

Salem Lutheran GoFundMe page raising money for new roof

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Arlen Paulsrud and members of Salem Lutheran Church are raising money to help the rural church northeast of Cummings, N.D., pay for a new roof.

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Rural CUMMINGS – Members of Salem Lutheran Church northeast of Cummings are raising money to pay for a new roof for the century-old church.

Parishioners created a GoFundMe page this week seeking online donations for the church, which sits a stone's throw from the western banks of the Red River.

“It’s the same for everyone – their church is a special place to them,” Arlen Paulsrud, who lives 2.5 miles north of the rural church, said Wednesday. “But we need a new roof.”

A former church elder, Paulsrud, 83, has been a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran.

He was baptized there and married his wife, Joanne, inside the church on Oct. 29, 1954.

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