



**NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Monthly Events**

 **Sept 1**  
**Labor Day**

 **Sept 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**9:30 AM Bible Study**

**Sept 9 & 12**  
**Food Shelf**  
 9:00am—  
 12:15pm  
 12:00pm—  
 3:15pm 

 **Sept 15**  
**Day of Service**

**Sept 11 & 25**  
 3:30 pm   
**Book Discussion**

 **Sept 17**  
 6:00 pm  
**Teams meet**  
 6:30 pm **Council**

**Sept 22**  
**Fall Equinox** 

**November 2**  
**Fall Bazaar**

 *Pastor's Message*

Sisters and Brothers,  
 The song “We are the Church, the Body of our Lord” by the Jay Beech band is stuck in my head. I think it’s there for a reason, especially when I need to write my page for the newsletter. Here are a few of the verses:

*We are the church, the body of the Lord,  
 we are all God’s children, and we have been restored  
**The church is not a business, a committee, or a board;  
 it’s not a corporation for the business of the Lord.**  
 The church it is the people living out their lives,  
 called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.*

In today's world, my brain and spirit have also been mulling over our role and purpose as the true church, the body of Christ. We no longer influence the world's ways; what has happened is that we’ve let the world determine the church's role. We’ve let society decide our role and what, if any, impact we have on society. I think we’ve let our fear of negative responses determine how we share and show the love of Christ to the world. This is an observation, not a judgment, but hopefully something to reflect on.

In John’s gospel, Jesus makes a radical move by turning over the tables and clearing the temple of the merchants, declaring it a place of prayer and worship. He tells Nicodemus that all he’s learned isn’t the way and that he needs to go back to the beginning and start again, *be born from above*. There are many other accounts of Jesus saying and doing radical things, all to call the people to listen to the truth of God and act in love towards all. Someone once told me to be a faithful follower of Jesus, we need to be radical, live and speak the truth, and respond in love.

The church comprises individuals, all members of the Body of Christ, all called to be light and hope in a society where darkness and despair reign. In many ways, New Salem sends light and brings hope to our community. We stand behind “You are welcome here” each time we gather for worship or other events; this we’ve heard from the many who have come through the doors.

But we can’t stop here; we are called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak and live the truth of Christ’s ways. Like Jesus, we sometimes need to talk and act in radical ways, with a strong desire to bring change and justice to all. As members of the body of Christ, we bring love where there is hate; we bring peace where there is injustice; we bring hope where there is suffering.

*We are the church, the body of the Lord,  
 We are all God’s children, and we have been restored.*

Peace, Pr. 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 New Salem Council

President: Rick Bogart

Vice Pres: Jon Severson

Secretary: Eric Medberry

Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

Calli Ferdig Graig Gilbertson

Dave Johnson 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.



# 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**



## Readings for SEPTEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 1:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**SEPTEMBER 8:** Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

**SEPTEMBER 15:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**SEPTEMBER 22:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

**SEPTEMBER 29:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50





## New Salem Council Minutes

August 20, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Terry, Rick Bogart, Eric Medberry, Sue Rosselet, Fred Sanford, Graig Gilbertson, Dave Johnson, Bob Wagner **Absent:** Calli Ferdig, Jon Severson **Guest:** Glen Lindseth

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Rick.

Congregational Officers: President: Rick Bogart, Vice President: Jon Severson, Secretary: Eric Medberry, Treasurer: Sue Rosselet

**Devotion** - Graig - Next month will be Pastor Terry

Approval of the August 20th, 2024 Meeting Agenda: Dave moved to approve the agenda; Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the July 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Fred moved to approve the July minutes; Sue seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Update:** ● Everything is ready to go for Bemidji's Gay Pride Event on 8/24 ● Vacation scheduled for September 2nd - 9th ● We have a couple people worshipping with us because our sign says - YOU are welcome!

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Rosselet:

● Income - Expenses for July finished in the black ○ Expenses through August are in the black so far but we have a second payroll at the end of the month and a pre-buy for propane by August 28th. These will result in a large deficit ● Updated on benevolences for each month. Report was accepted and filed

**Old Business:**

● New electronic sign ○ Work is complete and Nora Illies is our coordinator ■ Insurance has been checked  
■ The council and the church would like to thank the generous donors for the sign and thank Nora Illies' for her continued work on keeping up our message  
● Sale of property update - Glen Lindseth  
○ We have a signed purchase agreement for \$10,000 ■ Contingency with buyer paying the cost ○ Leer Title is requesting the following information to complete the deal: ■ Article of Incorporation ■ Doc #1 - signed by all council members ■ Doc #2 - signed Rick - congregation president and notarized ● Each document states our current name, affiliation, and the type of organization that we are - including tax-exempt status and the appropriate State of Minnesota statutes ■ Copy of minutes from July 16th stating our intention to sell signed by Eric - congregational secretary ○ If an attorney is needed we will contact the ELCA to see if they have an attorney on staff to help facilitate the deal.

