



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 2025

Monthly Events

April 5

Rummage Sale



April
3, 10, 17, 24
9:30 AM
Bible Study

April 11 & 14

Food Shelf

9:00am—

12:15pm

12:00pm—

3:15pm



April
2, 16, 30
@4:00

Confirmation

April 13



April 15

6:30 pm Council

6:00 pm Teams

April 17



MAUNDY
Thursday

April 18

GOOD
FRIDAY



April 20



Greetings in the name of our Lord.

"Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." This is the traditional gospel acclamation used during Lent.

It is almost impossible not to see and hear how broken, out-of-control, crazy, and unloving things are in our country today, and I know I'm not alone in seeing it. This got me thinking about what it may have been like to live during the Great Depression. I only have the stories my parents told of my grandparents having the bank foreclose on their farm during the dirty thirties, forcing them to move halfway across the country in the hope of finding work. I wonder if some of the fears we're experiencing today may have similarities.

When faced with uncertainty and fear, how best do we deal with it? We could try pulling ourselves up by the bootstraps, though I'm not sure that is as helpful today as it might have been in the 1930's. What we do have in common is a gracious and merciful God who does care about our fears and uncertainties. We have a community of faith that welcomes, loves, and cares about what is happening.

However, the question we must ask ourselves is, have we, in our prayers, invited God to walk with us in our fears? Have we unloaded the anxiety we're carrying inside, or are we allowing it to multiply a hundredfold? Can we allow our faith in the one true God to be our strength and peace? Are we reminding ourselves and each other of the words of St. Paul, 'I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me?' (Philippians 4:13)

Though we may not want to hear it, our getting through this time of brokenness, out-of-control, and unloving times will depend on our willingness to invite God in and trusting God is working through many individuals to bring order out of the crazy. If there was any time in recent history when we should be down on our knees (figuratively speaking) praying, it is now. If you are willing to pray, inviting God's help with your fears and anxiety, I believe God will work wonders in your life, fulling you with the peace that passes all understanding.

So, I say we have at least two choices today, let the brokenness, break you down, allow anxiety to multiply within you, or invite God's help, letting love and peace fill your hearts, minds and spirits. Can I get an Amen?

Let us pray! Pastor Terry

*New Salem Lutheran Church is a Community of Christians having a mission to serve others through **Hospitality** and **Caregiving** and inviting all people into a life-giving relationship with Jesus through worship and discipleship.*

Meet your 2024-25 New Salem Council

President: Rick Bogart

Vice Pres: Eric Medberry

Secretary: Calli Ferdig

Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

Graig Gilbertson Nora Illies

Sonya Kraft Fred Sanford Bob Wagner

Council meets at 6:30 on the 3rd Tuesday
of each month.

Join our Ministry Teams

Worship & Music

Youth & Education

Building & Grounds Stewardship & Outreach

Teams meet at 6:00 on the same evening.



Saturday, April 5th

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

8 am—2PM

Bag Sale during the last hour.

Helpers are needed all of the week
before and the day of the sale. See
the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 13 Palm Sunday Service @ 9:30 am

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm

April 18 Good Friday service @ 6:30 pm

April 20 EASTER Sunday service @ 9:30 am



Readings for MARCH

APRIL 6: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

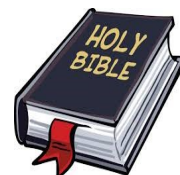
APRIL 13 **Palm Sunday**: Luke 19:28-40, Procession with Palms; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 — 23:56

APRIL 17 **Maundy Thursday**: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1
Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

APRIL 18 **Good Friday**: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42

APRIL 20 **EASTER**: Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25 {alternate}; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

APRIL 27: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31





New Salem Council Minutes March 18, 2025

Present: Pastor Terry, Eric Medberry, Calli Ferdig, Sue Rosselet, Sonya Kraft, Nora Illies, Graig Gilbertson, Bob Wagner, Fred Sanford **Absent:** Rick Bogart **Congregational Officers Present:** Vice President: Eric Medberry, Secretary: Calli Ferdig, Treasurer: Sue Rosselet
The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Eric.

Devotion – Pastor Terry - next month will be Sue.

