

# June Newsletter

June 2021

The small church with a BIG heart.



## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 1st, 8th @ 9:00 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10:00 am

**Church Council Meeting** Tuesday - June 8th @ 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** Tuesday - June 15th @ 11:30 am

**WELCA** Wednesday - June 2nd @ 10:00 am

**Bible Study** Wednesday - June 2nd @ 11:00 am

**Food Shelf** Tuesday- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 4:30-6 pm

**Father's Day** Sunday June 20th

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## Prayer Requests

Tony Nicolai, and Joe & Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's parents),

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

Dave & Marge Blank, Rosella Davisson, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Sharon Kappedahl, Marie Norstad, Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

### **All those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:**

The Family of Roger Helgerson (brother to Bob Helgerson & Clarice Krenik)

*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 [stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



## Pastor's Message

Greetings, St. Mark's!

When people ask me what the summers are like in Minnesota, I tell them that most of the summer is humid, there's mosquitos, and our electric bill goes up as we rely on central air more than we probably should. But there's usually a sweet spot--in early June right before the humidity comes that makes it great for sitting outside on the porch or deck in the evenings. However, no matter the weather, June is always welcomed.

June ushers in a new rhythm for many. For some, it starts to slow down; you get to see family or you travel. For others, it's a busy time with sports and farming. And for some, especially for our young people, it's a brief time to relax and then to prepare. This can be an anxious time for many young people, depending on the transitions in their lives. Maybe it's getting ready for kindergarten or your first summer job. Maybe it's the summer before your first year in high school or maybe it's your last summer before you head off to college, move to a new town, or start that full-time job.

While it can be an anxious time filled with uncertainty, there are some constants that our young people (and yes, anyone else too!) can rely on. One constant is God's faithfulness. Even when we falter, God remains faithful over and over again. Another constant is God's love, which endures through heart breaks, tears, and loneliness. When there is no one else, there is God in the very depths of our despair, and in the very celebration of our successes. Although there is so much more God provides, the last constant I want to share is God's mercy. God forgives even when, and especially when, our human hearts desire something else. God's mercy is for everyone and is constant when we find it hard to forgive ourselves or others. My hope for you is that you will rely on God's faithfulness, love, and mercy as you transition to your new beginnings.

Like summers in Minnesota, you will find that sweet spot too. You'll make new friends, you'll have a routine that helps to manage your new responsibilities, and you'll always have God. God is a constant that we can rely on--in fact, God insists on it, pursues us for a relationship, and provides in abundance.

Thanks be to God,  
Pastor Lue Moua

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

**Isaiah 40:28**

## ***Church Information***

### **New Guidelines for Gathering**

As per new guidelines (May 2021) from the CDC and MDH, masks are no longer required to be worn inside the church building. However, it is recommended that those who are not vaccinated and those who are immune compromised still wear a mask. If CDC and MDH guidelines change in the future, we will also change accordingly.

Physical distancing is still in effect. We do ask that each of us respect one another's space and comfort when we worship together.

Lastly, part of our faith (and something St. Mark's does so well) is to value and ensure the health and wellbeing of our community. We want our church building to be a place of fellowship and worship, not just for us but for the surrounding communities as well. At the same time, we also want everyone who comes to be with us or who uses our building to be safe. This means that we are always evaluating the best and safest ways and practices to have Saint Mark's be a place of God's love and light. We thank you for your patience as we move forward with some caution and a lot of optimism.

## ***Bible Study Opportunities***

### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Tuesday June 1st & 8th @ 9:00 am &  
Wednesday June 2nd @ 11:00 am

Please join us.

The last day for Bible study is June 8th for the summer,  
it will resume again in September



## **WELCA Info**



- **Next WELCA**-June 2, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Graduates** - Hand out blankets on May 23rd.
- **Food Shelf** - Changing to 1st 4 Tuesdays 4:30 pm-6:00 pm
- **Prayer Concerns:** - All Graduates and safety for Farmers.

## 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 4 Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.



### 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.

*If you know of any events that we should add to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.*

HAPPY ★★★★★  
Father's  
DAY

# Father's Day

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. Proverbs 4:1

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12



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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
And Live on Facebook

The Small Church  
with a Big Heart 

**We're on the Web  
& Facebook**

## Giving Options

You can send your offering  
through the mail or  
download the **GivePlus** app  
on your mobile phone or  
click the **GIVE** button on our  
**website.**

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