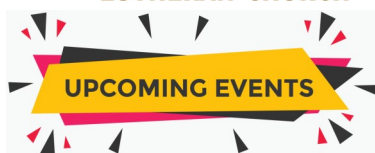




LUTHERAN CHURCH



9:30 AM

Oct. 2, 9, 26, 23, 30



Food Shelf

Oct. 13: 9:00—12:15

12:15—3:15

Oct. 10: 9:00—12:15



Saturday,
Oct. 11



Church Council

Oct. 21 6:30 PM

Team Meeting 6:00



Saturday
Oct. 25

October 31



Fall Bazaar Arts, Crafts,
Bake Sale **Sat. Nov. 8th**

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2025

Just Do it

Beloved and Holy People of God

The Nike shoe company in 1988 coined the slogan "Just Do It," it was a challenge to athletes to move forward even when it gets tough. They have added "Why do it," to remind athletics that greatness is a choice not an outcome.

"Just Do It," has a ring when we hear the words of Jesus, "Love the Lord our God and your Neighbor as yourself." This comes as a command from Jesus to all His followers, regardless of the outcome, we are to "Just Do It," The words come easy, the tough part is living the command.

Martin Luther King, Jr. declared the answer to peace and equality was grounded in love, not violence. It required an attitude of love for all of humanity, even those who practiced acts of violence.

Mother Teresa's Poem, "Do it Anyway," says regardless of the outcome, love, do good, be honest, give the world your best, remembering it is between us and God.

Our gospel readings from Luke these past weeks, could be labeled as a wakeup call from Jesus. The call to refocus our lives more outwardly, and making it less about us and more about improving the lives of those around us. Using our bountiful, resources, of time, gifts, treasures, in acts of love for others. We want things to be different, yet we expect others to carry the load, do the work, while we stand by.

I continue to try and find the answer, the solution to make things better as the news continues to report more pain and suffering. While at the same time, forgetting what I proclaim, we cannot change the world, but we can change the life of the person standing in front of us. I forget the answer is very do able, when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's working. When we choose to let love be our intentions.

Therefore, I invite you to join me in "Just Do It," and "Do it Anyway" in our seeking to live out the command of our Lord, to love our neighbors as ourselves. Seeing others as God see them, beloved children, to have our actions come from a place of love, especially where hate and violence have become the acceptable solution. I believe we have what it takes, to do the right and loving thing, we just forget to "Just Do It." Remember, it starts by seeing the person standing right in front of us as another beloved and holy needing Christ's love.

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.



Annual Fall
Highway
Clean-Up
9:30 am

Saturday, October 11



Saturday, October 25th

2:00-5:00 pm

Decorate your car, hand out treats

Horse-drawn wagon rides

Pizza & cupcakes inside



National
Indigenous
Peoples Day

Monday
October 13

Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the histories, cultures, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples and their ancestors who lived on the land now known as North America. They existed in these areas for thousands of years before the first European explorers arrived. This day promotes awareness of Indigenous peoples' struggles, resilience, and unique traditions, fostering understanding and unity among diverse cultures.

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
October 22
6:30 pm

Readings for OCTOBER

OCTOBER 5: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

OCTOBER 12: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

OCTOBER 19: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 26: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; ; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14





New Salem Council Minutes of September 16, 2025

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

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

Ferdig

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Eric Medberry.

Devotion – Fred Sanford, October will be Bob.

Approval of the September 16, 2025 Meeting Agenda:

Sonya moved to approve the agenda. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Sonya moved to approve the previous minutes; Graig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Monthly prayer gathering; Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. Hoping to make this a monthly gathering for prayer. Time for quiet reflection, prayers for local and national leaders, prayers for all.

Funerals, family meal change; Traci and Pastor Terry will take on the planning portion instead of the Service Group going forward.

Financial Report:

August was a good month. Nothing out of the ordinary, no concerns noted. Report filed.

Old Business:

Parking lot update: Line painting is TBD, Glen Lindseth is overseeing this.

Parking lot repair is scheduled for mid-September to address drainage issues.

Filling the vacant position on the council. No update, still seeking volunteers to join the council.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 2-5 pm. More details to come.



New Business:

Team Reports

Worship and Music: No report

Stewardship and Outreach: Fred and Pastor Terry

God's Work, Our Hands report; around 25 people, amazing work done by all. Pollinator garden, cemetery clean up, and soup potluck all went well. Thank you to all who helped!

Councils' role in welcoming weekly guests. Seeking commitment from council members to routinely greet visitors and welcome them to New Salem. Pastor Terry will help identify new families and visitors for us so we can introduce ourselves and visit with them.

Save the Date: November 16th is Commitment Sunday. Look for revamped processes and changes for this year.

Building and Grounds: Pr. Terry Future replacement of the roof. Current estimated cost is between \$75 – \$80k.

