



Shalom Tidings

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Sep 14, 2025– Sep 20, 2025

I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. –Luke 15:7

This week at Shalom:

WORSHIP AT SHALOM: Come join us for a festive traditional worship service at 9:30 am. Enjoy treats and fellowship afterward in our Community Room. Seekers and guests are expected!

SERMON: Human civilization has always been fueled by judgment. We make knee-jerk judgments all the time, seeing people as good or bad, right or wrong. The religious leaders of Jesus's day were no different, writing off certain people as unworthy of grace. But Jesus takes a different tack with such folks. Why are the Pharisees and scribes so offended when Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners? What makes Jesus different from all the other teachers of his age? And what defines God's kingdom most of all? Pastor David preaches "The Prodigal God" based on Luke 15:1-10.

HOSPITALITY THIS SUNDAY: Craig & Lona Neubarth, Connie Johnson, Susan & Arvin Pletcher.

PASTOR DAVID will be out of the office September 12-21. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Kathryn Rothman at (320) 760-6439.

NEW MEMBER & SEEKER GROUP begins October 5 after worship in the youth room. It will also meet October 12, 19, and 26. New members will be received on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

FALL BAZAAR INFO: an informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at 4:30 in the church community room. We will be finalizing details for this event. Sign-up sheets for volunteer workers will be available in the community room. All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend this meeting. It takes all of us working together to generate a successful Fall Bazaar.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH our NWMN Synod convention is to be held Sept 19-20 at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. One of the offerings is to bring gift cards (ex: Target, Walmart, gas) to be given to local charities such as someplace safe, Love INC. Teen/Adult Challenge to name a few. Even if you do not attend our Synod Conference, your gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Your gift cards can be left in Nola's mailbox.

ALL LADIES: Conference 8 Fall Convention will be on Saturday October 11th at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hoffman MN from 8:15 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$15. Speaker will be Betty McBrady. She will present a message regarding her action for Children Zambia project. Special offering will be taken for the Children of Zambia program.

Congregation assessment is \$25. Registration must be done by Sep. 30th, 2025,

The Stewardship Team will be hosting a study, Thursdays at 5:15 on September 25th, October 2nd, October 9th and October 16th, using the book **"Ask, Thank, Tell" by Charles Lane**. Pastor Charles (Chick) Lane is a retired pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Previously he served as Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, Director for Stewardship Key Leader in the ELCA, Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, and pastor of four congregations, one in Pennsylvania and three in Minnesota. The book can be purchased on Amazon for around \$12.00 (paperback or Kindle) or at betterworldbooks.com

Sharing in Ministry: Ways to Support Shalom

We are grateful for the many ways people support the ministry of Shalom. Our general offering continues to be the foundation of our shared ministry and mission. For those who feel called to give above and beyond their regular offering, several existing and newly designed funds are also available through our online giving platform, Vanco. These funds provide opportunities to support particular ministries while keeping our general offering strong. Vanco Funds

are: General Fund, Building Fund, Youth Pizza and Chili, Youth Donations, Youth Meals, Food Shelf, someplace Safe, ELCA Disaster Response, Bake Sale, BBQ, WELCA Fall Bazaar, Radio Ministry, Shalom Technology Fund, Shalom Youth Playground. Please note that you can also give by check. Be sure to write where you wish the donation to go on your memo line.

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COORDINATOR NEEDED: A member of Shalom has given a very generous gift to WELCA to fund the **NEWBORN KITS** we give to Global Health Ministries. For the NB ministry to continue, we need someone to step up and coordinate this project. The coordinator would ensure that all needed items are acquired, purchased, or donated; assemble the kits and pack them for shipping. (Talked to Judy Hoffman for specifics)

THE GOSPEL OF UKE! Rehearsals continue every Tuesday at 5 PM (except the **second Tuesday** of each month). There's no pressure to attend every rehearsal—come as your schedule allows! (If you can make a downward motion with your hand, you have enough talent to play!) Ukuleles provided. We just had a successful first gig at Cherry Street Books, and invite you to be part of this growing music ministry that offers shalom to our community.

LEFSE LADIES/GENTS FOR SHALOM will be preparing rounds, rolling, and baking lefse on Wednesday, Sept 17, beginning at 8 AM in Shalom's Community Room. We hope to prepare 200 to sell at the Diversity Fest Global Bites & Beats Thursday from 3:30-6-30 pm. Proceeds will fund youth dinners. If you can help, talk to Amy S or Catherine SK.

