



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 2025

Monthly Events

May
1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9:30 AM
Bible Study



May 9 & 12
Food Shelf

9:00am—
12:15pm
12:00pm—
3:15pm



May 14 &
28 @4:00
Confirmation

May 11



May 20
6:30 pm Council
6:00 pm Teams



May
26

May 29
Ascension Day

May 30-June 1
Synod Assembly



Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"What is God calling you to?" "Where is God calling you to serve?"
"How is God calling you?" "When is God calling you?"

These may be questions we're asking yourself or maybe we ought to be asking ourselves. We don't often talk about what God is calling us to, while God is calling us every moment of everyday. We miss the calling, maybe because we aren't tuned into God, or asking God.

Jesus in John 21:15-17 calls Peter to tend and feed His sheep. But first Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter three times, each time telling him to tend or feed His sheep. The one question I have, "Is Jesus asking us do we love Him?"

Now this is truly something we don't talk much about, "Do we love Jesus." I wonder, "what does that mean or look like?" What kind of love are we talking about? In the Greek translation, our one word "love" has many different meanings. Here Jesus uses agape (unconditional love) and phileo, (brotherly love) two different types of love. Which would we use to describe our relationship with our Lord? It isn't as important which we choose, but more so how we respond.

As a farm boy, I have an idea what it means to tend and feed cows, and I think it would transfer to sheep. Our role in the lives of our cows went beyond just being sure they had something to eat, to include a safe, clean and dry place to lay down, caring for their health, and cleaning up after them. If you have pets, it's very much the same.

Taking what we know about caring for animals, we can transfer that to Jesus' calling to tend and feed His sheep. Another example is Jesus' command to "love our neighbor as ourselves." If we say we love Jesus, have a relationship with Him, then we too are being called to care for, at least the basic needs of our neighbors, which don't need to be listed.

We could also interpret these verses, as our job description, as our basic responsibilities as beloved and holy people of God. I believe Jesus trust us to know what this means.

Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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 2024-25 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.

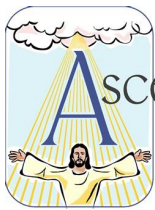


Our spring **Rummage Sale and Bake Sale**

brought in **\$4,871.90**

and, as usual, generated a lot of goodwill in
 the congregation and the broader
 community. Thank you to all who helped.

Ascension Thursday (May 29th)

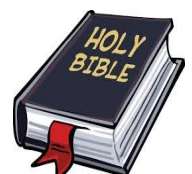


Ascension Thursday, also known
 as the Feast of the Ascension,
 commemorates the Christian
 belief in the bodily ascension of
 Jesus Christ into heaven, occurring
 40 days after Easter Sunday and 10 days before Pentecost.
 One symbolic custom in liturgical churches is to extinguish
 the Paschal candle, which was first lit at Easter, as a
 symbol of Christ leaving the earth.



Readings for MAY

MAY 4: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
 MAY 11 Mothers' Day: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
 MAY 18: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
 MAY 25: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-29
 MAY 29: Ascension Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53





New Salem Council

Council did not meet in April



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

NWMN SYNOD
**highways
& hedges**
ASSEMBLY
2025

Our Synod Assembly is being held May 30—June 1 on the Concordia Campus in Moorhead.

We will be electing/re-electing a Bishop for our Synod at that time.

The theme for the 2025 Synod Assembly, "In the Highways and the Hedges, We'll Be Somewhere a Workin' for Our Lord," calls us to embrace a 21st-century vision of Christian life—one that extends beyond the walls of our congregations and into the world where we live, work, and play. Inspired by Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:40—"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"—this theme reminds us that the main stage for living out our faith is not confined to our church buildings or programs but is instead found in our daily lives: our workplaces, schools, homes, and neighborhoods. It is in these ordinary spaces, "the highways and the hedges," that we are called to be faithful disciples, wholly devoted to Jesus and our neighbor in love.



Evergreen

Youth & Family Services

Strengthening Youth. Preserving Families.

*New Salem's
Highlighted
Mission
Partner
May 2025*



OUR MISSION

Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a community-based organization committed to strengthening youth, preserving families and building relationships with an emphasis on those living in Northern Minnesota.

