



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2024

Monthly Events

Nov 1

All Saints Day

Nov 2

Fall

Bazaar
& Bake
Sale



Nov 3

All Saints Sunday

Nov

7, 14, 21

9:30 AM

Bible Study



Nov 8 & 11

Food Shelf

9:00am—
12:15pm
12:00pm—
3:15pm



Nov 19

6:30 pm Council

6:00 pm Teams

Nov 6 & 20

3:30 pm

Book Discussion

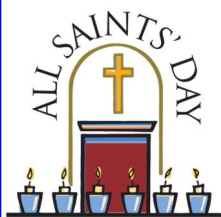
Nov 24

Christ the King

Nov 28



We begin and end the month with two important church celebrations.



All Saints' Day

All Saints Day holds a significant place in the traditions of the Lutheran Church. This special day, celebrated on November 1st each year, honors all the saints, both known and unknown, who have departed from this world and have been united with God in heaven. It is a time for the Lutheran community to come together in prayer and reflection, remembering the faithful lives of those who have gone before us.

The origin of All Saints Day can be traced back to the early Christian church, where it was initially celebrated on various dates. However, in the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as the official day to honor all saints.

Throughout history, the observance of All Saints Day in the Lutheran Church has evolved. During the Reformation, Martin Luther and other reformers sought to refocus the attention on the true meaning of the holiday. They emphasized the notion that all believers, not just the canonized saints, are part of the "communion of saints."

One of the primary beliefs behind this day is the concept of the "communion of saints." Lutherans believe that all believers, whether living or deceased, are united in Christ. This unity extends beyond the boundaries of time and space, creating a community that transcends death. On All Saints Day, we honor this special bond by acknowledging the saints who have gone before us and acknowledging our connection to them.

westernchurch.net/churches/what-is-all-saints-day-in-the-lutheran-church-exploring-its-significance/



Christ the King Sunday

Our world faced turbulent times in the 1920's. Secularism was on the rise, dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe, respect and reverence for the Church was waning and Christians were being told to "compartmentalize" their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government. In the midst of this unrest, in 1925, Pope Pius declared Christ the King Sunday to be celebrated on the last Sunday in October. He wanted a re-focus by all the world to honor and respect Christ as King.

The date selected for celebration of Christ the King competed with the Lutheran Reformation Sunday, a day when many Protestants celebrated a thinly veiled contempt for Roman Catholics. The rise of Ecumenism in the 50s allowed Christians to set aside divisions and prejudices, remembering Jesus' prayer "that they all may be one." In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast day to the last Sunday before Advent. Soon after, Protestants began observing and celebrating Christ the King Sunday on that same last Sunday before Advent.

The one we claim as our King models loving hospitality, embracing all, no exceptions. Our King rules with mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

lctm.org/celebrating-christ-the-king-sunday/

*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 New Salem Council
President: Rick Bogart
Vice Pres: Fred Sanford (interim)
Secretary: Eric Medberry
Treasurer: Sue Rosselet
Calli Ferdig Graig Gilbertson

Dave Johnson Bob Wagner
Karin Snortland (interim)

Council meets at 6:30 on the 3rd Tuesday
of each month.

Join our Ministry Teams

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

November



On Sunday, November 3rd, we will be
honoring and remembering

Irene Johnson	Cathy Nash
Sally Ellingson	Gerald Benson
Marian Kapphahn	Don Hogquist

Please plan to join us that morning.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in
Trunk or Treat on Oct. 26th. People handed
out candy, brought cupcakes, served pizza
and lemonade, and helped with clean-up.
Your efforts were very much appreciated!



Turtle River Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Raffle



*Featuring Artisans from Old Salem Hall &
Sticky Buns from Tall Pines 4-H club*

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Raffle ends at 2:30 PM.

Need not be present to win.

**New Salem Lutheran Church
7491 Island View Drive NE**

10 miles north of Bemidji on Highway 71



Readings for NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 3: All Saints Day Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

NOVEMBER 10: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 17: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 24: Christ the King Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



New Salem Council Minutes October 15, 2024

Present: Rick Bogart, Sue Rosselet, Fred Sanford, Graig Gilbertson, Dave Johnson, Bob Wagner, Calli Ferdig
Absent: Pastor Terry, Eric Medberry
The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Rick.

Congregational Officers: President: Rick Bogart, Vice President: Fred Sanford, Treasurer: Sue Rosselet, Secretary: Eric Medberry
Devotion - Sue - Next month will be Rick.

