

# February Newsletter

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*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 9:30 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:30 am

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

**Newsletter Deadline** February 20th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 4th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,  
11th, 18th, 25th, - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday February 5th @ 10:00 am

**Bible Study** Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Confirmation** - Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Church School** - Sunday - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd - 9:15 am - 9:45 am

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## Prayer Requests

Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballard's sister), Kim & Bonnie Sather (parents of Kayla Barrett), Matt Crosby, Baby Koralai Keeler (friends of Dorry Wallof), Mary Ohmann, Justine Ohmann, Diane Trapp, Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Bill Richer, and Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen/Tootsie Mies and her family.

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

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

### **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](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Happy February! This is a month when hearts, flowers, and candy often remind us of love. As we exchange Valentines with partners, friends, and family members and celebrate the people we hold dear, let's also take time to reflect on the greatest love of all—the love of God. This month, our theme centers on the First Commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me." It's a call to keep God at the center of our lives, not out of obligation, but because of the boundless love he gave to us first.

At its core, the First Commandment is about love. When God asks us to have no other gods, God is inviting us into a deeper relationship built on trust and devotion. God's love for us is constant and unwavering, and by putting God first, we free ourselves to experience the fullness of that love.

This love then spills over into how we care for others. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38). When we love God fully, we are empowered to love others more deeply, full of compassion, forgiveness, and joy.

In our busy world, it's easy for other "gods" to creep in and take our focus off God's love. These "gods" might not look like the idols of old, but they can be just as distracting—our careers, social media, celebrities, material possessions, or even the approval of others. The First Commandment challenges us to ask: What are we placing above our relationship with God?

This month, let's celebrate love in all its forms—romantic love, friendship, and above all, God's endless love for us. May we be inspired to love more fully, live more faithfully, and share God's love with everyone we meet.

With God's love and blessings,  
Pastor Lue

## ***Church School Information***

### **Church School Calendar**

**Sunday Mornings 9:15 am-9:45 am**

**Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm**

## ***WELCA Information***



### **WELCA Is On Facebook**

St. Mark's WELCA has started a page on Facebook.

Find us at:

***St. Mark's Randolph MN WELCA***

- **Next WELCA**-February 5, 2024 @ 10:00 am
- **Library** - We will be cleaning and organizing the church library sometime in February. If you would like to help, please contact Dixie so we can find a date and time that will work.
- **Thank You** - Carolyn Horsch for the new ironing board for the quilters.
- There was no meeting in January.

## ***Bible Study Opportunities***



### **Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

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

Bible Study on Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm

Last night February 26th

Please join us.

## ***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.

### **1 Wheelchair Available**



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



## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
And Live on Facebook

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& 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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