



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2025

Monthly Events

February
2



February
6, 13, 20, 27
9:30 AM
Bible Study



February 10 & 14
Food Shelf
9:00am—
12:15pm
12:00pm—
3:15pm



February 5 & 19
Confirmation

February
14



February 17



February 18

6:30 pm

Council

CHURCH
COUNCIL

6:00 pm

Teams



Pastor's
Message

Friends in Christ.

It's common for a song or jingle to pop into my head unannounced, and I break out in song. This camp song runs through my head as I write; maybe you know it?

(Chorus). We are the church, the body of the Lord; we are all God's children, and we have been restored.

1. The church is not a building where people go to pray; it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay. (Chorus).
2. You can go to worship, but you cannot go to church; no matter how you search, you can't find a building that's alive. (Chorus).
3. The church is not a business, a committee, or a board; it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord. (Chorus).
4. **The church is the people living out their lives, called, enlightened, and sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ. (Chorus).**

As the people of God, the church of Christ, our mission is to have our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect Christ's light for the world to see. It's not always easy being Christ's light in the world because there's so much darkness trying to drown it out. We may, at times, find it easier to turn down our light to protect ourselves from the overwhelming power of the darkness, which means we are fully human.

Mathew 5:15: "People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house."

My first thought about the world in 2025 is that darkness is becoming overpowered, which fills me with the desire to let the light of Christ shine brighter. I call you and all believers to let the light shine bright.

"This little light of mine, I'm goin' let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm goin' let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm goin' let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin' let it shine (repeat)"

Together, listening to the call to let Christ's light shine in and through our lives, the darkness becomes less dark. The light of love and grace will shine bright for all to see. As Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim freedom to the poor and oppressed, we, too, are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the light and love of Christ in the world.

Blessings, Pr. 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.



We will be collecting items for our next round
of **Birthday Bags for our Food Shelf.**



We need **cake mixes**
(white, yellow,
chocolate), full-sized
containers of **frosting**
(chocolate, vanilla,
Funfetti), and luncheon size birthday **napkins**.

We have enough bottles of oil and candles.

Watch for sales, start collecting cakes, frosting
and napkins. Bins are in the narthex.

We'll be assembling bags in March.



Confirmation

Sunday

February 9th

We will be
confirming four of our youth.

Halle Hofstad, Cameron Knott,

Landon Knott, Sam Young

Please be there to celebrate with them.



Saturday, April 5th

has been set as the date for our

Spring Rummage Sale

You can start bringing items

on March 30th

Watch for announcement about how

YOU can help.

Food Shelf Help Needed

We need receptionists.

Let Kathy, Interim Volunteer
Coordinator, know if you are
interested in doing this. Duties
include: answering phone and
transferring calls, welcoming
clients, directing flow, making
coffee, etc. There is no computer
work involved in this position. Shift
times for this position are:

AM 9:30-12:30, PM 12:30-3:30

Call: 218-444-6580



**Service Group -- next meeting will be Sunday March 9th after worship
and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Readings for FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

FEBRUARY 9: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 16: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 23: Genesis 43:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38





New Salem Council Minutes January 21, 2024

Present: Pastor Terry, Eric Medberry, Sue Rosselet, Fred Sanford, Dave Johnson, Calli Ferdig,
Rick Bogart, Graig Gilbertson, Bob Wagner

Absent: Karin Snortland,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rick.

Congregational Officers: President: Rick Bogart, Vice President: Fred Sanford, Secretary: Eric Medberry,
Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

Devotion - Eric - next month will be Bob

Approval of the January 21st, 2025 Meeting Agenda: Dave moved to approve the agenda; Sue seconded
Motion carried.

