



NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2022

Upcoming Events



**Nov. 7,
14, 21, 28**
9:30 AM
Bible Study

Nov. 6
All Saints Sunday



Nov. 11
VETERANS DAY

Nov. 19



Nov. 21
Teams Meet
6:00-7:00 PM
Council 7:00 PM

Nov. 24



Nov. 27



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The other morning, I thought, why am I shaving almost daily? Why don't I just let my beard grow and save time? Why? Because having a beard makes me look older, there's the answer. If I were to ask why for everything I say or do, I'd never get anything else done. Why do we do what we do? We do all kinds of things in our daily lives without thinking about the why. A few times, we might stop and ask why.

Why do we do what we do at New Salem? Why Sunday morning worship and coffee? Why Wednesday choir, WAMM, and confirmation? Why have a prayer chain? Why have fun activities for our youth? Why have tough conversations about racism? Why give of our time and gifts? Why do we need a pastor? Why have roadside cleanups? So on and so on.

Why? Would anyone go to church or be a Christian, patterning their lives after the examples of Jesus? Why do we believe what we believe and do what we do?

Why? Because we have always done it that way? Because isn't that what a congregation does? Because it just wouldn't be right if we didn't. Maybe we haven't even thought about the why, yet we keep plowing ahead.

Membership in all of the different Christian dominations is on the decline. People aren't seeking or desiring to deepen a relationship with Christ. We have become comfortable believing that living a good life is enough; a relationship with Jesus isn't necessary. Seeking the guidance of God, asking the Holy Spirit to lead, and gathering as a community of Christ is on the decline. Because the church is no longer asking "Why" we're even here.

Our asking "Why" we gather for worship, coffee, WAMM, choir, have a prayer chain, confirmation, and so on, is where we start. Is the "Why" because it's how we best witness God's love and grace? By asking and answering, in detail, how is what we do, reflecting the love of Christ to each other and beyond our doors, will make a difference. If we can't verbalize to each other the "Why," how can we share it beyond our doors?

I'm going to keep learning more about asking the "Why" and going to keep asking the "Why" we do what we do here at New Salem.

In Christ's love
Pastor Terry

WAMM Wednesday Evenings Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

5:45 pm Supper

6:30 pm WAMM for children

6:30 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm discussion group for adults

7:30 pm Advent Service on Nov. 30th





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Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, November 19th 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.
There will be local artisans, a bake sale, items from
New Salem crafters, and 4Hers selling food.

**Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, 18th,
between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

**Craft items can be dropped off through 5:00 PM
on Friday, 18th.**

PLEASE PRICE YOUR CRAFT ITEMS

This is a congregational event, everyone's help is needed.
Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.
Funds raised support local missions and non-profits.



You can be God's hands and feet in
serving at New Salem.

Usher at Sunday service
Read the lessons on Sunday
Set-up & clean-up communion
Serve communion
Sing with the choir

Make coffee & provide goodies for
fellowship after service

*Matthew 23:11 The greatest among you
will be your servant.*



October 2022 Income vs Expenses thru October 24

(Note this is NOT the complete month
It does NOT include the last Sunday of
the month nor the this month's second
payroll nor late month bills)

Income \$ 12,714.76

Expenses \$ 8,796.64

Surplus/(Deficit) \$3,918.12

Thank you for your generous giving.



Northwestern Minnesota Synod's 2022 Middle School Youth Gathering

Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10:22-37

Save the Date

November 18-19/19-20. 2022

@Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria



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God's work. Our world.

All of the information can be found [www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/
2022-middle-school-youth-gathering](http://www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/2022-middle-school-youth-gathering)

Participants: grades 6th-8th

WHEATYs (High School Mentors): grades 9th-12th (will have opportunities for
training and connecting virtually before the event)

Readings for the Sundays NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 6: All Saint's Sunday Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER 13: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 20: Christ the King Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 27: Advent begins. Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44





New Salem Church Council Minutes October 17, 2022

Present: Rick Bogart, Pr. Terry Hagensen, Dave Johnson, Sue Rosselet, Jon Severson, Janet Tiegen

Absent: Robert Ferdinandt, Eric Medberry, Deb Sovde

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Rick Bogart.

