



LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 2024

### Monthly Events

1 JULY  
HAPPY CANADA DAY!

HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July



July 11, 18, 25  
9:30 AM  
Bible Study

July 8 & 12  
Food Shelf

9:00am—  
12:15pm  
12:00pm—  
3:15pm



July 17 & 31  
3:30 pm  
Book Discussion

July 14  
9:30am Worship  
@ 3 Island Park

July 20-21  
Watermark Art Festival

July 31 BACM

12:00 Concert

12:00 Lunch

Features our  
New Salem  
musicians



Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God's Grace and Peace be unto You.

Sometimes, it takes me a while to decide what to write in the Newsletter; time is spent listening to God for guidance, as I want it to be something of value. The topic finally came to me as I've been listening to the words spoken just about everywhere I listen. What I don't hear much of is forgiveness and grace, but lots of judgment and shaming. I even hear it coming out of my own mouth, and find it dwelling in my heart.

Daily, we're faced with opportunities to decide: Do I forgive or judge? Sometimes, these are very personal encounters; we're hurt by someone or somehow, and there are times when it is less personal, what we see or hear in the world around. When these happen judgment is the first on the scene, and without any thought, it comes rushing out of our mouths, and at some level, we feel justified, for it's easier to point a finger than to look in the mirror. But remember, forgiveness is a powerful choice that can break the cycle of judgment and bring healing.

Jesus, in Matthew's gospel, the seventh chapter, says. "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> **Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye?** <sup>4</sup> **Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye?** <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

These words of Jesus ring in my heart when I'm looking in the mirror and listening to the world. I remind myself and those who'll listen that **SIN IS SIN**; none are worse than others in the eyes of Jesus. Yes, some cause more damage and hurt, and we want to put levels of degrees on sin, mostly so we don't have to look in the mirror. But Jesus reminds us to first examine our own hearts and actions before we judge others, fostering a spirit of self-reflection and forgiveness.

Jesus, in John's gospel chapter eight says. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "**Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**"

We can't avoid sin for we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, but we can seek the help of the Holy Spirit, to slow us down, to reflect on what is in our hearts, to take a look in the mirror, all before we speak. We're living in a broken world, and forgiveness over judgment can and will make a difference. Beloved of God, let's all give it a try.  
Peace and Hope

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 New Salem Council

President: Rick Bogart

Vice Pres: Jon Severson

Secretary: Eric Medberry

Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

Calli Ferdig Graig Gilbertson

Dave Johnson 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.

# JULY

## Our Playground Project

Watch this summer as  
our new playground  
takes shape!

To date, we have  
collected a bit over  
\$11,000, including

many generous donors and monies from  
the New Salem Endowment Fund.

While our ultimate goal is to make this  
space as inclusive as possible for all  
kids, this will be an ongoing process as  
funds allow.

Thank you to all who have donated.

If you'd still like to donated, simply put  
"playground" on the memo line of your  
check or put your donation in an  
envelope marked "playground".

There will be a need for muscle power  
as we get into this project. Stay tuned.



We're going to fill **Birthday Bags** during

Day Camp Potluck, Aug. 14th

YOU can start donating items now!



- ♦ Full-sized Cake mixes
- ♦ 16 oz. containers of frosting
- ♦ Luncheon-sized Birthday napkins



Collection Bins are in the Fellowship Hall

## Day Camp

August 12-15

Mark your calendar!

As we did last summer, energetic  
councilors from Pathways will work with  
our New Salem youth to provide a fun-  
filled experience.

Watch for ways YOU can help that week!

Mark your calendar for a  
**Congregational Potluck on Wednesday,**



## Readings for JULY

**JULY 7:** Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**JULY 14:** Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**JULY 21:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**JULY 28:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21







Join us on Wednesday, July 31st  
when our New Salem musicians and choir  
present their annual summer recital.

Concert is at 12:00 noon

Luncheon follows at 12:30 pm

Featuring our New Salem Choir

Cheryl Durant, piano

Sonya Kraft, flute

Traci Djonne Schanke,  
soprano



Fall Craft &  
Bake Sale  
Saturday  
November 2nd

Featuring Turtle River Crafters

The Church will have a table for those  
wanting to contribute craft items.

Start working on your craft items!

**Bakers** start thinking  
about what goodies  
you'll be making.



BAKE SALE

*In Memory of  
Sally Ellingson  
1935-2024*



Our altar is  
adorned with new  
candle holders  
purchased with  
memorial funds  
from our dear  
friend,  
Sally Ellingson

## **New Salem Service Group Meeting**

**June 10, 2024 6:35 PM**

**Attendees:** Karyn Lutz, president, Linda Wolden, Karin Snortland, Donna Zelinsky, B Olson, Janet Tiegen, Krista Bogart, Sue Rosselet, Stu Rosselet, Vivian Krause, Marge Danielson and Joy Johnson reporting

Opening devotions were led by Joy Johnson. Sue Rosselet will do devotions at the August 12th meeting.

