

Shalom Community Lutheran Church

October 2022 Newsletter

October

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give so you may receive.

See goodness in others.

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR MIKE!

A Lifestyle of Worship

Do you ever get a song stuck in your head playing over and over? Sometimes it can be an annoying song, other times it can be an advertising jingle that is intentionally designed to be “catchy”. Over the last two days I have had the song *He is Exalted* playing in my head. I was riding on the motorcycle yesterday and singing it out loud on my way to prayer group. I find myself humming it as I walk down the hall at school. It is playing again in my head as I type this. It is great when we can worship as we go throughout our day.

Too often we tend to confine worship to Sunday mornings, this is not how we are designed to be. We serve a God who wants to be in personal relationship with us. We can worship and connect with Him as we go through our day. Setting aside time for reading and prayer is healthy, but there are other opportunities as well. Turn off the car radio and pray and sing as you go down the road. Use the quiet time out on the deer stand to reflect on his creation and to give thanks. Working in the garden reminds us of his provision, praise Him as you weed and harvest.

We are to live with Him, live for Him and to represent Him to the world on a daily basis. We can praise him through our relationships with those around us. One of the easiest ways to spread the Gospel is to witness through your actions. As others see your joy and your confidence, they will want to know the source. Always be prepared to share the reason! (1 Peter 3:15). We also worship Him as we serve others. Indeed, our lives should be a living sacrifice that points to Him. (Romans 12:1).

It is wonderful that we can worship as we go about our lives. Let us live a lifestyle of worship which gives glory to God while we serve others and build them up in their faith. Let us worship the One True God by the way in which we live and serve. Sing his praises and glorify Him.

May the songs that get stuck in your head glorify God.

Pastor Mike

News from the Staff!

Week of Oct. 2

*Tuesday – 9:30 am Text Study

*Tuesday – 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday – 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday – 3:00 pm to prepare a booth for Starbuck Night to Unite! Event is 3:30-6:30pm

*Saturday – 9:30 am Men's Bible Study

*Sunday—9:30 am Worship Service
Bible Study following worship

* Shalom's weekly events

Board of Deacons Meeting

Wed., Oct. 5, 7:00 pm

Any praise reports, questions, or concerns contact Dorothy, Dalen, Swede, Pastor Mike, Lowell, Bob, or Roger.

Shalom and Community Event:

Starbuck Night to Unite!

America's Night Out Against Crime

Mark your Calendars:

Thursday, Oct. 6, 3:30-6:30 pm

Depot Museum and Depot Lane

Free Food, Live Music, Family Games, Inflatable, Local Business Booths & more!

****Be a part of representing Shalom at our booth.***

Be a presence in our community and connect with others.

****3:00 help prepare our booth and treats***

Women's Group

will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1:30 pm

All women are welcome for a time of fellowship and preparing our cards of care.

Financial Report as of Sept. 27, 2022

2022 General Budget \$ 109,000.00

Year to Date Needed \$ 81,900.00

Year to Date Received \$ 81,255.16

Last Week's Offering \$ 2,056.00

Attendance – 30 Ministry Center, 4 YouTube

Ways to Serve:

Youth and Young Adult Team

Come, lend a hand to our Youth.

Come, connect, and make a difference!

We are looking for individuals to help plan and coordinate Youth and Young Adult events. A signup sheet is on the hall table.

Pastor Mike will be serving on the Team and your help would be appreciated!

Feel free to signup whether you work on one event or all events.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Mike.

Shalom, Let's Come Together to

FEED ALEX

We have the opportunity to come alongside Alex as the Body of Christ.

Alex recently lost his Grandmother Nadine to cancer. His mother also passed away from cancer years ago.

He is a senior at MAHS with plans to attend Wadena Technical College after graduation. Currently, he lives alone, and that is where SHALOM comes in.

How FEED ALEX works.

- Sign up on the monthly signup sheet to provide one meal for that week.
- You may deliver the meal to Alex, 106 West 8th Street, Starbuck, contact Office for a telephone number.

OR you may choose to bring your meal to the Shalom Church on Sundays, and someone will deliver it for you.

THANK YOU...

Eric Danielson, Dale Carlson & Pastor Mike for planning **Shalom's unique, fun-filled Shootin' and Grillin' event!** There were about 20 people who participated and enjoyed the activities and camaraderie.

Pastor Mike and Gwen, for your help and participation in the area youth event held at

Barsness Park. There were approximately 60 participants who had a great time hiking, meditating on the Word, Worshiping, and eating Pizza! It was a great time for our area youth!

Dalen for updating the front door logo and installing the handicap parking sign on the back of the building.

