

Shalom Community Lutheran Church

May 2023 Newsletter



Thoughts from Pastor Mike

Reaching Out

I have been encouraged by the way in which members of Shalom have been reaching out lately. When Jesus walked the earth, he was constantly reaching out to others. How else is the church to grow? If we keep it within our walls, we will not be effective for the Kingdom and we will not experience growth as individuals, as a church or as the Body of Christ.

We recently reached out by playing bingo at Holly Ridge. It was fun and well received and gave us a chance to wear our new Shalom shirts. As I led worship up there yesterday, the residents were still talking about it and thanking us. We also reached out by hosting the recent Safe Families potluck. Families were helped and needs were filled as a result. The effects of helping Safe Families volunteers will reach out even farther. Tomorrow, I will be conducting a Bible study on faith and science for the

residents of Knute Nelson in Alexandria, again reaching out with the good news to build up the faith of others.

In this day and age, we really need to reach out to our youth who are being reached with other voices that are not of God. Our recent combined youth event was a great success, and we are now planning our next one in May, again reaching out to the community. Along with youth, we need to help parents to raise their children in a Christian way. We have 3 baptisms scheduled for May. None of them are Shalom members or attendees, but again, we are reaching out to the surrounding area and serving others in God's name.

Let us continue to look for ways to reach out and to serve others. May God inspire us with new and creative ways that will lead to growth.

Pastor Mike



News from the Staff!

Week of May 1st

- *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
- * Shalom's weekly events

Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 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:

Sunday, May 7

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Sunday, May 14

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Sunday, May 21

9:30 am Worship and Bible Study

Sunday, May 28

9:30 Worship, no Bible Study

Shalom Hosted Event

Senior Recognition and Congratulations to Alex Preston!

Minnewaska Graduation
Ceremony

Friday, May 26th, 7:00pm at
Minnewaska High School Gym

Shalom will recognize and celebrate Alex on Sunday, May 28th, during and after worship service! You may bring your personal cards and gifts to church.

We're so proud of you on your graduation day and every day. Your
Shalom Family

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, May 8, 10:00 am at Church
Come and help tie our blanket for our Senior
Alex Preston! We would like to have as many
helping hands as possible! We will be going
to Rolling Forks Winery for lunch when we
finish the blanket. Any questions, contact
Monica.

Women's Group Outreach Update

Our bingo outreach event at Holly Ridge
Manor was a blast! There were 9 of us from
Shalom enjoying our time with the residents
and the residents welcoming us with smiles
and much joy. They were very happy we
came. They really enjoyed the DQ dilly bars
we brought them along with the bingo prizes!
Another Holly Ridge Manor outreach is in the
planning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bruce Mitchell – May 14
Marvel Dahlseng – May 24
Angie Johnson – May 26
Mia Troen – May 27
Bill Goldenstein – May 29

Service Opportunities:

Signup sheets for volunteers are available on
the hall table. We encourage everyone to
help where they can.

Windows and Doors

Spring is here and our windows and doors
need cleaning. If you can wash windows and
doors, please come and lend a hand!

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...

Our Ever-Present LORD

for guiding Pastor Mike and Monica in
planning Shalom's worship services.

Eric, Dale, Dalen, Monica, Gwen and Pastor Mike

for preparing our church
for Holy Week Services
(Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter)

Dale Carlson for taking care of our parking lot after the winter thaw! Hurrah, the snow is gone! *Your care and helping hands are very much appreciated!*

Vicki Syverson

for baking the communion bread!

Dorothy Carlson

for editing and posting our sermons!

**Dalen, Monica, Gwen, Joyce and Ron,
Tom and Judy, Pastor Mike**

for your help with our SON Food Program!

Thank you, God, for our beautiful
Moms!



Proclaim His Word,
bring hope and love to others.
Let us be a world changer
not a world chaser.

**LIVE so others will say,
“ I 
those Christians!”**

Praise Notes...

The words praise and worship we hear and use often in our life of faith. Is praise singing songs only? Is worship for Sunday morning services only? Worship begins with our being motivated to love and

honor God. Worship is a lifestyle, a life of obedience. Each day is a gift from our great God, each day He desires us to seek His Presence and His Peace. And what powerful gifts they are for us to receive...His Presence and His Power in our lives. That motivation to worship must have expression and praise is one of the expressions that complete worship. Praise is not a song, not a feeling, but an expression. Worship to God needs to be expressed for Him to receive it and for it to be witnessed by the lost. *Expression – the process of making known, conveying, or putting into words one's thoughts, feelings, emotions or opinions.*

How are we expressing our worship and making known our thoughts to God and to others? Does our worship and praise bring Him honor? May each of us make room in our hearts and lives to express our praise and to worship Him with our whole heart every day.

We have so many reasons to worship and praise! Let His Word take root in our hearts and may He hear our praises...

