



August 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30 AM



#### Food Shelf

August 8: 9:00—12:15

August 11: 9:00—12:15  
12:15—3:15



#### August 6

Concert at noon featuring  
our New Salem Musicians  
Luncheon follows 12:30



#### Church Council

August 16 6:30 PM  
Team Meeting 6:00 PM



August 11-14  
9:30-3:00

## NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Prayer, the solution to stress

Beloved and Holy People of God,

In today's fast-paced world, stress and worry can often overwhelm us, they are one of the great destroyers of our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Our lives are filled with stress and worry, sometimes over quite small things, as well as the big issues we see and experience. We stress and worry about things in our personal lives we feel are out of our control, somehow hoping if we worry, we will gain some level of control. Stress and worry seem to be the acceptable response to our struggles or when we are short on hope things will change.

In the story of Abraham, found in Genesis 18:20-32, we see an example of how to prayer. Abraham is stressing and worried for the faithful people in Sodom and Gomorrah, as God is going to assess if the city should be destroyed due to their unfaithfulness. Abraham's response is prayer, asking if God will spare the city if there are as few as 10 faithful people, which God promises. Abraham prayed believing in the faithfulness of God, knowing God is faithful to God's promises.

This story about Abraham is the solution to our stressing and worrying: going to God with our worries and trusting that God will hear and respond. When we pray, we need to remind ourselves that if we try to tell God how to answer, we may be disappointed, because God's faithfulness includes answers that are best for us.

Similarly, Jesus teaches us about the importance of prayer in Luke 11:5-13. He says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened." Then He uses the example of a parent giving to their child what is best for them.

When we are stressed or worried, I believe our prayers should be to put the situation into God's hands, then ask for God to show us HOW to deal with the stress or WHAT we need to be doing. This prayer, like that of Abraham's, comes from a place of faith, trusting that God is present and knows what is best. We are also asking God to get us moving.

As William Barclay wisely noted, "Worry about the future is wasted effort, and the future reality is seldom as bad as the future of our fears."

Ultimately, by placing our worries in God's hands and seeking His guidance, we can find peace amidst life's uncertainties. Take your stress and worries to the Lord in prayer, trusting in God's loving presence and help.

Blessings and Peace, 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.*



## New Salem Council Minutes of July 15, 2025

**Present:** Pastor Terry, Eric Medberry, Calli Ferdig, Nora Illies, Graig Gilbertson, Sue Rosselet, Fred Sanford

**Absent:** Sonya Kraft, Bob Wagner

**Congregational Officers Present:** President: Eric Medberry, Treasurer: Sue Rosselet, Secretary: Calli Ferdig

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Eric Medberry.

**Devotion** – Graig, August will be Terry, September will be Fred.

**Approval of the July 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda:**

Nora moved to approve the agenda. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of the June 17th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Pastor's Report:**

Outdoor worship at Three Island, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Tasks were assigned at the last meeting. Mike Naylor will help lead music.

**Financial Report:**

June was a good month. Nothing out of the ordinary, no concerns noted.

CD renewal, 7/7/25 at 3.66%.

The report was accepted and filed.

**Old Business:**

Playground update: Youth and Education Team will organize the installation of additional equipment including accessible swing and tether ball. Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Meet at church to dig holes and pour concrete. Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening to finish installation of the swing. Pr Terry will use Menards rebate to purchase concrete. Anyone welcome to come and help.

Parking lot update: The parking lot is paved. Line painting is TBD.

**New Business:**

Filling of Rick Bogart's remaining term on council, until January 2027. No new nominations, table for August meeting.

Filling of Vice President position. Graig nominated Nora for VP role until January 2026, Calli seconded. Motion carried.

**Team Reports**

Worship and Music: Sue: Sonya continues to do great work in researching and choosing worship music.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora: Committee meets next month. Benevolence to Boys and Girls Club and Evergreen were paid.

Building and Grounds: Pr. Terry: Parking lot is paved, lines to be painted coming soon. Need to refresh the paint on current handicap spaces.

Youth and Education: Calli/Eric: Sunday school after communion continues when children are present. Team will meet soon to finalize details for Day Camp in August. Birthday bags and potluck on Wednesday. More to come. Playground update: see above.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 pm. Teams will meet at 6 pm.

