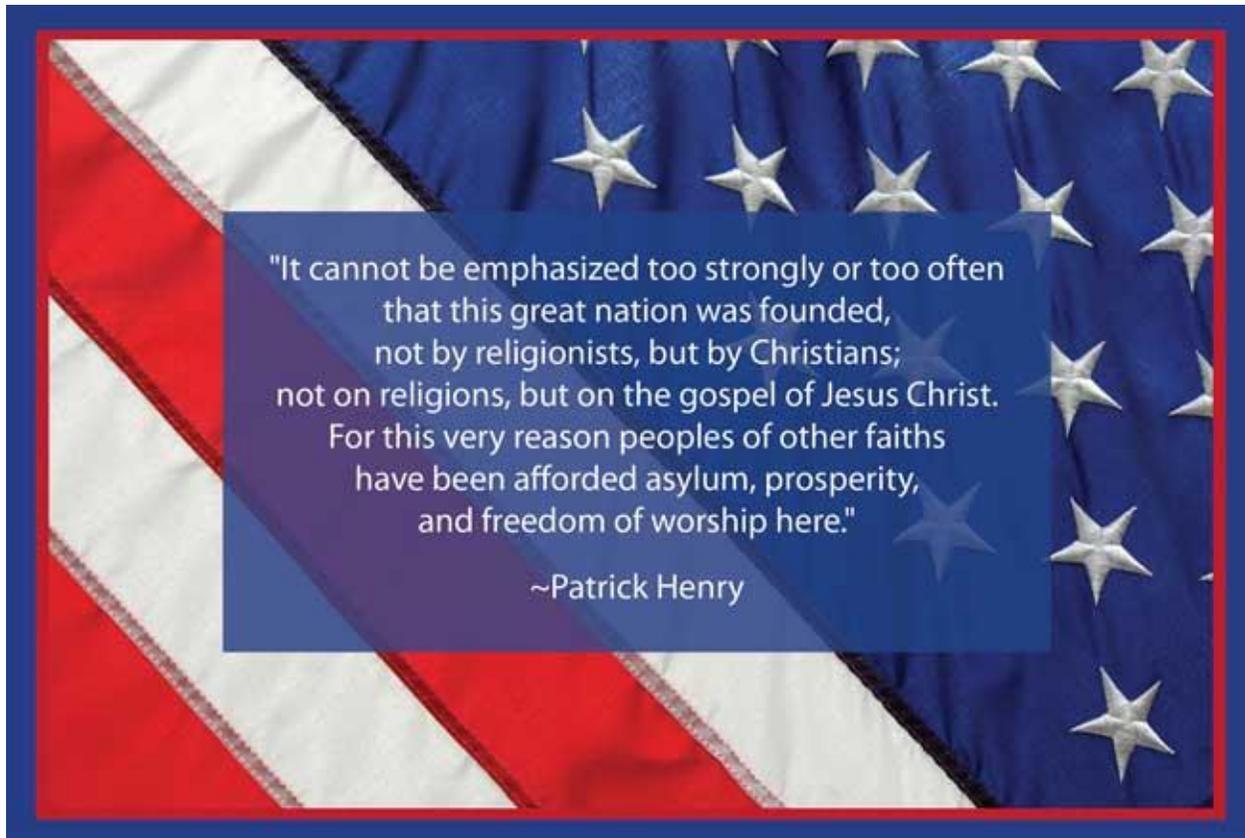


Shalom Community Lutheran Church July 2022 Newsletter



When I found the picture above, I knew I'd found my inspiration for this issue. We are a Christian nation. That does not mean that other beliefs are unwelcome; all are welcome. People aren't denied entry based on religion. Our attitude toward inclusion is one of the foundations we've built on to become a nation of immigrants. Are we perfect? No, we fail, but we keep on trying. We have challenges to address, but we can continue to improve with Jesus as our guide. The key is loving one another. Have a wonderful 4th of July.

July

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					FRI July 1	SAT 2 9:30 am Men's Bible Study
3 10 am Community Service in the Park	4 	5 9:30 am Text 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting	6	7 7 pm Deaco n	8	9 9:30 am Men's Bible Study
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31 9:30 am worship service 10:30 am. Bible Study						

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR MIKE!

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

This month we celebrate our freedom as Americans, how much more should we celebrate our freedom in Christ! We are blessed to live in a free country which was founded on Christian principles. We should not take the political freedom that we enjoy for granted. The same can be said for our spiritual freedom. We have been set free from our old ways and each of us is a new creation in Christ.

There is a saying that states "Freedom isn't free." The same can be said of the spiritual freedom that we have. There was a price and Jesus paid that price for everyone. The result is a free gift to us through God's grace. We can't earn it and there is no other way to attain it. Jesus is the only way.

As you enjoy your freedom this month, don't forget about your spiritual freedom. Celebrate it, give thanks for it and live in it. Also share it with others and tell them the Good News that they may be free as well!

Live free,
Pastor Mike

Proclaim The Good News! (Youth and Young Adult Column)

Who is the writer of this Column?

1. Hi, my name is Jerrid Jepma. I am from Hancock, MN, and the Youth and Young Adult coordinator here at Shalom.
2. I am currently studying Biblical Studies at Spurgeon College (online).
3. I am passionate about spreading His Word and teaching others about the gospel and who Christ is. Also, for the younger generation.
4. I pray this Column brings glory to God, deepens your faith, and encourages you to read your Bible and spread the gospel to others. *Soli Deo Gloria* (to God be the glory)!

