

October Newsletter

October 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and Streamed on Facebook

Worship Service - Sundays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10 am

Church Council Meeting - Monday - October 9th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study - Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - 9:30 am

Quilting - Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline - Thursday - 19th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 3rd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
10th, 17th, 24th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA - Wednesday - 4th @ 10:00 am

Bible Study - Wednesday - 4th @ 11:00 am

Church School - Wednesday - 4th, 11th, 25th - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday - 4th, 11th, 25th - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Congregational Meeting - October 15th after the worship service

Potluck Lunch - October 15th after the Congregational Meeting

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday - October 29th (wear red)

Prayer Requests

Charlie Trapp, Jon Robertson (friend of Jill Ballard), Bill Richard, and Austin Moorhouse & Lexi Kimmes.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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 or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.

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Pastor's Message

Greeting Saint Mark's,

Recently, I came across an article in *Living Lutheran*, the ELCA's magazine, about the role of faith community nurses, who are also known as parish nurses. The article describes faith community nurses as licensed registered nurses, who not only have training and expertise in physical health, but who also support individuals psychologically and spiritually. The article focuses on the idea of caring for the whole person. Upon further reflection, this made me think about how we, as a church, can care for the whole person.

Two very obvious ways we care come to my mind. As we think about the physical health of an individual, we may not be nurses, but we are providing care through the food shelf. Hunger continues to impact individuals and families throughout our community, whether it is an individual who needs food to cover the next few days until they get their paycheck or the family whose sole provider just lost their job. Sometimes it's the elderly couple who live on a very limited income, and fixing a flat tire took priority over this month's groceries. These are difficult situations that people unexpectedly find themselves in, and the food shelf is caring for people's physical needs.

Another way we care is through our education classes like Church School, Confirmation, and Bible study. These opportunities provide a space to connect to others, learn together, and grow in our faith. The spiritual needs are met through conversation, reading, and singing together. We have built a welcoming space for people to ask questions and to learn new things as we build a spiritual community.

So, if we are taking care of the physical and spiritual needs, what about the psychological needs of the whole person? How are we attending to the mental well-being of an individual? I have some answers. For example, when we welcome someone to the food shelf, it offers hope rather than shame. Or, when we join our friends in Church School, we feel joyful and excited. This is what I thought about but I also wonder if you might have some answers or suggestions. How can we do more as a church to care for someone's mental health, so that we are caring for the whole person? I would love to hear what you have in mind. We may not be faith community nurses, but we are called to care for our faith community.

May God continue to lead us,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Congregational Meeting Sunday October 15th

There will be a Congregational meeting following the worship service on
Sunday October 15th.

There will be a potluck lunch following the meeting.

You are welcome (not required!) to bring a dish to share.

We will be voting for the nominations for next years council openings
(it's a very short meeting).

We will be voting for a Trustee and Deacon.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of the positions please contact
Dixie Schaffer or any council member listed on the back page.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study starts at 9:30 am.

The First Wednesday Bible study @ 11:00 am.

Please join us.



WELCA Info



- Next WELCA meeting October 4th @ 10:00 am
- Bazaar is November 25th - Kris Thomsen will be in charge of vendors
- WELCA will give \$500 worth of school supplies to the Randolph School
- Pray concerns: Students & Teachers returning to School; and for much needed rain.

Church School & Confirmation Information

Church School Calendar

Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm
Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

October

4th - Class
11th - ** **Bonfire Family Night**
15th - Church School Singing @ Church
18th - MEA Break No Class**
26th - Class
30th - Confirmation Service

St. Marks Church school classroom helpers

We are excited to have so many kids in our church school program this year! With larger class sizes we could use extra hands to help kids with craft projects, snacks and keep the kids focused on the teachers lesson for the day. We are looking for adults, middle school and high school age to be a teachers helper, you will not be responsible for lesson plans. It is a great opportunity for Honor roll credits for high school age kids. We ask that middle school youth volunteer for 1-3rd grade only to allow a bigger space between ages. Sign up for multiple days or one day, anything helps! Please review the available slots in signup genius below and click on the button to sign up.

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA5A922A5FD0-44471350-stmarks>



Bonfire Family Night **Church School & Confirmation Classes**

We will be having a bonfire
Wednesday, October 11th
6:00pm for Church School and
7:00pm for Confirmation

All families are encouraged to attend

Come and enjoy the fire, smores and games
with friends and families!



Confirmation Service

Confirmation service will be Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 am

It is also Reformation Sunday,
the color red is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit.

We are inviting everyone to wear red
Sunday October 29th,
to symbolize how God continues to move,
inspire, and ignite us in our faith.



Mark your calendar
Saturday November 25th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

You won't want to miss it!

If you would like to be a vendor
please contact
Kris Thomsen (507)301-2110 or
email stmarksbazaar55065@gmail.com

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 Tuesday 8:00 am - 9:30 am,
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

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 or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month by 11:30 am.



1 Wheelchairs Available

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



BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who gave blood, volunteered and help set up and take down for the Red Cross Blood Drive.



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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
& Streamed on Facebook

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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.

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