In lieu of devotions, Pr. Terry lead us in prayer. Rick will lead devotions in November.

Approval of the October 17, 2022 agenda: Moved by Janet, second by Sue. Passed.

Approval of the September 19, 2022 minutes: Moved by Dave, second by Sue. Passed.

Pastor's Update: Pr. Terry talked about a webinar from Faith+Lead Luther Seminary entitled "Getting Clear on the Why of our Church" faithlead.luthersem.edu/leading-faithful-innovation-getting-clear-on-the-why-of-our-church. In this presentation, we're asked to take a step back and ask, as a congregation, why did God put us here? What difference is Jesus making in our everyday lives? The Council and the entire congregation are invited to view the webinar and reflect on the "why". Note that Pr. Terry will be taking his last week of vacation for the year the week after Christmas.

Finance Report: The Info-Coffee on Sunday, 16th, was well attended and well received. Sue reported that the largest expense in September was the payments to the IRS/US Treasury and the State of MN for 3rd quarter payroll taxes. Everything else was routine expenses. We came close to breaking even during the 3rd qtr. (July-Aug-Sept). We still have a deficit for the year, but historically, giving has increased during the final months of the year as our generosity increases during the holidays. Report was accepted and filed.

Old Business:

It was with deep regret that we voted to remove Robert Ferdinandt from the Council. This was in keeping with our constitution, [Section C12.01b A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause.] Our thanks to Robert for his previous service. Moved by Dave, second by Janet. Passed.

At our Annual Meeting in January, we will need to fill 4 council vacancies: 2 regular 3-year terms and 2 as 1 year replacements. **Please note that our Constitution specifies that our Council consist of not more than 9 nor fewer than 7 members of the congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth or young adult.** We ask that every adult in the congregation prayerfully consider serving in the capacity. Feel free to discuss this with any of the current Council members.

The New Salem sign by the driveway, which has been removed, is undergoing restoration. It is a work in progress and will hopefully be completed before snow is upon us.

The Fall Bazaar is slated for Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It will be a major topic of discussion at the Service Group meeting on Monday, Oct. 24th. Watch the newsletter and the bulletins for further announcements. Sign-up sheets will be out soon. This is a congregational event so everyone is invited to help and, of course, to attend.

New Business: Team Reports

Worship & Music: Preparation continues on special Christmas music and a Christmas program to be held December 18th. The choir has put out a call for more singers for this special occasion. There is also a great need for parents to encourage their children to be part of the telling of the Christmas story.

Reformation Sunday and Confirmation will be on October 30th. All Saints Sunday is November 6th.

Stewardship: The benevolence for November will be the Northwoods Care Givers.

Commitment Sunday will be November 20th with more info forthcoming on the 6th and 13th.

Building & Grounds: The removal of rocks around the edge of the building has been postponed until April at which point shrubs will need to be trimmed too.

Youth & Education: Trunk or Treat will be happening on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Come join the fun by handing out candy from the trunk of your car! There will be a horse and wagon to provide hayrides for the kids and pizza will be served.

Next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 21st. Team meetings will be at 6:00 PM

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Janet. Passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Your New Salem Family Needs YOU ...

This is OUR church

ALL of us need to step-up and help.

**On Sunday mornings we need
ushers, readers, communion assistants,
and fellowship hosts.**

**None of this is difficult, it just takes a little of your
time. Who will do this if not YOU?**

**Volunteer ... don't wait to be asked or
expect someone else to "ask" you to help.**

Let's fill up those sign-up sheets!

