## April Newsletter

April 2024

The small church with a BIG heart.

## **Important Dates**

#### Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10 am Bible Study Tuesdays - 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 9:30 am Quilting Tuesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10:00 am Church Council Meeting Monday - April 8th @ 7:00 pm Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 2nd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,

9th, 16th, 23rd - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday May 1st @ 10:00 am

**Church School** - Wednesday - 3rd, 10th, 17th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Confirmation Party** - Wednesday - 10th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Saturday - April 20th @ 11:30 am

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## **Prayer Requests**

Larry Rynkle (Sheryl Fischer's Cousin), Yer Thao & her family (Nou Moua's aunt), Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Bill Richer, and Nicole Mies Anderson

## Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Audrey McKeag, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor, May Wallof, 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,

As a reminder, my newsletter theme this year is BIG. And it doesn't get any bigger than Noah's ark. I think when people remember the story of Noah, they recall a few details. They remember the animals, the flood, and the dove that came back with an olive leaf. And people remember the lessons learned from Noah's story: obedience and trust in the Lord.

In addition to what we always remember about Noah's story, I think it's also important to remember the context of the story. "The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart" (Genesis 6:5-6). Before Noah and the ark, there was violence, there was corruption, and there was pain. So much that God regretted his creation.

And despite so much wickedness, there was Noah. Noah, who heard and listened to God. Noah, who trusted in God. And Noah, who built a vessel that contained God's creation and promise. I believe there are so many more Noahs in our story today. Not perfect people (because God knows us), but people who respond to God's call, people who trust in God, and people who build and support relationships with others so that they may come to know God.

Yes, the ark was big, and there's actually something bigger—God's promise. At the end of Noah's story, God promises, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). God's promise is to remain with us forever despite the violence, corruption, and pain caused by human hearts and desires.

As spring arrives, you'll notice more and more of God's creation around you, from plants to animals. I hope these sights will remind you of God's promise made to Noah and us: As long as the earth endures...day and night shall not cease.

Thanks be to God, Pastor Lue

# Church Information Bible Study Opportunities

#### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

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

Please join us.

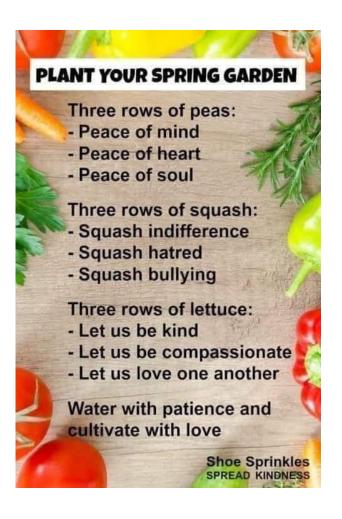


## **Church School Calendar**

Grades 1st-6th Wednesday Evenings 6:00 pm to7:00 pm Church School year end party April 17th 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## **Confirmation Information**

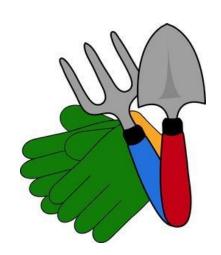
The Confirmation classes year end party will be April 10th.



## **Spring Planting**

With spring and planting season just around the corner....

Here's a guide to planting your personal garden!





#### **WELCA Info**

- Next WELCA-May 1, 2024 @ 10:00 am
- Women's Retreat Saturday, April 6th 9:00 am.
- Donating \$500 to Friends of Randolph Scholars.
- Quilt sent to Simba Offices for Mercy.



This is the quilt being sent to Mercy Jepkemboi. Mercy is the young student that WELCA is sponsoring though the Simba Educational Ministries.



#### **WELCA Inspiration**

WELCA has been donating to Friends of the Randolph Scholars for many years. We would like to bring your attention to this 501(C)3 organization. Their mission is to raise money for scholarships to graduating seniors from Randolph High School. We have information about this organization on the bulletin board in the vestibule, and we have printed donation forms on the table for your use.

If you are interested in making a donation, the deadline to make a donation is April 15, 2024.

With the cost of higher education continually rising, we encourage you to consider a donation to this worthy cause in helping local students in continuing their education.

Thank you, WELCA



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MAIL-IN PAYMENT FORM

We invite you to participate in the **FRIENDS OF RANDOLPH SCHOLARS**Community Canvas. Over the past 46 years, we have awarded over 1200 scholarships equaling more than \$600,000 to graduating Randolph High School Seniors.

How can you participate? You are invited to become a member with you tax deductible donation! Donors of \$100 or more are recognized in the graduation commencement bulletin. Donations of \$250 or more will have a scholarship bearing the name of the individual, family, business, or organization donating.

Thank you for your support!

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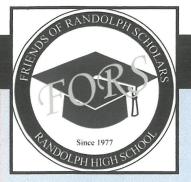
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## **Community Events**

#### **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

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

April 25th 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.

You must make an appointment.



#### 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 stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.

## BLOOD DRIVE Volunteers Needed

April 25th between 1-7 pm at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on
April 25th, please call the church
at (507) 263-9182
and leave a message or email
stmarksrandolph@gmail.com
or contact Beth Bester
@ (651) 246-9301

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

PO Box 206, 28595 Randolph Blvd. Randolph, MN 55065 (507) 263-9182

Sunday Worship 10:00 am & Streaming on Facebook

The Small Church



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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