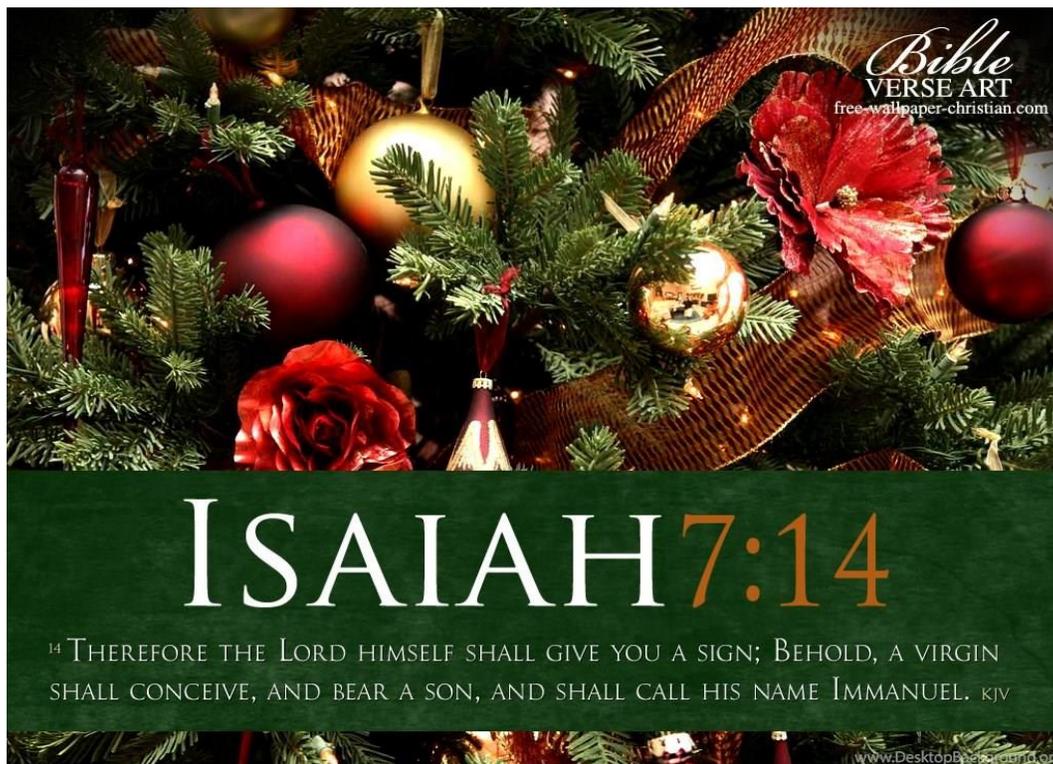


# Shalom Community Lutheran Church

## December 2022 Newsletter



May the spirit of  
Christmas bring you  
*Peace,*  
The gladness of  
Christmas give you  
*Hope,*  
The warmth of  
Christmas grant you  
*Love.*

*Ask-Angels.com*

## *Thoughts from Pastor Mike*

*Anticipation – we’ve all seen it, little kids bouncing up and down, fidgeting, impatiently wondering “How long?” As we get older, we learn to manage our feelings and actions, but we can still be impatient. So it was with the Jews of Jesus’ time. They had been living under Roman oppression and were wondering how long until the promised Messiah would come to set them free. They looked forward in eager anticipation of one who would reign with justice and righteousness.*

*The Messiah did come, but instead of setting them free politically, He set them free spiritually. Free from the control of sin, and from the fear of death. Not what they expected, instead something more, with eternal rather than temporal consequences. Too often we get caught up with the physical things around us and lose sight of the bigger spiritual picture. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 4:18 that we should fix our eyes on what is unseen rather than what is seen, for the seen is temporary while the unseen is eternal.*