Approval of the March 18th, 2025 Meeting Agenda:

Sonya moved to approve the agenda; Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the February 18th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Nora moved to approve the previous minutes; Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm; Good Friday, April 18th at 6:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 20th at 9:30am Finished synod racism training, a six-week program required every three years. Seeking ways to be more involved with our mission partners. Continue to take next steps and be more active in the community.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Rosselet:

Offering counters sign-up sheet. Nora offered to count all Sundays in April. Income exceeded expenses for February. Annual property insurance was paid recently, putting the expenses greater than income so far in March. February benevolence for The Bemidji Community Food Shelf was \$1,385. Continue to monitor monthly electric bill, propane, and plowing expenses through winter. Report was accepted and filed.

Old Business:

Social Media position: Nora was the only applicant who submitted a letter of intent for the position. A formal interview has been waived since she has already begun work and has proven her ability. Bob motioned to accept Nora's application and appoint her as our Social Media Coordinator, Graig seconded, motion carried. Nora abstained her vote in the matter.

New Business:

Give Traci permission to assist with counting offering Traci is helpful and knowledgeable on the matter of counting offering. Graig moved to give Traci permission to assist with counting offering with the requirement that a Council member must count the cash, both Council member and Traci must sign worksheet and deposit slip, Nora seconded. Motion carried.

Seeking individual(s) to be responsible for organizing spring and fall clean up. Bob will reach out to Jon Severson to ask if he will lead this again. No date set yet, ideally to be completed in the month of May.

It was brought to our attention that some trees are getting too close to the power lines and need to be removed. The electric company would cover the cost of the tree removal. Tree removal will be completed sometime this spring. Each Team should have a liaison member to report updates to and from the full Council. Council members are encouraged to recruit individuals to be involved on Teams, with hope to become more active and involved in leadership roles. Council liaison members are as follows: Worship and Music: Sue and Sonya. Stewardship and Outreach: Nora and Fred. Building and Grounds: Bob and Rick. Youth and Education: Calli and Graig.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Sonya is researching songs to present to the Worship and Music Team including Cheryl, Traci and Analise. Sonya requests input from the Team. Congregation members are always invited to submit hymns if they would like.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora created a half page sheet for new visitors to help collect information. She actively tries to collect their information after service and follows up with a midweek email. Good response so far.

Youth and Education: 2024 total for Noisy Offering will be split per the following: \$500 to Backpack Buddies, \$500 to Bemidji Community Food Shelf, \$500 to purchase youth outdoor activities at church, and the remaining \$331.41 will be put towards an Amazon gift card for Evergreen Youth to purchase art supplies, per their request.

Day Camp is scheduled for August 11-14, 2025. Pathways will be here again to assist with worship, games, and activities.

Chest freezer. The service group has decided that the chest freezer in the storeroom is no longer needed, and it has been donated to Village of Hope.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm. Teams will meet at 6 pm.

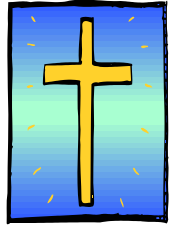
Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

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*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission Partner
April 2025
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Bemidji*



Mission: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a welcoming grace-filled campus community where everyone is invited to explore faith, deepen relationships and serve our neighbors.

Vision: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a centering place for students to connect with God and each other. Rooted in God's infinite grace, we invite opportunities to be curious about faith, engage in service and grow deeper in relationships. We are committed to welcoming everyone while integrating faith and life to belong and feel both safe and challenged as we learn and journey together.

CORE VALUES

Acceptance

Belonging

Relationship

Connection

Contribution

Faith

Your support makes a big difference. Visit us at
1221 Birchmont Dr. NE
on the BSU Campus
www.lcmbemidji.org

Lutheran Campus Ministry is connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)! We're a part of one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. The ELCA is a church that has a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Grace is the hope, forgiveness, joy and new life that is always, always available to us in God. We believe one of the ways grace announces itself in our lives is through faith. For us, faith comes through hearing the good news of God in Jesus:

- **We are loved unconditionally by the Holy One who created us!**
- **God has promised to meet us and be with us in hard times as well as good ones!**
- **We get to see, feel, hear and know God in stories of scripture, in our faith communities and relationships with people around us!**
- **In baptism our liberation & salvation are assured so we have been set free to love and serve our neighbors!**
- **It's because of God in Jesus that we are called into the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world!**

God's Work, Our Treasure—APRIL 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Lutheran Campus Ministry Bemidji**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry.

