

September Newsletter

September 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 10 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - September 18th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study Tuesdays - 12th, 19th, 26th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - September 21st @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 5th - 8:00 am - 9:30 am

12th, 19th, 26th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday - 6th @ 10:00 am

Church School Registration - September 13th @ 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Confirmation Registration - September 13th @ 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Church School - Wednesday 20th, 27th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday 20th, 27th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Blood Drive - Thursday, September 21st 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 Mick O'Gara.

WELCA is praying for: Students & Teachers as they return to School and for much needed rain

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.

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Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

According to many (maybe not official) indicators, summer is over. These indicators include the start of a new school year for students and educators, the last day of the Great Minnesota Get-Together, and our Church School's annual kick off and registration, set for September 13th. The buzz of church life is back in full swing as we welcome back our Church School students, our confirmation students, and restart our weekly Bible study. It's an exciting time for our church staff and volunteers.

Two things I love about being a pastor are pastoral care and teaching. In both pastoral care and teaching, the interactions with other people can be so enriching. I have learned so much about faith as a teacher to young people over the years. Some of my favorite experiences are when young people ask me a question about the Bible, and I answer, "I don't know. Let's open the Bible and learn together." These moments show others that being a Christian means ongoing and life-long learning.

If you're interested in teaching for Church School, please contact me or the church office. We'll get you connected to a group of young people, who are not seeking just answers to questions about the Bible, but seeking a relationship with Christ. If you're not sure how you want to help just yet, but feel called to help, still let me know and we'll find a place for you. There are so many varied ways to serve God and his community.

As we prepare for the start of so many things, please stay connected through our website or Facebook for any announcements. We communicate more often through those avenues, and always have opportunities to serve and be connected to community. It is one of the great joys of being part of "a small church with a big heart."

One of Paul's well-known messages is when he wrote to the Romans, saying, "For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness" (Romans 12:4-8). We are reminded that all of us are called with gifts to serve God's world, and all of us are called to be one in community.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study will resume September 12th @ 9:30 am.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume
October 4th @ 11:00 am.



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. They start on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch if you would like to sew into the afternoon.

If you are interested, please contact:

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

Or Colleen @ (507) 321-2270

2023 Women's Workshop & Retreat

The retreat has been postponed until next spring.



- Next WELCA meeting October 4th @ 10:00 am
- Ol' Country Bazaar will be November 25th from 9 am - 2 pm
- Pray concerns: for students and teacher and for much needed rain.

WELCA Info

BLOOD DRIVE

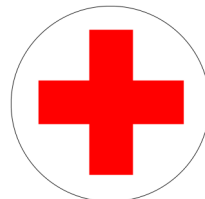
September 21st from 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

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.



BLOOD DRIVE Volunteers Needed

September 21st between 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on September 21st, please call the church at (507) 263-9182 and leave a message or email stmarksrandolph@gmail.com or contact Beth Bester @ (651) 246-9301

Church School Information

Church School Schedule 2023 - 2024

Church School & Confirmation is Wednesday nights

6:00 - 7:00 pm grades 1st - 6th

7:00 - 8:00 pm Confirmation

September 13th - Kickoff and registration for both - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

September 20th - Church School & Confirmation starts

October 11th - Family Night / Bonfire & games

November 15th - Family Night/Blessing of the Animals

December 17th - Christmas Program

January 31st - Family Night

February 14th - Family Night / Ash Wednesday & Soup Supper

April 17th - End of Year Party

We are in need of teachers for 2 classrooms for church school. We would love to have 2-4 adult or high school youth volunteer to co-teach a class or lead the class.

There are only 20 days of teaching and some of those days will be group classrooms; lent and Christmas pageant prep.

We have all the material you need to be successful,
we just need you!

Here's the link to register

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCbzTmEq8iw7rgW-d7GHa8PUH7Xo2tinpL_zNf-deuT-jdQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

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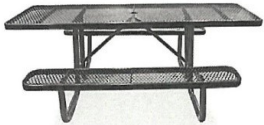


Pavilion Picnic Table Fundraiser

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:

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday
AUGUST
06
2023

SUMMER
Feast & Festival

2023 Raffle Winners ~

\$800 - Bea Hall
\$500 - Jessie Bester
\$250 - Maverick Werner
\$250 - Stella Otto
\$250 - Nordling Family
\$100 - Marly Monson
\$100 - Bailey Kuhn
\$100 - Donna Bigelow
\$100 - Grady Taylor
\$100 - Stella Otto
\$50 - Amy Helgersen
\$50 - Deena Otto
\$50 - Clarice Krenik
\$50 - Laney Milow
\$50 - Kerry Otte
\$50 - Garlan Dubbels
\$50 - Clarice Krenik
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\$50 - Leopard Thompson

Feast ~

Served 408

- 352 adult tickets (\$10)
- 49 kids tickets (\$5)
- 7 comp tickets

Festivities ~

Raffle tickets \$12,000

Meal tickets - \$3,765

Live auction \$33,745

Bar \$502

Left over food \$505

Plinko \$30

Punch boards \$2,400

Misc. income \$2,015

Total gross income \$54,962

Expenses \$9,434

In-kind donations \$3,354

Net income \$48,881*

*not final

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.

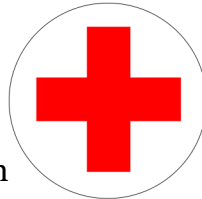
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If you know of any events that should be added to Community Events, please contact Dixie at stmarksrandolph@gmail.com or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.



1 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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Vice President	Dan Kuhn
Secretary	Keri Lorenzen
Treasurer	Christine Otte
Financial Secretary	Dixie Schaffer
Deacons	Stephanie Krueger Lucinda Preston Kelly Tate
Trustees	Orin Legare Eric Otte Luke Dubbels

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