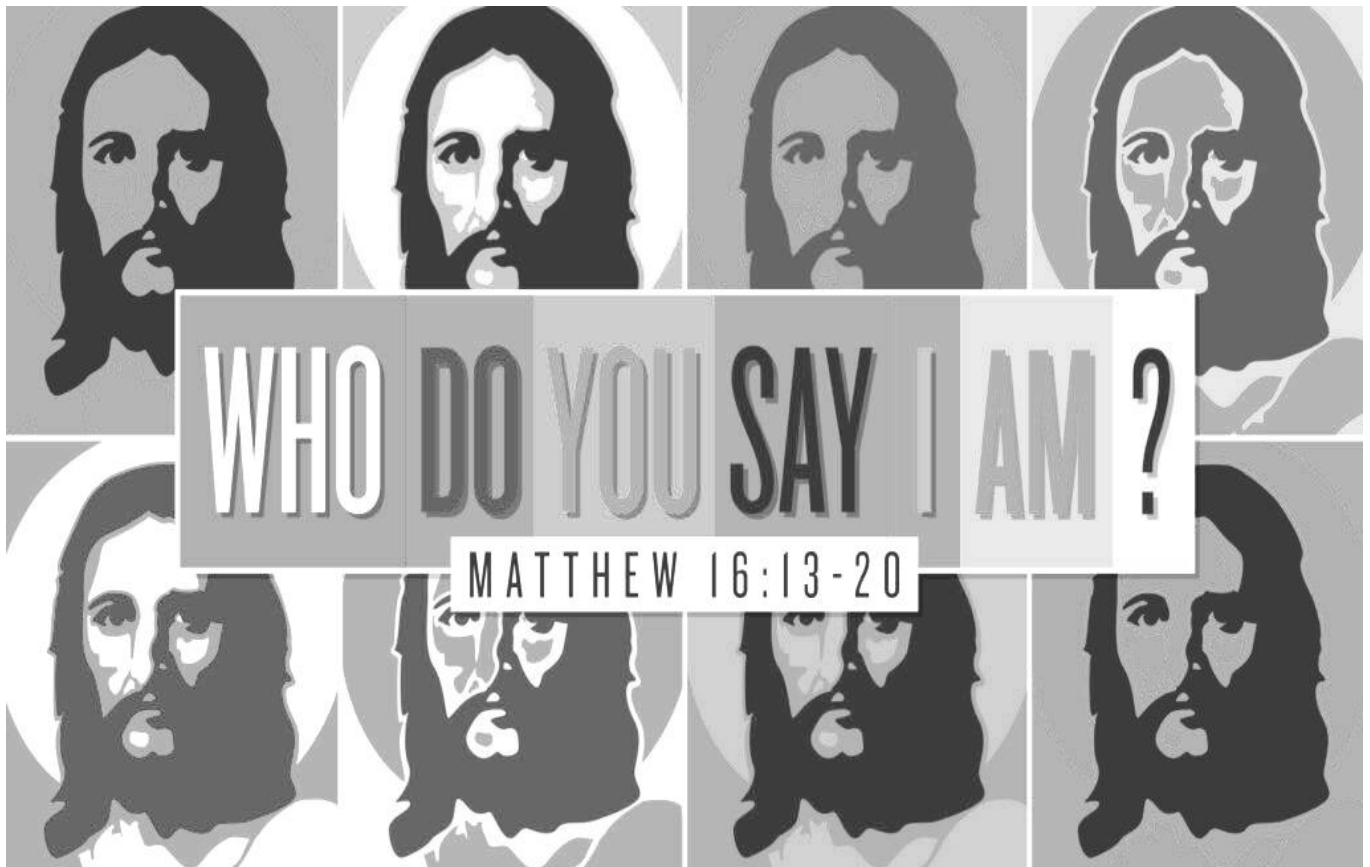


Worship Service for August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Absolution

Gathered by God's grace and called into Christ's love, let us come before God with honest hearts, confessing our sin and trusting in the mercy that makes all things new.

Most merciful God, ***we confess our sins in your presence and in the presence of our sisters and brothers. We acknowledge that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the ways we have focused on our own wants and needs while forgetting the needs of others. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ our Savior, forgive us our sins and renew within us hearts of love, compassion, and grace, that we may faithfully serve you and care for one another. Amen.***

Beloved children of God, through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and renews us in love and grace. May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and actions, that all we do may give glory and honor to God our heavenly Father. ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn**Give Me Jesus**