He who did not spare his Own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

Which God will bring about in his own time - God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:15-16)

And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6) Those words bring such great comfort! Jesus is our Prince of Peace and He tells each one of us, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. (Psalm 6-7)

Jesus is our King of Kings and Lord of lords! He is our Shepherd, Companion and Friend! He longs for us to worship Him, to come close to Him and rest in His glorious Presence. He held nothing back to save us. **Let us rejoice and praise Him for all that He is, for all He has done and for all He is yet to do!**

Monica Gosseling

1st Quarter Mission Development Funds Report

Compelled Ministries	\$ 980.00
SON Food Program	\$ 793.39
Terebinth Refuge	\$ 400.00
Assemblies of God Missionaries	\$ 260.00
LCMC	\$ 120.00
Alex Preston School Scholarship	\$ 160.00
World Vision	
Hungry Children-14x match	\$ 100.00
Total 1st Quarter Missions	\$2,813.39

Financial Report as of April 26, 2023	
2023 General Budget	\$ 134,000.00
Year to Date Needed	\$ 43,860.00
Year to Date Received	\$ 31,420.35
Last Week's Offering	\$ 560.00

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.

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 May 9, 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.

Fron Church Jell-O Fest

Wednesday, May 3, 4:30-6:30 pm

*Jell-O Salads, Hot Dish & Jell-O desserts.
Adults \$8; Children 12 years and younger
free. Proceeds go to needs of the church.*

Just Thinking!

What comes to mind when May rolls around? I think of warmer weather, school ending for the year, graduations, Mother's Day, fishing opener, planting gardens, and many other events. Time seems to speed up. We have so much we want to do and not enough time to do it all. With so much happening, it's easy to let little things slip by. Our lives are made up of many little things. Don't forget to treasure them. Time with a grandchild can never be gotten back. Time with loved ones can end when we least expect it to. Try to live in the moment instead of looking ahead to the next thing. Enjoy the now; the future comes quickly enough. Love your family, friends, the people around you. Spend time talking with God.

Time spent with God helps me focus on the here and now. I can take my hopes, dreams, fears, and worries to Him, and He cuts through the unimportant and gets to the heart of my issues. You can't "pull one over God." He knows the truth and makes you face it. Is it easy? No, but we need his strong guidance.

Now, get out and enjoy our beautiful world and smell the roses!

Dorothy Carlson

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

National Day of Prayer Taskforce:

Friend --

"But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, in your mouth and in your heart" -that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Romans 10:8-10 NAS

Throughout Scripture the heart is given a place of prominence; much more than the seat of emotions as it is often presented in today's western culture, the heart is clearly where we make our decisions. We think intellectually with our minds, sorting out information based on our education and understanding, but as I have explained in previous articles and videos, we make decisions with our heart. The heart is the place we attach and commit; decide and abide. Perhaps you have heard someone reply, "My heart wasn't in it," when asked why they lost a game, a business deal, or seem to lack zeal or excellence.

Our righteousness in Christ Jesus happens when a heart believes and receives Him as their Lord and Savior. It is our new condition, once set apart from God in our sin and now fully accepted in Christ. It is a personal relationship; not a family tradition or an extension of another person's faith but an essential, individual life decision that must be made for oneself, never received by default or passively. It is a gift from God you must choose to receive. God gave you the gift of

life, you did not choose to be born; He gave you life and then gave you free will to make choices of how you want to live your life. You get to decide what your priorities are, who you will live for, who you will serve and worship, what you believe, and the all-in heart, soul, mind, and strength love you want to live out based on your belief.

These verses in Romans tell us, *"with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."* This is not a silent secret we keep to ourselves; we must declare and share it. We also know from Scripture that whatever is in our hearts is revealed in our words. We talk about the things we love, our priorities, pursuits, and passions. It is why a grandparent cannot help but talk about their grandchildren. So how much more would a person talk about Jesus when they now believe that Jesus has fully forgiven them of all their sins, loves and saved them in His great grace and mercy. They are now blessed with abundant life that will unfold before them like a path as they pray, study His Word, worship Him, being equipped by His Spirit, and when their time is finished on earth they will graduate to the glory of heaven. Who could resist talking about all this?

The believing is the action that brings about the virtue of God's right thinking, feeling, speaking, and acting as well as the condition of being acceptable to God. Salvation is the victory; the deliverance out of the fiery eternal torture of hell as we decided to release the chains of captivity that held us to sin and step into the sum of the blessings and

benefits from the Author of our lives and the Redeemer of our souls.

It is this Christ-given condition of righteousness that assures us that God hears and answers our prayers. That as we live as children of God our prayers are answered in astounding and abounding ways that our earthly eyes and minds will never fully comprehend. It is a promise found at the end of James 5:16, that fashioned the theme of the 2023 National Day of Prayer, “Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much!”

Let’s pray.

Lord Jesus thank you for Your gift of righteousness and salvation. You became sin, though You knew no sin, that we could become Your righteousness. Thank You! Please continue to remind us that our righteousness is a license to love, serve, and grow, not a seat on a special row, not a crown we receive on earth. This great gift draws us to a daily closer walk with You; learning and leaning on Your love and grace that carries us through the trials and triumphs. Thank You for Your patience as You sanctify us, growing our faith and conforming us each day in Your character, ways, and will. Thank You that You promise to hear our prayers, change lives, and write future history books with Your availing answers. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

Serving Him with Gladness, Kathy Branzell
President

Mothers Day Word Search

Find the hidden words.

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DEVOTED	HOLIDAY	LOVE	RESPECT
FAMILY	HOME	MEMORIES	SPECIAL
FLOWERS	HONOR	MOMMY	SWEET
GIFTS	HUGS	MOTHER	THOUGHTFUL

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<div>28</div> <div>Reception for Alex</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:30am - No Bible Study</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9:30am - Text Study</div> <div>4:30pm - Prayer Group</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>

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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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