**New Business:**

Fall Bazaar - November 2, 2024 - hours 9 am—3 pm This is a congregational event; watch for sign-up sheets for volunteers

- ◆ Local Vendors - pay for a space in the fellowship hall; these funds go to the General Fund
- ◆ Congregational crafters are welcome to donate items to the Service Group table and proceeds go to the Service Group
- ◆ Bake sale - a major component; everyone is invited to donate baked goods; proceeds go to the Service Group
- ◆ Raffle Table - seeking donations to put into the raffle - gift cards, baskets, or single items
- ◆ Turtle River Tall Pines 4H will run a concession stand
- ◆ Helpers are needed to set up on the Wednesday before the event and to clean up Saturday after event. Times TBA
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to be responsible for the raffle set-up and the raffle area on the day of the event

**Team Reports** - we need to get members back involved in our team meetings

- Youth and Education ○ Day Camp was held - August 12th-15th ■ 17 children attended. The three Pathway Counselors once again brought their total energy. Thank you to the many adults who led and helped. ■ Birthday Bags were assembled - a new record of 164 bags ■ This is one of the best things that we do!
  - Playground update ■ The happy voices of children confirmed that our mission was achieved. However, we need to add a couple more pieces to make it more inclusive. ■ We are currently gathering information and hope to be ordering the inclusive piece soon. ○ We will be meeting again soon and discussing options for Sunday school this fall.
- Worship and Music did not meet but is looking at different resources for music selection
- Stewardship and Outreach ○ God's Work, Our Hands - either Sept 8th or 15th. Plans are being discussed.
- Buildings and Grounds ○ Time for the pre-buy of propane ■ Sue and Rick are collecting prices and information ■ Bob moved to pre-buy from Bemidji Co-op contingent on price; Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: ● Next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. ○ Teams will meet at 6pm.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 7:43

Eric Medberry, Recording





**Bemidji Area Church Musician's  
Recital July 31st**







Friday, August 2, 2024



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## News from our Community Food Shelf

The numbers keep on soaring. Through July, we have served 1,000 more families than last year in the same period. **68 tons** of food have been distributed so far this year – wow! Thank you to all who are involved through donating, serving, and praying for this powerful ministry. We are making a huge difference in this community.

### Birthday bag results are in!

Get ready for a new record of birthday bags prepared by our congregation – **164 bags** were packed during Day Camp in August: another successful service project for New Salem! Bags were delivered and immediately put to use. Thank you to all who donated goods and helped assemble the bags.

**This just in:** we need gleaners and substitute gleaners. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning we have different gleaners that go out to various businesses in town to collect donations. Gleaners need to have a truck, be able to lift up to 40 lbs, and start between 7:30-8:00 AM and go until about noon. Let me know if you're interested in this fun opportunity!

As the kids return to school, so do some volunteers. Are you available to help at the food shelf this month? Contact me to become involved.

#### Sep. Shifts:

Monday, Sep. 9, from 9:00 – 12:15

Monday, Sep. 9, from 12:00 – 3:15

Friday, Aug. 13, from 9:00 – 12:15

Donations of non-perishable groceries are easy, even if you cannot get to the food shelf. Drop off items in the basket conveniently located next to the double doors in the narthex. Bags (reusable, too!), Our Family UPC codes, books (especially kids), and \$\$ are always welcome, too. Please consider becoming a sustaining supporter of the food shelf. A monthly donation of \$10 can make a difference. Donate at [www.bcfsmn.org](http://www.bcfsmn.org).

### Thank you for your generosity!

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled... But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry."* Luke 6:20-21, 24-25

In His Service, *Karin Snortland* 612.940.7312 [ksnortland5@gmail.com](mailto:ksnortland5@gmail.com) Council of Churches



*Join our Adult Book Discussion Group*

*Wednesdays September 11 & 25 @ 3:30 pm*

*in the church library or you can join us via Zoom.*

*We are reading the book: **US: The Resurrection of American Terror***

*By Rev. Kenneth Wheeler, a retired ELCA pastor.*

*He is a preacher, public theologian, mentor, and writer who focuses on the intersection of faith, race, and social justice.*

*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



# Playground Construction August 5th







## New Salem Service Group Minutes Monday, August 12, 2024

**Present:** Paul Kraft, Betsy Kuleta, Karyn Lutz, Mike Moen, B Olson, Roger Olson, Stu Rosselet, Sue Rosselet, Karin Snortland, Julie Souder, Donna Zelinsky

Devotions – Sue Rosselet

Volunteer for next meeting: Stu Rosselet

**Secretary's Report** – approval of June 2024 meeting minutes. Karin offered one correction. In the Charitable Donations list, it should simply say Peoples Church not Peoples Church Day Center. Stu moved to approve the corrected minutes; second by B; passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Karin presented the report, noting that we made \$972 on the luncheon served after the BACM recital. B reported that they sold about 120 tickets. We had a Thrivent Action Team card which paid for the food so what we charged was all profit.

