

Shalom Community Lutheran Church

November 2022 Newsletter



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Thoughts from Pastor Mike

Reform – to make changes in something, (typically a social, political, or economic institution or practice) in order to improve it.

We hear of reform in many contexts. Programs are created to reform offenders to reintegrate them into society as contributing members. Education reform is intended to increase understanding and to make learning more efficient. Political candidates may pledge to reform the economy or the tax codes. All of these have the goal of making something better, or to correct wrongs.

Martin Luther was a monk who sought to reform the Roman Catholic church. He saw how the church had been caught up in human traditions and was controlling what people thought and believed. He was troubled by the means through which they were raising funds by selling indulgences, which would shorten a person's time in purgatory (a non-biblical place in which people would serve time after death.) Furthermore, the Holy Roman Empire consolidated political and theological control over large parts of Europe and over people's lives.

How could one person change the course of such a huge institution as the Roman Catholic church? Martin Luther hoped to get the church back on track, to reform its methods. Although he was ultimately unsuccessful in changing the church, God used him to create a new movement which brought the Bible to the masses and encouraged them to connect directly with a personal God. Many protestant churches today can trace their roots back to the daring stand made by Luther.

It is not only religious systems which need reform. Reform is often needed on a governmental as well as a personal level. When things start to drift away from their original intent, they need to be brought back on track. What things need to be reformed in our lives? How can we accomplish this? Like Martin Luther, we can draw on God's help to make improvements which bring us closer to God and make us more effective for His purposes. We all need to be reformed.

Pastor Mike

News from the Staff!

Week of Nov. 1

- *Tuesday – 9:30 am Text Study
- *Tuesday – 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- Wednesday – 7:00 pm Deacons 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

Wed., Nov. 2, 7:00 pm

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Turn your clocks back before going to bed
on Sat., Nov. 5!



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 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, Nov. 6, All Saints Sunday

All Saints Remembrance Cards will be inserted in bulletins. Parishioners are encouraged to list loved ones who have gone before to remember and honor them. You may include a special memory of your loved one(s). Cards will be collected during the service and Pastor Mike will pray for our loved ones. For those who worship online, you may email (slcl@hcinet.net) your loved one's names to us, and we will fill out a card for you.

Sunday, Nov. 20, Thanksgiving Service



The theme is Lifestyle of

Harvest. There will be a '*Tree of Thanks*' on the hall wall during

November for parishioners to write on individual leaves what they are thankful for and attach the leaves to the tree. Write on as many leaves as you need! *Thank you, God, for all your blessings!*



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

Sunday, Nov. 27, 9:30 am, Advent

Theme: Prophets

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

Connect...Small Groups

Women's Luncheon

Let's gather for lunch and fellowship on

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12:00 noon

Lakeside, Glenwood, MN

Men's Group

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

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Shalom Tee-Shirts

are available to purchase. A great to promote
Shalom and also wear for Shalom sponsored
events. **Royal Blue Tee with white Shalom Logo.**

S-XL are \$10.00 2XL – 3XL are \$12.00

You may call the church office, 239-3418, to place
your order or sign up on the sheet provided on hall
table.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nancy Bakewell – Nov. 1

Dennis Jepma – Nov. 9

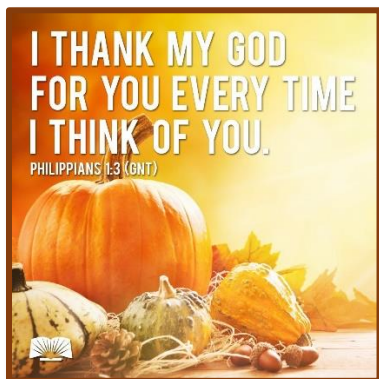
David Owen – Nov. 20

Monica Gosseling – Nov. 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jason & Jill Doscher – Nov. 13

Richard & Victoria Syverson – Nov. 15



Ways to Serve:



Christmas Decorating

*Come, lend a hand preparing
our Church home for Jesus' Birth.*

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1:30 pm

Youth and Young Adult Team

Come, lend a hand for 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.

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 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 8th 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...

Hunter Troen and Eric Danielson

for learning and helping with technology
for worship services!

**Pastor Mike, Jill, Hunter, Mia, Monica, Gwen,
Beth, Dennis and Marce** for your help and
presence for Shalom's participation in
Starbuck's Night to Unite Event!