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6**

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

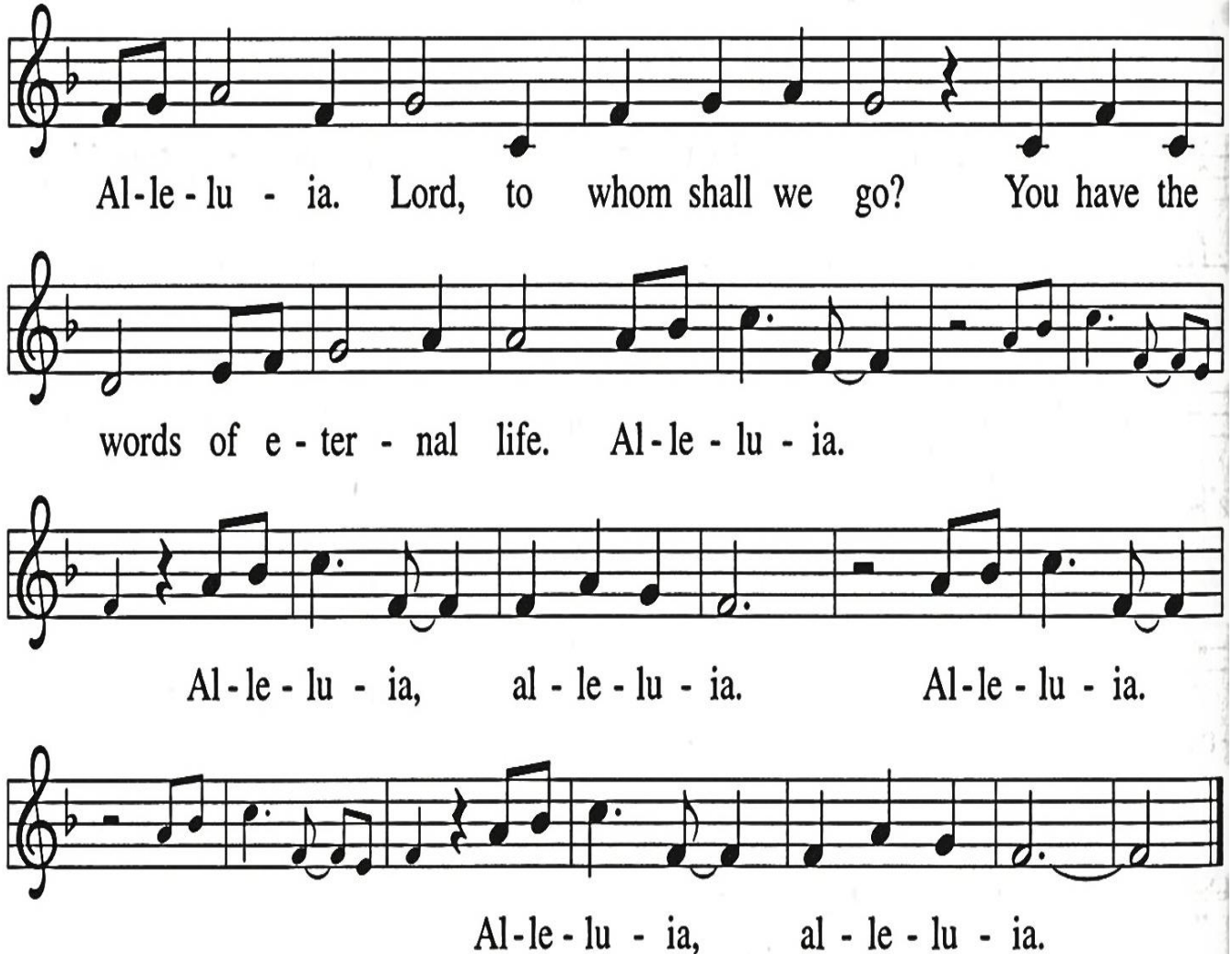
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Children's Message**Gospel Acclamation**


Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

Hymn of the Day

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: *Holy God, we give you thanks for the many ways you have richly blessed us through these gifts we now offer to you. May they be used to fulfill your command to love one another and serve our neighbors in your name. As we receive our Lord's body and blood, grant that we may come with open hearts and ears ready to hear your words of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Together we pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

Sharing Christ's Meal**Communion Hymn #1****Built on a Rock**

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing—call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Communion Hymn #2**O Savior, Precious Savior**

1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous-ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full-ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con-sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: ***Generous God, you have fed and nourished us with the holy body and blood of your Son. Send us forth, strengthened by this meal, to love and obey you. As we have received and experienced your grace, help us to share your love and grace with all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Benediction

Sending Hymn**We All Are One in Mission**

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

You Are Invited to Share in the Worship Ministries of New Salem

Serve as a reader, proclaiming God's Word; as an usher, welcoming all who gather for worship; as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people; host the post-worship fellowship hour; or join the choir and lift your voice in praise. These ministries are an important part of our worship life and a wonderful way to serve God and one another. Please consider sharing your gifts - sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays - no need to sign up, just join us!)

