

#### Dennison-Vang Lutheran Parish

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# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Vang 9:00 am Dennison 10:30 am	8 Vang Council 7PM	9 Dennison Council 1 PM	10	11	12	13
14 Vang 9:00 am Dennison 10:30 am	15	16	17	18	19	20
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#### **Words from Pastor Peter**

For pastor types like myself, Autumn is a season of metaphors for the spiritual life, symbolizing decline and death (as leaves fall) but also the planting of new life (seeds scattering) and the promise of renewal. It is a season for thankfulness, reflection, and appreciation for God's creative beauty and presence in the world. Pastors also connect autumn to Biblical themes like harvest, God's providing, and the Christian call to die to self and surrender to God's will, trusting in the future of a new life through Christ.

#### Seeds of Hope:

Just as nature scatters seeds for future growth, see autumn as a time to plant new spiritual possibilities and trust that even from "decay", new life will emerge.

#### **Trust and Surrender:**

The falling leaves and the shortening days can be a call to embrace transformation and let go of the past, trusting God's loving care and the promise of what is to come.

#### Dying to self:

For Christians, autumn's self-giving nature is linked to the call to daily "die to self" by surrendering one's will to God.

#### God's creativity and presence:

The vibrant colors and diverse beauty of autumn are seen as a testament to God's ongoing creativity and God's sustaining presence in the world, reminding us to live with a sense of awe and wonder at our Creator.

#### Thankfulness and Harvest:

Autumn is a season of gratitude, a time to thank God for God's many blessings and to celebrate the harvest of life, memories, and accomplishments.

#### **Acceptance of Change and Transition:**

Autumn teaches the spiritual lesson of accepting and flowing with change, understanding that letting go is necessary for growth and renewal.

Embrace autumn this September with all that God provides.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

In July, Dale, First Lutheran, Holden, and Vang/Dennison partnered to provide a Vacation Bible School at Depot Park in Kenyon. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked together to make this happen and thanks to the staff from Good Earth Village, who did a great job providing the games, learning, and activities.





#### **Sunday School & Bible Gifts**

October 19th will be the first day of Sunday School along with giving Bibles out during church as well. Sunday School will then be the First and Third Sundays during worship as in the past. Families please reach out with kids and grades to Amanda Flom either by text or email - 507-649-1781 / <a href="mailto:flomamanda@gmail.com">flomamanda@gmail.com</a>. Also reach out if you are willing to help do a lesson/activity during the Sunday School time.





Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Vang. All new 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders watch for more information coming on Confirmation.

#### Vang Lutheran Church Bell Steeple Project Update

Our contractor continues to make progress on our steeple restoration. Repairs are going well and we are pleased with their detailed and quality work. So far, they have not found any unexpected problems that need to be done. We are presently working on the final report to the National Fund for Sacred Places. Do drive by the church and see the interesting work they are doing.









#### New at Vang-Acolyte, Greet, Read, Usher Sign Up

Greetings, Everyone!

We are trying something NEW!

#### WE CAN DO THIS!

#### LET'S ROCK!!

Everyone is encouraged to sign up as a worship assistant for the fall. There will be 4 options: to acolyte, greet, read, or

usher. No one person will be overseeing this list-we will all be in charge of it. The more participation, the better. Now if you sign up to greet, that is all you will be expected to do. If you sign up to usher, that is all you will be expected to do. Of course, you can sign up to do all 4 options on one Sunday! The only thing we humbly ask is that you find a replacement if you can't make it when you signed up.

The sign-up sheet will be on the podium just outside the sanctuary doors.



#### **Lutefisk Updates**

Posters are in the back of the church to grab and hang up.

Please share on Social media.

Please let a committee member know if you are unable to work or it wasn't clear what your job might be.

#### **Upcoming Dates - Help Needed**

- \*9/20 @ Vang 8 am to ?. Rolling meatballs. We are rolling and baking in 2 shifts that day. Please sign up for one shift or both.
- \*9/28 Set up/table and chair moving, right after church.
- \*9/28 Mix Fruit soup & fill cups. Make Cole Slaw syrup @1pm
- \*10/2 Mix Cole Slaw @9am

Thanks much for all your help!

Kari, Ann & Louise

# The Annual Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper Vang Lutheran Church 2060 County 49 Blvd Dennison MN 55018 Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2025



#### Menu:

Lutefisk with melted butter, Norwegian Meatballs with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fruit Soup, Lefse and Norwegian baking's

#### Join us for our annual supper, buffet style

New for 2025; Continuous seating no reservations needed: 11:00am, thru 1:00pm seating times and 4:00pm thru 6:00pm seating times.

### Home or business delivery by reservation 11:00-2:00pm/4:00pm-6:00pm

Please call 507-789-5186 (leave message) or email at vanglutefisk@gmail.com

Ticket price \$26.00 each; payments by check or cash on October 4th

#507-789-5186 vanglutefisk@gmail.com



#### 2025 Southeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church 300 East Elm Avenue Waseca, MN

### Speak Up

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Proverbs 31:8

### Keynote Speaker: Joy McElroy Cherish All Children

Registration/Coffee 8:00-9:15 am Business Session 8:15 - 9:15 am Special Project - Rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries for those not attending the Business Session. You may also visit the display tables, and enjoy coffee and troats.

Gathering Music, Welcome 9:15 am

Program follows with a message from Churchwide, Bible Study, and Keynote Speaker

Lunch — 12:00 pm

Special Music 1:00 pm followed by Report from the Business Session, Installation of Officers Closing worship Service to follow

LOVE OFFERING: Bethlehem Inn – Women's Shelter in Waseca

Come and enjoy Worship, Music, Lunch, Fellowship and Mission Displays

Forms will be available in the convention packet for each church unit which will be handed out at Spring Conventions, mailed to your church, and in the May River Channels newsletter.

REGISTRATION: \$ 25.00 per person

Questions about Registration: Contact Diane Linbo [Home: 507-634-6602 or Cell: 507-261-4141]
Other Questions: Contact Kathy Solin (507-292-0277) or bolin1948@gmail.com)
or Sharon Northouse borniniowa@gmail.com

We thank the women of Grace Lutheran and St John Lutheran churches in Waseca for hosting this year's convention!

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

#### SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION

Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church 300 Elm Ave East Waseca, MN 56093

Non-voting Member Attendee	Voting Member Attendee (Delegate
Name:	
Address:	
Phone: [ ] Cell:	( ) 1
E-mail address:	
Conference: (Circle One) Blue Earth Cannon	Minnesota Root Zumbro
Congregation:	
Address: City	Zip Code
Church Phone: ( )	
SPECIAL NEEDS: Vegetarian Diet Glute	n Free Diet Hearing Enhancement

Kasson, MN 55944

Submit one registration per person (Photocopy as needed)

Make checks payable to SE MN Women of the ELCA Registration fee is \$ 25 per person

### Everyone's Invited to our

## TURKEY DINNER

Sunday, October 26th at Dennison Lutheran Church Serving 11:00am-1:00pm

Menu: Turkey Roast, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Pies

Adults \$13.00 • Children \$5.00 Children Under 5 Years Free Take Out Available

Call Ahead or Text Your To Go Orders 507-645-6042