What is This Column for?

1. This is Shalom's youth and young adult monthly update/blog.
2. Each month I (Jerrid Jepma) will give an update on upcoming events (youth and young adult related) or a recap on previous events.

3. Also, I will be going over different Bible topics. The first one will be "What is The Gospel?" Specific passages and stories.
4. This Column is for our youth (7th grade- 12th grade) and young adults (high school graduates to 30 years old).

What is the purpose of this Column?

1. The purpose of this page is to connect with not only parents but also the kids and young adults.
2. Letting people know what is going on and talking about specific topics to encourage, edify, and sanctify us. So, we can continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and build each other up in our faith.

Weekly Events for Shalom

held at Shalom Church

Tuesday – 9:30 am. Text Study led by Jill
 Tuesday – 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting
 Saturday – 9:30 am. Men's Bible Study
 Sunday—9:30 am. Worship service

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Pastor Mike continues his

Family Sermon Series

June 19 – Man of God

June 26 – Godly Women

July 10 – Created for Each Other

July 17 – Children/Family

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

is paused until July 17. See you then.

July 3, Heritage Days Community Church Service

10:00 am Lakeshore Park

Service led by area Pastors and the Pope County Ministerial.

There will be no worship service at Shalom on July 3.

See you all at the Park!

Fron Church will be serving lunch following service.

JULY YOUTH EVENT

Fellowship, Movie, Food, Discussion

Ages: Entering 7th – 12th Grade

Wed., July 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Location: Shalom Church

MEN'S EVENT

Ages 19-90 Canoeing/Camping Trip

Crow Wing River

Dates: Sat & Sun, July 23-24

Devotions: 'Manliness of Christ'

Bring your own camping gear, or you can rent equipment.

Bring your own snacks & beverages.

Take in the whole event, or feel free
to come for canoeing only or camping only.

July 7 at 7 pm Board of Deacons meeting

Contact Pastor Mike, Dorothy, Dalen, Jerrid, Lowell, Richard, or Roger with questions,
concerns or praise/prayer requests.



Financial Report as of June 21, 2022

2022 General Budget \$ 109,000.00

Year to Date Needed \$ 52,500.00

Year to Date Received \$ 50,118.78

Last Week's Offering \$ 1,130.00

Attendance – 34 Ministry Center, 4 YouTube

Happy Birthday:

Tim Carlson July 14

Gathering for Widows and Widowers: Please join with others who have experienced the loss of their spouse, partner or significant other for a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation. We will meet for lunch, 12:00 noon, at Old #1 on Sunday, June 5. Order and purchase your lunch and enjoy the company of others. For questions, please call Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220. Listen to KMRS/KKOK for schedule changes!

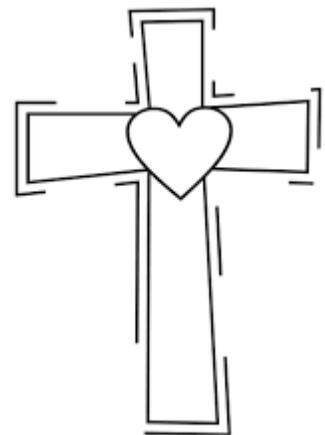
Come join us for worship at 11:00 am on Sunday, July 10th, at **Indherred Lutheran Church! We are located 3 miles north of Starbuck and 3 miles south of Lowry on State Highway 114.**

Following worship, there will be a free luncheon downstairs catered by Lakes Catering.

Menu includes: roast beef, chicken, or ham with sides

All are welcome!!

 *let's
Worship
together* 



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Annual Gathering & Covention

Registration is open online and by mail for our [22nd Annual Gathering & Convention](#), a four-day event designed to bring people from across the association together for a time of fellowship, worship, learning, and more.

The event takes place **October 2-5** at **Hosanna Church** in Lakeville, MN. More information and online registration can be found on our website.

For the best possible experience, we recommend signing up by **August 15** to receive the discounted rate, then booking your accommodations as soon as you have registered to guarantee your spot.

We look forward to seeing you there! Copy and paste the link below to your browser for more information.

<https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering>

Shalom Community Lutheran Church Minutes

Board of Deacons 5-4-2022

The Board of Deacons of Shalom Community Lutheran Church met at the Ministry Center on May 4th. Present were Dalen, Mike, Jerrid, Roger, Richard, Dorothy and Monica. Lowell was absent. We opened our meeting with prayer. We reviewed last month's minutes and Monica presented current financials.

Monica reported on the Worship Planning Team meeting and we reviewed plans for Mike's installation service. We decided to send written invitations to current and former members. We will have a meal following the service with BBQ's provided by Shalom and ask members to bring a salad or bars/cookies. We had a discussion about Mike's ordination status.

Heritage Days was discussed, no action taken.

Jerrid raised the issue of our church leadership structure and suggested altering it to include elders and deacons based on the roles that members fill in the church.

We set our next meeting for June 1st and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Richard Syverson, Secretary

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You can find us on Facebook and YouTube. Our website address is www.shalomcommunitylc.com You can watch our Sunday services on YouTube Live. Follow the link on our website. An edited version of the service will be online by Tuesday. If you need someone to talk to or need pastoral care, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Mike, a deacon or another congregation member. We are all called to help one another. You may also call the Ministry Center and leave a message. We'll respond as soon as possible. Here is the Deacon's contact information:

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