

May Newsletter

May 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 23rd, 28th @ 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - May 8th @ 7:00 pm

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 2nd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
9th, 16th, 23rd - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday May 3rd @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - May 18th @ 11:30 am

Graduation Service - Sunday May 14th at 10:00 am

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Prayer Requests

Kevin Illa, and Danny Endres

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, especially:

The family & friends of Jeff Irthum and

The family & friends of Gary "Tubby" Anderson (Brother of Verone Mortenson & Dureen "Tootsie" Mies).



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.

Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's,

It always surprises me and everyone I talk to how fast time is moving. It seems the older you get, the faster time seems to move. It wasn't too long ago that we were eating soup supper on Wednesday nights, singing the Holden Evening Prayer, going through Holy Week, and then celebrating Easter. By the time you are reading this newsletter, perhaps most of us have already moved on from what happened on Easter morning. But hold on, Easter is not yet over. Better yet, Easter is ongoing, each and every day.

Holding on to the Easter message and knowing that Jesus is alive is helpful especially when we are going through tough times in our lives. I've said before in my sermons that just because we believe in God, does not mean that life is going to be easy. However, God promises to be with us and the Easter proclamation is a reminder of God's faithful promise.

I would like to share a poem with you by Helen Steiner titled, "Bend in the Road."

*Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And He knows that it's only a bend—
The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.
So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow.
You've just come to a bend in the road.*

Easter is not over, friends! Easter is knowing that because we have been joined by Baptism to Christ, we are, indeed, new creatures. Therefore, it is we, who are, as Paul writes, "more than conquerors through the One who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Easter is not over! Easter is a daily celebration of who Christ is, all he has done and all he continues to do. For Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information

1st Communion

Congratulations to the children who had their 1st communion on Maundy Thursday.



They even made their own bread for communion.

Brady Bohn, Hudson Cooreman, Jordyn Dingels,

Nolan Duesterhoeft, Olivia Haro, Aj Hoffbeck,

Henry Kuhn, Greycon McCoy, Lexi Stein,

Millyah Swanson, Kaitlyn Taylor, & Ryelan Willems

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

Please join us.

No Wednesday Bible Study on May 3rd.



WELCA Info



- **Next WELCA**-May 3, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** is in the Green Room at Church
- **Family Fare Receipts** - we are no longer collecting Family Fare receipts because that program has ended.
- **Donations** - Made a donation to the Friends of Randolph Scholars .
- **Prayers** - praying for Mercy and the children in the Simba Educational Ministries.

Pavilion Update

We should be breaking ground on the Pavilion soon.

Watch your email for more updates.



Happy May Day - by Ruth Robinson, former member of St. Mark's

Happy May Day, enjoy God's gift of spring
in each phase and every little thing.
May flowers touch us like God's saving grace
and bring a smile to our face.
Just like Spring brings flowers to the grassy knolls,
it's a time of new life for our souls.
Both events add new hope, that lifts
our spirit with each new bloom.
Believing God's promise, being true in our faith
we are assured a heavenly room.
The earthly sound and smell of a gentle rain---
the soft drip-dripping, is nature's refrain.
A time for us to renew and encourage each other
act and treat as sister-n-brother.
We enjoy God's gifts and all His good work
---It was a definite plan, not just a quirk
With God's saving grace He also intended
to not let our troubles keep us upended.
So go to God with thanks and petition alike
And always be open-n-frank.
For God knows the answer that's best for us
His plan is foolproof, no muss no fuss.
So today I close, knowing we have His forgiving grace
and we're held safely in His loving embrace.

AMEN



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

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) 437-6972

National Day of Prayer

Cannon Valley Prayer Service

Thursday evening

May 4, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at St. Ansgar’s Lutheran Church



Wheelchair Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 1 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.

Saint Pius V Catholic

Church Dedication

Sunday April 30, 2023

Mass at 1:00 pm

Desserts & beverages to follow mass

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
& Streaming 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
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