

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Potluck to follow worship.

57th Annual Watermark Art Festival July 19 & 20

New Salem Council



Minutes of June 17, 2025

Present: Pastor Terry, Rick Bogart, Calli Ferdig, Nora Illies, Graig Gilbertson, Bob Wagner **Absent:** Eric Medberry, Fred Sanford, Sue Rosselet, Sonya Kraft

Congregational Officers Present: President: Rick Bogart, Secretary: Calli Ferdig

The meeting was called to order at 6:27pm by Rick.

Devotion – Nora, next month will be Graig.

Approval of the June 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda:

Rick requested to add an additional update under New Business. Nora moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the March 20th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Pastor's Report:

Vacation: June 30 - July 8, 2025. Tim Lutz will be preaching on June 6th.

Bishop Bill Tesch was reelected for an additional 6-year term.

Financial Report:

May expenses exceeded income. Nothing out of the ordinary, no concerns noted. Report was accepted and filed.

Old Business:

- Playground update: Youth and Education Team will organize the installment of additional equipment including accessible swing and tether ball.
- Outside faucet in front of church is fixed and extra washers are located in the toolbox in the kitchen utility closet. Water line to bell tower garden is complete.
- Parking lot update: tentatively scheduled to start this coming Monday. Grading will happen first, followed by paving, and then lines painted. Rick, Graig, and/or Pastor Terry will be involved and present during this time. It was noted that areas of concrete are starting to crack/chip. Looking at options for concrete repair.

New Business:

• Outdoor Worship at Three Island Park is scheduled for Sunday, July 27th. We will need help getting necessary supplies to the park that day. Bob and Nora will help coordinate.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Pastor Terry Music is going good, Sonya is doing a great job coordinating.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora Committee hasn't met recently, no update.

<u>Building and Grounds</u>: Graig and Rick Mike Finkenbinder will coordinate the remainder of the year mowing schedule. Playground: See above Paving parking lot: See above

<u>Youth and Education</u>: Calli Sunday school after communion continues when children are present. Team will meet soon to finalize details for Day Camp in August.

Council President Update: Rick has submitted his resignation effective July 1st. Nora moved to accept the resignation, Bob seconded, motion carried. Eric Medberry will serve the remainder of the term as President.

Seeking nominations/individuals to fill the now open council position.

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

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.



What a big bang welcomed summer to Beltrami County! Unfortunately, the recent storm took a toll on many, creating additional financial hardships and struggles.

The food shelf sustained some storm damage, but for the most part escaped major destruction. A wall in the warehouse caved in, and all the produce high tunnels on the farm were damaged. Thankfully, service was not interrupted, and no one was hurt!

As the heat and humidity of summer continue, so does food insecurity. Three New Salem "super teams" commit to serving the underserved three shifts per month. Care to join us and become the next "super hero"?! We're grateful for any extra hands and all ages and abilities are welcome!

Here are this month's offerings:

Monday, July 8, from 9:00 – 12:15 Monday, July 8, from 12:00 – 3:15 Friday, July 11, from 9:00 – 12:15



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

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

Food Shelf Visits up in Minnesota Food insecurity is a statewide issue impacting Minnesotans of all ages. In 2024, **Minnesota's 87 counties saw an 18.4% average increase in food shelf visits**. The ten counties with the most significant jump included both urban and rural areas. 53% of 2024 Minnesota food shelf visitors were adults; 36% were children; and 11% were seniors.

Readings for JULY

JULY 7: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 JULY 13 : Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37 JULY 20: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42 JULY 27: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13 (Service @ 3 Island Park)



New Salem Service Group Sunday, June 1, 2025

Present: Karyn Lutz, coordinator, B. and Roger Olson, Stu and Sue Rosselet, Dora Lee Souder, Julie Souder, Shannon and Justin Pitt, Marge Danielson, Bob Wagner, Donna Zelinsky, Karin Snortland and Joy Johnson, secretary.

As worship service had just concluded, there was no additional devotion or closing prayer. A round robin of introductions was done.

The **minutes** from the March meeting were reviewed, a motion made to approve by Bob Wagner, Donna Zelinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Karin Snortland reviewed the **financial statement**, mentioning a few purchases that were made and a \$100 donation to the kitchen supply fund by the Comforts. Karin mentioned that with our current balance, we have approximately \$5500 to donate to local charities. The financial report was accepted as presented. **Old Business**

Karyn Lutz informed the group that after 6 years, she was stepping down as coordinator of this group, so a new coordinator is needed. The group thanked Karyn very much for her long and expert service.

Kitchen cleaning was scheduled for Thursday, June 5th at 9 AM with Joy Johnson coordinating the effort. Karyn will send an email to service club members requesting a few more volunteers.

Just a reminder that the Three Island Park outdoor worship service and potluck lunch is scheduled for July 27th.

New Business

The Rummage Sale will have a precheck out area in the sanctuary next time, in order to speed up some of the checkout processes. Totals will be calculated there but money will not be collected.

Sue Rosselet is working on baptism shawls and Dar Moen offered to assist.

The service group will now take over coordination of the ditch cleaning event, which is scheduled for October 11th at 9 AM.

New Salem will host the Bemidji Area Church Musicians concert on August 6th and a coordinator for this event is needed to oversee the luncheon preparations and service.

Distribution of funds for local charities was discussed and recommendations heard. Sue Rosselet made a motion, seconded by B Olson to give \$500 to the Bemidji Area Boys and Girls Club, Pathways Ministries, Hope House, Evergreen Youth and Family Services and Village of Hope. Also, \$1000 to The Peoples Church, The Nameless Coalition and United Way's Backpack Buddies. Motion carried.

Fall Bazaar will be either November 1 or 8th, as Karyn was going to do some follow-up on conflicts with other events.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13th after worship service. B Olson moved to adjourn, and Donna Zellinsky seconded.

Meeting adjourned.



New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner July 2025





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

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide community support services to people with serious and persistent mental illness so they can live in the community in the least restrictive setting, function at their best level, and reduce the need for involuntary hospitalization.

DIRECT SERVICE STAFF

Prescriber Rehabilitation Specialist Registered Nurse Mental Health Practitioners Diagnostic Assessment Provider Certified Peer Specialist Activity/Office Coordinator Rehabilitation Workers

OUR VISION

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

SERVICES

- 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

God's Work, Our Treasure—JULY 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Hope House 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 Hope House. www.hopehousebemidji.org/