

# July Newsletter

July 2022

*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

### ***Worship Service at Church and On-line***

**Worship Service** Sundays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 10 am

**Church Council Meeting** Monday - July 11th @ 7:00 pm

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10:00 am

**Newsletter Deadline** Tuesday - July 19th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** Tuesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday - 6th @ 10:00 am

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## **Prayer Requests**

JJ Grant, Chicky Otte, Diane Trapp, Bob Neil, Don Pressnall, Randy Ryan, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries

### ***Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:***

Dave Blank, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

### **Those who have lost loved ones recently.**

*When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month.*

*If you would like them to stay on longer please let Dixie know.*

*You can contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

As July arrives, I often think about my summers as a young person. As a former Boy Scout, my summers were filled with camping trips. Camping was always something I looked forward to as a way to spend time with friends and learn new skills. During my time in Boy Scouts, I learned how to tie knots, swim, rock climb, and fish. One skill that I learned as a Boy Scout was to build a fire. This skill comes in handy whenever my family goes camping, or we make S'mores, or we just plan to sit around the fire pit in the backyard. I appreciate these lifelong skills that I developed as a young person and continue to use today.

There are two things I've learned about skills. The first is that a skill is something you can learn to do. This is different from attributes or qualities that we're born with. One attribute that I wish I was born with is to be creative or imaginative. I have met creative and imaginative people, and they have the ability to see beyond what's there. They create art that inspires other. I am not imaginative at all, and I don't know how I might learn to be imaginative. The second thing I've learned about skills is that if you want it to be a lifelong skill, you need to continue to practice or utilize the skill so the skill remains. We can sharpen our skills, become better at it, and teach others the skill.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that we are all given gifts. I think of these gifts as attributes: "To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues" (1 Corinthians 12:7-10). Some of us have certain gifts, and some of us don't. I wonder then if there are skills to learn as people of faith.

One skill I've learned as a person of faith is the ability to listen, especially when I personally disagree with someone. My faith teaches me that we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). So, when I'm listening to someone, I'm not thinking about my rebuttal or my response. I am listening to understand and to love. Over the years, I have gotten better at listening and hearing others, but it didn't start out this way. This was very difficult for me to learn, so I had to keep practicing how to listen to understand. I think about the first fire I built. It was frustrating, but eventually, I learned what makes the best tinder and kindling, how much pressure to blow on the flame, and how to structure and lay firewood for different purposes and uses for the fire. I think there are many skills we learn as Christians that require the same learning process.

## Pastor's Message Continued

Paul's letter to the Corinthians explains that each of us has our own unique sets of gifts and attributes that we have and use. We are individuals, and yet, we are also one body in Christ. Additionally, we also have skills to learn and teach others. What are lifelong skills you've learned as a follower of Christ? How have you sharpened or become better at this skill? How have you taught others this skill as Christians? Through the gifts we have and the skills we learn, we share God's love with the world.

Thanks be to God,  
Pastor Lue

## Church Information

### *Bible Study Opportunities*

#### Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study will resume September 13th.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume  
September 7th @ 11:00 am.



## WELCA Info



- Next WELCA meeting July 6th @ 10:00 am
- Buying basketballs for hoop outside of church.
- Purchased a brick for the new pavilion
- Will be having a bake sale at the Feast & Festival so get out your favorite recipes and start baking!
- Pray concerns: Victims of gun violence and their families.

### **Our Email Address has changed**

Our new email address is: [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com)

Please contact Dixie if you have any questions.

## ***Community Events***

### **Community Food Shelf**



Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. Saint Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving some extra food please let them know we're here to help.

**1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.

### **College Student Food Shelf Invite**

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf. We want to help with your expenses during these years. Please come when the Food Shelf is open or at 9 am before Church on Sunday or contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301.

*If you know of any events that should be added to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.*



### **2 Wheelchairs Available**

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 2 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow. Check with Dixie on availability.



Plans are underway to host our annual Feast & Festival at St. Marks on Sunday, August 7th. We'd love to see you all there so mark your calendars. Please help us spread the word by inviting your family and friends.

**Meal tickets:**

We have presale meal tickets on sale now for a discounted price. You can reach out to the committee members below, get them before or after church on Sundays or Dixie in the church office will have a supply as well. There will also be tickets available the day of the Feast & Festival.

**Raffle tickets:**

The raffle tickets are \$20 each with the chance to win \$3,000 in cash prizes. These tickets are available from the committee members, at church on Sunday mornings or from the church office. Please get your tickets early as we hope to have them all sold before the event.

If you'd be willing to help sell some raffle tickets to family and friends, we would appreciate it. Please reach out to Keri Lorenzen ([keri\\_lorenzen@yahoo.com](mailto:keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com) or 507-202-0663) if you're interested. Thank you!

**Live auction:**

We'll be having another live auction this year and are looking for auction items of all sizes. If you have a new item(s) that you'd like to donate, please reach out to a committee member. Or if you'd like to donate but need some ideas, we're happy to help.

**Sign-up to help at the Feast & Festival:**

We will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon and hope you'll consider helping out to make the event another great success. Thank you!

Please reach out if you have any questions. Thanks!

The Feast & Festival Committee:

Blake & Chicky Otte - [sddotte@gmail.com](mailto:sddotte@gmail.com) - 507-291-0197

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Annual FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday  
**AUGUST**  
**07**  
2022

### FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

**BBQ PULLED PORK**  
**FRESH SWEET CORN**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**COLE SLAW**  
**PIES**  
**ROOT BEER FLOATS**

28595 Randolph Blvd  
Randolph, MN 55065  
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### FESTIVITIES

-- **Church Service** --  
10am

-- **Live Music** --  
featuring blue grass music

-- **Live Auction** --  
bidding begins at 1pm

-- **Cash Raffle** --  
\$20 tickets\*  
cash payouts totalling \$3,000  
winners announced at event

-- **Kids Activities** --  
bouncy houses, petting zoo,  
dunk tank and much more!

### Meal Ticket Prices

	Presale	Day of Event
Adults (ages 12+)	\$12*	\$15
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5*	\$7

\*To purchase meal or raffle tickets in advance,  
email us at [stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com)

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
& Streamed on Facebook

The Small Church  
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We're on the Web  
& Facebook

## Giving Options

You can send your offering  
through the mail at  
PO Box 206 Randolph  
or  
download the [Vanco Mobile](#)  
app on your mobile phone  
search [st marks randolph mn](#)  
or  
click the [GIVE](#) button on our  
[website](#).

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Contact & Staff

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