Approval of the December 17th, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Calli moved to approve the previous minutes; Bob
seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor feels we are being called to find more ways to grow our ministry
 - Reaching out to senior members who can't always attend church
 - Improving our welcoming of visitors or new members
 - Continue to listen for more ways that we can improve
- Resumed confirmation classes in January
 - February 9th, 2025 will be Confirmation Sunday

Treasurer's Report: Sue Rosselet: ● December was a fantastic month - giving surpassed \$40,000
● Income - Giving for the first two Sundays was \$7,989.56 ● Payroll has already been paid this month
○ We are even so far for the month ● Noisy Offering has been completed (\$1,830.41) and Youth &
Education needs to decide where to donate the funds. ● Recommend to make annual payments for Amazon
Prime and Zoom and pay property insurance in the full as soon as we know the amount
● YTD we have an opportunity to be in the black ● Report was accepted and filed

Old Business: None

New Business: ● Discussion about adding an official social media person

- Bob and Calli would be willing to write up a position description

● Replace torn flags

- They have been ordered

● Consistency in counting offerings; finding a way for more concise counting and easy way.
● Congregational Annual Meeting - January 26, 2025 Potluck following

- Council election: Sue Rosselet - completing first three-year term - eligible for re-election to a second term
- Dave Johnson— completing second three-year term; Karin Snortland - completing Jon Severson's term - does not wish to stand for election

Nominations for council ■ Sue Rosselet ■ Nora Illies ■ Sonya Kraft

Team Reports None

Next Meeting: ● Next meeting is Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.
○ Teams will meet at 6 pm.
Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: ● Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm





Fun & games & pizza



On a very cold January 20th



The 2025 Black History Month theme, **African Americans and Labor**, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor’s role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people’s work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. The 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

Africans were brought to the Americas to be enslaved for their knowledge and serve as a workforce, which was superexploited by several European countries and then by the United States government. During enslavement, Black people labored for others, although some Black people were quasi-free and labored for themselves, but operated within a country that did not value Black life. After fighting for their freedom in the Civil War and in the country’s transition from an agricultural based economy to an industrial one, African Americans became sharecroppers, farm laborers, landowners, and then wage earners.

The theme intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people’s work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. Like religion, social justice movements, and education, studying African Americans’ labor and labor struggles are important organizing foci for new interpretations and reinterpretations of the Black past, present, and future. Such new considerations and reconsiderations are even more significant as the historical forces of racial oppression gather new and renewed strength in the 21st century.

<https://asalh.org>



New Salem Service Group Sunday January 19, 2025

Present: Karyn Lutz, president, B. and Roger Olson, Stu and Sue Rosselet, Dora Lee Souder, Shelly and Bob Quinlan, Marge and Gary Danielson, Ardis Hofstad, Hailey Mack, Paster Terry Hagensen and Joy Johnson, secretary, B Olson made coffee.

As worship service had just concluded, there was no additional devotion.

The minutes from the October 14th meeting were reviewed, a motion made to approve by Sue Rosselet, seconded by B Olson, and motion carried.

The treasurer's report indicated in December there were disbursements for staff gifts, craft show fees and kitchen items, leaving approximately \$4400 for distribution today. The treasurer's report was received for filing.

Old Business

The group thanked Hailey Mack for preparing Christmas bags for youth. There was extensive discussion regarding the Fall Bazaar. There was a motion by B Olson, seconded by Ardis Hofstad, to allow the 4-H club to continue to have a free booth. Also, it was determined that there is no reason to separate funds from each of New Salem sponsored events, or to count tickets associated with each raffle item. There was discussion about the need for more help with the last hour or so of the raffle. New Salem craft sales were significantly down over the prior year, but it was decided to keep the craft sale component and increase visibility and awareness. B Olson also suggested there be planned events around group crafting to garner support. Hailey Mack offered to assist in promotion and marketing of this. Sue Rosselet brought up that half the proceeds from outside vendor booths had gone into the NSLC general fund when the initial decision was all would be transferred. The consensus was that the other would be transferred, consistent with the original decision. That brought the amount available today for charitable giving down to approximately \$4200. Discussion occurred around signage, both at New Salem booths and at the entrance, stating that all proceeds go to local community charities. There was no date chosen for the 2025 Fall Bazaar but it was consensus that it be early November, avoiding other major craft events.