**Adjournment/Lord's Prayer:** Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.



Summer is in full swing, and the food shelf is busier than ever! In June we provided 75,643 pounds food for 3,480 individuals living in 1,112 households, 91 of them first-time users. What an impact the food shelf has on our community!



Due to the storm damage to the food shelf farm, produce is very short supply. If you have a garden and find yourself with extra produce, please remember the food shelf. Our clients appreciate fresh produce and your generosity.

**Here are opportunities to serve in August:**

Friday, August 8, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, August 11, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, August 11, from 12:00 – 3:15

**Contact Karin to join the fun! 612.940.7312,  
ksnortland5@gmail.com**

“Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale, and it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds. It changes the odds.” Thank you for your service to this worthy cause!

Donations are always welcome. Simply drop them 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.

In His Service,  
Karin Snortland      Council of Churches Representative

**Social Event on Sunday, August 24th, from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Food Shelf! This event will be open-house style, so people are welcome to drop by as they are able. There will be live music, a prize drawing, and ice cream! Always a fun event. Plan to stop in.**

**Readings for AUGUST**

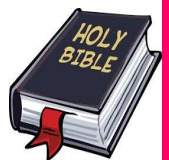
AUGUST 3: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

AUGUST 10 : Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

AUGUST 17: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56

AUGUST 24: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

AUGUST 31: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14







**Newly Blacktopped Driveway**



**Preparing to install the accessible swing in the play area**



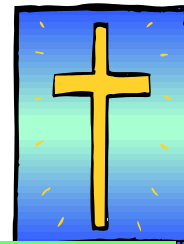
**Items for Birthday Bags:**  
Drop off before August 13th:  
cake mixes, full-sized  
frostings, birthday napkins,  
birthday candles



Join us Wednesday, August 13th for a congregational potluck at 6:00 and then help fill Birthday Bags . This is an all congregational event!



*New Salem's  
Highlighted  
Mission Partner  
August 2025*



## Our Vision

A community free of domestic violence in which safety is a basic human right.

## Our Mission

To provide crisis shelter, victim-center advocacy and supportive services for victims of intimate partner violence.

NBWS provides emergency crisis shelter and advocacy to victim/survivors of intimate partner violence; this includes shelter services to women and their children and short-term safe housing to men and their children. Crisis shelter is temporary, short term housing. With the crisis shelter and safe housing services, NBWS provides emotional support, meals, items to meet basic needs (personal hygiene products and clothing), and transportation.



**Dignity**



**Safety**



**Inclusiveness**



**Knowledge**



**Stewardship**

NWBS provides items to individuals and families that are often starting over with little or no personal items. We welcome donations of items from individuals or groups. The wish list below is intended to help give ideas for items that NWBS goes through fairly regularly and other items that are nice to have on hand.

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| • Bath towels                            | • Kids new toys                | • Outdoor Activities                   |
| • Washcloths                             | • Wall stickers for kids' room | • Coffee maker                         |
| • Hand towels                            | • Hangers                      | • Crock Pot                            |
| • New shower curtain and hooks (12 sets) | • Couch                        | • Air fryer                            |
| • Hard Floor Vacuum                      | • Chair                        | • Small Microwaves (12)                |
| • Vacuum                                 | • TV's (11)                    | • Mini Fridge (12)                     |
| • 2 Dining room table set                | • TV Mounts (12)               | • Big TV (Living room)                 |
| • 2 Kids table and chair set             | • Dish washer                  | • Bedroom black out curtains (12 sets) |
| • Toy Box                                | • Washer & Dryer               | • Twin XL sheets                       |
|  | • Range (Stove)                | • Kids Play Rug                        |

### ***God's Work, Our Treasure—AUGUST 2025***

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter (NBWS), 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 NBWS

<https://www.mnshelter.org>

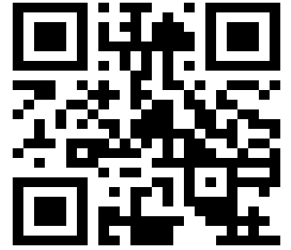


Do you know that you can support the mission of New Salem electronically?

Yes, collection plates are still be 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 part of our New Salem family. Vanco makes it safe and easy to support our mission.