

April Newsletter

April 2026

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 - 12th, 19th, 26th 9:00 am - 9:45 am

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

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

Quilting - Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10:30 am

WELCA - April 1st @ 10:00 am

Confirmation Wednesdays - 8th, 15th, 22nd @ 6:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline April 20th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 7th - 8:00 - 9:30 am

14th, 21st, 28th - 4:30-6 pm

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Prayer Requests

Carolyn Horsch, Tim Post (Stephanie Krueger's Brother), Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Otte's), Marc Slininger, Mary Ohmann, Carolyn Chester, Dennis Kuhn, Don Otte, Sarah and Jim Otto, Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), Nicole Anderson.

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 St. Mark's,

April brings us to Easter and to the very center of our faith. The resurrection of Jesus is not simply a moment in history; it is the promise that shapes everything we believe and everything we are. It proclaims, boldly and clearly, that death, loss, and despair do not have the final word. God brings life where it seems impossible, hope where it feels out of reach, and renewal where we least expect it. As Paul proclaims with confidence, "In fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). That truth continues to echo into our lives today.

Easter, however, is not limited to a single Sunday morning. The church celebrates the season of Easter for many weeks because one day is not enough to take in the fullness of resurrection. This season gives us time to sit with the good news, to reflect on it, and to begin to recognize how it is alive and active among us. The Gospel stories we hear during this time are often quiet and deeply personal. Jesus appears not in grand displays of power, but in ordinary places: along the road, in locked rooms, by the lakeshore, and around the table. He meets people in their uncertainty, their grief, and even their doubt; and he speaks words of peace into their fear and confusion.

Those same words are spoken to us. We, too, carry our own worries, questions, and burdens. And yet, the risen Christ meets us right where we are. He does not wait for us to have everything figured out. Instead, he comes to us in the middle of our everyday lives, offering peace, presence, and promise.

Resurrection, then, is not only something we believe, it is something we learn to look for. It invites us to pay attention. Where do we see new life emerging around us? Where do we see hope taking root, even in small and quiet ways? Sometimes it shows up in moments we might otherwise overlook: in a word of encouragement, in an act of kindness, in the strength to keep going when things are difficult, or in the joy of community gathered together.

Pastor's Message Continued

Here at St. Mark's, we are already witnesses to resurrection at work among us. Our 5th graders who have partaken in communion for the first time. Our Sunday School children who sang and graced us with their laughter. Our Confirmation students who diligently do their best on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. These are just some of the many examples of the wonderful ministries we do here at Saint Mark's. These are not just events on a calendar, they are signs of God's ongoing work, reminders that the story of Easter is still unfolding in and through this community.

As we move through this Easter season together, may we keep our eyes open to the ways God is bringing new life all around us. May we be people who not only celebrate resurrection, but who also live it: sharing hope, extending grace, and bearing witness to the love of Christ in our daily lives.

May this Easter season remind us again and again that God is still at work among us, bringing life, healing, and hope where it is needed most.

Pastor Lue

Save the Date for the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly

The dates are May 15th and May 16th at St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi. St. Mark's is allowed 3 people to attend. This year we are voting for the next Bishop, so it would be great to get folks there. If people are interested, they can let Pastor Lue know by April 24th, so we can do the early registration.

<https://spas-elca.org/event/2026-synod-assembly/>

Music Notes

Springtime! I look out the window across the field to the Hampton Hills. It's covered with brown trees. But, with the bright sunshine and warmer days, it won't be long until I start to see little hints of green where leaves are getting ready to burst open. Then one day as I'm driving home, I'll look over and notice, POOF! The treetops are blanketed in green! New life!

The changing seasons remind me of a song from long ago by Steve and Annie Chapman called, "Seasons of a Man". If you listen to it, you might need to get your tissues out!

Springtime: young, new, fun, playing

Summer: not quite so young, more independent, school

Autumn: the "working years", keep at it, changes

Winter: sometimes cold and bitter, aging body can have issues, many good-byes

"...But I'll see Spring again in heaven, and it'll last forever!"

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings in all the seasons of life, and for never abandoning us, especially when it's difficult. Thank you for the exuberance of Spring, and the wisdom of Winter. Thank you for one day carrying us home to heaven with you! Amen.

Blessings to you,

Lisa



Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study
April 7th, 14th, 21st 28th @ 9:30 am



The First Wednesday Bible Study

April 1st @ 11:00 am

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30 pm
Good Friday, April 3rd @ 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday April 5th @ 10:00 am

Church School Information

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Sunday mornings 9:00 am - 9:45 am.
No Church School April 5th.
Last day of Church school is May 5th.

Confirmation Information

Year-end Party April 22nd.

First Communion Save the Date

This is for 5th graders and their families.
Pastor will be baking bread with the 5th graders on
Wednesday, April 1st from 6-7:30 pm.

First Communion will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY
May
09
9 AM - 11 AM

Paint Party!
Tree of Hearts

Hosted by WELCA of
St. Mark's Church
**Free to attend for
the Women + friend of
St. Marks Church

Lunch will
be
provided

Limited seating:
You **MUST** Sign up by
Friday, May 1st
to reserve your seat

Questions?
Call Dorry at
612-309-2066



LOCATION:
St. Mark's Church

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Friendly!

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- Memorial Band® Finished in Polished Superior Black Granite
- Heavy Base Finished in Superior Black Granite
- Thick Capstone Finished in Superior Black Granite
- 144 Companion Niches
- 275 Soft Urn™ Spaces
- 563 Total Urn Spaces



What is a columbarium?

Example only - color will be different

A columbarium is an above ground structure with niches to receive urns containing human cremation ashes. Our church will be installing a columbarium later in the year as an option for members of our church and community to provide a final resting spot for our faithful loved ones. More information will be provided in the near future with a pre-sale kickoff planned for late spring.

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.



2 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, we have 2 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

If you would like to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Lue at (651) 500-9890.



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 30th from 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

Please sign-up online for an appointment at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Or call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767.

It helps if you make an appointment.

BLOOD DRIVE

Volunteers Needed

Thursday, April 30th between 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on
April 30th, please call the church at (507) 263-9182
and leave a message or email

stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

or contact Beth Bester

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Randolph FFA Tractor Parade

Friday, April 17th starting at 9:00 am
Registration will start at 8:00 am.



Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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**Sunday Worship
10:00 am
& Streamed 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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