*Similar to the Jews of Jesus’ day we are now awaiting the second coming of the Messiah. We look at the world around us and ask, “How long?” We long to see the return of Jesus when everything will be made right, and evil will be stomped out once and for all. We don’t know how long it will be, but there is much to do in the meantime. Many people still haven’t heard or don’t believe. May we use the remaining time to advance the Kingdom, bringing hope and the promise to others.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am 10:30am	28 Newsletter	29 9:30am - Text	30	1	2	3 9:30am - Men's
<h1>December 2022</h1>						
4 SFFC Presentation 9:30am - 10:30am - Bible	5 Funeral Home	6 9:30am - Text 4:30pm - Prayer	7	8 7pm - Deacons	9	10 9:30am - Men's
11 9:30am - 10:30am - Bible	12	13 9:30am - Text 4:30pm - Prayer	14	15	16	17 9:30am - Men's
18 9:30am - 10:30am - Bible	19	20 9:30am - Text 4:30pm - Prayer	21	22	23	24 9:30am - Men's 4pm - Candlelight
25 9:30am - 10:30am - Bible	26	27 9:30am - Text 4:30pm - Prayer	28	29	30	31 9:30am - Men's

## *News from the Staff!*

### **Week of Nov 28**

- \*Tuesday – 9:30 am Text Study
- \*Tuesday – 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- \*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**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

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



A safe and convenient handicap parking area is designated at the south entrance by the double doors. This parking is on the same level as the Church. It takes a few steps to enter Church, and chairs are directly inside the door for your use. *We care for your safety.*

### **Shalom's Website and FaceBook page**

Stay connected and up to date with Shalom's news and events by visiting our website:

[www.shalomcommunitylc.com](http://www.shalomcommunitylc.com) and/or our FaceBook page.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For any cancellations due to weather, please check Shalom's website or FaceBook page.



### ***Worship Services:***

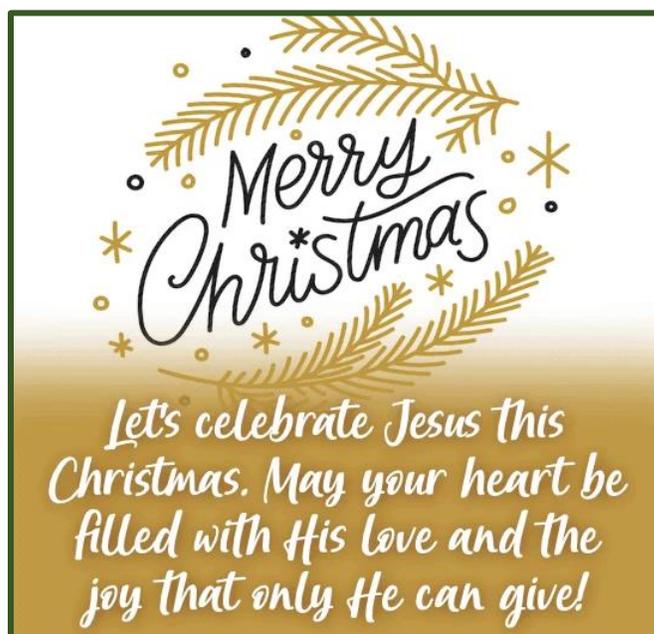
**Sunday, Dec 4, 9:30 am, Advent**  
Theme: Angels

**Sunday, Dec 11, 9:30 am, Advent**  
Theme: Shepherds

**Sunday, Dec 18, 9:30 am, Advent**  
Theme: Wisemen

**Sat., Dec 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, 4:00 pm**  
Theme: Birth of Jesus

**Sun., Dec. 25, 9:30am**  
Theme: Gifts



**The Season of Advent** is our journey toward Christmas. The word *advent* means “coming” or “arrival,” and the season is marked by expectation, waiting, anticipation, and longing. Advent is not just an extension of Christmas—it is a season that links the past, present, and future. Advent offers us the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, to celebrate His birth, and to be alert for His second coming. Advent looks back in celebration at the hope fulfilled in Jesus Christ’s coming, while at the same time looking forward in hopeful and eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when He returns for His people. During Advent we wait for both—it’s an active, assured, and hopeful waiting.

