



LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2026

Monthly Events

October

1, 8, 15,
22, 29

9:30 am

Bible Study

5:00 pm Confirmation



October

9 & 12

Food Shelf

9:00am—

12:15pm

12:00pm—3:15pm



October 12

NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DAY

October 20

6:00 Teams

7:00 Council



October 25

Reformation

Sunday

Trunk or

Treat

Oct. 31

2:00-4:00 pm



Nov. 14

Craft &
Bake Sale

This is from, *The Center for Contemplation*, one of the daily devotionals I read, I found it speaking to me as I reflect on the world around us.

The spiritual life keeps us aware that our true house is not the house of fear, in which the power of hatred and violence rule, but the house of love, where God resides.

—Henri Nouwen, *Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons*

Activists Ken Butigan and Patricia Bruno understand faith to be the center of all healing works of nonviolence:

We live in the midst of a system of violence... Shall we go along with its degrading destructiveness? Shall we become violent ourselves? In the face of this violence, we are invited to en flesh God's longing for a world in which both the woundedness and sacredness of every person is revered....

The transforming power of nonviolence begins and ends with the presence of God. It is this presence which breaks the spiral of violence. It is this presence that heals and unifies what has been separated and broken.... The spirit of our unifying God is present when conflict is resolved, when the script of violence is re-written to embrace the sacredness of all parties, and when creativity is used to break the spiral of retaliation.

The God of Love is our ultimate reality. God's love is endlessly poured out upon us, vivifying and transforming us. Aware of this, Christian nonviolence challenges the violence system's overt and covert claim that it is life's bottom line and that even God is subject to the logic of violence. Christian nonviolence actively resists this belief as idolatry. God is not bound by the violence system. God's love is able to break every chain, to transform every form of domination or injury, to heal every separation and fragmentation. God, not violence, is the beginning and end of all that is.

Our vocation as Christians is to respond to God's call to join in the divine dance of compassionate and nonviolent love, collaborating with God's healing power to fashion the conditions for true peace. In this spirit, we are called to a ministry of active nonviolence in our homes, in our work-places, in our churches, in the streets, in the larger world, and in our own selves. This means that nonviolence is not simply a tool or a tactic. It is a spiritual journey that, with God's love, overturns the violence system in our own lives and in the life of the world....To engage in active nonviolence is both an act of faith in the God of Love and a way of experiencing the God of Love.

Let there be peace on earth. 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 2026 New Salem Council

President: Nora Illes

Vice Pres: Fred Sanford

Secretary: Calli Ferdig

Treasurer: Paul Kraft

Graig Gilbertson Jerry Illes

Sonya Kraft Shannon Pitt Bob Wagner

Council meets at 7:00 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.



Confirmation Classes

begin on Thursdays in
October — times vary



Evening Bible Study

6:00 PM Wednesdays

Starting October 7th

Everyone is welcome!



New Salem's Fall Bazaar

And Bake Sale

Saturday, November 14

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex



Highway Clean-Up

Saturday, October 10th



Meet at
church at
9:30 am

Boo! Trunk or Treat 2026 is Coming!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
(Halloween!!!)



Join the Fun.

Hand out treats from
your trunk



Join the Choir!



If you like to sing, join the New Salem Choir! We are a fun, friendly, supportive group, and the ability to read music is not necessary! The choir sings for worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as presenting special music at Christmas and Easter.

Rehearsals are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – come join us!



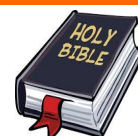
Readings for October

OCTOBER 4: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 11: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 18: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 25: **Reformation Sunday** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36





New Salem Council Minutes

September 15, 2026

Present: Pastor Terry, Calli Ferdig, Nora Illies, Bob Wagner, Jerry Illies, Sonya Kraft, Fred Sanford, Shannon Pitt, Paul Kraft, Graig Gilbertson

Officers Present: President: Nora Illies, V.P.: Fred Sanford, Secretary: Calli Ferdig, Treasurer: Paul Kraft

The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm by Nora Illies.

Devotion – Jerry, October will be Fred.

Approval of the September 15, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

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

Approval of August 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Jerry moved to approve the previous minutes; Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Report submitted by Paul Kraft, Treasurer. General Fund contributions fell below budget for the 3rd consecutive month, short about 2% for month over month. Expenses incurred YTD are slightly above budget by through August.

