

*Shalom Community Lutheran  
Church  
June 2023 Newsletter*



## *Thoughts from Pastor Mike*

### **Growth**

As I looked at the garden this morning, I was amazed at the new growth that has taken place. Riding home on the motorcycle, I see leaves on trees, green grass and new cattails poking up through the old growth. After what seemed like an interminable winter, it is wonderful to see growth.

As Christians we also experience growth. Our physical growth may have stopped, but our spiritual growth will continue as long as we live. We start out in life with a child-like faith and spend our lives trying to get back to this state. We can complicate our understanding through theological doctrine and search for meaning. This is not all bad as we can experience growth and achieve depth as a result. There is, however, a temptation to overcomplicate things as we seek to understand God more fully.

At times we will also experience doubt and struggle with our faith. This is normal and can lead to increased growth. As we seek God in the midst of our doubt, we can find Him and connect with Him in a deeper way. Tough times can also create spiritual growth. It is easy to neglect our spiritual life when things are going well. Hard times can cause us to seek God more earnestly. Many people have experienced growth as the result of tragedy.

In your busy life, make sure that you don't neglect your spiritual growth. Fertilize it and nurture it with time in the word. Water it with prayer. Create an atmosphere for growth that is surrounded by the Holy Spirit. Also, be sure to pull out the weeds that are trying to choke it out. Pulling weeds is one of the least enjoyable parts of gardening, but it will lead to much more productivity. As you continue to grow, you will become stronger and produce more fruit. Let us build up our faith to the point where we become child-like once again.

## [News from the Staff!](#)

### **Weekly Schedule**

- \*Monday – 7:00pm Small Group  
starting June 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*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

### **Board of Deacons Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 6, 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. 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)

## [Worship Services:](#)

**Sunday, June 4**

9:30 am Worship

**Sunday, June 11**

9:30 am Worship

**Sunday, June 18**

9:30 am Worship

**Sunday, June 25**

9:30 Worship

## [Shalom Hosted Event](#)

### **Women's Group**

**Outreach Event at Holly Ridge Manor**

**Mon., June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 pm,**

**Hosted by Women's Group**

Bingo and Fellowship with our extended community. *Men are welcome for this outreach event.* Holly Ridge residents greeted us once again with so much joy and smiles. The six of us from Shalom had a blast interacting and getting to know each other better. We served root beer floats which they really enjoyed. Everyone is encouraged to participate and bring a little joy into their lives.

**Dear GOD, We give thanks for our DADS!  
Bless all Fathers!**



## *Connect...Small Groups*

### **Bible Studies**

Sunday morning Bible study is on break. We will start again in September. See you then.

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm



"The Real Heaven"

starts June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm Pastor

Mike will lead this study on

Monday evenings, and it is 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.

Tuesday Morning text study at 9:30 am

### **Men's Group**

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

### **Women's Group**

Monday, June 26, 10:00 am at Church.

Fellowship and preparing cards of care.

We will go out for lunch afterward.

Any questions, contact Monica or Dorothy.

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Marlene Kennedy – June 18

## *Happy Anniversary*

Lowell and Jayne Hacker - June 20

Mike and Jill Troen - June 22

## *Service Opportunities*

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.



**LIVE so others will say,  
"I ❤️ those Christians!"**

## THANK YOU...

### **Linda Meulebroeck**

for your added cleaning of the windows and doors! What a big difference it makes. We appreciate you and your sharing of your time and talents!

### **Dale Carlson**

for leveling and sprucing up our parking lot! It looks so much better and is a welcome sight for all.

### **Beth, Dorothy, Gwen and Monica**

For making the fleece blanket for our graduate, Alex!

### **Vicki Syverson**

for baking the communion bread!

### **Dorothy Carlson**

for editing and posting our sermons!

### **Monica, Gwen, Dale, Tom and Judy, Pastor Mike**

for your help with our SON Food Program!

### **Gwen Meier**

for assisting in the office! You are a blessing! Thank you so much for your time, talents, and cheerfulness!

