

June Newsletter

June 2022

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 Council Meeting Monday - Junr 13th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study Tuesdays - 7th, 14th @ 10:00 am

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

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - June 21st @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf Tuesday - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday - 1st @ 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesday - 1st @ 11:00 am

Simba Educational Ministries - Friday, June 24th @ 7:00 pm

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Prayer Requests

Diane Trapp, Bob Neil, Don Pressnall, Randy Ryan, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave Blank, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family and friends of Randy Thompson,

The family and friends of Ray Ohmann

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,

On May 5th, I participated in a National Day of Prayer event. This particular event was organized by Christian community members and churches surrounding the Cannon River. These National Day of Prayer events are organized throughout the country on the first Thursday of May. It is observed by many different faith traditions (from Christians to Muslims to Buddhists to Sikhs to Zoroastrians to many more!), who view prayer as a meaningful practice of faith. For Lutherans, we often consider prayer to be, what Martin Luther described, as a conversation with God. In fact, Martin Luther thought prayer was so important to our Christian faith that prayer should “be the first business of the morning and the last at night.”

What have your conversations with God been like recently? As I write this letter to you, I am reflecting on the recent tragedies in Buffalo, New York, Laguna Woods, California, and Ulvade, Texas. It is often these kinds of tragedies that prompt us to turn to prayer. Some in prayer ask for strength and courage, some for comfort and healing, and some for forgiveness.

However, as Pastor Kurt Lammi writes, “Lutherans pray not because God is there to grant our wishes or do what we want—or as a way to offer platitudes in times of tragedy. We pray because we want to see what God is doing in the world. We pray because we want to join with God and with others in living out God's love.” Prayer can be a powerful practice to move away from ourselves, and to focus on God and the world around us. Pastor Kurt added, “Prayer isn't about us getting God to see things from our perspective. It's about God getting us to see things from God's perspective.”

As I pray about these tragedies, my conversations with God are less about requests for me and my needs. As Pastor Kurt noted, prayer is not about me changing God, but God changing me. When I pray, I seek God's perspective and a different orientation in the world, centering God and others, opening myself to be changed, and trusting in God. As powerful as prayer can be, it can also be a humbling experience—to admit we are helpless, to admit we are afraid, to admit we have sinned.

In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, he wanted to encourage new Christian believers in their new faith despite the ongoing threats to their lives, misinformation about faith, and misunderstanding about how to live out their new faith. In the final passages of Paul's first letter, Paul instructs the early Christians to “pray without ceasing.” No matter where we are in our own faith journey—new to Christianity like the Thessalonians or generations of people of faith—Paul's encouragement and instructions still ring true for all.

I invite you to prayer as a way to have a conversation with God. What is God's perspective? Where and with whom is God calling you to love? What is God doing in the world that he wants you to see?

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14-18)

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information



August 7, 2022

Watch for further information via Facebook, email or on our website.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday June 7th & 14th @ 10:00 am.

Tuesday Bible study will then resume September 13th.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume
September 7th @ 11:00 am.



WELCA Info

- Next WELCA meeting June 1st @ 10:00 am
- Gave \$500 to the Randolph Scholarship program.
- Blankets made for Graduates who attended church.
- Pray concerns: Graduates and people with mental illnesses.

Our Email Address has changed

Our new email address is: stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

Please contact Dixie if you have any questions.

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, 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) 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 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.



2 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 2 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow. Check with Dixie on availability.



You are Invited to Join Us For



Simba Educational Ministries



Come listen to Founder, Chase Ward from South Dakota,
share how God is moving in Kenya
in the families and children they partner with.
Makayla (Kuhn) Siebenaler will also be sharing about her
personal experiences in Kenya with Chase.

Learn how to become a part of Simba Ministries!

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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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