### **FUNDRAISER for COMPELLED**

Compelled is seeking jackets this year for their missionaries and orphanages.

The cost is \$15.00 a jacket.

Shalom is receiving donations through December 18<sup>th</sup>!

Place cash or check written out to Compelled in canister on hall table.

### **Connect...Small Groups**

#### **Bible Studies**

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Sunday Mornings following Worship. We will not meet on Sunday Dec 25.

#### **Men's Group**

meets every Saturday morning, 9:30 am, for Bible Study and fellowship.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dianne Halvorson – Dec. 1

Roger Anderson – Dec 10

Finley Danielson – Dec 26

Gwen Meier – Dec 28

Cindy Owen – Dec 29

Marce Forbord – Dec. 31

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Bruce & Terri Mitchell – Dec 1

Ron & Joyce Bowen – Dec 3

Bob & Beth Moore – Dec 5

Roger & Mavis Anderson – Dec 17

Dave & Cindy Owen – Dec 21

### **Ways to Serve:**

#### **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 a goal 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 1 meal for that week.
- You may deliver the meal to Alex, 106 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Starbuck, contact Office for telephone number.

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

## THANK YOU...

**Tom Cory** for your woodworking talent in making our beautiful offering boxes.

**To everyone** for pitching in with our November fellowship meal. The food, fellowship and working together had us all smiling and enjoying each other.

**Jill, Mike, Dalen and Monica** for decorating our church home for Christmas!

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

**Vicki Syverson** for baking the communion bread!

**Linda Meulebroeck and Beth Moore** for cleaning the Church which provides such a wonderful, warm welcoming for all!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you have the gift of faith,  
the blessing of hope, and the  
joy of family.

## 2022 Year End Contributions

Shalom is so grateful for the opportunity to minister God's Word to you and your family. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you support the mission of Christ. A reminder that year-end contributions need to be received by Dec 31 and can be placed in the offering boxes at either entrance at church, or made through our website giving portal [www.shalomcommunitylc.com/giving/](http://www.shalomcommunitylc.com/giving/) or by mail to Shalom Community Lutheran Church, PO Box 418, Starbuck MN 56381. Any questions at all contact Monica.

## Financial Report as of Nov 28, 2022

2022 General Budget	\$ 109,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 100,800.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 105,072.57

## We Praise and Worship our Lord with our tithes and offerings.

Your donation can be made by:

1. Placing it in the **offering canisters** on the hall table or back table.
2. **Mail** offering to Shalom CLC, PO Box 418, Starbuck, MN 56381
3. **GIVE ONLINE** – For those of you who would like to utilize this option, go to Shalom's website at [www.shalomcommunitylc.com](http://www.shalomcommunitylc.com). Click on the GIVING tab on the homepage and you will be directed to either select a one-time donation or you may elect to setup an automatic recurring donation. If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact Monica.

## Community Events

### Cookie Stroll

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9am – 10:30am

Fron Lutheran Church, Starbuck

Pre-packaged containers will be in the front entrance. Enjoy a short stroll picking up an assortment! Cost is \$15 a container.

### Service of Remembrance

Monday, Dec 5, 5:30pm at the  
Starbuck Funeral Home.

All are welcome to attend service.

Pastor Mike will be participating in this service.

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**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 at 12:00 noon at Old #1 Sun., Dec 4. 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.

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## Word Search Puzzle Christmas



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CAROLS	JESUS	NATIVITY
GARLAND	JOLLY	SANTA
GIFTS	MERRY	SAVIOR
	SPIRIT	Christmas TREE

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You can find us on Facebook and YouTube. Our website address is [www.shalomcommunitylc.com](http://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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