

July Newsletter

July 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10 am

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

Quilting Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:00 am

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

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 4th - No Food Shelf

11th, 18th, 25th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday - 5th @ 10:00 am

VBS Monday July 17th - Thursday July 20th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Prayer Requests

Margaret Hayes, JJ Grant, Kevin Illa, and Danny Endres

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family & friends of Verone Mortenson



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,

Summer is in full swing! I hope you are enjoying time with family and friends and the long days of light. As we head into July, we are excited to offer VBS at St. Mark's again.

I remember my summers were filled with VBS and other summer church programming. As a kid, I didn't always understand what was going on but I loved learning and singing the camp songs and playing with friends. It wasn't until I was older that I appreciated my time in VBS because I can see now how those experiences nurtured my faith and how the newly created friendships taught me the importance of a faith community. A fun fact is that we named Nathaniel after Camp Nathanael, located in Hinckley, where I spent many summers learning about God. I hope you'll consider signing your kids up for VBS this year, where they will learn and grow in their faith.

More information about how to register for VBS will be available in this month's newsletter. Additionally, if you would like to volunteer, we have opportunities for you as well.

When I think about the purpose of VBS, it is a focused time on faith and learning. While VBS may be aimed at children, I encourage everyone else to engage in similar focused learning. There are many resources for you to do this, whether it be a self-paced reflection or small group discussion. For example, Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, provides a summer Bible Study each year. This year, the Bible study is called: Salvation Now by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. It focuses on the idea of salvation and how we can bring wellness to ourselves and others.

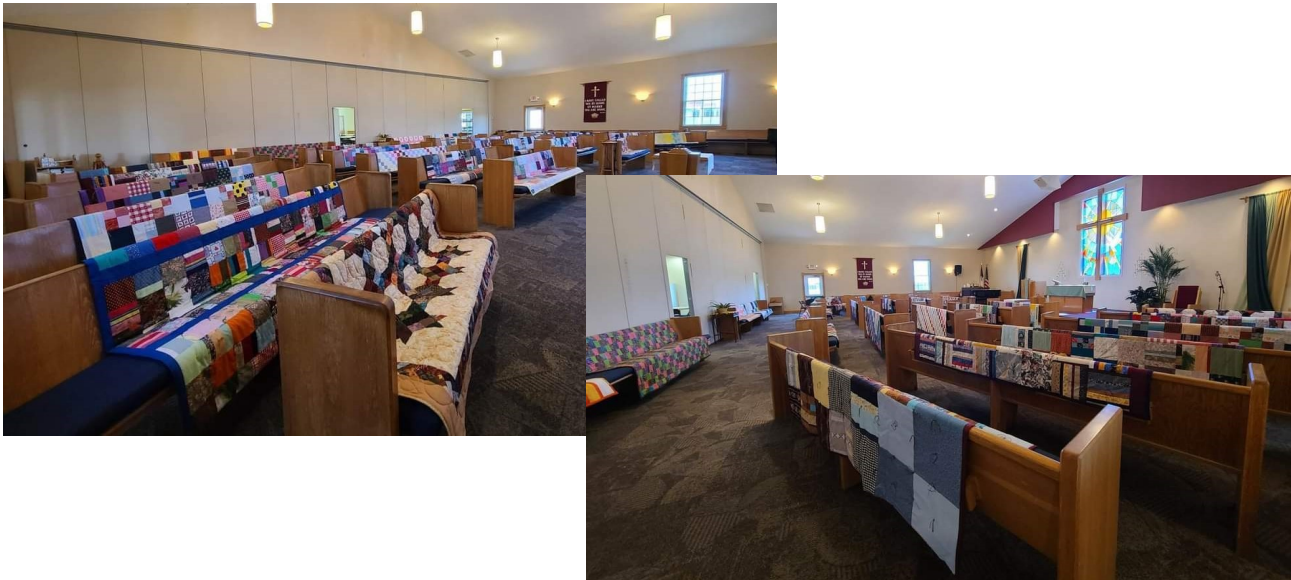
I hope you'll find time to engage in learning. It is easy to get distracted and it's also possible that we have so many responsibilities. However, if we want to continue to grow in our discipleship, we must make time for the work of learning and engaging in Christ.

God bless you,
Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information

Blessing of the Quilts

The quilters have been busy making quilts. On Sunday June 11th the beautiful quilts were blessed and will be given to the Lutheran Missions to be sent all over the world.



Quilters Need Help!