Karin reported that we received thank you notes from the recipients of the funds we dispersed in June. These included: Ukrainian Refugee Relief of Blackduck, Peoples Church, Lutheran World Relief, DAV, and the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. Notes were also sent to Walmart for a donation of a \$100 gift card for cakes and frosting for Birthday Bags; Vivian Krause for healing, and Krista Bogart for purchasing centerpiece supplied. Sue reminded everyone that we're making birthday bags on Wednesday evening. We have enough stuff for about 160 bags.

The annual WELCA Conference for our Synod will be Sept. 20 & 21 in Moorhead if anyone is interested in attending.

Discussion of whether to allocate any of the \$1,300 we have available. Decided to wait until after the Fall Bazaar Craft and Bake Sale and then have more to donate. Report was accepted and filed.

### Old Business

Group President needed – male or female. By acclamation we decided to change this from Group President to Group Coordinator as this better represents that this position mostly requires coordinating with others. The Leads for various events take the weight off of the Group Coordinator.

Event Leads- Funeral (February-April) – an interim is needed for the month's that Sue is gone.

Rummage Sale – Lead needed

Anyone willing to step into these positions should contact Karyn.

BACM Concert & Luncheon wrap-up – B suggested that we change the recipe to avoid having to do the cream whipping at the last minute. Ask that everyone be on the look out for a good replacement recipe. It was also suggested that we purchase a couple large stainless-steel bowls so Stu & Sue don't have to bring theirs. Stu & Sue will consider what they have and possibly donate a couple bowls.

### New Business

Fall Bazaar-Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, November 2, 2024. Karyn has been in touch with Sue Carlson and she has confirmed 6 vendors and hopes for a couple more. The Bazaar will be from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Vendors will pay for a booth spot and the money will be donated to the church's general fund. Eric Medberry has been asked about the 4-H kids selling sliders and sticky buns again. We're waiting to hear back from him. [Editor's note: Eric confirmed that the 4-H kids will sell food.] There will be a raffle, as usual, which will run from 9 am – 2 pm. We need to be very clear on our ads about these times. We need to ask for donations of new items for the raffle. Karin & Donna are going to solicit donations from local businesses. Karyn will talk with Hailey Mack about being in charge of the raffle again. Karin will start preparing ads and the Service Group will pay \$50 for a boost on Facebook.

Church kitchen cleaning – date to be set at October meeting and will be after the Fall Bazaar.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer. (yes, we used that "new" version!)

Sue Rosselet, recording in the absence of Secretary Joy Johnson

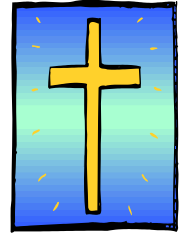


*New Salem's Highlighted*

*Mission Partner*

*Village of Hope*

*September 2024*



**WE ARE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**

We work with the families who seek shelter with us & do so much more beyond putting a roof over their heads. We work with them to identify and achieve their goals and dreams. We give them the tools and connections they need to move from homelessness into a home they can call their own.

## HOW WE SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES

Emergency Shelter

Removing Barriers

Families

School Attendance

Employment

Life Skills

Housing

Hope

### Items we need:

- Postage Stamps
- Reams of Paper
- Bleach
- Trash Bags 33 gallon
- Walmart, Target, Gas Cards, Hair Cut gift cards
- Pillows
- New or Used board games
- New or Used DVDs (G and PG and PG13)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Bus Tokens –Paul Bunyan Transit 751-8765
- Coloring Books
- Queen Size New or Used Blankets
- Furniture (please call ahead to make sure we have room)

### VOLUNTEER:

- Life has given you experience, share it with others! - Wednesday from 9am-10am our adults gather to support each other and learn life skills such as parenting, job readiness, household management, budgeting, stress management; the list is endless! Come be a speaker!
- Reading Rainbow - Gather the kids for a story when the parents are cleaning up from supper, doing chores and getting bedtime routines ready. Mondays from 9-10 pm.
- Family Fun Nights - Schedule a fun night of movies and popcorn, board games or what ever you can dream up!
- Organize our garage and/or basement where we keep donations.
- Let's work together!

### **God's Work, Our Treasure—September 2024**

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of our mission partner, the **Village of Hope** 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 **Village of Hope**.

and we will forward your gift to them. More information at: [www.bemidjivillageofhope.org](http://www.bemidjivillageofhope.org)

Village of Hope P.O. Box 1035 Bemidji, MN 56619

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





Aug  
12-15  
Day  
Camp



Stories, Music, Crafts, Fun!





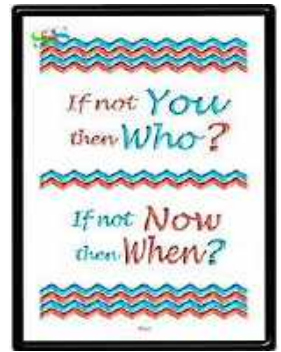


## The Service Group Needs a President

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](mailto:lutz@paulbunyan.net) or 218-280-7488.



Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve even once for one of these ministries on a Sunday



**Volunteers Enhance the Worship Experience for Everyone!**

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





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#### 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.