Linda Meulebroeck for washing windows & doors this fall! Your cleaning makes a difference in presenting a welcoming atmosphere to all.

Dennis & Marce, Monica, Gwen, Dale, and Mike for your help with the SON Food Program.

Community Events

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
201 Maple Street, Lowry, MN
Meatball Supper
Wed., Oct. 5, 4:30-7:30 pm

The menu includes meatballs and gravy, Homemade mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, bun & dessert. All tickets: \$15.00
Dine-In or Drive Through for Take Out:

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 October 9. 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

**Options for Women, Morris
Respect for Life Banquet**
Sat., Oct. 8, 5:00 pm

Old #1 South Side, 401 Atlantic Ave., MorrisRSVP @
320-589-0300 or at frontdesk@optionsmorris.com

Community Events

Glenwood Lutheran Church
206 Minnesota Ave East, Glenwood, MN
Meatball Supper
Wed., Oct. 12, 4:30-7 pm

Menu includes: meatballs and gravy, 'real' mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, coleslaw, bread & home-baked desserts. All tickets: \$12.00

Take Out Only:

Drive thru at South Entrance **OR**
Walk-in to take out at Minnesota Avenue Entrance

Safe Families New Volunteer Training
Sat., Oct. 15, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Reach Church, 1310 N Nokomis NE,
Alexandria, MN

Please apply online before the training
<https://sfcms.net/apply>



**May God's Blessings
fall upon you like the
leaves of autumn.**

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OCTOBER
2022

9 am - 1 pm

FALL BAZAAR

Held at the Starbuck VFW



BBQ & CHIPS
RØMMEGRØT
BAKE SALE
SILENT AUCTION



VFW
212 E 6TH ST STARBUCK, MN



Happy Birthday to:

Beth Moore – Oct. 3
Derek Kennedy - Oct. 17
Katelynn Jepma – Oct. 21
Kristi Carlson – Oct. 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Dennis and Marce Forbord - Oct. 20

Because We Prayed In 2022: from National Day of Prayer

Friend --

"Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension." 1 Timothy 2:8

Over the past months, the Lord has continued to challenge us to Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us! Jeremiah 33:2-3 reads in the Amplified Bible, "Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it--the LORD is His name, 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you [and even show you] great and mighty things, [things which have been confided and hidden], which you do not know and understand and cannot distinguish." In other words, as we call to Him, we need to expect our Almighty, Supernatural God to answer and encourage us by telling us and showing us great, mighty, and miraculous things!

'Call to Me and I will answer you' is not just a promise for the prophet, but for US! It's an invitation and expectation that we have because of WHO HE IS and WHAT HE HAS TOLD US! Do you ever find yourself questioning God? Do you sometimes find yourself thinking, "That's impossible!" or "That will never happen!" Friend, be encouraged and expectant, because "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." All because we call to Him, all because we pray!

As you have called to Him, I pray that your faith has been strengthened, that you have been refreshed and reminded about how powerful, wonderful, mighty, and loving our God is! I pray that your hearts are encouraged, and you are experiencing new courage and wisdom as you pray then going out into the world each day, putting them into practice and expressing the mighty things that the Lord is doing!

Because we prayed... in May, our NDP national broadcast, through our partnerships with Pray.com, and Christian broadcasters like Daystar, GodTV, Revelation TV, Bott, Salem, Faith, Truth, K-LOVE and other national and local radio networks reached into over 200 countries around the world with a call to prayer and a clear presentation of the message of the Gospel – reaching nearly 110 million homes in the U.S. and over 600 million homes around the world!

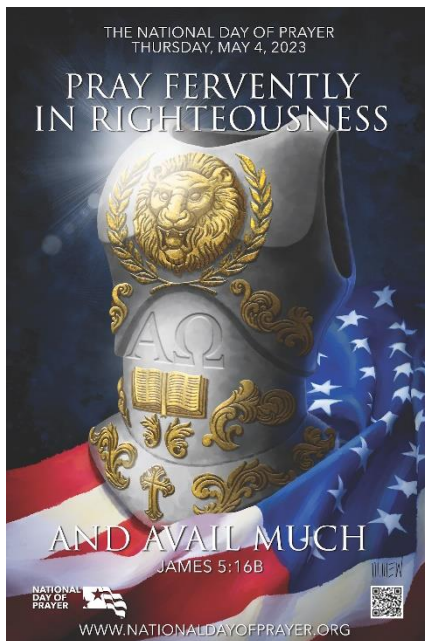
Because we prayed... even after two years of national covid related shutdowns and imitations, tens of thousands of local National Day of Prayer events were held this year in every U.S. state and territory. Millions of people, mobilized by local volunteers, exalted the Lord and lifted up our nation in prayer with the expectation that God would show up and show us His 'possible'.

