

# Shalom Community Lutheran Church January 2023 Newsletter



## *Thoughts from Pastor Mike*

Hi Everyone,

A new year brings new opportunities and a renewed hope for the future. I have spent part of the week studying the word hope in preparation for this week's sermon. The Biblical definition of hope is quite different than the modern English version that is familiar to us. We think of hope as the desire that something good will happen in the future. We see it as a possibility and associate it with one crossing their fingers to somehow increase the odds of something coming about.

The Biblical definition is rather different. In the Old Testament we find three words for hope, *yachal*, *tiqvah* and *qavah*. While these are slightly different being case specific, the general sense of the words to wait for something in expectation.

The New Testament was written in Greek and the word for hope, "*elpis*", can be translated as a trust or confidence and has a positive connotation. It is something that we are looking forward to in a positive way rather than something that we are wishing for as a possibility. Another way to describe it is as a confident expectation.

I think it would be nice if the translators of the Bible had selected a different word for hope when they wrote it in English. I would recommend reading your Bible with the above meanings in mind. You will see things in a different light and be filled with reassurance.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

Pastor Mike

### **The New Year!**

Do you look forward to the New Year with anticipation? I look at it like a blank slate, full of possibilities. We plan for the year ahead but don't know what's coming our way, thankfully. I have many hopes and wishes for the future but know it's not in my control what will happen. I do know that surprises and frustrations will crop up. My goal is to keep a positive attitude and remember God is in charge. God handles the big picture and I try to deal with the small stuff.

I start my day by thanking God for waking up and asking for His blessings on my family. One thing we do have control over is how we will respond to those around us. It's easier to smile and get on with my work for the day. I believe a thankful outlook makes for a much smoother day. Yes, I know this is hard, especially when I'm tired or frustrated, but making an effort helps me and everyone around me. I don't want to be thought of as that "grumpy old lady" who never says anything nice. Praise is good for everyone.



# January 2023

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am - Worship		9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer Meeting				9:30am - Men's Bible
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Birthday Celebration	Alex' Birthday	9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer Meeting	6pm - Deacons meeting			9:30am - Men's Bible
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study		9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer Meeting		2pm - Holly Ridge Bible Study		9:30am - Men's Bible
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Annual		9:30am - Text Study 1:00pm Women's Group 4:30pm - Prayer Meeting		Information for newsletter due		9:30am - Men's Bible
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study		9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer Meeting	February			9:30am - Men's Bible

## **News from the Staff!**

### **\*Shalom's weekly events**

- \*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 will  
resume January 15, 2023

### **Board of Deacons Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 pm This  
is the annual budget meeting.**

Any praise reports, questions, or  
concerns

contact Dorothy, Dalen, Swede,  
Pastor Mike, Lowell, Bob, or Roger.



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

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**Sunday, Jan 1, 9:30 am**

**Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:30 am**

**Sunday, Jan 15, 9:30 am**

**Sunday, Jan 22, 9:30am**

Annual Meeting following Worship

**Sun., January 29, 9:30am**

***Sunday, January 8***

***Let us celebrate Alex as he turns 18!***

The Women's Group will be serving  
cookies and ice cream following  
worship. We invite you to bring a  
birthday card for Alex and share in the  
celebration.

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

**Bible Studies**

Tuesdays at 9:30am  
Sunday Mornings following Worship.  
We will meet again on Sunday January  
15. We will be looking a early Church  
history.

### **Men's Group**

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

### **Women's Group**

We will meet Tuesday, January 24 at 1  
pm. We'll be preparing cards for  
February and March. All are welcome!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Eric Danielson 03  
Joshua Troen 03  
Dale Carlson 17  
Joyce Bowen 19

### ***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 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...***

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

***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!

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



**Tom Cory**

for making coat racks for the front entrance, and Pastor Mike and Josh for installing them.

We look forward to having a place to hang coats for both entrances.

**Dalen, Dale and Alex Preston** for installing the larger TV in classroom and the TV on the back wall in main room. They also assembled computer chair for front office, installed offering boxes by entrance doors.



**Financial Report** as of December 23, 2022

2022 General Budget	\$ 109,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 107,100.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 110,065.57

**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, 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**

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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 Tuesday, January 10. 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 (320)-589-3220. Listen to KMRS/KKOK for schedule changes.*

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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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