



LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2024

### Monthly Events



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

June 9 & 14

Food Shelf

9:00am—  
12:15pm  
12:00pm—  
3:15pm



June 16

June 19



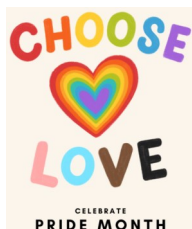
June 12 & 26

3:30 pm  
Book Discussion

June 20



June



Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Last fall, I wanted to learn more about sabbath rest, what it meant and looked like. I came upon a book written by an Old Testament theologian, Walter Brueggemann titled: “**sabbath as resistance, Saying NO to the CULTURE OF NOW.**” Brueggemann, in great detail, goes through the scriptures, laying out how and why sabbath rest was given as one of the commandments. It came from God having heard the cries of the Israelite slaves in Egypt, who had never experienced rest. Pharaoh, only making their lives more difficult, having no pity. Based on what had happened, God gave the third commandment, “Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.”

Sabbath means rest, a time to do nothing but rest from the busyness of life. Brueggemann reminds us that the world we live in bases a person's worth on how productive we are, at home and work. Whereas God says, we have been wonderfully created in the likeness and image of God—not what we do, but who God has created us to be, God's children.

For nearly 30 years, I took Saturday off to spend time with my family, not experiencing it as a sabbath, rest, and renewal. A few months back, someone approached me asking why I took Saturday off when it wouldn't be a day off if you were preparing for Sunday morning. They encouraged me to move my day off to Monday, and my reply was, “But I've never done it before.” So, I tried it, and it was one of the best things I've done for myself in a long while. Here's why.

With a good amount of work, I've made Monday my sabbath—not my day off, but my sabbath. This means I don't do any work, no housework, no grocery shopping, but sleeping in, enjoying time with Kevin and our dog, taking a nap, maybe baking something I've wanted to try, and staying close to home, only doing things that give me joy and energy. Tuesday morning, I'm ready for the week, feeling refreshed, feeling I will make it through whatever comes my way.

If I could convince you to make one change, it would be to take a sabbath rest sometime every week. First, we must believe the words of God; we are wonderfully created in the likeness and image of God, and not someone based on how much we accomplish. It requires a plan, getting the household chores done, shopping done, and yard work completed, or being willing to agree that if it's not done before, it will wait another day. Make your sabbath a day where you only do things that bring joy and energy.

*“The Sabbath's object is to give mortals relaxation from continuous, unending toil and by refreshing their bodies with a regularly calculated system of remissions, to send them out renewed to their old activities”* (C. Clifton Black)

In Mark 2:27, Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.

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 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.



### Our Playground Project

Watch this summer as  
our new playground  
takes shape!

To date, we have  
collected a bit over  
\$9,800, including many  
generous donors and monies from our  
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.



Thank You to everyone who helped with  
Highway Clean-up on May 1st.

### Day Camp

August 12-16

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 be  
of help that week!

We'll be filling birthday bags too.



### Readings for JUNE

**JUNE 2:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23—3:6

**JUNE 9:** Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**JUNE 16:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

**JUNE 23:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**JUNE 30:** Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43





## New Salem Council Minutes Meeting of May 21, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Terry, Rick Bogart, Eric Medberry, Sue Rosselet, Fred Sanford, Graig Gilbertson, Calli Ferdig, Jon Severson, Dave Johnson (20 minutes late and Joy was right) **Absent:** Bob Wagner

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Rick.

Congregational Officers: President: Rick Bogart, Vice President: Jon Severson, Secretary: Eric Medberry, Treasurer: Sue Rosselet  
Devotion - Sue - Next month will be Rick

Approval of the May 21st, 2024 Meeting Agenda: Calli moved to approve the agenda; second by Fred; Motion carried.

Approval of the April 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Jon moved to approve the previous minutes; second by Sue; Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Update:**

- Taking a vacation from June 17-24
- Attended Synod Assembly last weekend

### **Treasurer's Report:** Sue Rosselet:

- In the black for April while still working towards even for the year.
- Made first payment to Pathways for our summer day camp (\$500 taken from Youth and Education fund).
- Income - Expenses for May are in the black thus far thru 1<sup>st</sup> payroll
- YTD we are at a deficit but working to catch-up
- Updated on benevolences for each month
- Playground funds continue to increase
- Report was accepted and filed

### **Old Business:**

- Rick gave an update on the propane tank ○ We have a new tank that has been leveled ○ We now have an app that monitors the % level daily
- New Signage ○ Moving forward, it is ordered, markers are out on the driveway ■ Electric work will cost extra, but there is money from the donor to cover the costs ■ Completion is expected in the next couple of months
- Sale of property to James Adams ○ Legalities, naming, and Leer title have held up the proceedings ○ Glen Lindseth is working on the legal aspects (non-profit designation, church name, and Sec. of State)

### **New Business:**

Team Reports - we need to get members back involved in our team meetings

- **Youth and Education** ○ Funds are being secured for new playground equipment ■ We are ready to start ordering new equipment ■ Grant money may be available to purchase accessible playground equipment
- We will continue to explore this option ■ We also discussed options for surface and equipment ○ Many different options have been discussed and we would like the council's input on how to proceed ■ There are many different options that we could pursue that would result in increasing levels of costs with the possibility of increased grant funding ○ We discussed options and different types of equipment, different footprints, and different costs for the options. ○ Council discussed creating some parameters to guide the Youth and Education Team going forward. ○ Calli moved that we keep all plans and ordering of equipment within the current funds raised (approx. \$10,000 plus what we have in the Youth and Education Fund (approx. - \$5,000) and that any grant money raised will be used to replace monies in the Youth and Education Fund; Graig seconded. Motion carried.