Gwen and Monica for decorating the Church
for autumn. The rich, beautiful fall colors
remind us of God's blessings,
His Glory and provisions.

**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!

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord,
For every opportunity
to walk in Your light,
and to change a life –
I thank You.
For all the different ways
You renew my faith,
never giving up on me –
I thank You.
For every reminder that
I am unique,
here for a reason –
I thank You.
For uplifting me through
the joy of gratitude
and connection,
I thank You, Lord,
now and forever.
Amen.

Financial Report as of Oct. 24, 2022

2022 General Budget	\$ 109,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 90,300.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 88,704.41

3rd Quarter Mission Development Funds Report as follows:

Compelled Ministries	\$1,150.00
SON Food Program	\$ 695.98
Terebinth Refuge	\$ 500.00
Assemblies of God Missionaries	\$ 330.00
LCMC	\$ 165.00
School Scholarship for Alex	\$ 250.00
Praise Live	\$ 100.00
Safe Families for Children	\$ 100.00
Total 3 rd Quarter Missions	\$3,290.98

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. 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.

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 November 6.

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.

3 REASONS WHY WE SHOULD GO TO CHURCH by Pastor Robert Morris

Do you struggle spiritually, physically, professionally, or in your closest relationships? We all want success in every area of life. **Here is the good news: if you are a follower of Jesus, He has already given you a way to overcome these struggles.** Today we are sharing 3 reasons why you should go to Church straight from the *3 Steps to Victory Sermon Series* by Pastor Robert Morris.

1. GOD'S PRESENCE

The number one reason to go to Church is God's presence. Now, I understand that God is everywhere. That's called His omnipresence. Then, there is His inner presence, which is the Holy Spirit living within us. **But God's manifest presence—His made-known presence—happens when we come together.** In Exodus 33, when God became angry with the people of Israel as they were traveling through the wilderness, He said to Moses, "I'm not going to go with you into the promised land, but I'll send My angel." Moses's reply was, "If Your presence doesn't go, I don't want to go." Moses then made an incredible statement: "If Your presence doesn't go with us, how will we be different from any other people in the world?" It's the only thing that makes us different. The reason gathering at Church is different than any other organization or meeting is because the presence of God is so strong when we gather together as His children.

2. GOD'S POWER

Matthew 18:20 reads, "For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Look at the verse right before: "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven" (v. 19). And then Jesus says: "For ..." The word **for** is a preposition that means "because." In other words, Jesus is saying why something is done. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst" (v. 20) The reason what you ask is done is because God is standing right there with you. His presence is there. **And when His presence is there, His power is there.** Many people want and need the power of God in their life, but they don't go to Church.

3. GOD'S PEOPLE

You may be thinking, *Well, if I've got God's presence and God's power, why do I need God's people?* **Because His presence and His power flow through His people.** You need people. In Matthew 22:36, Jesus was asked "What's the greatest commandment?" He replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... but the **second** is like it ..." The phrase **like it** means "equal to". **The second is equal to it.** "Love your neighbor as yourself." Then Jesus makes an incredible statement: "On these two commandments, hang all the law and the prophets." Remember, they didn't have a New Testament when Jesus was speaking. So when He referred to the Scriptures, the law, and the prophets, what He was saying was the whole Bible hangs on these two commandments: **Love God and love people.** You need both a relationship with God and a relationship with people.

God created Church. God created a place for His people to come together, worship Him, learn His Word, sense His presence, and experience His power. His presence,

His power, and His people ... that's what Church is! Sometimes churches get off track or maybe go the wrong way, but it's still Church, and **it's still a place where if we press in with all our hearts, we can enter God's presence, hear God's Word, grow in Him, and affect other people's lives.**

Counterfeit Caution: Clothed vs. Costumed

Friend --

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them..." Matthew 7:15-16a

Greetings!

