



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2026

Monthly Events

June 4, 11, 18, 25

9:30 AM

Bible Study



June 8 & 12

Food Shelf

9:00am—

12:15pm

12:00pm—

3:15pm



June 14



Cookout after service

June 19



June 21



SUMMER SOLSTICE

June 23

7:00 pm Council

6:00 pm Teams

I am sitting at my desk, looking out the window, watching the trees burst forth with spring leaves and blossoms. A few days ago, while walking the dog, I noticed the buds beginning to open, and my response was simply, "Thank you, God, for the signs of spring and new life."

The wonder and awe of creation never grow old for me. I continue to be amazed by its beauty, the changing seasons, the gift we have been given to enjoy. There may be parts of creation I do not fully appreciate — there has to be some reason for mosquitoes and ticks, though I am convinced that may always be a mystery!

In Book of Genesis 1:27–2:1 we hear: "So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... and have dominion over the fish... the birds... and every living thing... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

The word that often captures attention in this passage is "dominion." What does it mean, and perhaps more importantly, what have we come to think it means?

If we look at the big picture of the Bible. Humanity was created in the image of God, so dominion is meant to reflect God's character. God's rule is not cruel exploitation, but rather life-giving, protective, ordered, nurturing, and sustaining.

It appears we define dominion as having power over creation for personal gain and pleasure. We have interpreted "dominion" less as stewardship and more as permission for control, consumption, and self-interest, we tend to distort the gifts God gives us.

It saddens and concerns me deeply when hearing how many parts of the world are experiencing drastic weather changes and environmental destruction. I cannot help but wonder if part of the reason is that we have misunderstood God's intention when entrusting creation to our care.

The question was never meant to be: "What can I take from creation?" But rather: "How do I faithfully care for what belongs to God?"

As people of faith, perhaps we are called again to see creation not merely as something to use, but as something sacred to tend, protect, and cherish. Spring reminds us that God continues to bring forth life, beauty, and renewal. May we receive these gifts with gratitude and care for them with humility and love.

Peace and 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 2026 New Salem Council
 President: Nora Illes
 Vice Pres: Fred Sanford
 Secretary: Calli Ferdig
 Treasurer: Jerry Illes
 Graig Gilbertson Sonya Kraft
 Shannon Pitt Bob Wagner
 Council meets at 7:00 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.



SAVE THE DATE **June 14 BBQ & Potluck Picnic**
 Mark your calendars and help kick off summer at New Salem with a BBQ and Potluck Picnic following worship on Sunday, June 14. Keep an eye on future worship guides/emails for more details!



THANK YOU To those who helped with our annual spring highway clean-up on May 16th.

Join the Choir!

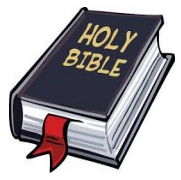


If you like to sing, join the New Salem Choir! We are a fun, friendly, supportive group, and the ability to read music is not necessary! The choir sings for worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as presenting special music at Christmas and Easter, and participating in the summer Bemidji Area Church Musicians recital. Rehearsals are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – come join us!



Readings for JUNE

- JUNE 7: Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- JUNE 14: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:23
- JUNE 21: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
- JUNE 28: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42





New Salem Council Minutes

May 19, 2026

Present: Pastor Terry, Calli Ferdig, Graig Gilbertson, Nora Illies, Bob Wagner, Jerry Illies, Sonya Kraft, Fred Sanford, Shannon Pitt

Officers Present: President: Nora Illies, Vice President: Fred Sanford, Secretary: Calli Ferdig, Treasurer: Jerry Illies

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Nora Illies.

Devotion – Pastor Terry, June will be Bob.

Approval of the May 19, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

Graig moved to approve the agenda; Sonya seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Sonya moved to approve the previous minutes; as amended. Fred seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Summer BBQ, following service on June 14th. Church will provide hotdogs, burgers, and buns, and the congregation will potluck the rest. Looking for volunteers for help with set up, grilling, and cleaning up. Plan to eat outside, weather permitting.

Pastor Terry will be going to Pathways camp part of the week of June 14-19 with kids from New Salem. Ditch clean-up went well. There will be another clean-up this fall.

