

May Newsletter

May 2024

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10:00 am

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

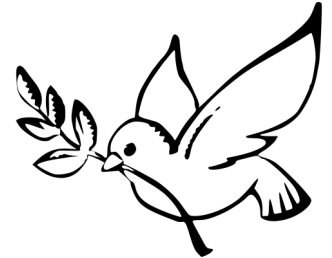
Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 7th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
14th, 21st, 28th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday June 5th @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Monday - May 20th @ 11:30 am

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Prayer Requests

Larry Rynkle (Sheryl Fischer's Cousin), Yer Thao & her family (Nou Moua's aunt), Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Bill Richer, and Nicole Mies Anderson

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family & friends of May Wallof, and
The family & friends of Audrey McKeag, and
The family & friends of Carol Illa Moorhouse

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 Lutheran Church,

Our BIG theme continues, and we're celebrating something BIG during May. On May 19th, we commemorate Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost is Greek for 50th day, and it marks 50 days after Easter when we remember the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples while they were in hiding. This day is BIG because it also marks the beginning of the church. Sometimes people refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.

The context for understanding Pentecost is important, and why it is considered the birth of the Church. Jesus had been killed and his followers were terrified for their own lives. They were hiding in a locked room, unsure of what was to come next. Jesus had promised to send the Advocate, telling his disciples before this death, "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). When the Holy Spirit descended upon them in Acts 2, it came with sound, wind, and fire. Peter said to the other disciples, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (Acts 2:38-39). The Church was born through these words.

Pentecost is also the longest season of the church calendar, extending all the way to the season of Advent, and emphasizes the Holy Spirit. Much like the disciples were called out of hiding, Pentecost is also a time for us to move into the world. The season of Pentecost reminds us to renew our commitment to God's call, filled with the Holy Spirit, to love our neighbors.

I hope that you'll consider how the Holy Spirit is moving you this month into BIG things. Maybe it's a new job, a new adventure, a new relationship, or a new normal. These new changes might make you nervous. But know that as the Holy Spirit moved through the disciples, it was also a source of comfort. The Holy Spirit not only brought them out of hiding, but they knew the Holy Spirit would remain with them. Whatever BIG that is coming your way this month, God is with you through sound, wind, and fire.

Lastly, one tradition that Lutherans often partake in is wearing the color red on Pentecost Sunday. Red is the color of fire and is often worn during festive celebrations. I invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to symbolize that the Holy Spirit is here among us, moving through us and with us.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

The 1st Wednesday Bible Study starts at 11:00 am

Please join us.



Playground Fundraiser

Here's a picture of the new playground set!

The kids are loving it, and we know that it's safe for them to play on.

If you would like to donate to the fundraiser, it's still possible!

There is a bucket at the church, you can pay by cash, check, venmo or vanco.



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA-June 5, 2024 @ 10:00 am**
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Mercy has received her quilt from the WELCA Quilters. From the look on her face she was very happy.



Church School Information

Hello St. Mark's Congregation,

Please join us for Vacation Bible School at St Mark's Lutheran Church!

We are looking forward to working with *Good Earth Village* again this year!

June 10th-13th
9:00 am-3:00 pm
\$30 per child - \$50 family cap

VBS will be open to kids completing Kindergarten to Fifth Grade.

Kids need to bring a cold lunch, water bottle, and wear comfortable clothes/shoes.

Payment will be due on Monday June 10th, at time of drop off.

We will provide a morning and afternoon snack.

Before and after care will be offered from 8a-9a and 3p-4p.

PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU PLAN TO UTILIZE THIS.

We will need volunteers for a few things, and I will post all of the opportunities in the Sign Up Genius page.

They include housing for the Good Earth Village team- they are high school/college aged kids who will need a place to stay from Sunday Evening to Thursday morning. They will need meals provided- Lunch and Supper.

We will need helpers throughout the day at the church. Responsibilities include helping to manage the kids in large and small groups during various activities alongside Good Earth Village staff, and helping to prepare snacks. This would be a great opportunity for a high schooler who is looking for volunteer hours!

I will do my best to be flexible with volunteers, if one of the time slots does not work for you, and you'd still like to help-just send me an email!

We would also love for a couple days of snacks being provided, to help offset costs for the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me!

shelbykuhn11@gmail.com

SIGN UP FOR VBS

<https://goodearthvillage.org/daycamprandolph2024>

SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERING & SNACKS/MEALS

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EAAAA2EAAF85-49079908-stmarks#/>

Congratulation Graduating Class of 2024



Geoffrey Krueger



Marley Monson



Richard Olson



Kale Staub



Nolan Banaszewski



Christian Newborg



Cami Thompson

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



Wheelchair Available

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



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

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
website.

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