### **Pastor Mike, and those area churches**

who planned FFMM (Fun Food Music Message) event for our area youth. A fun-filled event to connect with our youth!



### **Financial Report** as of May 23, 2023

2023 General Budget	\$ 134,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 54,180.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 42,121.35
Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,380.00

### **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 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!



## Praise Notes...

***Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*** (Psalm 150:6) God does not exclude anyone or anything from praising Him. All of us are to praise our Lord. It is so easy to understand, everything that can breathe is to offer praise to Him. So how are we doing at offering our praises to Him? Let each one of us join with those on earth and in heaven praising God! *In order for God to receive our praise we need to express them!* Worship begins with our being motivated to love and honor God. That motivation to worship must have expression and praise is one of the expressions that complete worship. Worship is a lifestyle. This lifestyle of worship is an everyday occurrence seeking His presence and His peace.

So, why do we offer our praise?

**First, we praise God for who He is!** The character of God never changes. He is always good! The song, Forever Reign, proclaims God's attributes so well...*You are good, You are love, You are light, You are hope, You are peace, You are true, You are joy, You are life, You are Lord, You are God, of all else I'm letting go.* God is so very good we can't help but join with everyone praising Him! Regardless of our circumstances which always change, God remains the same. The book of Revelation offers many situations where praise is offered no matter the circumstance. Are the saints in victory? Are the saints facing trials? Are there plagues,

wars and pestilence? Does the antichrist come? And when the antichrist is cast down? In all these situations, God is praised! Each and every time, God is praised!

**Secondly, we praise because of what God has done!** God loves a grateful person offering thanksgiving for what He has done! We can actually see the situations we are praising Him for. When we praise God, we retell His stories. We proclaim His truth and Good News.

**Thirdly, we praise God for what He is going to do!** Paul and Silas praised God while chained hand and foot in prison. (Acts 16:25-27). They praised Him for what they believed God would do and for who He is. Praise Him that He is faithful to complete the work He has started in you! Praise declares that God is faithful and trustworthy in every situation we find ourselves facing.

God longs to hear the praises of our hearts. So go ahead, don't hold anything back from expressing praise to Him every day! He is so very good and worthy to be praised!

**You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory** ccli #6280644

**You are good and You never change God  
You are good and You never change God  
You are good and You never change Your ways**  
Ccli #7046142  
Monica Gosseling

### *Just Thinking!*

During June we begin one of the busiest seasons of the year. There are weddings, graduations, family picnics, vacations, gardening, and many other events/doings vying for our time. Remember to take time to talk with God. Tell him how you're doing, what you need help with, and ask His forgiveness when you do wrong. You'll never have a better friend or listener than God. Don't worry, he's heard it all, but He never fails to support you.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Dorothy Carlson

HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?

### *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 June 13, 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.

### **Indherred Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, June 12th Serving 11:00-1:00

BBQ's, Chips, Beans, Coleslaw, Ice Cream, Dessert/Pie

Freewill Donation

(Indherred Lutheran Church is 3 miles north of Starbuck on State Hwy 114)

## National Day of Prayer Taskforce:

### Honoring and Observing Memorial Day

*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:3-11

For someone unfamiliar with American holidays and traditions, it would be easy to think that Memorial Day was created to be the start of summer, with traditional celebrations taking the form of grilling in the back yard or hunting down good sales on cars, mattresses, and patio furniture.

That perception couldn't be further from the truth. Like other holidays throughout the year, we must pause and look past the trappings of commercialization to focus on the deeper meaning that moves us toward reflection, and in all things, prayer. Memorial Day began out of remembrance for those who died during the Civil War, with the earliest recorded observances being called 'Decoration Day' for a time to lay flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers and gather in their memory. May 30<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the original date because

flowers would be blooming in most parts of the country, and it would not overlap with the date of any specific Civil War battles. The day would stand alone to honor the sacrifice of all the dead, regardless of the battle they fought in,

rank they achieved, or manner they died. Following WWI, the holiday was changed to Memorial Day to honor all fallen service members from all American conflicts. This tradition continues, and Memorial Day is observed as a day to remember and honor the men and women who fought and died for our freedoms, to keep our nation from dividing and breaking apart, and for freedoms and national interests around the world.

