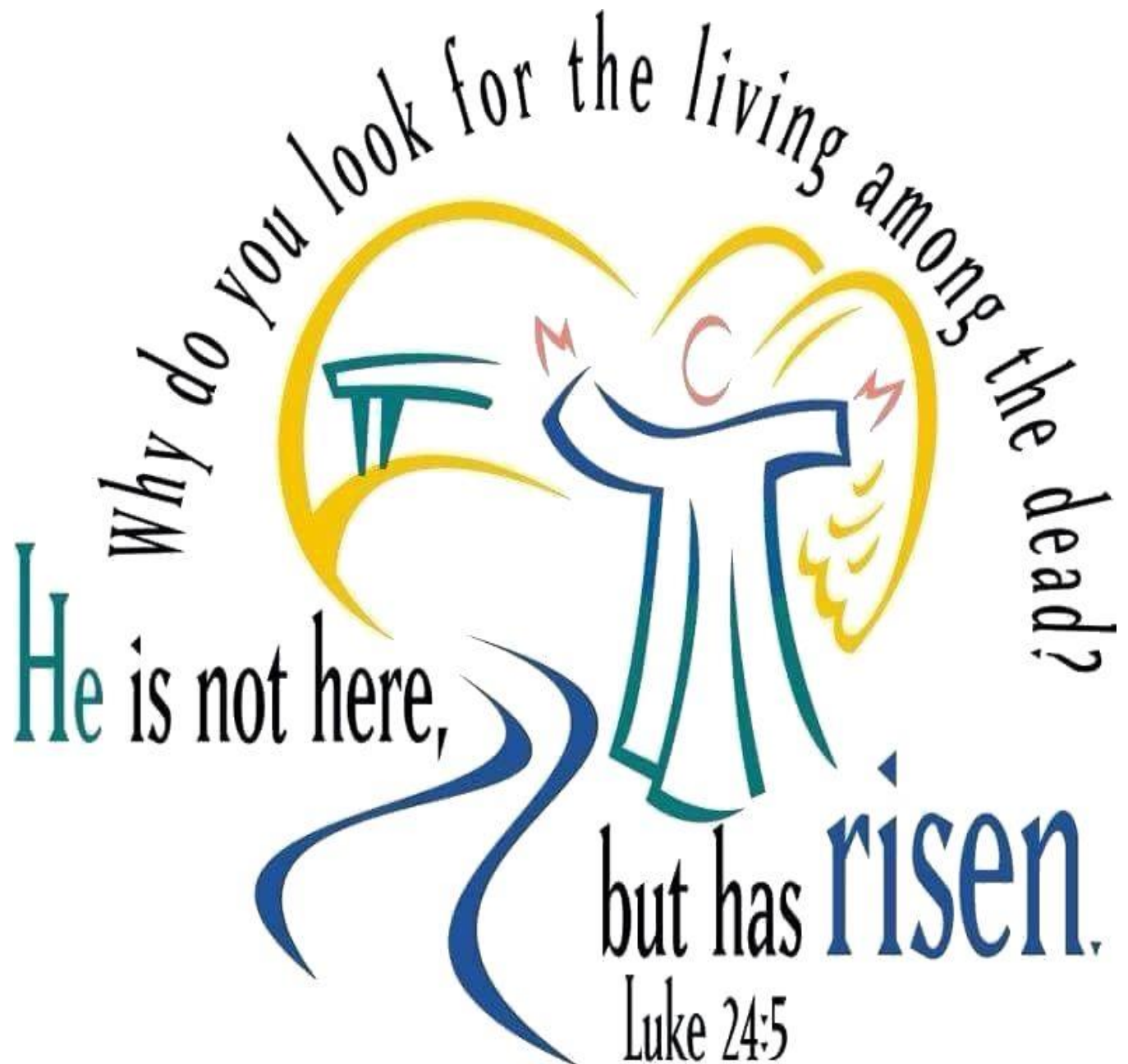


*Shalom Community Lutheran
Church*

April 2023 Newsletter



Thoughts from Pastor Mike

Together

I have spent a lot of time working with others over the past week. Planning the Day of Faith, a Safe Families potluck and prayer meeting, participating in Bible studies, Lent video sessions, worship, prayer group and more. Of course, we spend our personal time with God in prayer and the word, but much of Christian life is lived in community.

From Genesis to Revelation, we see examples of people living, working and worshiping together. As the Body of Christ we can use our individual gifts to create the Church on Earth and to do much more than we could as individuals. Together, we can support each other, pray for each other and be there for each other.

There is also joy in gathering together. The author of Hebrews speaks of this in Heb. 10:25 where he writes "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Encouragement is one of the best gifts that we can give others. While we can draw encouragement from a number of sources, it is through genuine connection with others that we can best feel it.

