

# January Newsletter

January 2022

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## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10 am

**Church Council Meeting** Monday - January 10th @ 7:00 pm

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:00 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:00 am

**Newsletter Deadline** Tuesday - January 18th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** Tuesday - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** No WELCA this month

**Church School** - Wednesday - 12th, 19th, 26th - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Confirmation** - Wednesday - 12th, 19th, 26th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Annual Meeting** - January 23rd after the 10:00 am service. Potluck to follow meeting

## **Prayer Requests**

Doug Felton, Rowan Nordling, Randy Ryan, Diane Trapp, Tony Nicolai, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries

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

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

### **All those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:**

The Family & Friends of Marie Norstad

*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@northfieldwif.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwif.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



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## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Happy New Year! For some, the start of a new year is a sign of renewal. It's a chance to hit the reset button, to set new goals and resolutions, or to focus on something new in our lives. Whether it's related to ourselves, our families and relationships, or our work or school, it is always helpful to step back or forward in these endeavors if we want to change something, fix something, or give something more attention.

In the church calendar, January has a different meaning. The Christmas season runs through the first week of January. After that, we enter the season of Epiphany, in which Jesus is revealed to us through readings that focus on Jesus' life and ministry. I always find the season of Epiphany as a calming time, situated between two very exciting and prominent church holidays—Christmas and Easter.

For me, as I hear the revelation stories of Jesus as Emmanuel; the Messiah; and ultimately, at the baptismal waters where God says, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased," I am reminded of how Jesus revealed himself to me in my own faith journey. And I'm curious, how did Jesus reveal himself to you? Where do you find Jesus? Where are you in your own faith journey?

The calm of January invites us to these questions and our own epiphanies about who we are and whose we are. If you are interested in a self-guided activity to learn more about Epiphany, I would like to share the following resource from Women of the ELCA called "Epiphany: Unfolding the Discovery."

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/Epiphany.pdf>

As we welcome the new year, let us also welcome the revelation of God in our lives—no matter how big or small and no matter where we are on our faith journey.

May God continue to bless you and your family in this new year,

Pastor Lue

## Church Information

### Welcome Lisa



#### Introducing Lisa Molitor - Music Director

Greetings to the community of St. Mark's! I am happy to be joining you for worship and church school activities. Music has been a thread running through my whole life, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to share it with you!

I grew up in Bloomington, the third of four daughters. I went to Concordia College in Moorhead, where I received a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. I've worked with children in various capacities over the years, and am currently a Special Education paraprofessional.

Home now is a place on a few acres, west of Hampton, with my husband Mark. We have two grown children, a daughter and a son. When I'm home, besides music, I appreciate being active outdoors. I like to hike, swim, bike, and cross country ski. I bought a harness for our lab-mix dog a few years ago, and have fun "skijoring" with her. I used to have horses, but have recently become a donkey owner to two large, sweet Jennies named Samantha and June. They are young pets for now, but I hope to take them hiking, and one will be big enough to ride.

I've enjoyed meeting people here already, and look forward to getting to know more of you. If you sing or play an instrument and would like to share it at church, please let me know. I would enjoy supporting, accompanying, and/or collaborating with you!

Thank you for having me here at St. Marks.

## 75th Anniversary Celebration May 22, 2022

Mark your calendar for our celebration on May 22, 2022 !



## ***Bible Study Opportunities***

### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study on Tuesdays start at 10 am.

No Wednesday Bible Study January, February or March.

Please join us.



## **WELCA Info**

- No WELCA meetings in January, February or March
- WELCA ladies will be cleaning the kitchen during these months. If you would like to help, please let Dixie know so she can let you know what days we will be doing it.



### **School Back Packs made and filled**

WELCA has completed 36 back packs filled with school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief. They were boxed up and dropped off at the warehouse in December ready to go to children in need. In some countries, children can't attend school unless they have a back pack with all the school supplies they will need. Thank you to the ladies that helped and donated supplies.

### **Quilts made by Eloise's Quilters**

Here is a picture of the 18 quilts that were donated to the Lutheran World Relief in December. We have a special group of ladies that meet once a week and make quilts for many different groups in need. Currently they meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am, if you are interested in joining this group please stop by the church on a Tuesday or let Dixie know if you want to help but Tuesdays don't work.



## Church School Calendar

Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

### January

12th - (Q3, week 1)

19th - (Q3, week 2)

26th - (Q3, week 3)

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and children that worked so hard on the Church School Program telling us the story of Jesus on December 19, 2021. After not having the program last year it seemed extra special this year. The attendance was great and the children did a fabulous job!

## 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 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](#).

Search for [St Marks Randolph MN](#) on the Vanco app to find us.

(there are lots of St Marks on the app)

Our account has a picture of the front of the church



## 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**

### 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



### 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](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.*



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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
And Live on Facebook

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& Facebook

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