• New Business

- Distribution of funds for local charities was discussed and recommendations heard. Sue Rosselet made a motion, seconded by Ardis Hofstad to give \$1000 to the Food Shelf, People's Church, and The Nameless Coalition, \$500 to DAV and United Way, and \$200 to Lutheran World Relief, where there may be matching funds. Motion carried.
- Prayer shawls are ready for the four confirmation students and Paster Terry will do the presentation February 9th .
- Ardis Hofstad agreed to lead the efforts for New Salem's rummage sale on April 5th .
- There was consensus to change the service group meeting time to after Sunday worship services.
- A kitchen cleaning date will be decided at the next meeting, on March 9th .

Meeting adjourned.





It may be bitterly frigid outside, but the atmosphere is warm and welcoming in the food shelf. Have you seen the new freezers that were recently donated? Come check them out!

Final numbers are in:

Total 2024 vs. 2023

Individuals Served:

- 2024: 42,531 (12% increase)
- 2023: 37,519

Households Served:

- 2024: 13,576 (13% increase)
- 2023: 11,913

Pounds of Food Distributed:

- 2024: 961,995 lbs.
\$1,731,591.00 Value 22% increase
- 2023: 755,338 lbs.
\$1,359,608.00 Value

Thank you to everyone who supports this mission!



We're assembling Birthday Bags again! This is a project in which we can all take part. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates on needed supplies and deadlines. Let's have some fun!

Cakes: chocolate, white, yellow
Frosting (16 oz tubs): chocolate, vanilla, fun-fetti
Luncheon Birthday Napkins
Please Note: we have oil and candles

New Salem's volunteer shifts in February are:

Monday, Feb. 10, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Feb. 10, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, Feb. 14, from 9:00 – 12:15

Contact me to become involved in this fun, fulfilling ministry!
612.940.7312, ksnortland5@gmail.com.

A reminder that donations go 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.)

1 John 3:16-18: If someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

In His Service,

Karin Snortland Council of Churches Representative

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.

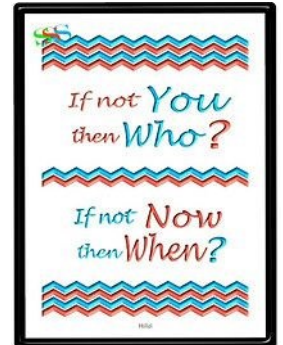


The Service Group Needs a President

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.



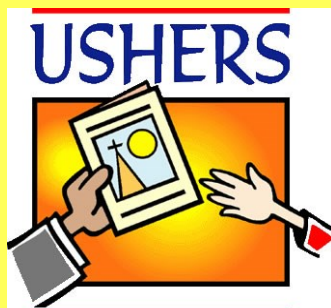
Make a New Year's Resolution

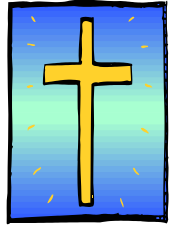
Volunteer to assist with some part of worship!

Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience

for Everyone!

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





HealthCare



Free Medical services on the 1st Friday of the month. Full primary care services at Food Shelf for children and adults.

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New look on our building.



The building was built in 1976, some 47 years ago, and was in need of a face lift.



God's Work, Our Treasure—February 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Bemidji Community Food Shelf**, 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 the **Bemidji Community Food Shelf**

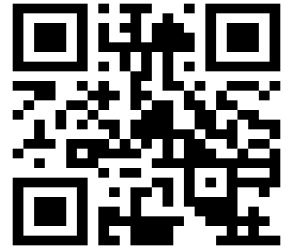
And we will forward your gift to them. www.bcfsmn.org

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

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.