- **Worship and Music**

○ Request to purchase a subscription to CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) for contemporary music and streaming ■ \$163/year for subscription + \$86/year for streaming ■ Sue moved to approve the funds for the new subscription; Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

○ Outdoor Worship Service at Three Island Park on July 14th with potluck after ○ Church Musicians recital is July 31st

- **Stewardship and Outreach** Stressed the need for more congregational involvement in this group

○ Mission Intent cards are being delivered ○ Upcoming Benevolences ■ June - Boys and Girls Club ■ July - Hope House

- **Buildings and Grounds** ○ Sign and propane update. ○ Highway clean-up went very well ○ Trees need to be trimmed this summer.

Council members choose which team they wish to serve on:

- Graig - Youth and Education
- Jon - Buildings and Grounds
- Sue - Worship and Music
- Finance
- Calli - Youth and Education – Finance
- Eric - Youth and Education
- Fred - Stewardship and Outreach
- Dave - Stewardship and Outreach
- Bob - Stewardship and Outreach
- Rick - Buildings and Grounds

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30 pm. ○ Teams will meet at 6pm.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: • Meeting adjourned at 7:51

Eric Medberry, recording

### **NOTE:**

**Council will  
not be  
meeting in  
June**





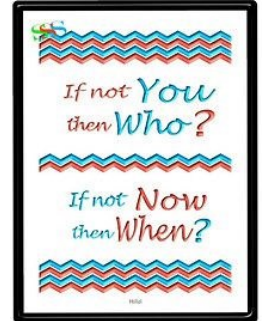
## The Service Group Needs a President

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.

**The next Service Group Meeting  
is Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
YOU are invited to attend.**



Join us for worship at  
Three Island Park  
Sunday, July 14th  
Potluck following



We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering even once for one of these ministries on Sunday morning.



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

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



## Welcome to summer!

Did you know that the food shelf has a fully functional FARM? What a wonderful gift to provide fresh produce to our clients every week. If you're itching to play in the dirt, here's your chance!

With schools out this month, we anticipate even greater usage at the food shelf. Our faithful servants will be ready to greet families with not only a shopping cart, but friendly smiles!

### June Shifts:

Monday, June 10, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, June 10, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, June 14, from 9:00 – 12:15



Donations of non-perishable groceries are 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. Remember, bags (reusable, too!), Our Family UPC codes, books (especially kids), and \$\$ are always welcome, too. Thank you for your generosity!

Watch and listen for our next Birthday Bag project, coming this summer! Did you know that those little bags have moved clients to tears? Knowing someone cares and recognizes them warms their hearts.

Please contact me to become involved in this powerful ministry. As the need for food security increases, so does the need for volunteers. You won't be disappointed!

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In His Service,

*Karin Snortland*

Council of Churches Representative



**Psalm 146:5-7** "Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry."



*Join our Adult Book Discussion Group  
Wednesdays June 12 & 26 @ 3:30 pm  
in the church library or you can join us via Zoom.*

*We'll be continuing our discussion of **Waking Up White**,  
and **Finding Myself in the Story of Race** by Debby Irving.*



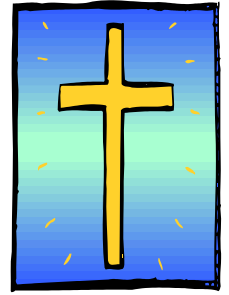
*Remember that you're welcome to join the discussion, even if you can't attend every session. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87631249322>*

*Meeting ID: 876 3124 9322*

*Passcode: 712285*



*New Salem's Highlighted  
Mission Partner  
June 2024*



*When you invest in kids...*

*You change the life of a kid right here in our community.*

Generous donors like you provide Bemidji area children, ages 6-18, a safe place to go after school and in the summer, a time when national statistics show that our children are most at risk.

**You** can help them beat the odds.



**What the Club does every day helps improve the lives of children.** Club activities support youth development in three key program areas:

- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS** to help youth achieve academic goals, stay in school, explore career interests, learn new skills and consider post-secondary education options.
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES** to help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults, including daily physical activity, healthy food choices and an appreciation for the outdoors.
- **CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP** to empower youth to become engaged in the Club and the community, sustain meaningful relationships, and respect one another.

Volunteers are welcome to get involved in a variety of areas to help us serve youth better.

**70%**  
MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR FREE  
OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH

**19,318**  
MEALS/SNACKS PROVIDED  
AT NO COST TO OUR YOUTH

**100%**  
OF BEMIDJI CLUB TEENS EXPECT  
TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

**87%**  
OF BEMIDJI CLUB TEENS PLAN ON A POST-SECONDARY OPTION

***God's Work, Our Treasure—June 2024***

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **the Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area** 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 **B&G Club** and we will forward your gift to them. More information at: [www.bgcbemidji.org](http://www.bgcbemidji.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.

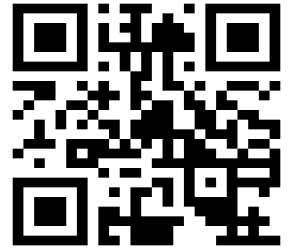


Do you know that you can support the mission of New Salem electronically?

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.