

October Newsletter

October 2021

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10:00 am

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

Church Council Meeting Tuesday - October 12th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - October 19th @ 11:30 am

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

WELCA Wednesday - October 5th @ 10:00 am

Church School - Wednesday - 6th, 13th, 27th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday - 6th, 13th, 27th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Congregational Meeting - October 17th after the worship service

Prayer Requests

Diane Trapp, Pam Soth (friend of Dorry Wallof), Tony Nicolai, Chad Holtz and Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom),

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave & Marge Blank, Rosella Davisson, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Sharon Kappedahl, Marie Norstad, Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

All 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 stmarkschurch@northfieldwvfi.com or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.

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Pastor's Message

Greetings St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

After a long year of canceled dates, postponed dates, and online classes, Wednesdays at St. Mark's is filled with the sound of children, young people, and families again! I want to say a special thank you to our Board of Education, Church School teachers, and Confirmation teachers—our young people are so lucky to have you accompany them on their faith journey. In addition, parents and other caring adults also play an important role. Not only are you prioritizing their faith education by making time and chauffeuring them, you are modeling important daily lessons for your children as they continue to explore and understand how God works in their lives. On Sunday, October 31st, we will have the special opportunity to hear from our newest confirmands.

During this service, our confirmands will stand at the front of church and publicly share their faith statements. These written statements are personal reflections, stories, teachings, messages, and Bible verses that demonstrate God's faithfulness. While Confirmation marks the end of their formal faith education at St. Mark's, it marks the beginning of a new journey for our young people. I welcome the St. Mark's community to join us as we confirm these students and affirm our own faith and promise we made at their baptism—to support them and pray for them in their life in Christ.

In addition, Confirmation at St. Mark's is celebrated on Reformation Sunday, which we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on a church door. This act ignited the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s. On Reformation Sunday, the liturgical color of the day is red. Red is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. I also invite you to wear red on Sunday, October 31st, to symbolize how God continues to move, inspire, and ignite us in our faith. My hope is that as you hear our confirmands share their stories, you will also hear and feel the Holy Spirit stirring within you.

I look forward to celebrating so many occasions on October 31st. Our community has so much to be proud of, especially as we confirm our young people and commemorate the beginning of their new faith journeys and the beginning of our faith as Lutherans.

In Christ,

Pastor Lue

Pastor's Message Continued

The Luther Rose: *This seal was designed by Martin Luther, and is a widely-used symbol by Lutherans. Martin Luther described the seal in a letter he wrote in 1530: First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.*



Church Information

Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 17, 2021

Voting that day will be for the opening starting after the January Annual Meeting:

Deacon: *Member needed*

Trustee: *Member needed*

Secretary: Keri Lorenzen

Treasurer: Christine Otte

Financial Secretary: Dixie Schaffer

Auditors: *2 Members needed*

If you are interested in any of the positions please contact Al Bester or Karen Engler or email the church office at stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesdays for the month of October will start at 10 am to see if there will be more in attendance.

The 1st Wednesday Bible Study will start at 11:00 am

Please join us.



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-October 6, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** will be in the Green Room at Church
- **Bazaar** - Kris Thomsen will over see the vendors and Lisa Price will over see the kitchen.
- **Prayer Concerns:** - Victims of hurricane Ida and for all people affected by all the fires.

Giving Option Changes

Our online giving app is going to be changing from **GivePlus** to **Vanco Mobile**. The **GivePlus** app has been extended until January 31, 2022.

If you are a current **GivePlus** member, please make the switch before January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Dixie at the church email.

You can send your offering through the mail to
PO Box 206, Randolph MN 55065 or
download the **Vanco Mobile** app on your mobile phone or
click the **GIVE** button on our **website**.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 1st Communion Students.

Jaelyn Chavis
 Brynley Kuhn
 Wyatt Lindenfeser
 Tagen McCoy
 Kylie Mies
 Jaxson Nelsen
 Mia Podritz
 Maxx Staub
 Jakob Toledo



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Church School Calendar

Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

October

****3rd (Sunday)**** 6th graders make their 1st Communion

6th - Class (Q1, week 3)

13th - Class (Q1, week 4)

****20th - MEA Break No Class****

27th - Class (Q1, week 5)

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 4 Tuesdays - 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

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



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.

If you know of any events that we should add to Community Events, please contact Dixie at stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.



BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood (or tried to) or volunteered to help at St. Mark’s Church Blood Drive.




May God Bless us and keep our famers safe during harvest!

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
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