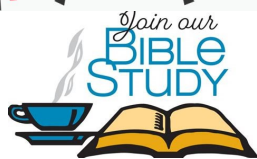




LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS



9:30 AM
Nov. 6, 13, 20



Food Shelf

Nov. 10: 9:00—12:15
12:15—3:15
Nov. 14: 9:00—12:15



**Fall Bazaar &
Bake Sale**
Nov. 8th
9 AM—3 PM



Church Council
Nov. 18 6:30 PM
Team Meeting 6:00



November 27



Nov 30

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Terry Hagensen

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NOVEMBER 2025

Psalm 108:3–4 *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
and I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A dear friend of mine, who battled breast cancer for ten long years before it spread to her brain, died this past year. During her illness, we often talked about what she was experiencing—the pain, the uncertainty, and the moments of grace and support she encountered. One day, she mentioned her breast cancer support group and how often the conversation turned toward maintaining an attitude of gratitude.

I asked her if that focus on gratitude was simply a distraction from the hard reality of what was happening, or if it was truly a way to cope. She thought about it for a few days before responding. Her answer was simple and profound: “Having an attitude of gratitude is real.” That stayed with me.

Looking for the positive in life—focusing on the pluses when we are surrounded by minuses—is not always easy. I will confess, I too often allow the minuses to overshadow the blessings right before me. In what we hear, see, or experience, the negative so often shouts louder than the good.

I pulled a book off my shelf—a Bible Concordance. I looked up the word “give” and found 958 verses. Most of them show God as the giver. Then I looked up “thanks” and “thanksgiving” and found 133 verses—our response to God’s gifts. That is 1,091 verses that, can support the practice of an attitude of gratitude!

Thankfulness flows from our faith in a God who gives—constantly, faithfully, often without our awareness. Many of us will gather around a Thanksgiving table, sharing good food and good company, some with take a moment to name what we are thankful for. What if we did not save that for just one day? What if we practiced an attitude of gratitude every day—seeing the world, and all of creation, through thankful eyes?

May this season of thanksgiving and anticipation renew in each of us a grateful heart, ready to give thanks.

Grace and peace,
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: Eric Medberry

Vice Pres: Nora Illies

Secretary: Calli Ferdig

Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

Graig Gilbertson 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.



Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



Thanks to those who helped with highway
clean-up on October 11th

Sunday, November 2

Set your clocks back 1 hour.



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.



Gathering
for Prayer
Wednesday
November 19
6:30 pm

Readings for NOVEMBER

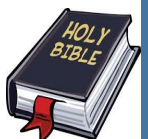
NOVEMBER 2: [All Saints](#) Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

NOVEMBER 9: Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER 16: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 23: [Christ the King](#) Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER 30: [Advent begins](#) Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44





New Salem Council

Minutes of Meeting of October 21, 2025

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:29pm by Eric Medberry.

Devotion – Pastor Terry, November will be Nora.

Approval of the October 21, 2025 Meeting Agenda:

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

Approval of the September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Audit Report: Mike Moen and Glen Lindseth

Mike and Glen performed the annual audit to review 2024 financial records. They found no discrepancies or irregularities in the review. They did report on two recommendations.

Review and clean up of authorized bank signers.

To review and address the current counting procedures. Recommended that we need processes in place to keep things in check and to keep accounting functions separate from the counting function and that church staff not be involved in counting. It is noted that they do not believe anything has been incorrectly reported, this is solely intended so there is no perception of impropriety.

Council acknowledges Mike and Glen's recommendations and will take in to consideration. We will discuss making changes to streamline the process of counting. Suggestion is that council members take turns counting over the coming Sundays and report back to the November council meeting with their own recommendations and feedback. At that time, we will revisit the policy and amend if needed. Council extends thanks and gratitude to Glen and Mike for their efforts and expertise in the annual audit.

Pastor's Report:

No report.

Financial Report:

September was just slightly behind for the month. Benevolences for September and part of October have been paid. Nothing out of the ordinary, no concerns noted. Report filed.

Old Business:

- Parking lot striping, Glen Lindseth is overseeing, waiting on repairs to be made prior to painting lines.
- Parking lot repair should be completed this week to fix draining issues.
- Filling the vacant position on council. No update, still seeking volunteers to join council.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 2-5pm. Jake's Pizza will be provided, cupcakes and beverages. Two teams of horses will be here for wagon rides.

New Business:

- Check signers and credit card update: Sue Rosselet Current signers at the bank will be updated. Sue Rosselet, Calli Ferdig, Fred Sanford and Bob Wagner are the current and only signers. Sue moved that Rick Bogart be removed as signer from the General Fund and Capital Fund, Nora seconded, motion carried.
- The New Salem Lutheran Church physical debit card will need to have a person's name listed on it, in addition to the church's name. This is a new policy from the bank. We will continue to have only one debit card and Traci's name will be printed on the card when it is reissued.
- Audit Report Review: Nora Illies/Eric Medberry Reviewed report, noted above.
- Reviewing Social Media Position: Eric Medberry Nora Illies was elected to fill our Social Media position earlier this year. Part of the position description is to review the position annually. Council agrees that Nora does an amazing job and thanked her for her commitment to the position, no additional conversation noted.
- Designing and building a prayer/meditation labyrinth. Sonya Kraft Karin Snortland brought the idea up to construct a prayer labyrinth on the church property. Sonya provided literature and information on labyrinths. More to come.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Sonya, no report.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora Solidified Commitment Sunday information; ELCA Good Gifts Tree; instead of animals, there will be a larger goal such as access to clean drinking water.