SHARED MINISTRY & CALENDAR: [Here is the link to our shared ministry sign-up.](#) You can find the [monthly calendar here.](#)

Shared Ministry		
<u>Shared Ministry</u>	<u>09-14-25</u>	<u>09-21-25</u>
Acolyte	Katie Kappmeyer	Mara Malvin
Assisting Minister	Nola Smith	Carol Hedlund
Cantor	SOS Band	Mike Flaten
Communion Assist	Sue Engstrom	Cheryl Burbank
Communion Assist	Dave Morgan	Judy Hoffman
Greeters	Barb Beyer	Joyce Rogosheske
Greeters	Dave Beyer	Dave Rogosheske
Lector	Ellen Kappmeyer	Diane Koranda
Proclaim	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Eric Holthusen	Dave Malvin
Ushers	Carolyn Carlson	Arvin Pletcher
Counters	Craig Neubarth	Cheryl Burbank
Counters	Dave Burbank	Renae Hills

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM			
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Sunday	9-14	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Radio Ministry
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Monday	09-15	5:30 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	09-16	7:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Dart Ball Gospel of Uke
Wednesday	09-17	5:00 pm 5:30-6:30 pm	Meal Confirmation/Faith time
Thursday	09-18	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am	Shalom Piecemakers Adult Bible Study
Sunday	09-21	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality

Around the Synod:



SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CALVARY CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA, MN

FREE CHILDCARE AGES 0-5TH GRADE

\$10



SCAN TO REGISTER
AND LEARN MORE

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New Dates!

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THE ROAD**
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OCTOBER 13

12 PM | **Trinity** Moorhead

6PM | **Calvary** Alexandria

OCTOBER 14

12 PM | **Trinity** Detroit Lakes

6 PM | **Redeemer** Thief River Falls

OCTOBER 15

12 PM | **Messiah** Roseau

6PM | **Good Shepherd** Clearbrook

Sacred Sites Tour

A Jim Bear Jacobs tour of Fort Snelling and related locations of Native American remembrance has in recent years become a significant encounter with Minnesota history and culture. Jim Bear Jacobs is a Native American who presents the native perspective in the era of the 1862 Sioux uprising. The specificity of his telling on locations at the confluence of rivers in our twin cities brings the history alive!

A number of souls from First Congregational UCC of Alexandria have an urge to join the numbers who return impacted from this Jim Bear Jacob's experience. From Alexandria, this would be a day long expedition. If there are any who would like to join us and share, we would love to know and make congenial and appropriate arrangements for a day trip.

September 20 is a proposed date. Any who are interested should leave a message at 989 600 2715.



CITY PARK, ALEXANDRIA, MN

FALL AFRESH

MUSIC IN THE PARK, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 16, 2025
JULY 21, 2025
AUGUST 18, 2025
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - FOOD
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - MUSIC

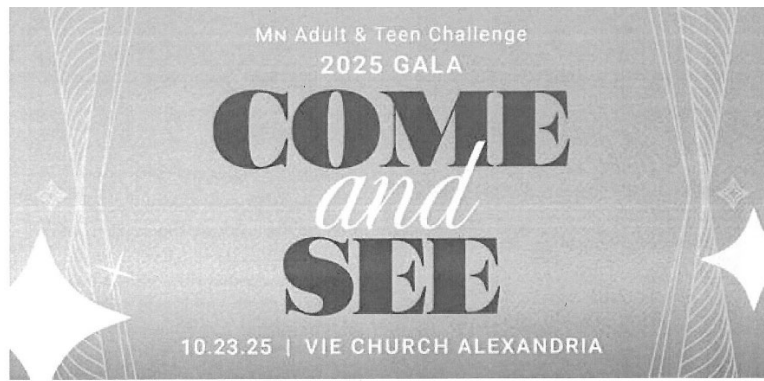
Hamburgers - Hot Dogs - Water

Free Will Offering

For more information please contact
- Common Ground Coffee House -
516 Hawthorne St, Alexandria, MN
(320) 219-6239

*Music provided
by local musicians.*

Let peace fall afresh with the evening – like the hush of twilight and the glow of setting sun.



Come and Hear the MnTC Choir!

We invite you to join us on Thursday, October 23 for the annual MnTC Gala in Alexandria. Together, we will hear songs and stories of the lives that have been restored and the freedom that is possible with the support of people like you.

Thursday, October 23
5:00pm Check-in & Silent Auction
6:00pm Dinner & Program
VIE Church

[REGISTER NOW](#)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Phyllis Strand, *John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Gerry Kingsburg, Bill Malvin (Dave Malvin's Father), *Delores Martin, Roger Riley (Colleen Rooney's father), *Evie Raguse, *Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, Anna (Roy & Deb Kramer's granddaughter) *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt) Nova Vacek (Granddaughter of Fritz and Tam Bukowski), *Skeeter Kingsburg.

**Shalom member*