You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **LCM-Bemidji**



New Salem Service Group Minutes

Sunday, March 9, 2025

B Olson called the meeting to order at 11:00 am, welcomed everyone and introductions were given. Eleven members were present.

- **Secretary's Report** of January 2025 meeting was not available.
- **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Karin Snortland. There is about a \$275 balance with a \$1000 in reserve. Trays and bags for upcoming Bake Sale/Rummage Sale were ordered. A note placed on the kitchen refrigerator indicated needs for the kitchen. Karin will purchase them.

Email thanks were sent to Nedyne Gustafson for doing St Patrick's centerpieces for the fellowship hall. Thank you notes were received from Food Shelf and United Way. Reminder that extra paper towels are stored in the labeled drawer in the kitchen island.

Old Business

- Booth Rental Revenue: Council voted to provide ½ of the revenue from booth rentals at the Fall Bazaar to the Service Group.
- Sunday School Rooms cleaning: Hailey Mack volunteered to clean the Sunday School rooms
- Service Group Coordinator is needed.
- Funeral Event Leader for Feb.-April is needed. Sue Rosselet is available to help from May-January.

New Business

- Rummage Sale is April 5th. Sign up sheet is available on sign up table,. Fliers promoting the event were distributed to be posted. Set up is Sunday, March 30th after church. Ardis Hofstad agreed to chair the Rummage Sale. Karyn and Ardis will be available Sunday/Monday...3/30 and 3/31 on site to help coordinate set up. Food for lunches will be available for the volunteer workers.
- Large Freezer. After discussion Donna moved to donate or sell it. Ardis seconded and motion carried.
- Two sewing machines/irons. After discussion there was consensus to sell one machine for \$1 and keep the second sewing machine, iron and ironing board at this time.
- Weights in storage. Group agreed to make weights available to congregational members if they want them.
- Wicker baskets: Donna noted that there are several wicker baskets available to sell on the rummage sale.
- Adopt a Highway. We have a commitment to clean a 2 mile stretch. Spring date to be determined.
- Prayer Shawls: Dar Moen has been busy making them. They are available to share. Let the office know if you want to share one.
- Treats in the Freezer. After discussion it was decided to have people serving coffee bring treats that day, rather than having them stored in advance.
- Baptismal Blankets: We are looking for someone to make them.
- Meeting adjourned. Karin moved to adjourn the meeting, Ardis seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Danielson, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: To be determined

Devotions at the Next Meeting: Karin Snortland, if available





Thank you to all who supported the Birthday Bag Ministry for the Food Shelf! Together, we made **149** birthday bags that will be handed out to families during their birthday month. Your generosity boosts morale and helps people on the margins feel important. Thank you for making a difference in our community, one bag at a time! New Salem Church is a wonderfully generous family of faithful servants, much appreciated by our community partners

New Salem's volunteer shifts in April:

Friday, Apr. 11, from 9:00 – 12:15

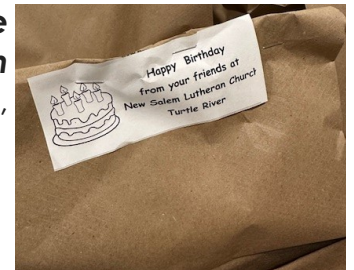
Monday, Apr. 14, from 9:00 – 12:15 Monday, Apr. 14, from 12:00 – 3:15

Do you have a friend, neighbor, relative, or associate who's looking to become involved in volunteering? Send them to me to see how easy and non-committal this fulfilling ministry is! 612.940.7312, ksnortland5@gmail.com

A reminder that donations are welcomed in the basket next to the double doors in the narthex. Please note only one-dozen egg cartons are used at the food shelf (not 18-ct.). When donating items that require other ingredients to make (brownie mix, pancake mix, etc.), please consider donating those other ingredients, too.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." President Franklin Roosevelt. Together, we can, and are, making a difference where we live.

