

February Newsletter

February 2023

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 - 14th, 21st, 28th @ 9:30 am

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

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

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

WELCA Wednesday February 1st @ 10:00 am

Church School - Wednesday - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Clean Church Kitchen Monday - February 6th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - February 16th @ 11:30 am

Chili Cook-Off Sunday - February 12th after the Worship Service

Potluck - Planting Hope Sunday - February 19th after the Worship Service

Ash Wednesday - February 22nd @ 7 pm Soup Supper from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

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Prayer Requests

Doug Bakken, Danny Endres, and Mark Molitor

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave Blank, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, 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 or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.



Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

In this month's newsletter, I continue sharing more about the Planting Hope campaign from the synod office. The "Planting Hope" campaign expresses our confidence that God is at work in the 110 congregations and mission starts of the synod and God is at work in the East Metro of the Twin Cities, the territory served by the Saint Paul Area Synod. This three-year campaign offers an opportunity to contribute to the collective involvement of 120,000 Lutherans of this synod in four activity areas. The four areas are: Invite neighbors into life in Christ; Renew the congregations of the synod; Raise up the next generations of leaders; and Invest in a transformative project on the East Side of St. Paul with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

When I attend synod events and describe where St. Mark's is located, I often describe the congregation as the synod's most southern congregation. If you are curious, First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rush City is the most northern. That's about 84 miles north of us. For me, this means two things. One, the synod map covers a long range of congregations, cities, and towns between its most northern and southern congregations. Two, because we are so far south, St. Mark's can often feel disconnected from the larger body of the synod. Despite the geographic distance, however, we have been able to maintain good relationships with the synod office and the other St Paul Area synod congregations, especially congregations within our smaller, geographic conference within the synod. Through the Planting Hope campaign, we have another opportunity to support congregations throughout the synod. This month, I will focus on the second impact area of the campaign: Renew the congregations of the synod

Congregations, large and small, call individual Christians to be church together with others and provide a center for worship, service, learning and shared life in Christ. Every congregation is a mission outpost, discovering ways to revitalize mission and share God's good news in a time of increased secularization and indifference to faith life. Funds raised for this area will provide stewardship and vitality training in 10 congregations per year, and provide financial contributions annually for five years to support the work of current mission starts and intentional redevelopment of congregations.

The measurable impact goal for this activity area is to strengthen five to seven mission starts and ethnic specific congregations, lead two more redevelopment congregations through an intense program of renewal, and to engage 300-400 individuals in 50-60 congregations in the process of congregational vitality and stewardship education.

What an exciting and meaningful opportunity! In addition to sharing in this newsletter, Bishop Patricia Lull will be joining us on Sunday, February 19th. She will share the Gospel message during service and present more about the Planting Hope campaign. We plan to have a potluck, so join us for service, information sharing, and fellowship.

God bless you,
Pastor Lue

Church Information



Sunday, February 12, 2023

Come join us for a **CHILI COOK-OFF**
After the 10 am worship service.

Wear your favorite teams football jersey.

Bring your favorite Chili to join in the fun.

We'll have sampling bowls and fixing for the chili.

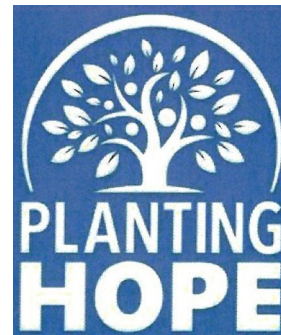
You don't like Chili, then bring your favorite
Super Bowl side dish to share.

Join us to get the Super Bowl Party started early!

Planting Hope Get-Together

Please join us on Sunday, February 19th at 10:00 am
to learn more from Bishop Lull about Planting Hope.

We will be having a potluck after the service and
will have the opportunity to learn more
and participate in the Planting Hope campaign.



Our Ash Wednesday service will be on

Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

There will be soup supper from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm.

Bible Study Opportunities

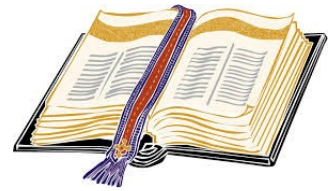
Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

No Bible study on February 7th.

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

Please join us.



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-February 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** is in the Green Room at Church
- There was no WELCA meeting in January due to bad weather.

We will be cleaning and organizing the kitchen on

Monday February 6, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Please join us if you are able.

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7:00 pm

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

Our Email Address has changed

Our new email address is: **stmarksrandolph@gmail.com**

If your email has changed please let Dixie know.

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 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 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
& 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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