

*Shalom Community Lutheran
Church
February 2023 Newsletter*



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Thoughts from Pastor Mike

Waiting...

Are you tired of winter yet? February, although the shortest month, can seem to drag on and on. Even though the days are getting longer, we can be caught up in the negatives if we're not careful. We need to be looking forward expectantly to warmer weather, flowers, returning birds and riding motorcycle again. Where is our attention focused? How are we living in response?

As Christians we also look forward to the future while not getting caught up in the negatives around us. We can look forward to the second coming and all things being made right. We can eagerly await the final victory. Better yet, we can look forward to God making His dwelling among us and sharing life with us. (Revelation 21:1-4.) Again, where is our attention focused, and how are we living in response?

We know good things are coming, but we can get impatient. What can we do while we wait for these things? While we wait for spring we can exercise and get fresh air when we get the chance. We can order seeds and plan for the garden. We can spend time in the Word and of course find ways to serve others to God's glory. As we await the second coming, we can spread the Gospel to those around us. We can build others up in their faith and join in worship with others. We can use the gifts that God has given us to His glory.

Let us focus our attention on the positives, and of course on God. Let us live lives of hope and thankfulness as we eagerly await what is to come. Let us use our time constructively as we wait. Spring is coming again and so is Jesus!

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February				7 pm - Deacons				9:30 am - Men's Bible			
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9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Bible Study		9:30 am - Text Study @ 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting								9:30 am - Men's Bible	
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9:30 am - Worship Fellowship Meal		9:30 am - Text Study @ 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting								9:30 am - Men's Bible	
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9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Bible Study		9:30 am - Text Study @ 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting		7 pm - Ash Wednesday						9:30 am - Men's Bible	
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News from the Staff!

Week of February 1

- *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

Board of Deacons Meeting Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 pm



Safe and convenient handicapped parking is available at the south entrance by the double doors. The parking is on the same level as the Church, and it takes only a few steps to

enter Church. 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 and our FaceBook page.

If you wish to receive *by email* our newsletters & announcements that arise, please provide us with your email address by calling the Office or emailing us at sclc@hcinet.net

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Worship Services:

Sunday, February 5

9:30 am Worship

Sunday, February 12

9:30 am Worship and Fellowship Meal following Worship

Sunday, February 19

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am Worship



Sunday, February 12, following Worship

Please bring your favorite dishes to share, hot dishes, salads, bars, and desserts. Crockpots work best for warm dishes; plug them in the kitchen

Connect...Small Groups

Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Sunday Mornings following Worship.

We will be looking at early Church history.

Men's Group

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

Women's Luncheon

Monday, February 20th, 11:30am, Lakeside – Glenwood, MN

Come and enjoy fellowship and a meal that you do not have to make or clean up after! Feel free to bring a friend!

Lent begins

Wednesday, February 22, with the observation of Ash

Wednesday.

The worship service will be at 7:00 pm at Church or on YouTube.

LENT WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This weekly study will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning on Wednesday, February 29, and concluding on Wednesday, March 29. This study will be held at Shalom Church and on Zoom. The series will be "Jesus" by Robert Morris. Carpenter. Man. Jew. Lamb. Who is this Man whose name shakes the nations and whose blood set us free? Pastor Robert Morris explains who Jesus was, is, and will be. In this series, we will look at some attributes of Jesus; The Builder, The Human, The Servant, The Shepherd, The Son, The Eucharist, The Teacher, The Ladder, The Christ, and The Physician

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dennis Forbord – 3

Lowell Hacker – 4

Bob Moore – 5

Carrie Jepma – 11

Linda Meulebroeck -18

ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Red Meulebroeck – Feb. 14

Ways to Serve:

Signup sheets for volunteers are available on the hall table. We encourage everyone to help where they can.

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, planning 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 the Office for his telephone number.

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

THANK YOU...

Women's Group for sending cards of care that keep us connected and say, 'we care'!

Linda Meulebroeck and **Beth Moore** for cleaning the Church and providing a warm and comfortable welcome for all!

Ron, Judy, Tom, Mike, Dale, and Monica, for your help with the SON Food Program.

Swede and Roger for serving as Deacons

and leading God's Church in truth.

Vicki Syverson

for baking the communion bread!

Dale Carlson, Mike Troen, Dalen & Monica for shoveling and plowing our sidewalk and parking lot. It is very much appreciated!

Praise Team

Maggie, Swede, Eric, Derek, Janelle, Phil, Joy, and Monica, for faithfully giving your gifts and leading us in song to praise and glorify our amazing Lord!

Financial Report as of January 26, 2023

2023 General Budget	\$ 134,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 10,320.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 5,579.00
Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,325.00

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

Your donation can be made by:

1. Placing it in the **offering boxes** in the hall or back worship area.
2. **Mail** offering to Shalom CLC, P.O. 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.

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 set up an automatic recurring donation. If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact Monica.

Shalom's Mailing Address is

P.O. Box 418, Starbuck, MN 56381

Please remember to use our P.O. Box address for mailed correspondence rather than Shalom's physical address. Thank you!

Community Events

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 Tuesday, February 14. Please note the day has changed to Tuesdays for this year. Order and purchase your lunch and enjoy the company of others. For questions, please call Pedersen Funeral Home at (320)-589-3220. Listen to KMRS/KKOK for schedule changes.

From A Dream to A Hope and A Future

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.' Acts 2:17

August 28 this year, will mark the 60th anniversary of the rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his now famous challenge to our nation – and an insight into the dream that motivated and mobilized him as a man of God and a leader. **A dream about a nation where oppression would be transformed into biblical freedom and justice, where his children would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, and where little children, no matter what their cultural heritage – would join hands with one another as sisters and brothers.** Reverend King had a dream that was based on unwavering faith, hope, and trust in God Almighty.

As we cry out to God for our nation in the beginning of this new year, and we dream Holy Spirit inspired dreams of what God might accomplish in 2023, I want to encourage you to write down what He pours out into your heart. What are the visions He's given you for your neighbors and nation? What are the Spirit inspired dreams that you have for the leaders in your state and local community? In order to see transformation in our nation, we must first pray for transformation in our own hearts – and then in the hearts of others. That the content of OUR character, conduct, conversations, and convictions would be based not upon the shifting sands of cultural influence, but on the solid rock of God's Word and Truth.

For God's people, there is not just a dream, but a plan that He has for each of us. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:11-13

As we march in unity into this new year, and as we pause this coming Monday to honor a man who stood up to make a difference and laid down his life for the dream that God placed in his heart, let's give thanks to the Lord and pray that God would raise up other Godly men and women in our day, full of the Holy Spirit and of good character, who will stand up in this generation for the cause of freedom and justice, the cause of Christ, and for the dream that God has placed in their heart. Let's pray:

Father God, You are the One with the plan to give Your people a hope and a future. You are the One who has poured out Your Spirit on ALL people. You are LOVE, and we pray for Your love, joy, peace, and patience to transform the hearts of the citizens of our nation. Lord, begin with us, and with the household of God. Give us dreams, the faith to believe them, and the trust that YOU have plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. Raise us up as a people after Your own heart and let us be known as a generation who will stand for freedom and

justice – one that will seek You and find You when we seek You with all your heart.
In Jesus Name, Amen!

In Christ,

Dion Elmore

Vice President, National Day of Prayer Task Force

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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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