Be there with each other, be there for each other. Gather not only for worship but call on each other throughout the week. Make yourself available to others and don't be afraid to ask for help when needed. Let us bear God's presence to those around us as ambassadors of Christ. As Gwen would say, Be there for others instead of othering others. After all, you can't love one another by yourselves...

Shalom, Pastor Mike



News from the Staff!

Week of April 1st

*Tuesday – 9:30 am Text Study
*Tuesday – 4:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday – 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting
Friday – 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship
*Saturday – 9:30 am Men's Bible Study
*Sunday—9:30 am Worship Service
Bible Study following worship beginning again on April 16

* Shalom's weekly events

Board of Deacons Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 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, and our Facebook page.

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Worship Services:

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Let us gather with Christians worldwide to celebrate and grow our faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Come to experience and worship our loving God, and remember Jesus' sacrifice of His life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love to others.

*Services held at Shalom Church
or on YouTube Live.*

Palm Sunday Worship, April 2, 9:30 am



Good Friday Worship, April 7, 7:00 pm

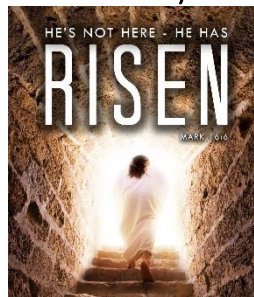


"Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" John 1:29

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds, we are healed.

Isaiah 53: 5

Easter Sunday Worship, April 9, 9:30 am



Come and Celebrate our risen Lord and Savior! **Alleluia!**

Worship Services Continued:

Sunday, April 16

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Sunday, April 23

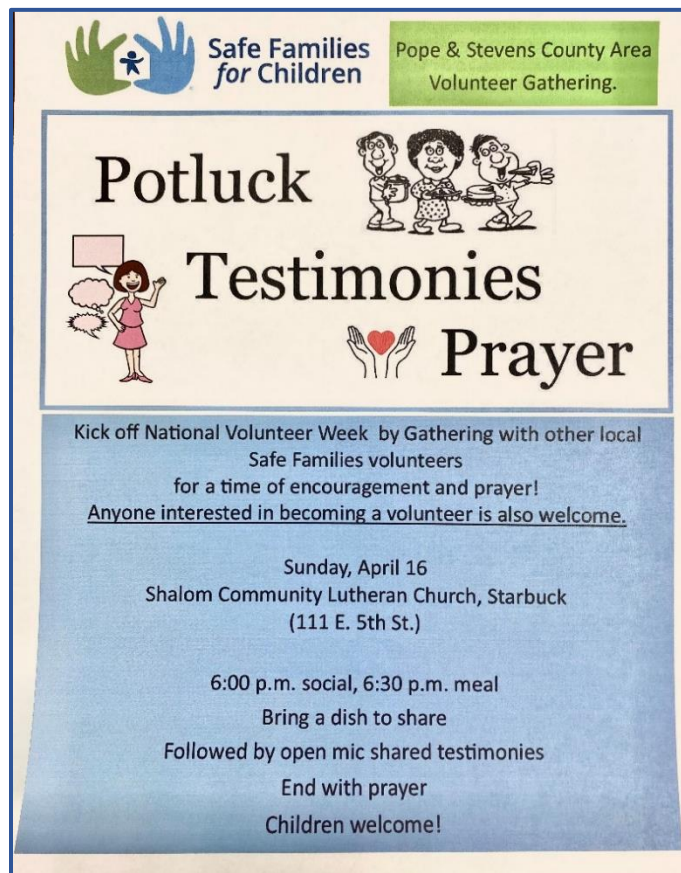
9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Shalom Hosted Event

Sunday, April 16th - Details below
Any questions, see Pastor Mike



Connect...Small Groups

Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Sunday Mornings following Worship.

Men's Group

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

Women's Group

Monday, April 24, 1:30 pm

This month we begin our outreach event to Holly Ridge Manor residents! We will be playing bingo with the residents, supplying bingo prizes, and also bringing bars and/or cookies for coffee and fellowship after bingo. We are excited to connect with our extended community members! Let's brighten their day with His light! Any questions, contact Monica.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Terri Mitchell 4/19
Marty Collier 4/19
Tom Cory 4/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tim and Dorothy Carlson 04/19
Dalen and Monica Gosseling 04/23

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 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...

Pastor Mike and Pope County Ministerial

for all your planning, time, and listening to God's direction in the "Day of Faith" event for our area youth! What a fun event immersed in God's Word for our youth!

Eric Danielson and Maggie Fennel for filling in and serving as audio, video, and projectionist. ***Janelle Lambert*** for serving as musician, and ***Dale Carlson*** for opening up the church and preparing communion & coffee!

Vicki Syverson

for baking the communion bread!

Financial Report as of Mar 27, 2023

2023 General Budget	\$ 134,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 33,540.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 25,395.35
Last Week's Offering	\$ 11,591.35

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 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 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 April 11, 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.***

Just Thinking!

