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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July	5
6 Dennison 9:00 am Outdoor Service at Dennison Park (weather permitting)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Dennison 9:00 am Meet/Greet Pastor Peter after worship	14 Vang Council 7:00 pm	15 Dennison Council 1 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Dennison 9:00 am	21	22 Bell Steeple Project 11:00 am-12:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27 Dennison 9:00 am	28	29	30 Blood Drive at Vang 12:00 pm-6:00 pm	31		

Notes from the Interim Pastor...

Greetings from your new Interim Pastor,

I am Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff and am delighted to join all of you during this time of transition. My first day in the parish will be July 8th and am looking forward to getting to know the good members of the Dennison-Vang parish.

A little bit about me as we get started: I grew up in Breckenridge, in Northwestern Minnesota, however I have spent all my pastoral ministry in North Dakota. I am a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. During my college years, I spent summers working at Lutheran Bible camps and that is where I met my wife, Karla. We both felt called to pastoral ministry and decided to go to seminary together.

My first call as a pastor was to a five-congregation parish in Northwestern North Dakota in and around the town of Kenmare. My wife's parish was in the neighboring town of Tolley. We very much enjoyed our congregations, but as they began the process of realigning, it was time for us to move. My next call was to Carrington, in central North Dakota. Karla and I served together there for nine years. It was a congregation of 1,100 members. Our next stop was doing ministry together in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where we served as co-lead pastors of United Lutheran Church for 26 years. We decided that before we retired, we would like to help the church doing interim ministry for congregations between settled pastors. We made the decision to move to the Twin Cities to be closer to family. We have a daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter in St. Paul. My wife has started her Interim position at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. We are currently searching for a house while staying with our daughter.

After 37 years of parish ministry, I am looking forward to serving Christ's church in a setting much like where I began. My position will be $\frac{3}{4}$ time which means in my case that I will be there every Sunday, but not quite as often during the week. Part of my role is to be a good parish pastor, preaching, leading worship, teaching, visiting the sick, and working alongside congregational leaders to caring for the needs of the members. I will also be working to prepare the parish for a new settled pastor in the future.

One thing I think you should know about me as a pastor is I think we should try to have some fun together, experiencing the joy of serving our Lord Jesus in this time and place.

Peace,

Pastor Peter



REGISTER NOW!



VBS

July 20th-July 24th

It's time to enroll your kids in the best event of the Summer! Vacation Bible School with Good Earth Village at Depot Park in Kenyon! VBS is open to the community and welcomes all kids who have completed grades K - 5. To ensure the proper resources and staff, we require a \$50 fee per child to reserve a spot. As long as the child attends, our church's will cover the camp fee and the deposit will be returned to the family.

To register: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdtUNkniCaxSG.../viewform>

If any families have questions regarding the camp or fees, they should reach out to Sam Meyer (sjwickum@gmail.com) or Sarah Christensen (schristensen84@gmail.com).

VANG BELL STEEPLE PROJECT

Everyone is Invited to Come

MEET

GREET and

EAT Lunch -

Hot Dishes, Salads and Desserts (provided)



With the staff from Partners for Sacred Places

Tuesday July 22 11:00-12:30

There will be a BIG CELEBRATION in the fall when our project is completed!

Red Cross Blood Mobile Coming To Vang

There will be a blood drive at Vang Lutheran on July 30th from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Please give your blood to save lives. You can sign up online at the Red Cross or call Steve at 651-332-3583. Thanks



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

Centuries of Music

Thank you for celebrating the heritage of Vang's family and organ.



Will Quie (great-grandson of Nettie Jacobson Quie who played the Vang organ in 1916) and his band.



David deWidt & Rob deWidt



Rev. Joel Quie & Paul Fahning



Steve Bonde singing Happy Father's Day to 100 year old Paul Gerhardt Quie.

Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA)

On Wednesday, June 18th, we hosted a Bus Tour group from NAHA. They provided lunch and a guide who spoke about Vang's history. Kenny Vesledahl also shared and told a few stories about activities going on at Vang. There was also a display downstairs of artifacts that immigrants brought with them to America.



Interim Pastor Peter Coen Tuff

Interim Pastor Peter's first Worship service will be ***Sunday, July 13th, 9:00 am at Dennison***. There will be a meet/greet following the service in the basement with coffee & treats to welcome Pastor Peter.

Save the Date

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner-Saturday October 4th, 2025





July Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 6

Dennison – 9:00 AM (Outdoor Service at Dennison Park, bring lawn chair, weather permitting)

Sunday, July 13

(Meet/Greet Pastor Peter following service)

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 20

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 27

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

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