Benefits of Volunteering

- ♦ Gain confidence.
- ♦ Make a difference
- ♦ Meet people
- ♦ Be part of a YOUR
New Salem community
- ♦ Learn new skills
- ♦ Be of service to others
- ♦ Take on a challenge
- ♦ Have fun!



Let's help our kids!

**WAMM needs parents
and others to fulfill those
promises made at
baptism.**

**These are OUR KIDS and
they deserve our time and
effort. Step-up and teach
those lessons and/or
prepare & serve supper.**

**Our kids are worth our
time and energy.**

VOLUNTEER!!

**When children are presented for Holy Baptism, the
parents, sponsors, and congregation promise to
faithfully bring them to the services of God's house and
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments. As they grow, we promise to place in
their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their
instruction in the Christian faith. Lutheran Book of Worship**



God's work.
Our hands.

Every day at ELCA World Hunger, we work together with a global network of partners and companions to find creative and sustainable solutions toward a just world where all are fed. World Food Day in 2022 met us in a season of complex global challenges that are driving a hunger crisis for nearly 193 million people.

If you missed the ELCA World Hunger special World Food Day event hosted by Rick Steves, you can still view the presentation on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/z1wM4Mdhz6o) <https://youtu.be/z1wM4Mdhz6o>

Learn something new about the complex food crisis our world faces and see your generosity in action, funding creative and sustainable solutions in the work to end hunger. Learn more and give today by visiting: <https://ELCA.org/WorldFoodDay>



*Thank you to all who
helped with highway
clean-up on Saturday,
October 15th*

*Our environment thanks
you!!*



Worship & Music
Youth & Education
Outreach & Stewardship
Building & Grounds

Team Night

The 3rd Monday of each month, at 6:00 PM, the
Teams of New Salem
meet to share ideas and plan events.
Everyone is welcome!!



Join the fun and make a difference.

Meetings are held to a strict 1 hour time limit and there is no long term commitment.
Share your talent and ideas.

Next Team Meetings: November 21st



As we usher in the new season (yes, THAT one!), let us remember our brothers and sisters experiencing income inequality. With increased costs on everything from gas to groceries to energy, heading into winter is a financial burden to many. This is the month of gratitude. How will we share our bounty with those less fortunate as we give thanks for the many gifts in our lives?

We're excited to team up with Thrivent again to donate resources to our Food Shelf. Have you noticed the bin in the fellowship hall? The running total posted on its side keeps increasing! Thank you to all who've donated items for this worthy cause. Thrivent will match our donations up to \$500, if we reach our goal of 500 items. Our focus is on personal care, baby, and household goods, as the food shelf is unable to purchase these non-grocery items.

For our faithful servants volunteering to work at the Food Shelf, we will be gathering at the following times:

Friday, Nov. 11 from 9:00 – 12:30

Monday, Nov. 14 from 9:00 – 12:30

Monday, Nov. 14 from 12:15 – 3:30

The New Salem team will not be scheduled for our regular shifts in December, due to a flooring upgrade in the Food Shelf. All hands are back on deck in January! We're looking for additional volunteers as many of our regulars head to warmer climes during the winter. All ages and physical abilities are welcome and appreciated. Please contact me at 612.940.7312 or ksnortland5@gmail.com to join us!

As always, we're collecting non-perishable food items, grocery bags, and Our Family UPC labels in the church narthex. Look for the baskets near the credenza when you enter.

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can play a role in this meaningful ministry.
With much gratitude,

Karin Snortland
Council of Churches Representative

Don't forget those personal care items being collected for our Food Shelf. Thrivent will give them \$500 if we collect at least 500 items. We're about half way there. Donate through November 13th. Bins are in the narthex. Picture will be taken in our Thrivent shirts on Sunday, November 13th!!

September Food Shelf Numbers:
810 households were served
2,467 individuals were served
There were 117 new clients.
54,267 pounds of food were distributed.

Food Shelf Numbers January—August
surpassing 2021 numbers:
6,915 households were served
21,597 individuals were served
444,383 pounds of food were distributed; that's 222.2 tons of food!!