Building and Grounds: Bob will continue to patch concrete as needed, likely not until spring as the air temperature needs to be above 60 degrees. Discussion on adding/replacing the stakes to the edge of driveway for plowing/driving. More to come.

Youth and Education: December 14th will be the Children's Christmas Program in conjunction with the Choir's Christmas Cantata.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm. Teams will meet at 6 pm.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.



- ◆ We have 10 confirmed local crafters/artisans, so our house will be full.
- ◆ The 4-H club will be doing sliders and sticky buns again.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- ⇒ Watch for sign-up sheets on a table in the narthex
- ⇒ Distribute fliers around Bemidji and Blackduck
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 5 from 4-5 pm set-up;
- ⇒ Friday, November 7 any time from 11-5 pm to help with raffle, craft table, bake sale set-up
- ⇒ Help on Saturday during the Bazaar 9 am—3 pm
- ⇒ Clean-up crew to arrive at 3 pm on Saturday
- ⇒ Donations of new items for raffle and craft table.
- ⇒ Requests to businesses for gift cards/goods for raffle table



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Proceeds go back into our community to support local charities



The month of gratitude is upon us and we're grateful to all the volunteers that keep the local food shelf running and stocked. At a recent meeting, Interim Executive Director, Kathy Felix, gave a huge shout out to everyone of you who supports the food shelf in any way. Thank you for all this congregation does to make such an

enormous impact on our community. No other congregation staffs three shifts. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!

It's that time of year again, and the food shelf is excited to share the beginning of this year's Stuff-A-Truck Food drive through Lueken's Village Foods! This wonderful event runs now through mid-November. When shopping at Lueken's, please generously remember the food shelf.



Here are the opportunities to serve in November:

Monday, Nov. 10, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Nov. 10, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, Nov. 14, from 9:00 – 12:15

Contact Pastor Terry (this month only!) to join the fun! 218-586-2262

Thank you for your continued donations! A basket is located next to the double doors in the narthex. Please note, only one-dozen egg cartons are needed (not 18-ct.). When donating items that require other ingredients to make (brownie mix, pancake mix, etc.), please consider donating the other ingredients, too.

"If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday".

Isaiah 58:10

In His Service,

Karin Snortland ksnortland5@gmail.com. 612.940.7312

Council of Churches Representative



Volunteer to assist with some part of worship!
Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience
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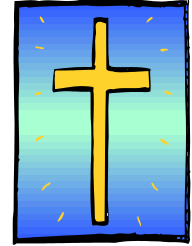


Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.
Instructions are available as needed.





*New Salem's
Highlighted
Mission
Partner
November 2025*



Connecting, Enriching, and Empowering the Lives of Northwoods Individuals and Families is the mission of Northwoods Caregivers. This mission defines all of the services provided to our clients and their families.

At Northwoods Caregivers, our dedicated team comprises individuals from diverse backgrounds, united in their commitment to work closely with clients and their families. We offer essential services, including respite care, transportation, and shopping assistance, among others.

All services provided by Northwoods Caregivers are covered by the [Homecare Bill of Rights](#)

Volunteer Transportation Services:

Volunteers provide services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping assistance, and friendly visiting to seniors and people living with a disability.

Caregiver Coaching & Support:

Caregiver coaching is a personalized service that equips family caregivers with knowledge, skills, and tools needed to develop themselves and their role as caregivers. Staff are available to provide Caregiver Coaching who have specialized training in: Dementia caregiving, Native American culture, and LGBTQ Elder concerns.

First City Visitation & Exchange Services:

The mission of First City is to offer a neutral, safe, and child-friendly space where children and parents can experience supervised visitations or exchanges that are safe and conflict free.

Respite Services:

In-home [respite care](#) provides a break to primary caregivers who are caring for a loved one and just need a break! Northwoods Caregiver Respite Providers are Certified Nursing Assistants, RN's or LPN's and have all passed several background and reference checks. They can help with daily activities such as: safety and supervision to complete tasks, transfers, meal preparation, feeding, exercising, dressing, bathing, and companionship.

Homemaking Services:

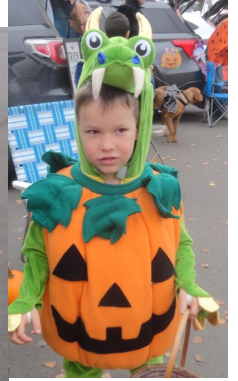
[Homemaking services](#) are provided to seniors and disabled individuals who are in need of assistance with daily household duties, such as dishes, dusting, bathroom, laundry, changing bedding, vacuuming, light meal preparation, and grocery shopping.

God's Work, Our Treasure—NOVEMBER 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Northwoods Caregivers**, 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 **Northwoods Caregivers**.

<https://northwoodscaregivers.org/>



**Trunk or Treat
October 25th**

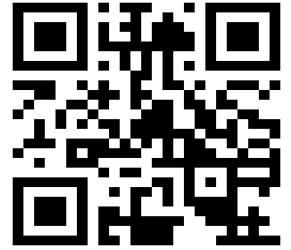


Do you know that you can support the mission of New Salem electronically?

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.



Building Fund

Even a house of God sometimes needs repairs!

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.

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.

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.



Mission Partners

Donation for Mission Partners. Help causes such as hunger, homelessness, and other needs in our community and society.

Donate



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



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.