

October Newsletter

October 2024

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10 am

Church School - Sunday - 6th, 13th, 27th @ 9:15 am - 9:45 am

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

Bible Study - Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10:00 am

WELCA Wednesday - 2nd @ 10:00 am

Confirmation Wednesday - 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline October 20th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 1st - 8:00 - 9:30 am

8th, 15th, 22nd - 4:30-6 pm

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Confirmation/Reformation Service

Confirmation service will be Sunday, October 27th 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 on Sunday October 27th, to symbolize how God continues to move, inspire, and ignite us in our faith.



Prayer Requests

Diane Trapp, Jeff Wangstad (Jennifer Elioff's father), Bill Richer, Justin Ohman Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), and Nicole Anderson, Doreen/Tootsie Mies and family.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family and friends of Jean Leese.

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

Dear St. Mark's,

Yes, it's already October! And yet, the weather has been surprisingly warm. If you're like my family, we've been trying to continue to do our late summer yard clean up, spend a few more days out on the lake, and get in as much sun before the weather suddenly changes. I know many of our church families are in the middle of a busy harvesting season. We're thankful for the sunny days!

As you know, our theme this year is BIG. And there is nothing bigger in October than commemorating Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther's actions led to the Protestant Reformation, which included translating the Bible into the common language to make it accessible to people in the pews, providing new theological understandings of grace, and challenging the practice of indulgence, which taught that people's sins could be forgiven through acts and deeds such as giving money to the church. Many of the things that Martin Luther advocated for in the 1500s are just a normal part of our church life today.

At St. Mark's, we commemorate Reformation Sunday by honoring our confirmands, who have spent the last three years, studying the Bible, learning more about Lutheranism, and participating in the life of the church as readers, ushers, and worship assistants. On October 27th, they will stand before our church community and share their faith stories. After each young person shares their story, they will be confirmed. If you pay close attention, during the liturgy, the confirmands will recite the same words ***spoken for them*** at their baptism. This full-circle moment offers them an opportunity to profess their faith ***on their own*** now that they have learned more about God, faith, and vocation. It's an incredible moment for our youth and their families, who have supported them. I hope you will make time to join us on Sunday, October 27th.

Lastly, there is still time to register for Confirmation classes (Wednesdays at 7pm) and Church School (Sundays at 9:15am.). We have lots of opportunities for families to get their children involved to grow their faith and learn more about God. Please feel free to contact the church for more information.

God bless you,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Photo's for All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024



We would love to honor loved ones by displaying photos of them. If you have a framed photo of someone you'd like to remember on All Saints Sunday, please drop off your framed photo at church these next few weeks. Or join us for worship on November 3rd and bring your framed photo with you. We will display these photos and honor them with a candlelight ceremony.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study

October 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th @ 9:30 am

The First Wednesday bible study @ 11:00 am.



Church School Information

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Sunday mornings 9:15 am - 9:45 am

No Church School October 20, 2024 - MEA Break

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Wednesday nights 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

No Confirmation October 16, 2024 - MEA Break

SIGN UP LINK FOR CLASSES: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnVoCADyYolqSY9Is9TY8UC4rCMqt1SJtx4vllMqm3rraNmg/viewform?usp=sf_link



WELCA

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

WELCA Minutes October 2, 2024

Attending: Diane Trapp, Sheryl Fischer, Carolyn Weidner, Colleen Thompson, Alma Johnston, Dorry Wallof and Dixie Schaffer.

Meeting called to order by Diane Trapp at 10:10 am.

Treasurer report: Report was given. The balance at the end of September was \$16,022.19. Offering last month of \$30, interest of \$1.38, total income of \$31.38. Expenses of \$317.37 including \$169.96 for 2 8ft tables for the quilter, \$104.23 quilting thread, \$27.70 backpack supplies, and \$15.48 kitchen supplies. Motion to accept the report made by Dixie, seconded by Colleen. Motion passed.

Secretary report: Report read.
Motion to accept the report made by Alma and seconded by Dorry. Motion passed.

Food Shelf report: Food Shelf is going well. Planning to getting Thanksgiving food for November. One customer can't be at the church until 6:15 pm. Colleen volunteered to stay later for her. With the 4th Tuesday of December is on Christmas Eve, food shelf will be closed that day and open extended hours on December 17th. We need to provide extra help that day.

Old Business:

- Mercy's letters will be sent in June, September, December and March. Dorry sent a letter in September and a birthday card will be sent to Mercy for her birthday on October 6th.
- Growing WELCA:
 - ◇ List needs to be made of things WELCA provides for the church, community and the greater community to have available. Dorry sent the excel document she had done years earlier, Colleen prepared a list, Dixie will combine the two list for review next meeting.
 - ◇ Dorry and Dixie will prepare the survey asking the younger women of the church if they would attend an evening meeting and if they would like to receive the Gather Magazine.
 - ◇ Add the WELCA ELCA statement to use as our statement in the monthly newsletter.

- Bazaar November 30th 9 am to 2 pm
 - ◊ Dixie & Marie Otte will supervise the kitchen plans. They will be looking for more help.
 - ◊ Decision to make cookies instead of bars this year, since bars haven't been selling well.
 - ◊ Menu will include cookies, rolls, hot dogs, sloppy joes, chicken wild rice soup for sure.
- Donations to Lutheran World Relief for the 30 school kits @ \$2.85 total \$85.50 and 7 quilts @ \$2.80 total \$19.0 rounded up to \$100 for school kits and \$25 for quilts.

New Business:

Looking at a Facebook account for St. Mark's WELCA – Dorry will create it.

Prayer Concerns: Pray for our country, Miranda Felton working in Jordan, the victims of Hurricane Helene, for the people of Ukraine and other countries involved in war, and Nicole Anderson and her family.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Sheryl, seconded by Carolyn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024, at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Dixie Schaffer, WELCA secretary



Mark your calendar
Saturday November 30th
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 If you would like to be a vendor
 please contact
 Kris Thomsen (507)301-2110 or
 email stmarksbazaar55065@gmail.com

Quilters Batting Scraps Available!

The quilters have some batting scraps that they would like to give away.
 The scraps would be great for small craft projects or stuffed animals or dolls.

If you are interested, please contact:
 Dixie at church (507) 263-9182 or (612) 578-8743
 Or Colleen @ (507) 321-2270

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 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 20th of the month by 11:30 am.



1 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, we have 1 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow.

Check with Dixie on availability.

Grief Material

If you are in need of some reading material regarding grief, we have a section in our library for you to borrow. You can check it out when the church is open or call Dixie at (612) 578-8743 and she will set up a time that works for you to meet at the church.

If you would like to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Lue at (651) 500-9890.



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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
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