New Salem Service Group October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Krista Bogart, Pauline Golden, Ruby Kraft, Karyn Lutz, Hailey Mack, B Olson, Roger Olson, Stu Rosselet, Sue Rosselet, Darlene Schultz, Dora Lee Souder, Julie Souder, Karin Snortland, Linda Wolden, Donna Zelinsky

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Karyn Lutz.
Krista led a neat devotion dealing with YH WH (Yahweh) and the breath of God.
Sue will lead devotions at our next meeting, which will be December 12th.

The agenda was altered to start with New Business and the Fall Bazaar as some in attendance needed to leave early.

New Business: The Fall Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Sue Carlson sent a list of 10 local artisans who will participate. We should have a good variety of arts and crafts. There will be a craft table for New Salem folks to contribute items. Question was raised as to who set this up last year. Karyn will call Diane Petersen to ask if she is interested in doing this as she has in the past. Vendors will be charged \$60 for their table space. These funds go to the general fund of the church.

The doors will be open at 7AM on Saturday, 19th, so that local artisans can set up that morning. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday between 9AM and 5PM. Tables will be set-up after WAMM on Wednesday, 16th, including tables for raffles and in the library for baked goods. Table clothes should be in the storeroom. Check on a bookshelf in the SS rooms which has been used in the past. After Wednesday, if more tables are needed, if so, ask people to bring them.

Hailey will handle the raffles with B's help. She is hoping to have youth hand out popcorn, asking for a free-will offering to raise funds for a youth event. Have the popcorn at the door so people can get it on their way out. Have the bags sealed and discourage eating it while in the fellowship hall. Hailey is still seeking items for the raffle and for baskets. She's going to seek gift card donations from businesses. This might also include a silent auction for special items. Karin will take care of having cash bags for the raffles, the craft table, and the baked goods table. Ruby, Pauline, Darlene, and Janet will take charge of the baked goods tables and sales. Karyn will check with Eric Medberry who is working with the Turtle River 4Hers to sell rolls and sliders, will they also sell water and coffee. We will set-up the back SS rooms with places for people to sit and eat. Discourage people from eating in other rooms.

Trays and bags are available for use by bakers. Have them available on Sundays for people to pick up. We may try an electronic sign-up system for this event with coordination with the regular sign-up sheets in the narthex.

On the day of the Bazaar, Stu will put up and take down the Event Today sign.

Secretary's Report: one minor correction in the August minutes: it was the powdered creamers that were thrown out and replaced with liquid creamers. Donna moved at approve the minutes with that correction; second by B. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Karin provided a written summary of income and expenses for September and October. Income came from fellowship donations. Expenses were mostly for kitchen re-supplies. We currently have about \$400 in checking and \$2,000 in savings. Marge secured a Thrivent Gift card to pay for advertising for the Bazaar, including newspapers, Facebook, and posters for distribution.

We have been experimenting with mats for the kitchen floor. The first mats were slipped on the floors and were returned. We're trying a cushier, water resistant mat in front of the small sink. Home Depot has a 2'x8' mat that we hope will work by the serving area. Karin & Donna will pursue getting this. There was also discussion of a mat with holes (i.e. a "holy/holey" mat) for in front of the dishwasher. There were questions about the size and this needs more research. The report was accepted and filed.

Old Business: No one attended the NW MN Synod Women's gathering on Sept 16-17.

More New Business: B asked about Christmas bags for the kids participating in the Christmas program on Dec. 18th. Ruby will seek a Thrivent card to defray the costs. Krista and B will buy items and prepare the bags which will be given to the kids on the 18th. Discussion about Christmas gifts for staff. We will do the same as we did last year for the staff.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:53.pm Next meeting: 6:30pm on December 12th



**Our New Salem Choir
is in need of more voices for the
Christmas Cantata, an
important part of our Christmas tradition.**

**Practice is on
Wednesday evenings
from 5:00-6:00 pm**



PARENTS

Your help is needed.