Financial Report:

Jerry reported that the month of April ended in a surplus. Designated giving report looks great. On budget for the year to date. Nothing out of the ordinary, no concerns noted. Report filed.

Old Business:

Rain gutters installed on garage and SE corner of church by DL Seamless, cost was \$1,940.00. Seems to be working correctly.

Parking lot striping, Glenn Lindseth is following up. Noticed the parking lot is cracking in four places.

New Business:

New round tables (5 total). Average price is \$180 each, estimated \$900 total. Council discussed, more to come.

Building a meditative labyrinth, under the trees along the driveway. Expense would be minimal to the church. It would add value to our church and property, a calming place for our congregational members and community to enjoy. A path would leave the parking lot and enter the labyrinth under the pines. Bob moved to approve the labyrinth construction plan; Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Three Island Park reserved for outdoor service on July 26th. Mike Naylor will do music.

Stewardship and Outreach: School backpacks, "God's Work, Our Hands". Denae at United Way is assisting in getting us a list of students and their needs in August.

Building and Grounds: Painting the garage sometime after the fourth of July. Bob is leading this project, looking for volunteers to help prep and paint.

Youth and Education: Harper Medberry and Emery Ferdig will attend Pathways Camp Emmaus June 14-19. Day Camp will be August 17-20.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm. Teams will meet at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



New Salem Lutheran Church Service Group

Minutes of Meeting: May 3, 2026

Present: B Olson, Karin Snortland, Donna Zelinsky, Katrina Grieger, Pastor Terry, Aridis Hofstad, Lynn S, Joan Dvergsten, Cherry Brouwer, Vivian Krause, Stu & Sue Rosselet

The meeting began at approximately 10:45 am

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Karin provided a written report including a summary of activities in both the Checking and the Money Market Accounts. Passed out report of donations since 2019 for review.

Old Business:

Still seeking someone to lead this group

Reminder that ditch clean-up is May 16 @ 9:20. Pastor Terry will order and bring donuts!

Church Musicians recital and luncheon in August.

Remember that we have wonderful prayer shawls for anyone in need.

Rummage Sale Recap:

Made \$5,986.38, 12% more than last year!

Shorter tables used for bake sale = less congestion for cashier/checkout area

More floor walkers early to take cash from guests in line.

Katrina will oversee hold area in sanctuary. She's got great ideas on how to better manage early crowds with more volunteers. Thank you!

Eric Enquist is making at least one more clothes rack. Sent thank you for the two he already made.

Need to replace cash boxes. They fell off shelf.

New Business:

Katrina presented two new opportunities for giving: La Voce Ballo show choir and BECC. It was decided that we would forgo the school-sponsored group at this time, due to setting a precedent for other school-sponsored clubs/activities, etc. We appreciate new charities being brought to the table.

Donations:

Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative	\$2,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$1,000
People's Church	\$1,000
Nameless Coalition	\$1,000
DAV	\$500
NW Battered Women's Shelter	\$500
Village of Hope	\$300
Total	\$6,300



Karin Snortland, Katrina Grieger, B Olson recording



Big things are happening at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf! Could one of these volunteer roles be your next way to give back?

Marketing & Communications or Facilities & Safety Committee — Share your

expertise and help shape our future! We're looking for volunteers with experience in either of these areas. Just 2–3 hours a month with a 1-year term.

Board of Directors — We're looking for dedicated community members with professional experience in governance, finance, or nonprofit leadership to help guide our mission. About 5-7 hours/month with a 3-year term.

Social Media Content Creators — Got a knack for social media? Create 3–4 posts per month from wherever you are! Perfect for students or marketing/biz pros looking to give back. Only 1–2 hours/month.



Summer Volunteers — Whether you're a student looking for community service hours, need an internship, or just want to spend your summer doing something meaningful — we'd love to have you!

Want more info? Reach out to Executive Director Jennifer at Jennifer@bcfsmn.org with a little about yourself and which role caught your eye!