**Minutes to the April 8, 2024** meeting were presented by secretary Joy Johnson and amended. B Olson moved to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Donna Zelinsky. Motion carried.

**The treasurer's report** was presented and distributed by Karin Snortland. She reported the items she had purchased for the church (heavy duty floor mat and other supplies) and results to the Spring rummage sale. Revenues were up 22% over last year's event with \$4,426 raised from the onsite sale, \$500.75 in donations to the two Ukrainian families, and \$325 from Kent Porter's sale. Total impact was \$5341.95. Karin also mentioned that this service group has donated a total of \$25,000 since 2019.

Karin suggested that the storage area off the nursery needs to be reorganized at some point. Krista volunteered that she and Rick Bogart would tackle it. Notes were sent to the DAV for picking up items after the rummage sale, to Lutz's for food donation, to Olson's for food donation and to Kent Porter for donating sale proceeds.

### **Old Business**

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls are now being made by Dar Moen. Sue Rosselet is making baptismal shawls, with one completed and provided recently.

Service Group Leadership: Karyn announced that a president is still needed for this service group. It was suggested that it could also be a man. Krista Bogart will not be able to assume the role as they have purchased a house in Sartell, MN to be closer to their grandchildren and will spend winters there.

Rummage/Bake Sale: It was a big success and went very smoothly. It appeared to be quieter the last hour so consideration should be given to changing the hours to 8 am to 2 pm, instead of 3 pm.

Sally Ellingson memorial money: Donna Zelinsky made a motion, Joy Johnson seconded, to rescind the original decision to purchase chairs and instead use the Ellingson monies to buy altar candles holders. Motion carried. Sue Rosselet located a set and will handle the ordering of the item. We will consider getting them engraved with Sally's name once they are received.

### **New Business**

Bemidji Area Musicians Concert Luncheon: will be held at New Salem on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Janet Tiegen is in charge of this event. Karyn will update volunteer sign-up sheets and will email to Janet for posting. The menu will be the same as prior years and the price will be \$8/meal. B Olson will buy groceries with a Thrivent card. Last minute items will be purchased by Sue & Stu (either Thrivent money or Service group monies will be used).

Fall Bazaar: will be held **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Karyn Lutz will chair this event. Sue Carlson was notified of date and will get the word out to area artisans/crafters now so that the date will be saved on their calendars. The church space can handle 10-12 area artisan/crafters. The church will have a bake sale and craft table. Karyn will reach out to Eric Medberry to invite the 4-H group to sell sticky buns and sliders again.

Kitchen Cleaning: It was suggested that a thorough cleaning of the kitchen is needed but could wait until Fall/Winter.

Charitable Donations: The following New Salem Service Group donations were recommended:

Nameless Coalition-\$1000

New Salem Playground-\$1000

DAV-\$500

Lutheran World Relief-\$250 (it will be matched)

Bemidji Food Shelf-\$1000

People Church Day Center-\$1000

\$500 to Love Cradle Int'l. USA to support Ukrainian refugees in the Blackduck area.

Joy Johnson moved to approve this list; Sue Rosselet seconded. Motion Carried.

Krista Bogart provided delicious lime cake for the group. Thank you, Krista!

The next Service Group meeting will be held August 12. B Olson made a motion to adjourn, Donna Zelinsky seconded.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joy Johnson, Secretary

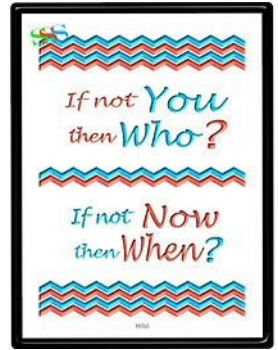


## The Service Group Needs a President

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](mailto:lutz@paulbunyan.net) or 218-280-7488.



Join us for 9:30 am worship at  
Three Island Park  
Sunday, July 14th  
Potluck following



Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve even once for one of these ministries on a Sunday



*As for me and my household  
we will  
serve the  
Lord*  
*Joshua 24:15*

**Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience  
for Everyone!**

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







## News from our Community Food Shelf

It's not been slowing down at the food shelf. During May we saw another month of over 1,100 families consisting of 3,692 people come for food support, 201 of whom were first-time users. We distributed 74,131 lbs. of food which has a value to our community of \$125,000.

Summer is a time when people get busy with outdoor activities and traditionally, we see a decrease in financial support during this time, but we don't see a lessening of need.

As you may imagine, our volunteers are hopping! With summer vacations and entertaining, filling our three shifts can be a challenge. Please consider volunteering three hours of your month to this worthy cause.