The Quilting group here at St. Mark's is in **need** of people to help sew quilts. You do not need to be a "quilter" to come help. If you can sew two pieces of fabric together you're qualified and if you can't we can show you how. No need to bring your machine, we have machines to use at church.

If you are interested, please contact:

Dixie at church (507) 263-9182 or (612) 578-8743

Or Colleen @ (507) 321-2270

WELCA Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars ladies -
Wednesday, September 20th
9 am to 3 pm

for a women's retreat here
at St. Mark's Church.

"Understanding Your Grief"

Supported by Moments Hospice &
Sponsored by St. Mark's WELCA



WELCA Info

- Next WELCA meeting July 5th @ 10:00 am
- Letters have been sent to Mercy
- Will not be having a bake sale at the Feast & Festival this year.
- Pray concerns: for much needed rain.

Church School Information

Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Mark your calendars for VBS July 17th - 20th from 9 am to 3 pm

We will offer care before & after if needed.

Drop off at 8 am and pick up by 4 pm.

Sign up for VBS at:

<https://goodearthvillage.org/daycamprandolph2023>

Cost will be \$20 per camper with a family maximum of \$50.

Campers will need to have completed grades K-5.

Campers will be asked to bring a cold lunch.

Morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to help Good Earth Village with VBS activities. Confirmation kids, high school students, church members are all encouraged to join us. We will be flexible with schedules if needed.

Volunteer/Helpers sign up on Sign Up Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EAAA2EAAF85-vacation>

If questions contact Shelby Kuhn

Email: shelbykuhn11@gmail.com or 612-986-1908

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study is not meeting during the summer.

Tuesday Bible study will resume September 12th.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume

September 6th @ 11:00 am.

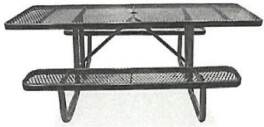


Pavilion Picnic Table Fundraiser

We are very excited that the Pavilion construction is underway.

We are looking forward to many events being held there and would like to purchase heavy duty steel picnic tables to have permanently under the shelter of the pavilion. These are metal picnic tables made with 2" black steel frames, tops and seats have a thermoplastic coating which withstands the elements, are rust free, and have rounded corners for added safety.

We would like to purchase ten - 8' picnic tables and two - 8' ADA picnic tables. The cost of each table will be approximately \$1,200. If you would like to donate, please send your donation, and completed form to:



St. Mark's Lutheran Church
PO Box 206
Randolph, MN 55065



Donor Name:

Amount Donating:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday
AUGUST
06
2023

FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

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

28595 Randolph Blvd
Randolph, MN 55065
507-263-9182

FESTIVITIES

-- **Church Service** --
10am

-- **Live Music** --
featuring the Blue Grass sounds of
The Roe Family Singers

-- **Live Auction** --
bidding begins at 1pm

-- **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+)	\$10
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5
Children (under 3)	Free

**Mark your calendar for our annual Feast & Festival -
Sunday, August 6th!**

We're so excited and hope to host the best-ever Feast & Festival! We'd love to see you there!

We need your help:

For the auction and games, we are looking for the following items. They can be dropped off at church or with any of the committee members. If you want to donate but need some ideas, reach out to the committee.

Gift cards (of all values)

Themed baskets (be creative!)

Bottles of wine or spirits

Cash

Items from local businesses

Purchase and help sell raffle tickets - reach out to Keri Lorenzen to get some tickets for yourself and to sell to your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

There will be a sign-up coming out soon - please be sure to volunteer to help out throughout the weekend.

Help spread the word - this is FREE advertising!

Distribute flyers at local businesses, in your neighbors' doors, anywhere to help promote the event - grab some on the table in the lobby.

Share the event on Facebook.

Invite your family and friends.

Meal tickets:

This year we will not be selling pre-sale meal tickets, everyone will be able to purchase them at the event. The great news is, the cost of the meal tickets is being reduced to \$10 for ages 12+ and \$5 for ages 3-11.

Committee:

Blake & Chicky Otte - sddotte@gmail.com - 507-291-0197

Dave & Lucinda Preston - lucindapreston@gmail.com - 507-663-6138

Cory & Keri Lorenzen - keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com - 507-202-0663

Doug Bakken - 612-532-5101

Kjirsten Louis - kelouis16@hotmail.com - 651-276-1042

Steve & Marge Louis - 651-303-5818

Matt Bester - 651-399-4133

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 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.

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) 437-6972 or Email: stmarksrandolph@gmail.com.



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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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