

October Newsletter

October 2025

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

Church School - Sundays - 5th, 12th, 26th 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - October 13th @ 7:00 pm

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

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

WELCA Wednesday - November 5th @ 10:00 am

Confirmation Wednesday - 8th, 22nd, 29th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline October 20th @ 11:30 am

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

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Congregational Meeting Sunday October 19, 2025 11:00 am potluck to follow.

Prayer Requests

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

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,

October brings the steady rhythm of God's creation, seasons of change, and the harvest. This month we focus on the Ninth Commandment: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Martin Luther explained the Ninth Commandment like this: "We should fear and love God so that we do not craftily seek to gain our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it."

At its core, this commandment invites us to look honestly at our desires and the ways we compare ourselves to others. Instead, God calls us into contentment and trust. We are reminded that true peace is not found in possessions or property, but in knowing that what we have comes from God's generosity.

When we honor this commandment, we also honor our neighbors. We protect what belongs to them, celebrate their joys, and support them in keeping the blessings they have been given. In doing so, we live out a love that reflects God's intention for us and trust in the abundance of God's creation.

As we move through this month, may we learn to see our homes, our families, and our communities as sacred gifts. Let us be people who find joy not in comparison, but in gratitude; not in taking, but in serving; not in envy, but in love.

A Prayer for October

*Gracious and generous God,
You provide for us in ways seen and unseen. Teach us to be content with what we have and to give thanks for every blessing you place in our lives. When envy or comparison creeps into our hearts, remind us of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Help us to rejoice in the blessings of our neighbors, to protect what is theirs, and to live in peace with one another. May our homes be places of welcome, trust, and gratitude, rooted always in your care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 24th @ 9:30 am.

The First Wednesday Bible Study

November 5th @ 11:00 am.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

October 1st - November 12th 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
No Bible study October 15th.



Evening Adult Bible Study

You are never too old to learn about God's love for you! Join us on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30 pm at church for a six-week Bible study starting October 1st. We will be exploring the book of Romans in "Romans; in the grip of grace" by Max Lucado. The study includes a short daily devotional; copies will be available at the first bible study. You can still come if you do not do the daily devotional. The weekly meeting includes a short video and discussion as we learn about the freedom of grace through salvation described in Paul's letter to the Roman church. We will not meet Wed Oct 15th and last class will be Nov 12th.

Congregational Meeting October 19th

Please join us for our annual Congregational Meeting on
Sunday October 19th after the worship service.

There will be a potluck to follow.

We have some open positions on the Church Council.

They are 3 year terms each: Deacon and Trustee.

We are also looking for 1 or 2 assistant superintendents
to shadow Christine and Shelby.

If you have questions or are interested in any of the positions,
please email: [**stmarksrandolph@gmail.com**](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com).

Church School Information

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Sunday mornings 9:00 am - 9:45 am

There will be no Church School on October 19th for MEA break

Confirmation Information

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



The confirmation classes will be having a bonfire & smores on Wednesday, October 8th at the pavilion.

There will be no Confirmation on October 15th for MEA break

Thank you to all who help with the landscaping at the Pavilion.

We have two 4-H groups that meet here at St. Mark's Church. Both of the groups, the Hampton B&B, and the Greenvale Cloverites had applied for, and had been awarded the MN 4-H Helping Hands Grant and the Opportunity Funds from the Dakota County 4-H Federation to support this service project here at St. Mark's Church.

There were many people who made this possible for our church. We are so thankful and blessed that they wanted to do something special for our church. We would like to thank the members of the Hampton B&B, the Greenvale Cloverites, for doing this service project.

We would also like to thank Libby Hufp Montreuil with Boulder Images for the beautiful design and her company and crew for getting all the hard scape and boulders installed, and she was here on Saturday showing the kids how to install the plants and work on the landscaping.

Rob Nivala & his crew with TLC Landscaping, were also instrumental in helping get the plants and landscaping done. They have been the crew getting all the finishing touches done on the landscape.

The pavilion and sign at the entrance have never looked so beautiful!

THANK YOU!



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.”

Highlights from the October 1, 2025 meeting

- **Quilt Blessing** - The quilts will be blessed on Sunday, October 12 at the worship service and the taken to Lutheran World Relief in the cities where they are sent to people in need. The school bags that were completed and filled will also be taken to LWR.
- **Thrivent donation** - the quilters received a \$250 donation from Thrivent for some quilting supplies that were needed
- **Birthday Card** was sent to Mercy, WELCA's child they sponsor through Simba
- **Prayer concerns** for all people and families dealing with cancer.
- **Inspiration Reading:** October is Breast Cancer awareness month, please schedule your mammograms.
- **Bazaar** - The annual Ol' County Bazaar will be held on November 29th. We will be looking for baked goods for our bake sale.

Adjourned: 11:40 am

Next Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 10 am.

Contact Dixie if you would like to be in charge of the kitchen for the Bazaar @ (612) 578-8743 or dixie.schaffer@gmail.com.



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.

We have the book "I wasn't ready to say good bye" by Brook Noel & Pamela D. Blair, PhD if you would like to have one.

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**

The Small Church
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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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