



LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2025

### Monthly Events

June 5, 12, 19, 26

9:30 AM

Bible Study



June 9, 13

Food Shelf

9:00am—

12:15pm

12:00pm—

3:15pm



June 8

Pentecost



June 14

June 15  
Trinity  
Sunday



June 17

6:30 pm Council

6:00 pm Teams

June 19



SUMMER SOLSTICE

June 20



Greetings, sisters, and brothers

God, through the Holy Scriptures call us, to worship the Lord our God and serve only Him. Second to love our neighbors as Christ has loves us. We see examples through out scripture, the Ten Commandments, speak of our relationship with God and our neighbor. What it means to live in community. **Hebrews 13:2** "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." To welcome others as you would welcome Christ. **John 15:13** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Stepping out in love, without having to calculate the cost. **Amos 4:14-15a** "Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate." Seeking the good in others, the world and ourselves.

My grandson, Soren, for a school project needed to interview a grandparent, one of the questions was, "How are things different today then when you were growing up?" In answering, it became ever clearer, how our interacting with our neighbors and strangers, has gone from doing and caring for, to ignoring or judging. If we knew of someone needing help or assistance, we did not stop to consider the cost, we got to work. It has become a sad reality, how our thoughts and actions have changed.

A quote from **Dorothy Day**, an American journalist, social activist, the founder of the Catholic Workers Movement, which is known for its houses of hospitality for the homeless, its newspaper, and its commitment to social justice and nonviolent resistance. Taken from an article printed in 1933, "What does it do for our souls if in order for our way of life to continue, we must view an entire country or race of people as the enemy to be vanquished instead of a neighbor to be loved and cared for?"

Are our thoughts, feelings, or reactions one of sadness as we look out our windows as we drive by folks without homes or know there are people living with food in security. Do we find ourselves praying for those who are fearful of loosing their health care, and other benefits.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Be a thermostat, not a thermometer. Instead of passively reflecting the environment, one should actively shape and improve it." God heard the cries for the Hebrew people, and sent Moses to free them. God hears the cries of the people today, but who will help set them free?

**John 14:27** "Peace, I leave you, my peace I give to you, I do not give to you as the world gives"

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 2024-25 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.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with  
 Highway Clean-up on May 17th,

mark  your **Calendar**

### August 10-14 Day Camp

Pathways Councilors will be here.  
 We'll be doing Birthday Bags and a  
 Potluck on Wed. the 13th.  
 Watch for ways that you can help.



Join us for an outdoor worship  
 service at 3 Island Park  
 Sunday, July 27 @ 9:30 am  
 Potluck to follow worship.

Congratulations to Traci on her  
 graduation from BSU with her  
 B.A. in music. Well done!

Congratulations and our  
 Best Wishes to our 2025  
 High School graduates:

Margie Anderson  
 Sarah Breyen  
 Briggs Knott  
 Brooklyn Nielsen  
 Natasha Severson  
 Elayna Young



### Readings for JUNE

JUNE 1: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26  
 JUNE 8 **PENTECOST** : Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27  
 JUNE 15 Holy Trinity; Fathers' Day: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15  
 JUNE 22: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39  
 JUNE 29: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62





## New Salem Council Minutes of May 20, 2025

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

**Absent:** Rick Bogart

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Eric.

**Devotion** – Sue - next month will be Nora.

**Approval of the May 20, 2025 Meeting Agenda:**

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

**Approval of the March 18th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Pastor's Report:**

Vacation: June 2 – 9, 2025. Greg Sneider, supply pastor for June 8<sup>th</sup>

Synod assembly in Moorhead next week; Stu, Sue, and Pastor Terry will attend.

Private confirmation on June 1<sup>st</sup>

Outdoor worship at Three Island schedule for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report: Sue Rosselet:**

April was a good month financially, income exceeded expenses.

As budgeted, \$2,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund.

April benevolence for Lutheran Campus Ministry was \$1,130 and \$225 to The People Church.

Six month renewal of the \$11,000 Cd at First National Bank.

Report was accepted and filed.

**Old Business: None to report**

**New Business:**

- Playground Update: Installing additional equipment, accessible swing and tether ball. Will look at dates once school is out.
- Bell tower garden. The water schedule will be on a timer. This will take place prior to the paving of the parking lot.
- Parking lot paving update: Flags have been placed to line the edge. Waiting for power and water to be buried. More to come.

**Team Reports**

Worship and Music: Sonya Sonya has June music ready to go. Feedback has been received by the music team and is positive. Sonya continues to work with Traci, Annalise, and Cheryl for input.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora The Team is outlining what 'stewardship' and 'outreach' means to the group, what does it look like going forward. Benevolence set for the rest of the year. Visitors have been receptive to sharing their emails for future communications. Reminder to sit and visit with new people to welcome them and make them feel comfortable being here.