OUR VALUES

Evergreen believes that communities are strongest when every individual is treated with dignity and respect and has support to achieve his/her full human potential. Evergreen chooses to remain client-centered with an emphasis on being responsive to each individual and families' needs while maintaining a high level of professionalism, compassion and empathy. We operate from a position of hope, faith and support. Our services and perspective are often grassroots in nature and it is because of our strong relationships and resources that Evergreen Youth & Family Services remains a catalyst in the region for proactive services, education and advocacy.

- ♦ Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a private, non-profit youth and family service provider.
- ♦ In the past 48 years, Evergreen has developed a safety net of services to strengthen youth, preserve families, and help support successful transitions to adulthood.
- ♦ Every year, over 1,000 children, youth, and young families come to us for emergency food and shelter, crisis intervention, mental health, and the skills and tools necessary to live a safe and healthy life.
- ♦ Youth and families of all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome. Approximately 60% of the youth we serve each year are Native American or mixed race, 30% are Caucasian, and 10% are African-American, Asian, Hispanic, or mixed race.

The Evergreen Youth & Family Services Shelter provides free shelter, coaching, and support services for **youth ages 9-17** who are experiencing an immediate personal or family crisis. The shelter can house up to 10 youth at a time and is **open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year**. Youth, their families, and other caregivers are also eligible to receive free drop-in counseling and/or family counseling services. All services are free.

God's Work, Our Treasure—MAY 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Evergreen Youth & Family Services**, 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 **Evergreen YFS**

www.evergreenyfs.org



As Spring arrives and the grass greens up, let's not forget our brothers and sisters experiencing food insecurity right here in our midst. It's easy to focus on new buds, chirping birds, and blooming flowers after a long, cold winter. But for some, the freshness of a new season doesn't arrive with the calendar months flipping. As winter closed its doors, the food shelf served LOTS of hungry people.

March Service Numbers

Households Served 1,018

Individuals 3,057

Lbs. Food Distributed; 71,914

WOW!!! Thank you!

Calling all interested parties, and even those that don't yet know they're interested!

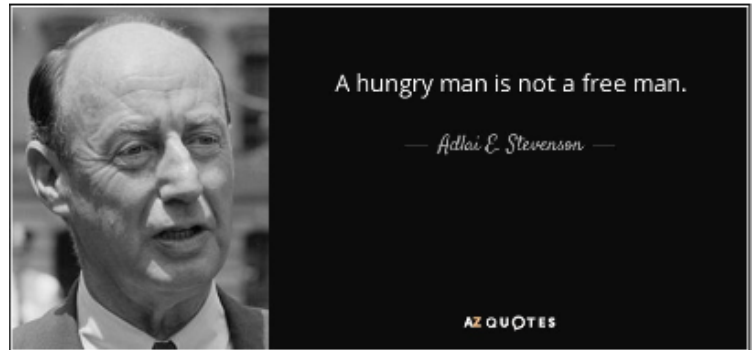
New Salem's volunteer shifts in May:

Friday, May 9, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, May 12, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, May 12, from 12:00 – 3:15

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



Donations are appreciated! 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



**Good luck on the
Fishing Opener
May 10th**



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.

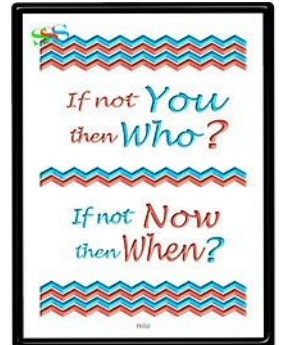


The Service Group Needs a President

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.

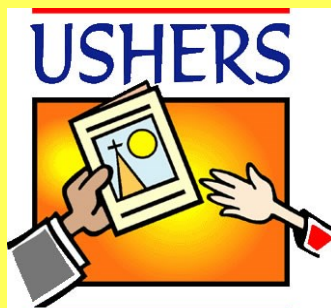
For more information and a list of responsibilities, please contact interim leader Karyn Lutz at lutz@paulbunyan.net or 218-280-7488.



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.

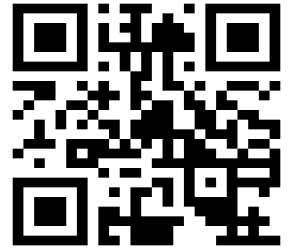


Do you know that you can support the mission of New Salem electronically?

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.