Designated checking account is up and running. Counting is going well. Noisy offering deposit will be made in a separate deposit. No additional roadblocks known at this time.

Designated funds with remaining balances in the General Fund will be transferred to the designated account.

October Council meeting will begin our budgeting process for the upcoming year.

Pastor's Report:

Attending Preaching continuing education in Eden Prairie on October 19-21, 2026.

Starting Confirmation classes on October 1, 2026.

Old Business:

Pictorial directory update. Sonya reported that the update project is going well. Some photos are already getting printed and replaced on the wall. Would like to complete the update and print new directories by end of 2026.

Feedback on outdoor worship service at Three Island Park. Generator noise was a concern. Ideas were discussed on how to plan for 2027 Outdoor service. Preference is to stay near the river at Three Island and not use a generator for service or potluck. Bring in extra ushers to assist in getting to their seats and attendees bring their own chairs. More to come.

Prebuy propane purchase is complete.

New electric mower has been purchased, \$499.99 at Ace Hardware.

Office hours. The council discussed that the New Salem Lutheran Church office hours need to be consistent each week due to the growth and needs of our congregation. Office hours will need to be Monday – Friday each week from the hours of 10am – 2pm daily, with the exception of holidays. Calli moved to approve the office hours; Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Replacing defibrillator with a newer, factory recertified model, including battery and pads for \$800, including a three-year warranty. If we replaced just the battery and the pads it would cost \$706. To replace the whole unit brand new would be \$2,157. Graig moved to approve the purchase of the factory certified model and a second set of pads; Calli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Worship and Music: Sonya reported CCLI licensing discussion. Update to come in October.

Stewardship and Outreach: Nora reported, Team will meet soon to discuss Commitment Sunday details. More to come.

Building and Grounds: Bob reported about the rock pile by the labyrinth and the need for it to be cleaned up prior to winter. Paul and Bob will connect on details. More to come.

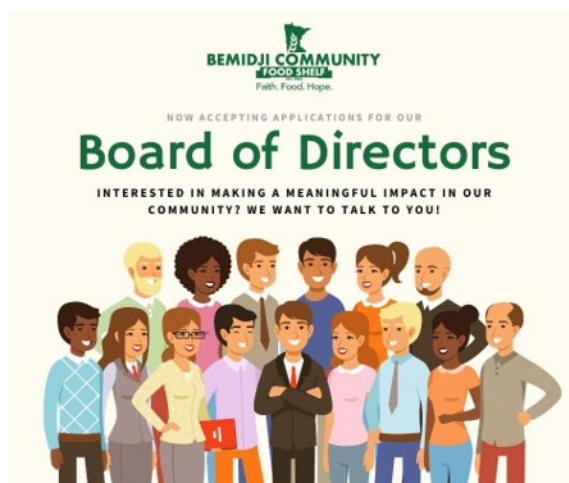
Youth and Education: Calli reported that the Team will meet soon to discuss a fall activity for the kids/families.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00pm. Teams will meet at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

As we officially welcome autumn, please know that the food shelf gladly welcomes your extra garden bounty! Feel free to drop it off at the food shelf during the hours of 10:00 – 3:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



Want to do more for your community — but not sure what that looks like?

There's more than one way to help lead the Bemidji Community Food Shelf.

1 JOIN OUR BOARD

Bring your experience, perspective, and ideas to help guide the future of BCFS. New three-year terms begin in 2027, and applications are due October 1.

2 JOIN A COMMITTEE

Put your professional skills to work on specific projects without joining the Board. We especially need community members for our Marketing & Communications

and Facilities & Safety Committees. Committee members can start right away with a one-year commitment. Two different ways to serve. One community working together. Learn more about Board service at bcfsmn.org/about, or email info@bcfsmn.org to ask about all available opportunities.

Looking for a way to help share God's love? Join the rewarding, fun, work we do at our food shelf. Each month there are three shifts to choose from; the second Monday (two shifts) and the second Friday morning. This month's shifts are:

Friday, Oct. 9 from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Oct. 12 from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Oct. 12 from 12:00 – 3:30

Contact me at 612.940.7312 or ksnortland5@gmail.com to join us!