Approval of the October 15th, 2024 Meeting Agenda: Two additional items were added to the October agenda under New Business: ☐ Hurricane Relief Donation ☐ Message from the Service Group. Sue moved to approve; Bob seconded Motion carried.
Approval of the August 20th, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Dave moved to approve; Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Update: Rick provided an update that Pastor Terry is enjoying his time of sabbath.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Rosselet: ☐ Land sale was finalized ☐ Income - Expenses for October finished slightly in the black, but YTD we are at a deficit ☐ There were no unusual expenses for the month

☐ We are up to date on benevolences for each month ☐ Report was accepted and filed

Old Business:

Sale of property update: sale is finalized, \$11,000 was deposited and invested in a short term CD at First National Bank in Bemidji for 91 days at 4.16%.

New Business:

Cleaning and organization of church offices: Council agreed this can be tabled and discussed after the first of the year.

Council Membership Updates:

☐ Jon Severson Resignation, effective immediately. Sue moved; Graig seconded. Motion carried.

☐ Karin Snortland is to complete Jon Severson's term ending January 2025. Dave moved; Fred seconded . Motion carried.

☐ Appoint Fred Sanford to serve as Council Vice President until the Annual Meeting in January 2025. Sue moved; Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Pr. Emily Papke-Larson will be our guest Pastor this coming Sunday, Oct. 20th.

Stewardship and Outreach: o November 3rd is All Saints Sunday. [We will be remembering Irene Johnson, Cathy Nash, Sally Ellingson, Gerald Benson, Marian Kapphahn, and Don Hogquist] o November 11th will be Commitment Sunday

Buildings and Grounds: o Switching heat the source to propane for the winter. Ask Dale Wolden to assist

o There has been an anonymous gift intended for paving the New Salem parking lot. We received two bids for paving, the project includes all of the following; leveling of the area to be paved, paving parking lot around to the garage and including the driveway, in ground sprinkler system with automatic controls to the flower bed where the bell tower is, parking lines painted after paving, and a path to the playground and inclusive swing. Dave moved to accept Bemidji Bituminous Inc. bid and move forward with planning; Graig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parking Lot Paving Discussion; Bob noted concerns with drainage of the parking lot after being paved, including the chance of flooding towards the building if we were to receive heavy rain in a short amount of time.

Youth and Education: o Sunday School has started up again, children will be released after communion. Looking for volunteers to help lead the kids in lessons. o Confirmation will resume on 10/23/24 and kids will work on their Faith Formation. Working with families to find a Sunday for the Confirmation.

o Inclusive FriendShip Swing™ has been purchased for the playground. Thank you to Rick for pick-up and delivery of the swing. The swing will be installed in the spring.

Updating New Salem Signatories at First National Bank Updating authorized signers to include: Rick Bogart, Fred Sanford, Calli Ferdig, Sue Rosselet, Bob Wagner. Read only will remain Traci Schanke. Sue moved to approve the list of updated signers; Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hurricane Relief Donation: New Salem alongside Lutheran Disaster Relief will be accepting monetary donations to "Hurricane Response" which will be used to assist those affected by hurricanes. A check will be sent to LDR by November 15th.

Message from the Service Group: Sue was asked by the Group to raise a question about having the carpet professionally cleaned. Estimated cost would be about \$1600. Eric, our custodian, has been doing a complete cleaning of all of the church carpet each fall, after the Bazaar and before Advent, and plans to do that again this fall. Sue's recommendation is that we continue to have Eric do this yearly cleaning and that we start planning for carpet replacement. We will have been in the building 20 years in Jan.

Additional Discussion: Bob shared a message and concern about how we as a council and congregation use dollars the most efficient way, being good stewards of donations given, and creating a priority list for future monetary gifts. Stressed the importance of building up a reserve of funds for emergency use. He moved that each council member come to the November meeting with 3-4 suggestions of where we prioritize spending. This will not imply spending but will help establish priorities for the future. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Council Minutes continued: Bob shared a draft document that would outline our spending priorities with specific dollar amounts required for each established priority. Council reviewed the document, more to come.

Special Thanks New Salem Council would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to Traci for all her help and efforts in keeping everything running smoothly during Pr. Terry's leave. Her help is noticed and very much appreciated.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 pm. o Teams will meet at 6pm.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

New Salem Land Acknowledgement

New Salem Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe, Assiniboiné, & 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.



Thrivent Give Thanks Give Back Again this fall, Thrivent is giving congregations an opportunity to help local Food Shelves. This year, when we collect 300 items, pile them up, take and submit a picture, \$400 is given. The past couple years, we've focused on personal care items, which they always need, but this year we're going to focus on **canned fruit** which always seems to be in short supply. They often have canned pears, so think about peaches, pineapple, apricots, plums, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges. Watch for sales! When you're picking up groceries each week, pick up a can or two to donate. **We'll be collecting until November 15th and will take our picture on Sunday, November 17th.** Thank you for your generosity!