Current amount set aside each year is \$2,000 to Capital Improvement Fund. Council recognizes that our building is 20 years old and replacement costs are coming in anticipation for a roof replacement and other things.

Motion 1: Motion to establish an action plan, including education and other additional contributions, with a goal for the Capital Improvement Fund to reach \$100,000 over the next five years. Bob moved, Fred seconded, motion carried.

Motion 2: Motion to recommend an increase in the annual contribution to the Capital Improvement Fund from \$2,000 to \$4,000 beginning in 2026. Fred moved, Sonya seconded, motion carried. As this is a line item in the budget, this amount is subject to approval at the Annual Meeting in January.

Sidewalk Repair. Bob will continue to repair cracks and uneven spots on the sidewalk with concrete as needed.

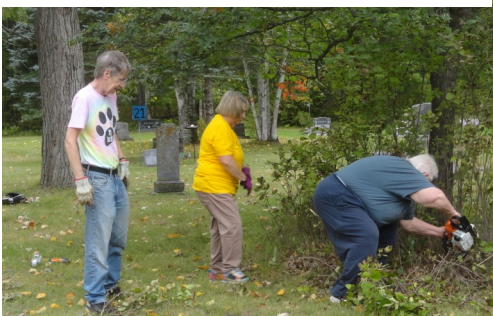
Youth and Education: Eric & Pastor Terry

2026 Day Camp scheduled for August 17-20, 2026, scheduled and confirmed with Pathways.

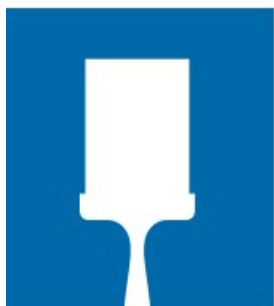
Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm. Teams will meet at 6 pm.



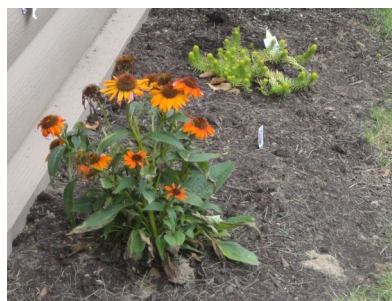
Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.



God's work. Our hands.



September 14, 2025





- ◆ 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



Seasons are changing, harvest is almost done, and we're still feeding the hungry in our community. In August, we provided 78,733 pounds food for 3,630 individuals living in 1,142 households, 62 of them first-time users.

The food shelf is hiring an Executive Director. Michael Olson is retiring. Find out more on Facebook or <https://www.bcfsmn.org/jobs>.

Here are the opportunities to serve in October

Friday, Oct. 10, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Oct. 13, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Oct. 13, from 12:00 – 3:15

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

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.



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that the Lord will reward you as your inheritance".

Colossians 3:23-24

In His Service,

Karin Snortland



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

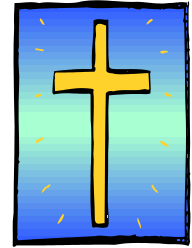


Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.
Instructions are available as needed.





*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission
Partner
October 2025*



Together, we build a better future.

Habitat for Humanity is a movement of people in your local area and around the world, working together to build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Our mission - Building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with God's people in need in Beltrami and Clearwater Counties.

Since our founding in 1976 as a Christian organization, **together we have helped more than 62 million people in countries around the world build their futures on their own terms** through access to decent housing. We've done that by working alongside people of all walks of life to:

- Build, repair and finance their homes.
 - Innovate new ways of building and financing.
 - Advocate for policies that make constructing and accessing housing easier for everyone.
- Together, we build homes, communities and hope.

Shelter is the key to success.

There are so many things I want to say, but I'll just say thank you everyone who supports Habitat, especially the volunteers, staff, and the Builders who have worked on so many Habitat homes. You all make it possible for families to actually feel like they have a home, not just a place to live. You are helping so many people realize a dream they have longed for and that may never otherwise happen.

A Brush with Kindness helps low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, allowing them to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity. Most importantly, ABWK is part of Habitat's broader community development strategy called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

ReStore hours:

Wednesday, Thursday Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 9-1

Donations: Tuesday 10-2

Wed-Fri: 10-4:30; Sat: 9-12:30

Treasures abound at the ReStore!

Help Habitat build homes - donate your unwanted items or purchase items for your own use.

Proceeds from sales are used to build homes in our community.



God's Work, Our Treasure—OCTOBER 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the Northwoods Habitat for Humanity, 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 Habitat for Humanity

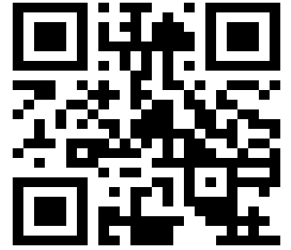
<https://www.habitatbemidji.org/>

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.