This holiday has immense significance to me personally as a military spouse because I know that my husband and our loved ones in the military community stand on the shoulders of the people we honor on Memorial Day: those who came before us, who fought and died. It is also a reminder that it is now our turn – for today's service members to stand strong in their assignments and duties, and us on the home front to support and serve our spouse and the military community.

The significance extends beyond the military community, of course. While Memorial Day is a uniquely American holiday and not a religious observance, being grateful is a fruitful endeavor, and all our lives are directly impacted and shaped by the sacrifices made to ensure our freedoms. We act on our gratitude by being

good stewards of the freedoms that have been secured. As Christians, we can pause and ponder how we are stewarding our freedoms in a God-honoring way. Are we using our freedoms to be hurtful or helpful? Are we serving God, or our self-interests?

As Christians, we walk first and foremost in the spiritual freedom gifted to us through Christ's resurrection, and then we have the opportunity to live out that spiritual freedom in a nation where men and women have fought and died to secure civil freedoms for all our citizens.

Will you pray with me?

Lord Jesus, You are my Savior and my King, my Risen Savior who has gone ahead to prepare a place for me. Until I join You in eternity, my temporary home is here, and I thank You for the freedoms that have been secured and



safeguarded by those who died in the process of securing and safeguarding. Guide me to honor that sacrifice by being a good steward of that freedom that was worth dying for. I want to glorify You in all my ways, carrying out the Great Commission by sharing Your Good News, and fulfilling Your calling to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself.

In Jesus name I pray, amen. Peace and blessings,

*Amy Parks*



## *Outreach hosted by Women's Group*

When these pictures were taken some residents had already left. However, one can see the fun and smiles we had together.



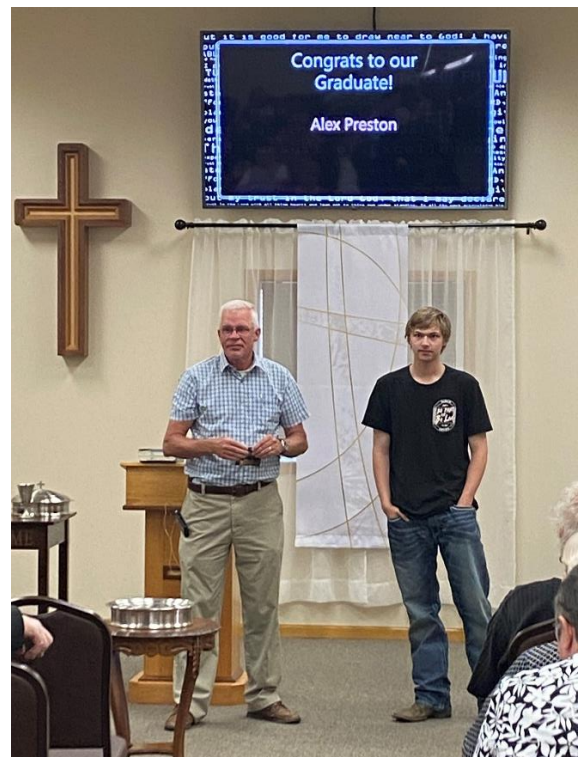
## *Shalom Women's Group*



Gwen, Dorothy, Monica and Beth preparing Shalom's fleece blanket as a graduation gift to Alex Preston.

## *Senior Recognition*

Senior Alex Preston was recognized for his high school graduation. Shalom presented him with a fleece blanket. All enjoyed fellowship after worship with cake and root beer floats.





# June

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
						9:30am - Men's Bible Study
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am - Worship	1:30pm - Holly Ridge Outreach - Bingo 7 pm Small Group Bible Study	9:30am - Text Study 4:30pm - Prayer Group 7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting			Mike Gone	9:30am - Men's Bible Study
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