Encourage your kids to be part of the Christmas program. Get them to WAMM and rehearsals, pitch-in and help work with this fun event.

The WAMM discussion group is currently exploring systemic racism and what that means. We have a group reference list; meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30-7:30; and keep in touch via email for the agenda. The group is designed so that each can explore their own reading and bring discussion ideas to the group. You don't need to be in attendance every week to attend. If you would like to be on the email list, email Linda Hendrikson at linda.hendrikson@gmail.com

An excerpt from *The Forgotten Radicalism of Jesus Christ*

By [Peter Wehner](#) Contributing Opinion Writer New York Times
www.nytimes.com/2020/12/24/opinion/jesus-christ-christmas-incarnation.html

First-century Christians weren't prepared for what a truly radical and radically inclusive figure Jesus was, and neither are today's Christians. We want to tame and domesticate who he was, but Jesus' life and ministry don't really allow for it. He shattered barrier after barrier.

Jesus must have understood that we human beings battle with exclusion, self-righteousness and arrogance, and have a quick trigger finger when it comes to judging others. Jesus knew how easily we could fall into the trap of turning "the other" — those of other races, ethnicities, classes, genders and nations — into enemies. We place loyalty to the tribe over compassion and human connection. We view differences as threatening; the result is we become isolated, rigid in our thinking, harsh and unforgiving.

Jesus clearly believed that outcasts had a lot to teach the privileged and the powerful, including the virtues of humility and the vice of supreme certitude. Rather than seeing God exclusively as a moral taskmaster, Jesus understood that the weak and dispossessed often experience God in a different way — as a dispenser of grace, a source of comfort, a redeemer. They see the world, and God, through a different prism than do the powerful and the proud. The lowly in the world offer a corrective to the spiritual astigmatism that develop among the rest of us.



New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner
for November 2022



Phone: (218) 333 – 8264

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Connecting, enriching, and empowering the lives of Northwoods individuals and families is the mission of Northwoods Caregivers. This mission defines all of the services they provide to their clients and their families.

Northwoods Caregivers are made up of people from all walks of life working closely with clients and their families providing crucial services such as respite care, transportation and shopping assistance, to name only a few.

Many of the services provided by Northwoods Caregivers are delivered by trained professionals or paraprofessionals who deliver **Respite Services** and **Homemaking Services**, provide **Aging Life Care Management**, and operate **First City Visitation Service**. Financial gifts from people like you play a big roll in making these services possible.

Such gifts, however, are not the only way one can support the work of Northwoods Caregivers. Indeed, Northwoods Caregivers offers numerous opportunities to for you to give of your time and talent as a volunteer. **Becoming a Northwoods Caregiver is a tremendous opportunity to make a sizeable impact in the community you live in.** Volunteers provide services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping assistance and friendly visiting to seniors and people living with a disability. They can also be handypersons.

In order to ensure the safety of its clients all caregivers must pass an extensive background check. Not only are Caregivers equipped with training and resources to perform this vital service, volunteers are also provided with liability insurance and may request mileage reimbursement.

God's Work, Our Treasure

Contributions to causes such as Northwoods Caregivers account for a significant part of New Salem's benevolence to others and are one way our congregation shines the cross of Christ throughout the local, regional, and global communities. Thank you for considering making a gift to this much needed ministry.

During the month of November, New Salem is collecting money to help support the ongoing work of Northwoods Caregivers. Should you wish to contribute to Northwoods Caregivers, you can simply place your contribution in the collection plate or you can give through Northwoods Caregivers website at <https://northwoodscaregivers.org/>. You can also mail your gift to New Salem with an indication that it is to be directed to Northwoods Caregivers.

Checks should be made out to New Salem Lutheran Church, *but be certain to include a note or memo line that clearly identifies that your gift is to this specific benevolence.*

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