The Service Group Needs a President

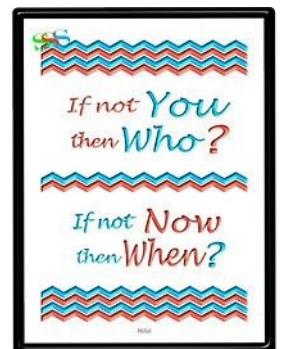


The New Salem Service Group is once again in search of a President/leader. This volunteer position is open to all women and men – perhaps there's a couple in the congregation that would like to take on this project?

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.



Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience for Everyone!

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





New Salem Service Group Monday, October 14, 2024



Present: Karyn Lutz, president, Vivian Kraus, B. Olson, Stu and Sue Rosselet, Linda Wolden, Carol Grimes, and Joy Johnson, secretary

Devotions were led by Stu Rosselet

The minutes from the August 24th service group meeting were approved as amended regarding the date of the raffle time frame.

The treasurer's report indicated that the month of September receipts were approximately \$135 and distributions were \$174 with a net negative \$8.51. After the \$1000 balance for emergencies, there is a balance of \$564.86. After the upcoming fundraiser in November, the group will decide on charitable disbursements. It was requested that Sue Rosselet raise the question with church council whether there is an interest in getting the carpets professional cleaned, as it is likely a responsibility of the church's building and grounds committee. The cost would be about \$1650.

There was an agreement that two additional trays be purchased, at a cost of \$36.48. Also, it was asked whether older baptismal participants may prefer something other than a blanket. It was decided that ahead of time of such a baptism, we would determine another age-appropriate gift. Prayer shawls were given to four individuals and a thank you note was received from the Mariam Kapphahn family.

Also, fliers for the upcoming bazaar were distributed to group members to be posted during the next few days.

Old Business

There was discussion about the need for a service group coordinator – it was recommended that Karyn may need to step down before anyone else steps up. She will give it thought. No event leads were identified.

New Business

There was much discussion about the upcoming fall bazaar on Saturday, November 2, 2024. There will be 8 crafters and New Salem's, a bake sale, fresh donuts and coffee and a raffle. We will need four cash boxes for New Salem's events.

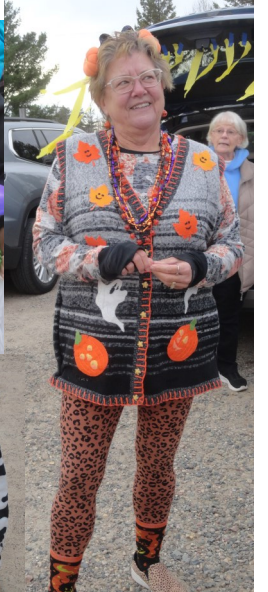
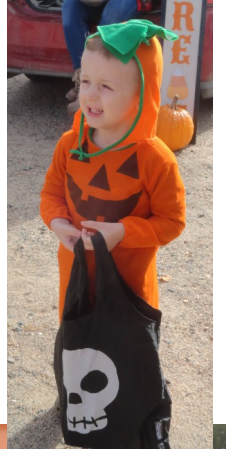
The decision was to clean the church kitchen after the holidays and the date will be decided at the December meeting. Confirmation Shawls were completed, and more are being made. Sue Rosselet asked for more help with cupcakes for Trunk or Treat. She reminded the group of ditch cleanup.

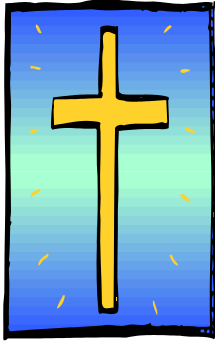
Karyn will ask Katrina or Imogin Gregor to make Christmas bags for Sunday school kids after the Christmas program.

There was no other business and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is December 9, 2024.







New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner for November 2024



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

Services Provided

All services provided by Northwoods Caregivers are covered by the Homecare Bill of Rights

Volunteer Transportation Services

Respite Services

Homemaking Services

Caregiver Coaching & Support

First City Visitation & Exchange

Home Health Services

History

The idea of Northwoods Interfaith was introduced to the area after three separate surveys identified a gap in services to the elderly and people with special needs. The Bemidji Area Council of Nonprofits was asked to become the lead agency on this new program's development and in 1997, a meeting of area congregations, interested residents, and human service agencies was held to research community response to the project. The group then assigned a steering committee to carry out the necessary work, and in July of 1998, a full time Executive Director was hired. Since then, the program has grown to include more staff and has provided more than 10,000 hours of direct service each year.