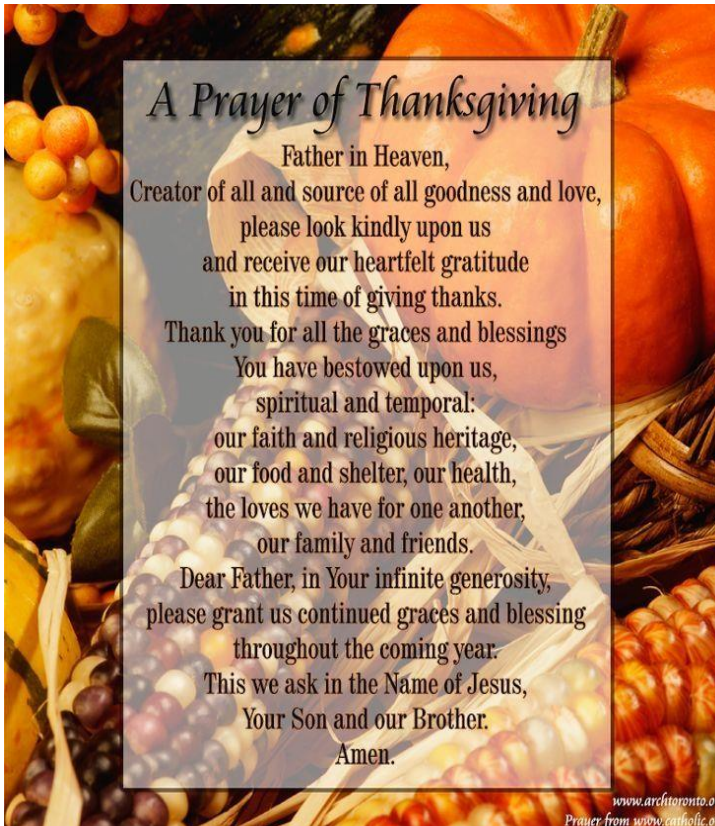
As Fall festivals, trunk or treat events, and Halloween approaches we see people dressed up in costumes pretending to be superheroes, animals, movie, television, and other famous people and characters. There may be many that you easily recognize and a few that you might have to ask, "Who are you?" It can be cute to see young children play dress up and pretend to be someone or something they are not, but it is a completely different experience when we encounter adults in the workplace, relationships, or even ministry who are not really who they appear to be on the surface.

Jesus warned His followers of wolves in sheep's clothing giving the discerning sign of their "fruit," their actions, attitudes, and motivations that spring up in their character, conduct and conversations. Paul further equips us in Ephesians 4:1-3 by describing the worthy manner of one called by Christ.

"Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Romans 13:14 also helps us spot someone dressed to serve, *"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."*

Scripture reveals Satan's playbook acting "like" God but out to steal, kill and destroy. Remember that the enemy who *"prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"* (1Peter 5:8) is



Wishing everyone a wonderful

Thanksgiving!

far inferior to the Lion of Judah who has given us victory and delivered us from the enemy. Be alert! Listen carefully to the words that people use as they describe themselves, their organization, opportunity, or even ministry. Are they speaking peace, strengthening unity, and walking in humility, or do you get whiffs of language that sounds more divisive or destructive? Carefully consider what they want to accomplish and how they want to accomplish it. Are they prayerful or prideful? Are they asking you to leave something or someone you know God led you to?

Be cautious and spend much time in prayer asking the Lord to reveal their hearts, and if He is calling you to yoke yourself with them in business, relationship, or ministry. Wait on the Lord and listen, do not be hurried or manipulated no matter how good the opportunity might look like on the surface; listen in the spirit. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 warns us, for "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

Satan specializes in counterfeits; looking and saying something "like" truth or a treat but discerning eyes and ears will pick up the trick. Like those who work to recognize counterfeit money; they spend a majority of their time handling real bills, becoming so familiar with the real thing that when a fake passes through their hands they recognize it immediately, or at least stop to take a closer look if anything feels or looks "off." Know the character of someone clothed with Christ; what Christ said and the warning He gave before you get caught up with a counterfeit in a clever costume. Don't get tricked by anything that at first glance might seem like a treat.

Lord, I seek Your will and only Your will for my life. I praise You and know Your attributes and authority. The enemy is not Your equal in any way but seeks to steal, kill, and destroy all that are Yours. Help me to clearly know the character and conduct of those who are clothed in You. Guard my heart and give me eyes to see and ears to catch the tricks of the enemy. Holy Spirit equip me to discern the schemes of Satan and to pray for those being used and held captive by him, but not to get

entangled in their tricks. In Your victorious, trustworthy, unifying, Name we pray, Amen!

Serving Him with gladness,
Kathy Branzell
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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