

# *Shalom Community Lutheran Church*

## *March 2023 Newsletter*



### **Thoughts from Pastor Mike**

#### **Connection with God**

Lent - a time of reflection, prayer, fasting and meditation. A time to slow down and connect more deeply with God.

Many of us live a fast-paced life with barely enough time to get everything done. Do we set aside time to pray, reflect and connect with God? If something is a priority, we plan other things around it. Where is our time with God on our priority list? A relationship with God, like a relationship with a spouse or family member, requires communication and time together.

Find a time and a place free of distraction where you can connect with God. Talk to Him, perhaps even out loud, and then listen. Read the lyrics to some meaningful hymns as well as reading scripture. Ponder the verses and search for the deeper meaning. Worship music is another option that might work for some people.

God has sought relationship with people from the beginning. He desires a deeper relationship with each of us. Let us do what we can to develop this. You will find more peace, more serenity and more meaning in life as a result.

Shalom, Pastor Mike

March is nearly here. After a long winter, we look forward to spring and its new growth. It's also the season of Lent. We reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Some people fast, and others give up certain foods or behaviors. It's a time to become closer to God and reflect on our lives and how we can become better followers of Christ. Reading the Bible, attending fellowship events, and worship services are all ways to connect with God and fellow Christians. In the early Church, this was a time for new followers to learn about Jesus and become baptized in their faith. We can use this time to reaffirm our baptismal promise and grow our faith. God Bless, Dorothy

### News from the Staff!

#### Week of February 29<sup>th</sup>

- \*Tuesday – 9:30 am Text Study
- \*Tuesday – 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- \*Wednesday – 7:00 pm Lent Bible Study
- Thursday – 7:00 pm Deacon 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, March 2, 7:00 pm

Any praise reports, questions, or concerns contact President Dalen, Vice President

Bob, Secretary Eric, Pastor Mike, Lowell, Dorothy or Dale.



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.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead Saturday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to receive our newsletters & announcements by email, please provide us with your email address by calling the office or emailing us at [sclc@hcinet.net](mailto:sclc@hcinet.net)

### INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***Worship Services:***

**Wednesday, March 1**

7:00 pm Lent Bible Study

**Sunday, March 5**

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 8**

7:00 pm Lent Bible Study

**Sunday, March 12**

Daylight Savings time begins. Remember to turn your clocks ahead Sat. night, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>.

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 15**

7:00 pm Lent Bible Study

**Sunday, March 19**

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 22**

7:00 pm Lent Bible Study

**Sunday, March 26**

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 29**

7:00 pm Lent Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY LENT BIBLE STUDY**

**This weekly study is at 7:00 pm beginning Wed., March 1<sup>st</sup>, and concludes Wed., March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

This study will be held at Shalom Church and on Zoom. For those joining on Zoom, the ID number is **803 974 144**.

Contact the office for the password if needed. 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 of the attributes of Jesus; The Teacher, Builder, Human, Servant, Shepherd, Son, Eucharist, Ladder, Christ, and The Physician.

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

**Bible Studies**

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Sunday Mornings following Worship. We will be looking at early Church history.

**Lent Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at Church or on Zoom.

For those joining on Zoom, the ID number is **803 974 144**.

Contact the office for the password if needed.

**Men's Group**

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

**Women's Group**

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am

Fellowship and preparing cards of care. We are currently communicating with Holly Ridge Manor to set up a time for their request for groups to come in to spend time with residents engaging in fellowship and activities. What a wonderful opportunity to reach out, connect and serve our community.

More details to come.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jill Troen – March 13

Dalen Gosseling – March 18

Judy Cory – March 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 lost his Grandmother Nadine to cancer. His mother 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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...

*Bill & Lynda, Dale & Kristi, and Dalen & Monica* for helping with the Fellowship Meal.

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

## *Vicki Syverson*

for baking the communion bread!

*Dale, Mike, and Dalen* 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!

## LENT MUSIC DEVOTIONS

The following first paragraph was to be included in our Ash Wednesday Service, which was cancelled due to weather. The message of Lent is powerful and is a very rich season for the Body of Christ and as individuals. May we experience a deep, profound love and devotion for our wonderful God and beautiful Savior!

### *Our Invitation this Lent...*

*Dear friends in Christ,* every year we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lent is a time to prepare for this

celebration. In order that our Lent may be a time of renewal and growth we begin this season by remembering our need for repentance and for the forgiveness of God proclaimed by Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, self-denial, and giving to those in need, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

There are so many great hymns and songs that can aid us in connecting with our Lord. You can sing them or recite the lyrics. Songs can be used to begin our devotion time. This is a great way to open up and turn our hearts and minds to hearing from Him. Four song favorites of mine for this season are *Purify My Heart*, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*, and *The Wonderful Cross* and I have included the lyrics for you.

If you have a hymnal at home, I encourage you to get it out and use songs to connect with God for devotion, repentance, thanksgiving, and prayer. Draw near to God and He draws near to you! What comfort and peace we receive.

### **Purify My Heart**

Purify my heart  
Touch me with Your cleansing fire  
Take me to the cross  
Your holiness is my desire  
Breathe Your life in me

Kindle a love that flows from your throne  
O purify my heart  
Purify my heart

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Verse 1  
When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2  
Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

Verse 3  
See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Verse 4  
Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all  
CCLI Song # 3296590

### **The Wondrous Cross CCLI Song #**

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Verse 1  
There is a love so sure  
Nothing it can't endure  
There is a life it brings  
That's greater than anything

I once was dead within  
Hollowed by all my sin  
Lost and so led astray  
But Your love reached all the way  
Your love reached all the way

Chorus

Oh the wondrous Cross  
Where the Prince of Glory died  
Oh the glorious Cross  
Where Your mercy bled for us  
You overcame the grave  
Waking to a world You saved  
Oh the wondrous Cross

Verse 2

Now You're my resting place  
When trouble I must face  
I won't be overwhelmed  
'Cause Jesus Your love has won  
My faith looks up to Thee  
Sweet Lamb of Calvary  
My song will ever rise to You alone

Bridge

I'm forever singing  
Hallelujah to Your name  
Oh forever we sing  
Hallelujah to Your name  
You overcame the grave  
Waking to a world You saved  
Oh the wondrous Cross



**At The Cross (Love Ran Red)** ccli  
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Verse 1

There's a place  
Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place  
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin  
washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You, Jesus

Verse 2

There's a place  
Where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart  
Has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge

Here my hope is found  
Here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide  
Here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow

May our devotions with music  
strengthen  
our bond with our great God. *Monica*

**Financial Report** as of January 26, 2023

2023 General Budget	\$ 134,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 20,640.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 10,679.00
Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,140.00

**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](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 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 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 on March 14,  
12:00 noon, the second Tuesday of the  
month at***

*Old #1, 412 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN  
(Order off the menu at your own cost.)*

*For questions, please call Pedersen  
Funeral Home (320)-589-3220. Listen to  
MRS/KKOK for schedule changes.*

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
26	27	28	1	2	3	4			
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
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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 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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