

May Newsletter

May 2025

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Tuesday - May 13th @ 7:00 pm

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 6th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
13th, 20th, 27th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday May 7th @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - May 20th @ 11:30 am

WELCA - Simply Beautiful - Saturday May 10th - 9:00 am - noon

Graduation Service - Sunday May 18th @ 10:00 am

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Prayer Requests

Bob Neil, Hannah Callister (Rodney Braatz's mom), Kevin Illa, Kim Sather (Kayla Barrett's dad), Sandra Nicolai, Mary Ohmann, Jim & Ardell Olson (Jill Ballard's neighbors), Austin Burlage, Angela Kettner (Julie Felton's sister), Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Bill Richer, Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), and Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen Mies and her family.

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.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.



Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's,

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! As the Easter season continues and spring unfolds in full bloom, May brings with it many occasions to celebrate the gift of family and community. With Mother's Day just around the corner and graduations on the horizon, it's a fitting time to reflect on the Fourth Commandment:

"Honor your father and your mother." (Exodus 20:12)

When we first read this commandment, many of us understand it as if it only speaks to our relationships with our parents. But Luther's understanding in the Small Catechism reminds us that this commandment is also about honoring *all* those who have been placed in our lives as caregivers, mentors, and guides, especially those who nurture us, teach us, and shape us.

Some of us have had wonderful relationships with our parents. Others may carry pain, loss, or distance in those relationships. Still, the call to "honor" invites us to recognize the people that God has placed in our lives. This might be a parent, grandparent, foster parent, or guardian. It might also be a teacher, a coach, a neighbor, or an elder in the church who took time to listen, to encourage, and to guide you.

To honor someone is to treat them with respect and gratitude, not because they are perfect, but because God has worked through them in our lives. And in turn, we are called to be people who offer that same love and care to others.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, let us expand our vision of who we honor and how we give thanks. Let us remember and uplift those who have shaped us, and let us seek to be mentors and spiritual parents to others. In Christ, we are all called to be part of God's family.

May God continue to bless you this spring with moments of reflection, gratitude, and joy.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities



Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study is on Tuesdays in May and June 3rd & 10th at 9:30 am.

The 1st Wednesday Bible Study will resume in September

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

St. Marks will be hosting a 6-week Adult Bible study on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm at the church April 23-May 28. We will be studying the book of Colossians. Each week we will look at a different part of the book of Colossians with a short video and discussion questions on how we can live out God's word. Please bring a bible and an open mind to learn and share. There is a weekly devotion that accompanies the series that we can have available but it is not necessary to complete in order to learn along with the group.



Service on May 18th for Graduates

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors on
Sunday, May 18th
at the 10:00 am worship service.
Please join us in congratulating them.

Thank you!

We would like to thank all of you for the cards, words of support, and gifts given in memory of our dearly loved Fransis (Chico) Krenik. It was very much appreciated. May he rest in peace.

God Bless all of you!

Sincerely,
Clarice Krenik & Family



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-July 9, 2025 @ 10:00 am.
- We will not be having a meeting in June.
- Women's Event Saturday, May 10th @ 9:00 am.
- Food Shelf number are back up.
- Graduation Service is May 18th.

On Saturday, May 10th at 9 am, St. Mark's WELCA presents:

'Simply Beautiful' Inside & Out, featuring Jill Swanson, a renowned Image Coach, Clothing Stylist, Motivational Speaker, and Author.

If you have signed up, please remember to join us at St. Mark's Church in Randolph, MN for an uplifting morning of inspiration and empowerment and enjoy a complimentary brunch.

Church School Information

Church school has finished up the year with a potluck after the worship service on May 4th.

Big **THANK YOU** to Christine Sachs and Shelby Kuhn, the superintendence's and being instrumental in making the change from Wednesday nights to Sunday mornings. Also, another big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteer teacher and helpers, and the parents for getting the children to church school. We wouldn't have a successful church school program without all of you! **THANK YOU** to Lisa Molitor for being here early to play the piano and work with the children to be able to sing songs during the church service. It's a joy to listen to them sing!

Confirmation Information

Confirmation finished up their year with a party on Wednesday, April 30th.

Big **THANK YOU** to the confirmation teachers and Pastor Lue, you are definitely making a difference in the students faith lives.

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 wheelchair 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 stmarksrandolph@gmail.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
& Streaming on Facebook

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& Facebook

Giving Options

You can send your offering
through the mail at
PO Box 206 Randolph
or
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app on your mobile phone
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