In His Service,
Karin Snortland
Council of Churches Representative



During 2024, our kids collected \$1,830 from Noisy Offerings. Here's how they chose to share those funds with others:

\$500 to Backpack Buddies
\$500 to the Bemidji Food Shelf
\$380 to Evergreen Youth & Family Services
\$500 for youth activities at church

The kids hope to also help with some of the packing of the backpacks.



New Salem Land Acknowledgement

New Salem Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe, Assiniboine, & Dakota people[s], and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous sisters and brothers who have and continue to call this land their home.

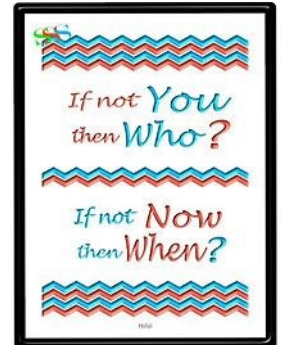


The Service Group Needs a President

The New Salem Service Group is once again in search of a President/leader. This volunteer position is open to all women and men – perhaps there's a couple in the congregation that would like to take on this project?

Note that there is a dedicated Treasure and a dedicated Secretary. Plus others have stepped into leadership roles for the main activities of this Group, such as the Rummage Sale, the Fall Bazaar, the Funeral Coordinator, and stocking the kitchen supplies, so the President has plenty of willing help. Also, the men and women of the congregation are terrific at volunteering to help on the various activities. The Group usually meets every other month on the second Monday.

For more information and a list of responsibilities, please contact interim leader Karyn Lutz at lutz@paulbunyan.net or 218-280-7488.

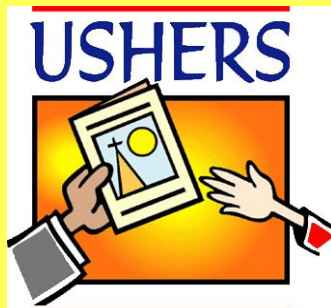


YOU are an Important Part of New Salem
Volunteer to assist with some part of worship!
Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience
for Everyone!



**We need
YOU!**

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.
Instructions are available as needed.

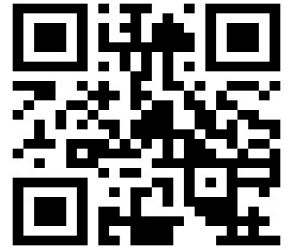


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Yes, collection plates are still passed during service!

You can use your phone to scan this QR code.

It'll take you to a secure Vanco page where you can quickly and easily make your donation. This can be a regularly scheduled or a one time donation.



Or, if you're at your computer, you can simply click on (or copy & paste) this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z88A> (ctrl-click) to get to the same Vanco site.



General Fund

Support the general operations of our congregation.

Donate

The General Fund supports the everyday operations of our church. It pays salaries, the mortgage, the utilities, the routine costs of operation as we share the Good Word with our neighbors.

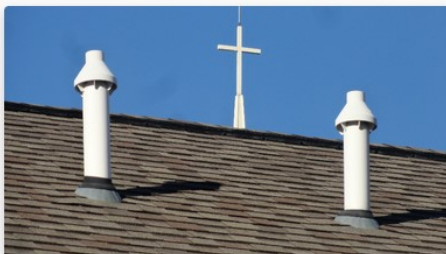


Mission Partners

Donation for Mission Partners. Help causes such as hunger, homelessness, and other needs in our community and society.

Donate

Each month, our Stewardship Team designates a Mission Partner to support with our "second mile" giving. These are organizations that help our neighbors within our community or help ELCA efforts like disaster relief.



Building Fund

Even a house of God sometimes needs repairs!

Donate

The Building Fund supports the repair and maintenance of our church building, which was completed in January of 2005. Just like our own homes, regular upkeep is essential.



New Salem Service Group

Women and men of New Salem united in their efforts to serve the needs of our church and our community.

Donate

This dedicated group sponsors events like an annual rummage sale and an annual craft sale. They also serve at funerals. Funds raised are dispersed back into the community.



to all of you who are currently using Vanco to make donations to the mission of New Salem. Your support is much appreciated.

Life is busy for all of us and giving electronically can help simplify that. Whether you join us in-person or online, **YOU are Welcome** and a part of our New Salem family. Vanco makes it safe and easy to support our mission.