As I planned this month's newsletter, I was reminded of the movie "The Passion of the Christ" produced by Mel Gibson. It was a depiction of Jesus' last twelve hours of human life. It showed the brutality of his treatment by the Romans and the denial by

the people who had worshipped him earlier in the week. The movie ended with at most five minutes of His resurrection. I understand He suffered, but the significant piece is that he ROSE AGAIN. If he had not risen from the dead, he would have been one of many killed by the Romans. I cannot imagine what he went through. When I reflect on the suffering of Our Lord, I understand the enormity of what He did; but his Resurrection is what saved and frees me and everyone else from the grip of sin. The Resurrection was the focal point. It's what changed the world for everyone. I can never repay that gift, but I can give all honor and praise to him.

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed Holy Week and Easter. Give praise to our Risen Lord! Dorothy Carlson

HOLY WEEK

Hosannas to Crucifixion to He is Alive!

My mother gave me a devotional booklet years ago entitled, No Greater Love, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Each year we ask each other, “Have you gotten your lent devotion book out yet? We both highly recommend it if you are interested in adding a new material to your quiet time with the Lord.

Our Holy Week Christian pilgrimage begins with Palm Sunday where we joyfully join in voicing “Hosanna!” and “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”. What a jubilant day it must have been but how quickly the events would turn that week. Oh, what love that was exhibited for us to believe in the One God sent. Some of us may find Good Friday too devastating, but we cannot fully understand or experience all our loving God has done for us unless we go to the Cross with His obedient Son Jesus. There we come face to face to experience bitterness, grief, anger, abandonment, and sacrifice. I cannot fathom the bewilderment of the disciples and those who followed and believed Jesus. The days before resurrection their hearts must have been heavily burdened. Oh, but that’s not the end. We get to experience and celebrate the Good News and marvel at what great length our Heavenly Father and Son went to reach us and all that was accomplished for us through the death and resurrection of His Son! Oh, what a morning that was! Jesus is alive! He conquered it all for us. We are made new through Him! Thank you, thank you, Jesus! I’m leaving you with the lyrics to, ‘O the Blood’. May you know the Father’s love for you! Monica

O The Blood

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**O the blood crimson love
Price of life's demand
Shameful sin placed on Him
The Hope of ev'ry man**

**O the blood of Jesus washes me
O the blood of Jesus shed for me
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory**

**Savior Son Holy One
Slain so I can live
O see the Lamb the great I Am
Who takes away my sin**

**O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
The precious blood of the Lamb
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory**

**O what love no greater love
Grace how can it be
That in my sin yes even then
He shed His blood for me**

**What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory**

The Meaning of Prayer

This article was taken from the National Day of Prayer Taskforce website page. Please enjoy.

This week, we have a special message from our 2023 National Day of Prayer Co-Host, Rev. Samuel Rodriguez!

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14

Let us reflect on the meaning of prayer from a biblical and practical perspective as we prepare to join together on the National Day of Prayer to Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much. Prayer is the key to the redemption and renewal of our land. This is the message from 2 Chronicles 7:14. As a Christian leader, I believe that prayer is an essential part of our spiritual life. Our prayers are a powerful tool to help us connect with God and seek His guidance, grace, and blessings.

The passage from 2 Chronicles 7:14 begins with the words *"if my people."* This implies that prayer is not for everyone but for God's people. It is for those who are created in the image of God and have a sacred purpose in life. As God's people, we are called to be the light of the world, the city on a hill, the salt and light, and the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Moreover, we are *"called by His name"*. In a world full of brands, nomenclatures, and hashtags, there is only one name that matters - Jesus Christ. He is the name above all other names, the name that can save a nation. We need to proclaim His name from the barrio to Beverly Hills, from Wall Street to Main Street, and from New York to Los Angeles. Only through Him can captives be set free, the lost be found, and the broken be blessed.

The passage continues, *"if my people will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways."* We need to humble ourselves before God and turn from our wicked ways. We need to repent of our sins, immorality, moral relativism, cultural decadence, infanticide, racism, poverty, and violence. Only through repentance can revival come.

The passage ends with a promise, *"I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."* We need to believe that God will hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and restore our land. That is why the mission of mobilizing unified, public prayer for America is so important, and why I am thrilled to be this year's Co-Host.

On this National Day of Prayer, let us remember that Christ is the hope of glory as we pray the promise from James 5:16b, *"the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

In Christ,

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

President

National Hispanic Christian Leadership
Conference

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:30am - Men's Bible
April 2023						
2 9:30am - Palm Sunday	3	4 9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer	5 7pm - Deacons	6	7 7pm - Good Friday	8 9:30am - Men's Bible
9 9:30am - Easter Sunday	10	11 9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer	12	13	14	15 9:30am - Men's Bible
16 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	17	18 9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer	19	20	21	22 9:30am - Men's Bible
23 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	24 1:30pm - Women's Group at Holly Ridge	25 9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer	26	27	28	29 9:30am - Men's Bible
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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 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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