Building and Grounds: Bob Roadside cleanup had a great turn out. Thanks to those who helped.

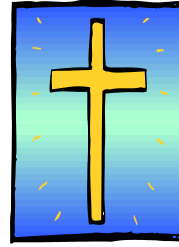
Youth and Education : Calli/Eric High school seniors will be acknowledged and congratulated during service on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school after communion continues when children are present. Team will meet soon to finalize details for Day Camp August 11-14. Discussion of merging our youth program with Calvary Lutheran's youth group. After some discussion, it was decided that we will continue to go forward as we have been, holding youth activities at New Salem.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30 pm. Teams will meet at 6 pm.

**Adjournment/Lord's Prayer:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Nora moved to adjourn. Second by Bib. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.  
Calli Ferdig, Recording



*New Salem's  
Highlighted Mission  
Partner*



**What the Club does every day helps improve the lives of children.** Club activities support youth development in four 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.
- **HEALTH & WELL-BEING** 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 & LEADERSHIP** to empower youth to become engaged in the Club and the community, sustain meaningful relationships, and respect one another.
- **LIFE & WORKFORCE READINESS** to equip to navigate adulthood and pursue a fulfilling economically valuable career path.



The Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area opened a **Blackduck Branch of Club** services in partnership with **Blackduck Public School**, co-locating within the school at the start of the 2024 school year. The Blackduck Branch will serve up to 100 youth in grades K-8, operating all day Mondays when Blackduck school is not in session and after school Tuesday through Friday. The new branch is made possible by a grant, which will fund approximately 60 percent of the operations for the first two years. A lot of people have been working over the past four years to bring together the leadership and funding to make this dream possible. We are grateful to the school leadership, United Way, and the whole Blackduck community for welcoming us and partnering with us to serve Blackduck youth.

Our garden program gives youth access to the agricultural process from planning to planting, weeding and watering to harvesting for the over 30 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Youth have the opportunity to learn about the environment, healthy foods, importance of pollinators, and local growing systems. Garden produce is served in summer lunches and school-year snacks at the Club. The Garden produces over 1000 pounds of produce each season.

***God's Work, Our Treasure—JUNE 2025***

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 **BGCBA**

[www.bgcbemidji.org](http://www.bgcbemidji.org)



Summertime and the living is easy...but not for all. With school out of session this month, many children go hungry. We can help! The food shelf continues to serve our community in abundance. During the first quarter of the year, about 1,100 families visited monthly. This included 4,529 children and 1,500 seniors. They received 288,838 lbs. of food at a value to the community of over half a million dollars. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this essential service! Without churches like New Salem, the food shelf wouldn't exist. Whether you volunteer, donate food, contribute financially, or pray for this ministry, all support is crucial and much appreciated.

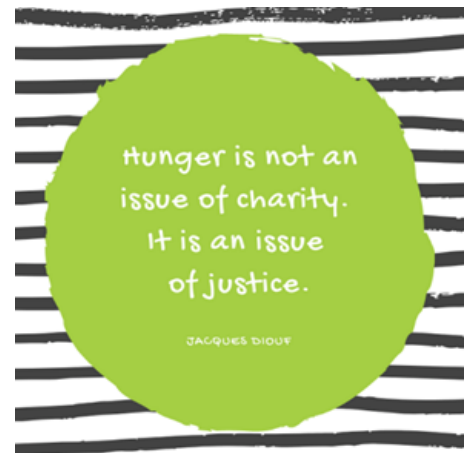
Looking to join this ministry? **Here are the opportunities in June:**

Monday, June 9, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, June 9, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, June 13, from 9:00 – 12:15

Contact Karin to join the fun! 612.940.7312,  
[ksnortland5@gmail.com](mailto: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



## 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.

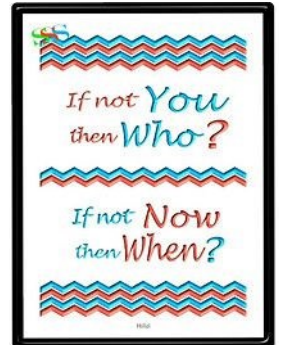


### The Service Group Needs a President

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



**YOU are an Important Part of New Salem**  
**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.**

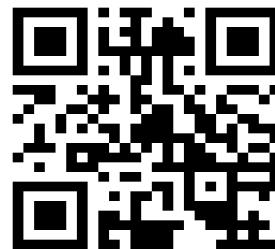


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Yes, collection plates are still passed during service!

**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.