As always, we're collecting non-perishable food items, grocery bags, 1-dz. egg cartons, and Our Family UPC labels in the church narthex. Look for the baskets near the credenza when you enter.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:35-37

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can play a role in this meaningful ministry.

In His Service,

Karin Snortland

Council of Churches Representative





New Salem Service Group Meeting

September 20, 2026

Present: Karin Snortland, Donna Zelinsky, Carol Gilbertson, B. Olson, Roger Olson, Vivian Krause, Joan Dvergsten, Linda Hendrickson, Pr. Terry Hagenson, Stu Rosselet, Ardis Hofstad, Karyn Lutz, Joy Wilander, Rita Berry and Joy Johnson, recording.

Fall Bazaar:

The meeting opened at 10:40 am with a discussion of the upcoming Fall Bazaar to be held from 9 am to 2 pm on November 14th. Karyn Lutz is coordinating this event. Sue Carlson is facilitating participation from area artists and currently has 10 lined up. The church can accommodate up to 12. Karyn Lutz will follow up with Meagan Mystic to determine if she plans to have their Christmas items for sale this year, as they were a big hit last year. The church will be open for vendors to set up on Friday, November 13th from 11 am to 5 pm and the next morning at about 7:30 am. Tall Pines 4-H Club will again be selling food the day of the bazaar. Ardis Hofstad will prepare soup for volunteers and vendors, and she has asked another person to contribute soup as well. There will be Venmo available at the event, but cash or check is preferred. The \$60 per booth fee will be retained this year by the service group and a \$50 gratuity will be paid to Eric Wickstrom for assisting with set up and cleaning. Donna Zelinsky will solicit donations from area businesses for the raffle. Baked items and raffle prizes will also be requested from members of the congregation. Stu Rosselet will assist with the bake sale, and Nora Illies will make recommendations on how to best promote the event. Karyn Lutz will be putting out sign-up sheets starting next Sunday. The congregation will be asked to clear the hall of tables and chairs on 11/8,

Treasurer's Report:

The money market account currently has a balance of \$1756.75, plus \$1000 for prudent reserve in an interest-bearing account, while the balance in the checking account is \$11.26. Katyn Lutz made a motion to add Sonya Kraft as a second signer on the bank accounts, Ardis Hofstad seconded, motion carried. In the future, Christmas gifts given to individuals from the service group will be in cash, not check.

Other Business:

Nedyne Gusafson is now doing the centerpieces and keeping the back storeroom organized. Ardis Hofstad and B Olson reported on the Summer Church Music luncheon and recommended we change the menu to chicken salad croissants and bars for dessert. B will keep record of the menu. Cash received at that event was \$768, down 15% from last year. Discussion was had on changing to a free-will luncheon.

Karin passed around the thank you notes received from the entities that received our donations this past spring. A date for the next meeting for fund dispersion was tentatively set for December 20th.

Prayer Shawls will be given to Meagan Mystic's aunt, Craig and Laurie Meyer, and Joan Dversten's brother-in-law and sister.

Ditch cleanup is October 10th, starting at 9:30 and April 17th, 2027 is the tentative date for the Spring rummage sale.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.



A festive orange and brown poster for a Trunk or Treat event. The background is filled with pumpkins. At the top left, a slice of pizza is labeled 'FREE PIZZA!'. At the top right is a witch's hat. The center features the text 'NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH' and 'TRUNK OR TREAT' in large white letters. Below this, the date and time 'Saturday October 31st 2-4pm' are listed. To the right of the time are several colorful candies. At the bottom left, three children in costumes (pumpkin, witch, and cat) are shown. At the bottom right, a photo shows a horse-drawn wagon with people. The address '7491 ISLAND VIEW DR. NE, BEMIDJI MN 56601' is printed across the middle.

FREE PIZZA!

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday
October 31st
2-4pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

7491 ISLAND VIEW DR. NE, BEMIDJI MN 56601

HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES!

Join the Fun! Hand out candy from your trunk!!