Funding for Northwoods Caregivers provided by:

[DHS CS/CD Grant](#)

[United Way of the Bemidji Area](#)

[Beltrami County Child Abuse Prevention Council](#)

[Radiothon to End Child Abuse](#)

[Neilson Foundation](#)

[Northwest Minnesota Foundation](#)

[Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging](#)

[The Minnesota Board on Aging](#)

Member Congregations include churches in Bemidji, Blackduck, Kelliher, Northome, Mizpah, Waskish, and Laporte.

New Salem is a member congregation.

Check Out Their Website for a list of Resources & Articles Handpicked by Northwoods Caregivers

God's Work, Our Treasure — November 2024

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of one of our mission partners,

Northwoods Caregivers

Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important community resource. Donations can be sent to New Salem, please include a note designating your gift to Northwoods Caregivers.

Or send checks directly to them at 616 America Ave. Suite 110 Bemidji, MN 56601

For more information, visit: northwoodscaregivers.org



News from our Community Food Shelf

Temperatures are falling and the farm has been put to rest for the season. Snowbirds are heading south, but hunger doesn't rest over the winter. We are here to feed the hungry in our community 52 weeks of the year.

Do you hear God calling you to help? There's no better time than now!

Nov. Shifts:

Friday, Nov. 8, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Nov. 11, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Nov. 11, from 12:00 – 3:15



Contact me to become involved in this fun, fulfilling ministry!

All ages and abilities are welcome.

As always, donations may be left in the basket conveniently located next to the double doors in the narthex. Egg cartons, bags (reusable, too!), Our Family UPCs, books (especially kids), and \$\$ are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

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
612.940.7312
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Council of Churches Representative

Don't forget that we're collecting

Canned Fruit

**for our Food Shelf and to qualify them
for additional Thrivent funds.**

Collecting thru November 15th



Thank you to those who helped with the highway ditch clean-up on Oct. 19th

Our 10 volunteers collected 11 bags of trash and spent 1.5 hours cleaning 4 miles of ditches. God's Work — Our Hands!



*Join our Adult Book Discussion Group
Wednesdays November 6 & 20 @ 3:30 pm
in the church library or you can join us via Zoom.
We'll be picking a new book for continued discussion
So please join the group!*

Remember that you're welcome to join the discussion, even if you can't attend every session.
Join via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87631249322> Passcode: 712285

Coming November 10 . . .

Commitment Sunday



Seven years ago, the New Salem faith community was introduced to a faith practice with two interconnected parts:

1. reflecting upon what resources (*e.g.* time, talent and treasure) God has entrusted to us and
2. expressing in writing what of those resources each of us intends to use in service to God in the upcoming year

In short, each of us was (and continues to be) asked to make a commitment – a personal commitment – but one which really is only between each of us and God. We have come to call this day “Commitment Sunday” and our next Commitment Sunday is coming soon – November 10

Just as in previous years, participants will be offered the opportunity to receive a commitment (Mission Intent) card, then reflect upon, complete, and submit their cards, each in her/his own sealed envelope. These envelopes will be returned unopened to each participant at Pentecost, offering an opportunity for additional personal reflection. This process is intended to allow people to devote a few minutes in a quiet, respectful setting to contemplate their relationship with God and the nature of their service in the name of Jesus Christ, and to know that others around them are doing the same. We do hope that you will take this opportunity to participate in – indeed, embrace – this faith practice.

In next Sunday’s worship bulletin, you will receive additional information about Commitment Sunday, including a preview of the Mission Intent card you will be asked to complete on Commitment Sunday. Please watch for it and prayerfully consider your response to it. Should you be unable to be present on November 10, there will be additional opportunities to complete and submit a Mission Intent card in this manner at Sunday worship on November 17 and 24. Mission Intent cards will also be available to you through the church office through the second week of December.

THANKFUL
Grateful
BLESSED

Love is a Verb

These are the things God has given to us as signs of God’s gracious love. When Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us (John 15), there is an implication that this means to provide for others as God has provided for us. **When Jesus speaks of “love”, it is almost always as an action verb and never as warm fuzzy feelings.**

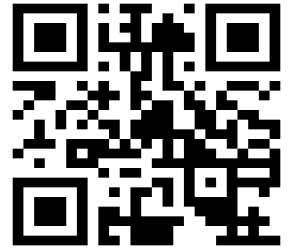
The most important question of stewardship is this: *How will we care for and use what God has entrusted to us in order to love, serve, and care for our neighbors?*

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.



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.