Join us for a 3-hr. shift this month and get to know your fellow parishioners! Have teens who need something to do this summer? Bring them along to experience the blessings of serving others! 612.940.7312, ksnortland5@gmail.com

June Shifts:

Monday, June 8, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, June 8, from 12:00 – 3:30

Friday, June 12, from 9:00 – 12:15

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. **Matthew 25:35***

In His Service,
Karin Snortland
Council of Churches Representative

Did you know that May 25th is the earliest that Memorial Day can be and September 7th is the latest that Labor Day can be. Both of these happen this year. Welcome to the “longest” summer! Enjoy, it won’t happen again until 2037.





New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner June 2026



OUR MISSION:

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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.

OUR PLAN:

Provide a safe and engaging place where youth develop positive relationships with caring adults and peers.



OUR PRIORITIES:

Help youth achieve academic success, adopt healthy lifestyles and develop good character and citizenship.

God's Work, Our Treasure—JUNE 2026

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

Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.

Bemidji Area Church Musicians Summer Recital Series

Concerts are from noon to 12:30 on Wednesdays. A free-will offering will be accepted to support the organization's music scholarship program. Each recital will be followed by a luncheon with prices to be announced.

Music lovers can mark their calendars for plenty of performances during the summer in Bemidji. The Bemidji Area Church Musicians Summer Recital Series, Mississippi Music at the Waterfront, the Bemidji Area Community Band and Music Under the Pines at Lake Bemidji State Park all have full schedules for the season. The Bemidji Symphony Orchestra's Summer Pops Concert is also on tap.

- June 3: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
- June 10: Trinity Lutheran
- June 17: Evangelical Free
- June 24: First Presbyterian
- July 1: St. Mark's Lutheran
- July 8: First Baptist
- July 15: Bemidji Covenant
- July 22: United Methodist
- July 29: Calvary Lutheran
- Aug. 5: New Salem Lutheran ←
- Aug. 12: Aardahl Lutheran
- Aug. 19: First Lutheran
- Aug. 26: Church of Christ

Planning Your Summer?!

Something for everyone. Lots of fun activities for the whole family!



LOOP THE LAKE FESTIVAL
AROUND LAKE BEMIDJI

SATURDAY | JUNE 20, 2026
7:30AM - 10:00AM
ROLLING START FROM
SOUTH SHORE BEACH | BEMIDJI, MN





58th Watermark Art Festival

Saturday, July 18
10 - 5pm
& Sunday, July 19
10 - 4pm

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Headwaters Science Center
Headwaters Music & Arts




Beltrami County Fair

Wednesday-Sunday, August 12-16, 2026
Beltrami County Fairgrounds

GRANDSTAND SCHEDULE:
Wed Night, August 12th - Free Concert
Thurs Night, August 13th - Motocross
Fri Night, August 14th - WoJo's Rodeo
Sat Night, August 15th - WoJo's Rodeo
Sun, August 16th - 4H Drill Team
+ Other Community Events!

www.beltramicountyfair.org



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.

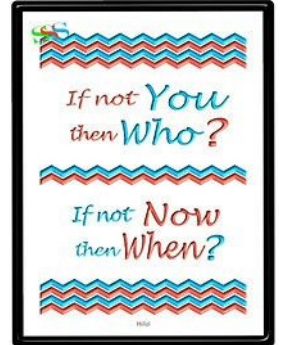


The Service Group Needs a President

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.

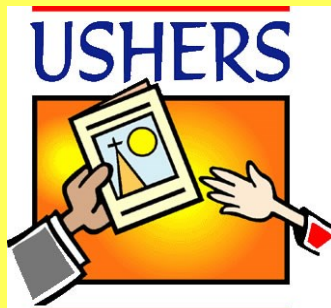
For more information and a list of responsibilities, please contact interim leader Karyn Lutz at lutz@paulbunyan.net or 218-280-7488.



**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.**



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.

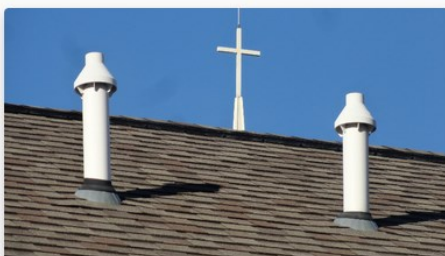


Mission Partners

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.