A brown poster for a Craft & Bake Sale. It features autumn-themed illustrations: leaves, acorns, cookies, pumpkins, and a cup of hot chocolate. The text 'NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH' is at the top. The main title 'Craft & Bake SALE' is in large, stylized letters. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, NOV. 14' and time '9:00 AM - 2:00 PM' are displayed. The address '7491 ISLAND VIEW DRIVE NE BEMIDJI, MN, 56601' is at the bottom. Three callouts are present: 'Profits donated to local nonprofits!' on the left, '4-H Lunch Fundraiser!' in a yellow cloud on the right, and 'Enter the raffle!' near the hot chocolate cup on the right.

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Craft & Bake SALE

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

7491 ISLAND VIEW DRIVE NE
BEMIDJI, MN, 56601

Profits donated to local nonprofits!

4-H Lunch Fundraiser!

Enter the raffle!

Featuring local artists

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Many ways that YOU can help.

This is a congregational event with profits going back into our community.

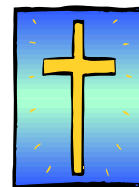


The **New Day Center** provide a space for homeless individuals to spend time and connect with services. Spaces are typically open during the day or evening hours. The Center provides shelter, wi-fi, food, coffee, TV and a mail address for anyone who needs it. It offers a safe place for Homeless and unsheltered people to do laundry, shower, rest, store important items and connect with services for employment.

New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

October 2026

The Nameless Coalition for the Homeless



Our vision is to provide people shelter & stability, while valuing their dignity, humanity & worth.

The **Wolfe Center** offers temporary shelter for those who are homeless or need a place to stay. The Center provides a nighttime shelter for chronic homeless people struggling with chemical dependency. We work hard to be the first line of defense for those who need to find a place to escape the cold nights of Minnesota.

Nameless Coalition
for the Homeless

Contact Us
NAMELESSCOALITIONBEMIDJI@GMAIL.COM
WWW.NAMELESSCOALITION.ORG

Support Us

BY CASH OR CHECK:
Nameless Coalition
PO Box 353
Bemidji, MN 56619

SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE:
OR

The Wolfe
522 America Ave NW
8pm-8am, Seasonal

New Day Center
722 15th ST NW
8am-8pm, Daily

Donate Goods/Supplies

We are deeply grateful for donations of HIGH-USE items to our shelters. Please check out the info below to help you plan your donation.

Items We Can't Accept

- ☒ Blankets
- ☒ Non Shelf-Stable Food
- ☒ Food Requiring Prep
- ☒ Children's Items
- ☒ Pet Items
- ☒ Boots/Shoes W/O Laces

Unfortunately we can't accept ANY clothing items that are not in good, ready-to-wear condition.

Items We Need

Clothing:

- ☒ Gloves/Mittens/Hats
- ☒ Socks & Winter Boots
- ☒ Warm Winter Coats
- ☒ Sweatshirts/Pants (L-XXL)
- ☒ T-Shirts (L-XXL)

Hygiene Products:

- ☒ Small Toothpaste Tubes
- ☒ 3-in-1 Body Wash
- ☒ Band-Aids, Dixie Cups

Food:

- ☒ Shelf-Stable/No Prep Needed
- ☒ Oranges, Apples & Bananas
- ☒ Tuna/Chicken Salad Tins

Thank you for your generosity!

For any questions or to schedule a drop-off at the New Day Center, please contact Carl @ 218-444-8124.



God's Work, Our Treasure—OCTOBER 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **the Nameless Coalition for the Homeless**, 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 the Nameless Coalition.

Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.

<https://www.facebook.com/namelesscoalition>

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.



Need Medical Equipment?

Have Medical Equipment?.

If you are in need of medical equipment, call and/or come to the Bemidji Senior Center (216 3rd St NW, 218-751-8836, in downtown Bemidji) Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to see what is available through the

HELP program (Home Equipment Loan Program). The item(s) can be checked out and used as long as needed. The Senior Center also accepts used-clean-workable equipment.

The Disabled American Veterans (15th Street NW, 218-556-4592, in Bemidji) also has equipment to loan. The DAV has electric hospital beds/etc.; the Senior Center **does not** have any electrical equipment to loan out. You do not have to be a veteran borrow the DAV equipment.



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.



**We need
YOU!**



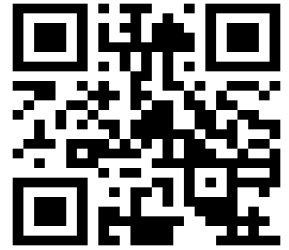
Communion

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.