a few people with the finances for back up reasons.
 - d. Finance team recommended a two percent increase in pay for office staff. This wouldn't include Kathy or lawn mowing. A vote will be held at next month's meeting.
3. Parish Life (Attached)
 - a. 2022 budget will be very close to what 2021 was.
 - b. Sunday school has been working very well at Lutheran Center with one Sunday a month for intergenerational worship.
4. Property Team Report (Attached)
 - a. We received an estimate from David Grandall for work to be done on the organ. It would be anywhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000. We would have to put a down deposit of fifty percent to get on the schedule for 2025 at the earliest.

VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2021 @Lutheran Church (continued)

- a. Furnaces will need to be rebuilt in church. Rebuilding furnaces would be around \$1500.00. Matt Lindell will check for warranty for heat exchangers.
 - b. We went over 2022 budget and decided to keep the same budget as 2021.
2. Cemetery Board (N/A)
 3. Executive Board Report (Attached)
 - a. We discussed about goals for church projects.
 - b. Nomination team work and focusing on Property Team and Parish Life Team.
 4. Pastor's Report (Attached)
 - a. Long range planning is on the agenda with 7th and 8th grade confirmation, fifth grade first communion, Lenten worship themes, and 9th grade confirmation.
 5. Museum Board (N/A)
 6. Endowment Board Report (N/A)

Tabled Business:

Vasa Trail- walked backwoods and is rough with down trees and terrain. Signage for no hunting would be a good idea. It would be nice to survey land first.

Steeple Shingles-We will have to find out more from insurance company first to see what the total payout will be if we replace the steeple roof.

New Business:

Insurance claim re: cedar shakes on Museum Buildings- We have to find out more on what the insurance company is paying for all the storm damage at Vasa.

Church Furnaces- Matt Lindell will take a look at furnaces and see what he can do for the mean time to keep them going for the winter. He will rebuild them this spring when it's warmer outside.

Pastor's Salary- We went over pastor's salary and will have a vote at next month's meeting on increase.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to move January's council meeting to January 24th.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Report submitted by: Andrew Featherstone, Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

April 21 & 22



Plans are underway for the next Vasa Rummage Sale! Tell your neighbors, relatives and friends! Questions? Call Faye Drewianka - 651-212-3209!

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"...wickedly funny!"
- Mpls., Star Tribune

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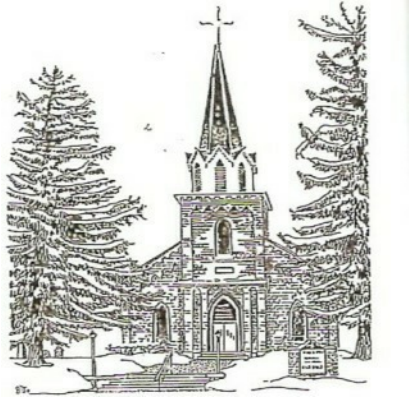
"...a sweet treat."
- Nashville City Paper



FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  9:30 Coffee & Conversation	2 NOON: Community dinner Reservations due 5:30 – Faith Formation +Confirmation 7:00pm Wednesday Evening Worship	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 9am Service of Holy Communion +Sunday School (at the LC) 10:15 Bible Study James Chpt.3	7 9:30am Property Team 5:00pm Finance Team 6:00pm Parish Life Team 7:00pm Endowment Team	8  9:30 Coffee & Conversation	9 5:30 – Faith Formation +Confirmation 5:30 – Community Dinner Drive Through OPEN 7:00pm Wednesday Evening Worship	10	11	12 Pastor's Day Off
13 9am Service of The Word + Sunday School (at the LC) 10:15 Bible Study James Chpt.4	14  Happy Valentine's Day! 5:00pm Exec Team	15  9:30 Coffee & Conversation	16 5:30 – Faith Formation +Confirmation 7:00pm Wednesday Evening Worship	17	18	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 9am Intergenerational Service of Holy Communion (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL) 10:15 Bible Study James Chpt.5	21 6:00 pm Church Council	22  9:30 Coffee & Conversation	23 5:30 – Faith Formation +Confirmation 7:00pm Wednesday Evening Worship	24	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 9am Service of The Word +Sunday School (at the LC) 9:45am Annual Meeting in Sanctuary	28	MARCH 1  9:30 Coffee & Conversation	MARCH 2  Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return. ASH WEDNESDAY	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5

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

7:00pm Wednesday Evening Worship + Everyday
Bible Conversation

Christian Education

9:00-10:00 am Sunday School (at the Lutheran
Center)

Faith Formation Night (for children through Grade 6)

5:30-6:30 Wednesdays,
Vasa Lutheran Center

Confirmation

5:30-6:30 pm Wednesdays at 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