Because we prayed... we have seen a victory in two of the Generational Wins that we have been contending for prayer along with our partners at Alliance Defending Freedom. In June, we saw one of these seemingly 'impossible' things come to pass, and we won a battle for the generations to come, as the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the sanctity and value of human life in the Dobbs case, and overturned Roe V. Wade. Throughout the decades as we have prayed to God, the Author of life, we have interceded for Him to protect the most innocent – the helpless heartbeats of the unborn – and He has answered our prayers. The second victory came in the case of Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, involving a high school coach who went to the 50-yard line to pray after every game for years. Sometimes his players joined voluntarily, until one parent complained. The Supreme Court has now decided that "separation of church and state does not prohibit public

school employees from praying aloud on the job near students." God heard our prayers, bringing a great victory for religious freedom and freedom of speech.

Because we prayed... we have the blessing of receiving 'glory stories' sharing how God is moving in people's lives and throughout our nation. We are sent testimonies of lives having been forever changed by the Gospel, marriages and families being restored, addictions being overcome, diseases being healed, and new hope and faith entering into the lives of millions of people that we may never meet face to face... but they have benefitted, because we prayed.

Because we prayed... as you read this letter, we have just finished our National Leadership Summit in the 'City of Brotherly Love', Philadelphia. We gathered representatives from our 17,000 volunteer coordinators to pray and prepare for mobilizing prayer in their communities across America. These are 'prayer missionaries' serving in all 50 states, Washington D.C., the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. They serve our neighbors and nation, living out a "Prayer, Care, Share" lifestyle that includes our Task Force mission of mobilizing unified, public prayer for America, especially on the first Thursday of May, but also every day. These NDP missionaries are often known as "the prayer people" in our churches, cities, and states. The people everyone calls on in times of tragedy, urgent situations, or need.



God is answering our prayers, and I hope that you can envision yourself as a key member of this vast army of prayer warriors – hands raised in praise and intercession but also open to receive as God responds to your prayers. At our Summit, we revealed our 2023 National Day of Prayer theme, which is our unifying rally cry and challenge to our nation to pray. We want you to be one of the first to know! The 2023 theme is Pray Fervently In Righteousness and Avail Much, from the theme verse, "The effective, fervent prayers of a righteous man avails much" from James 5:16B. Please take a few minutes after you've read through this letter to focus on the theme and theme art, sharing the vision. Together we can mobilize millions more to call to Him in prayer in the coming months.

God has given us what seems to be an impossible assignment. But with God, all things are possible. Together we can transform our country and culture; it will take great commitment and generous support from our prayer partners to accomplish this. Together, our mission is not only to pray on the First Thursday of May, but to overflow in prayer every day along the way, in our homes, churches, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, where we shop, play, workout, and hangout with friends – everywhere our footsteps fall.

Our voices are not meant to chime into the complaining and criticism that fills out culture but to change the tune and correct the conversation – because every person is fearfully and wonderfully created in Christ; His workmanship, deeply valuable, teeming with Kingdom dreams, plans, and potential, a life on mission for the God who loves us more than we can understand and who will never leave us nor forsake us. He pursues us and it is up to those of us who profess His Name to join the race and run after the hurting and hopeless with His love. The love of a Savior who offers abundant life with passion and purpose for all eternity. A Savior who answers us when we call to Him.

Friend, I have a question for you, but before I ask, I want to personally thank you for all that you do to make this year-round work of the National Day of Prayer Task Force possible. We are praying for you.

Because we prayed... and God's people gave, millions received prayer, heard the Gospel, and have a renewed sense of hope for their lives. Shirley Dobson, our chairman for 25 years, was fond of reminding us that "Where God guides, God provides." So, here is the very important question I'd like to ask – as God is guiding us not just to continue but to expand this crucial ministry to our nation, will you prayerfully consider continuing to be a part of God's provision by partnering with us financially today?

If so, please consider a generous one-time gift today, or possibly an ongoing monthly donation of \$100, \$50, or even \$25 to see missionaries trained, prayer lifted, the Gospel shared, Jesus' love spread, lives changed, and our nation healed.

Serving Him with gladness,

Kathy Branzell
President, National Day of Prayer Task Force

P.S. You can also text GIVE to 844-578-0204 to give your gift from your phone. Thank you for joining us in prayer!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed		Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study	3	4 9:30 am Text Study 4:30 pm Prayer meeting	7 pm Deacons Meeting	3:30 pm Community Night Out	6	7 9:30am - Men's Bible 5 pm Respect for Life
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23 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study	24	25 9:30 am Text study 4:30 pm Prayer meeting		26	27	28 9:30am - Men's Bible
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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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