

August Newsletter

August 2025

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

Church Council Meeting Monday - August 11th @ 7:00 pm

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

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - August 20th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 5th - 8:00 - 9:30 am

12th, 19th, 26th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday - 6th @ 10:00 am

Feast & Festival Sunday August 3rd - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Church Service - 10:00 am

Feast - 11 :00 am - 1:00 pm

Live Auction - beginning @ 1:00 pm

Bake Sale 11:00 am - 3 pm

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Signup Genius for Feast & Festival:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAAA729A5F58-57651030-annual>

Check us out on Instagram: stmarksrandolph



Prayer Requests

Rhonda Johnson (friend of Besters), Tim Mulvihill, Jim Otto, Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom), Bob Neil, Kevin Illa, Don Otte, Sandra Nicolai, Bill Richer, Mary Ohmann, Austin Burlage, Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), and Nicole Anderson, Doreen Mies and family.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

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

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,

As we move into August, the days are starting to feel busy again; harvest time is near, school preparations are underway, and many of us are soaking up the last moments of summer. In this month's newsletter, we continue our focus on the Ten Commandments, and we turn to the Seventh Commandment: "You shall not steal."

Most of us learned early in life that taking something that doesn't belong to you is wrong. Martin Luther writes that we are not only to avoid taking our neighbor's money or property, but we are to help them "improve and protect their property and means of making a living."

In other words, the Seventh Commandment isn't just about what we shouldn't do, but it's about how we live in community. It's about building a culture of fairness, respect, and care for one another's well-being.

In our present day, stealing can show up in more complex ways like unfair wages, housing practices that push people out of neighborhoods, or using someone's work or ideas without credit. It can even be seen in how we treat time, resources, and labor, especially when we diminish the value of someone else's contributions or their dignity and worth.

The commandment asks us to examine our lives more deeply: How do we engage in business, in school, and in our relationships? Are we treating others with honesty? Are we looking out for the most vulnerable in our communities? Do we help our neighbors not just survive, but thrive? As people of faith, we are called to be stewards, and not only of our own resources, but of the collective good.

The Seventh Commandment reminds us that living faithfully means we do more than refrain from harm. We are called to actively pursue good for others. We honor God not only by what we avoid, but by what we choose to do: to give, to protect, to support.

May this season be one where we walk closely with our neighbors, mindful of how we share, protect, and uplift one another. May we continue to be shaped by God's grace and inspired by Christ's example of love and justice.

*As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light.
In its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.*

ELW Hymn #712: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

In peace and hope,
Pastor Lue

Church Information



WELCA Info

- Next WELCA meeting August 6th @ 10:00 am
- We have received a letter and picture from Mercy and it's posted on the church bulletin board.
- **We are looking to receive baked goods for the Feast & Festival on August 3rd. Dig out your family favorite recipes! You can drop off baked goods on Saturday from 11:00 to 2:00 or Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. It's helpful if you have your items priced when you drop them off.**
- **We are also looking for volunteers to work the bake sale at the Feast & Festival.**



Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study is not meeting during the summer.

Tuesday Bible study will resume September 9th.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume
September 3rd @ 11:00 am.



ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday
AUGUST
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2025

FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

BBQ PULLED PORK
FRESH SWEET CORN
BAKED BEANS
COLE SLAW
PIES
ROOT BEER FLOATS

28595 Randolph Blvd
Randolph, MN 55065
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FESTIVITIES

— Church Service 10am —

— Live Music —

featuring the Blue Grass sounds of
The Roe Family Singers

— Live Auction —

bidding begins at 1pm

— Bake Sale —

— Cash Raffle —

\$20 tickets

cash payouts totalling \$3,000
winners announced at event

— Kids Activities —

bouncy houses, petting zoo,
dunk tank and much more!

Meal Ticket Prices

Adults (ages 12+)	\$15
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5
Children (under 3)	Free

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.



Randolph/Hampton Fire District Chicken BBQ

Please support the Fire Department for their
57th Annual Chicken BBQ

August 16, 2025

Serving Food from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dance from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Raffle Drawing at 9:00 pm

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.

Summer Help for Families

Are you in need of a little extra help with food this summer while children are not at school? Please come when the Food Shelf is open or contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301 or Email: stmarksrandolph@gmail.com.

Food Shelf on Facebook

Randolph MN Area Food Shelf

The Food Shelf is now on Facebook, please check it out! We will have changes and updates listed there.



Fun Fest at St. Mathias Church in Hampton

Please join our friends and neighbors for a day of fun!

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Mass is at 10:00 am

Fun Fest begins at 11:00 am

Live Auction starts at 1:45 pm

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

**PO Box 206,
28595 Randolph Blvd.
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**Sunday Worship
10:00 am
& Streamed on Facebook**

The Small Church
with a Big Heart

**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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