Upcoming @ New Salem

Wed, Aug 26	BACM Recital @ Church of Christ	12 noon
	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
Thurs, Aug 27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day – Church/Office Closed	

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen	Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies
Ushers: Nora & Jerry Illies	Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft
Reader: Pat Sanford	Pianist: Cheryl Durant
Communion Assistant: Fred Sanford	Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus
Fellowship Host:	AV Services: Traci Schanke

New Salem Lutheran Church - Terry R. Hagensen, Pastor**7491 Island View Drive NE, Turtle River, MN 56601****Office Tel: 218-586-2262/Office Email (Traci Schanke): newsalem@paulbunyan.net****Website: newsalemlutheran.org****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****July Income vs Expenses (FINAL)****Total General Fund Income: \$14,524****Total Expenses: \$17,047****(DEFICIT) for July (-\$2,523)****8.16 General Fund Offering: \$3,700****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.20.26)****Sunday, August 16 (in person/online): 69/41****Facebook reach: 76,112****YouTube Views: 1,340****YouTube Subscribers: 143****Announcements for the Week of August 23, 2026****Traci's Office Hours This Week: Mon, 8/24 12 – 5 p.m., Tues, 8/25 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wed, 8/26 11. – 4 p.m. Out on vacation Thurs-Fri, 8/27 & 8/28.**

August Mission Partner –Heart's Haven Shelter: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of the Heart's Haven Shelter (formerly Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter), and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable area ministry. Today we welcome Interim Executive Director Megan Blaschko, who will share how your support will impact the organization. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **Heart's Haven**, or donate online at www.mnshelter.org. See page 13 for more info on Heart's Haven!

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.

Fall Bazaar – Saturday, November 14! Mark your calendars for New Salem's Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and start working on your wonderful crafts for New Salem's table! Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and emails.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions and good works of New Salem!

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The 2026 Summer Recital Series Our 39th Season!

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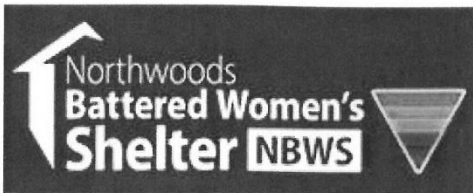
Wednesdays, 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Followed by a Luncheon

*This season's performances are dedicated
to the memory of Kenneth J. Wold*

August 26 **Church of Christ, 692 Mag Seven Ct. NW**
Featuring: Emily Mathew, piano, Mike Locke guitar
Amy Williams, flute, Elaine Kleinsasser

Free will offering supports the BACM Music Scholarship Fund.
Luncheon prices are determined by each venue.



New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

August 2026

Heart's Haven Shelter



Heart's Haven Shelter celebrates new name, \$3.2 million milestone

The **Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter** marked a new chapter on July 14, **unveiling its new name — Heart's Haven Shelter** — along with a new logo and tagline, "where our hearts are watched over."

The new building more than doubles the shelter's previous capacity and, for the first time, gives residents private rooms and their own bathrooms.

Heart's Haven is a domestic violence shelter and advocacy program with a vision of a community free of domestic violence in which safety is a basic human right. Heart's Haven provides emergency crisis shelter and advocacy to victim/survivors of intimate partner violence; this includes shelter services to women and their children and short-term safe housing to men and their children.

Crisis shelter is temporary, short term housing. With the crisis shelter and safe housing services, Heart's Haven provides emotional support, meals, items to meet basic needs (personal hygiene products and clothing), and transportation.

Heart's Haven advocacy also consists of institutional advocacy and social change advocacy. Institutional advocacy is acting as a voice for victim/survivors, collectively, within systems or institutions that interact with victim/survivors, such as the Criminal Justice System or with local service providers. Social change advocacy is impacting social norms and attitudes towards domestic violence; this large picture advocacy is implemented by educating others on the dynamics of domestic violence and speaking to the collective needs of victim/survivors using the information learned from direct service work.

The shelter is located at 1215 30th St NW. Donations will be accepted on Tuesday & Friday from Noon-4pm only. Items needed include: kitchen, baby, household, personal care, clothing, and kids and activity items.

See <https://www.mnshelter.org/wish-list/> for a more detailed list. Monetary contributions are, of course, always welcome.

Heart's Haven Shelter offers several opportunities for community members to become involved in the work of ending domestic violence. Please see <https://www.mnshelter.org/get-involved/> for area of interest or call 218-444-1395 for more information.

God's Work, Our Treasure—AUGUST 2026

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You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for the **Heart's Haven**

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

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

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Boo!

Trunk or Treat 2026 is
coming – mark your calendars!
2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, October 31
(Halloween!!!)

Watch your email and the sign-up
table in the Fellowship Hall for more
information –decorate your
car and join the fun!

Missing this event will be
a **GRAVE** mistake!