### July Shifts:

Monday, July 8, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, July 10, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, July 12, from 9:00 – 12:15



And remember, donations of non-perishable groceries is easy, even if you can't get to the food shelf. Simply drop off items in the basket conveniently located next to the double doors in the narthex. Bags (reusable, too!), Our Family UPC codes, books (especially kids), and \$\$ are always welcome, too. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Please contact me to become involved in this powerful, fun, fulfilling ministry. You won't be disappointed!

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"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled." **Luke 6:20-21**

In His Service,

Karin Snortland Council of Churches Representative



*Join our Adult Book Discussion Group  
Wednesdays July 17 & 31 @ 3:30 pm  
in the church library or you can join us via Zoom.*

*We'll be starting a new book entitled*

***US The Resurrection of American Terror***

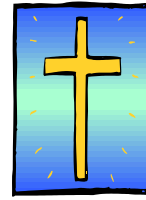
*By Rev. Kenneth Wheeler, a retired ELCA pastor.*

*He is a preacher, public theologian, mentor, and writer who focuses on the intersection of faith, race, and social justice.*

*Remember that you're welcome to join the discussion, even if you can't attend every session. Join via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87631249322> Passcode: 712285*



*New Salem's Highlighted  
Mission Partner  
July 2024*



# HOPE HOUSE BEMIDJI

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**Hope House Bemidji is a comprehensive community-based support program for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.**

**Our vision is to be so good at providing services and educating the community that someday our program is no longer needed.**

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Community Support Program (CSP)
- ARMHS (Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services)
- Medication Education, Monitoring, and Prescribing
- Daytime Drop-in Center, including Cultural Activities
- Link to 24 Hour Community-Wide Crisis Line
- Diagnostic Assessments
- Consumer (Client) Speakers' Program

### Community Support Program Services

Social skills and supports  
Benefits assistance  
Medication monitoring  
Obtaining employment  
Housing/food/daily living  
Family support  
Protection of client rights  
Set goals and plans  
Outreach, including well checks,  
problem solving

**FUNDING SUPPORT:** Hope House services are funded through a Beltrami County contract/ State of Minnesota Department of Human Services block grant. Other funding includes Medical Assistance, Medicare, private insurance, the United Way of Bemidji Area and donations from generous people like you.

### ***God's Work, Our Treasure—July 2024***

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **The Hope House** 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 Hope House**.

and we will forward your gift to them. More information at: [www.hopehousebemidji.org](http://www.hopehousebemidji.org)



## Presenting the 2024 Summer Recital Series

Our 34th Season  
Wednesdays noon-12:30  
Luncheons follow.

- \* June 5: First City Handbell Choir at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, 1800 Irvine Ave. NW.
- \* June 12: St. Mark's Musicians at St. Mark's Lutheran, 2220 Anne St. NW.
- \* June 19: Trinity Musicians at Trinity Lutheran, 123 29th St. NE.
- \* June 26: BACM scholarship recipients John Kirk and Johnny Pfaff at Evangelical Free, 115 Carr Lake Rd. SW.
- \* July 3: Church of Christ Musicians at Church of Christ, 692 Mag Seven Ct. SW.
- \* July 10: Wade Martin, vocalist, guitar; Amanda, Willis-Martin, piano; and Mathison Martin, piano at First Baptist Church, 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW.
- \* July 17: Lois Simonson, piano; Kari Miller, flute; Sanna Gustafson, saxophone; and Janet Pederson, violin at Evangelical Covenant, 5405 Highway 2 West.
- \* July 24: Glenn Seibel, euphonium; and Wayne Hoff, piano at United Methodist, 924 Beltrami Ave. NW.
- \* July 31: New Salem Choir; Cheryl Durant, piano; Sonya Kraft, flute; and Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano at New Salem Lutheran, 7491 Island View Dr. NE, Turtle River.
- \* Aug. 7: Mary Thoreson, Sarah Leach, piano; and Samantha Melberg, flute at Calvary Lutheran, 2508 Washington Ave. SE.
- \* Aug. 14: Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, piano and organ recital; and Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist at Aardahl Lutheran, 2920 Van Buren Ave. SE.
- \* Aug. 21: Darlinda Coe, organ; Aaron Coe, viola; Lee Coe, rattlebones; and Linda Wagner, soprano at First Presbyterian, 501 Minnesota Ave. NW.
- \* Aug. 28: Sarah Carlson, organ; Merideth Klingbeil, organ; and Bob Madeson, euphonium at First Lutheran, 900 Bemidji Ave. N.

Free will donations are accepted to benefit the BACM scholarship program.



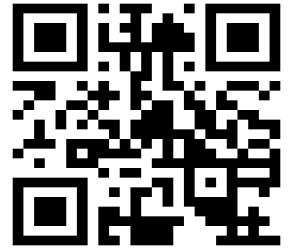


Do you know that you can support the mission of New Salem electronically?

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.