

# July Newsletter

July 2025

*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 6th, 13th, 22nd, 27th @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Summer Break

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

**Church Council Meeting** Monday - July 7th @ 7:00 pm

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 1st - 8:00 - 9:30 am,  
8th, 15th, 22nd - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday July 9th @ 10:00 am

**Newsletter Deadline** Sunday - July 20th @ 11:30 am

**Feast & Festival** - August 3, 2025

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## Prayer Requests

Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom), Bob Neil, Kevin Illa, Don Otte, Sandra Nicolai, Mary Ohmann, Austin Burlage, Bill Richer, Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), and Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen Mies and her family.

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

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Clarice Krenik, Leatrice Taylor, 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](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran,

As we step into the heart of summer, many of us find ourselves enjoying warmer weather, time with loved ones, and a slower pace of life. July offers us moments to reconnect with nature, with family, and with God. This month, we reflect on the **Sixth Commandment: "You shall not commit adultery"**. This is a call not only to marital fidelity but to a deeper sense of faithfulness in all our relationships.

In *The Small Catechism*, Martin Luther writes, "We should fear and love God, so that we lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed, and that husband and wife each love and honor the other." For us today, this commandment is both about what happens in a marriage and more. It's about honoring the commitments we make, nurturing trust, and treating others, including ourselves, with dignity and respect.

As a result, faithfulness isn't limited to couples. It extends to how we care for our friends, how we support family members, and how we show up with integrity in our communities. In a world that often values quick fixes and personal gratification, God's commandment invites us to practice patience, honesty, and grace.

When we honor our relationships, whether in marriage, friendship, or community, we are participating in God's vision of love and care. That might mean being a listening ear to a hurting friend, showing up when you said you would, or simply choosing kindness when it's easier not to.

As you enjoy these summer days, I invite you to reflect on what faithfulness looks like in your life. How do we honor others with our words and actions? How do we embody God's love in both our closest relationships and in everyday encounters?

Let's keep encouraging one another to live out God's vision in the way we love, forgive, and remain faithful each day.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lue

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good" Romans 12:9

## Church Information

### Bible Study Opportunities

#### Morning Adult Bible Studies

*There will be no Bible study for the summer.  
See you in September!*



### WELCA Info



- **WELCA**-is the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 am, July it will be on the 9th in the green room.



### ***Bake Sale Items and Volunteers Needed***

There will be a bake sale at the Feast & Festival on August 3rd and we are in need of some home baked items to sell.  
Find your family favorite recipes and help us have a wonderful bake sale.  
A few ideas are cookies, bars, cakes, pies, muffins, breads and snack bags.

#### **Volunteers needed:**

Saturday setting up between 11 am - 2 pm

Sunday anytime between 11 am - 3 pm

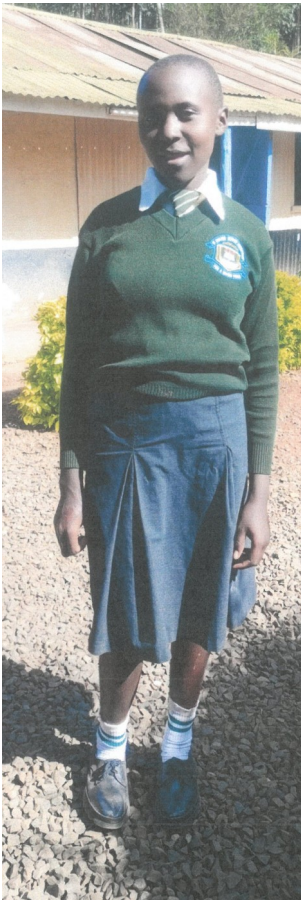
#### **Drop off your baked items:**

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Sunday 9:00 am - 10:00 am

If those drop off times don't work or if you have any questions, give Dixie a call 612.578.8743 or email: [dixie.schaffer@gmail.com](mailto:dixie.schaffer@gmail.com)

## Letter from Mercy Jepkemboi WELCA's Sponsored Simba Student



ST. JACOBS JUNIOR SEC,  
PO BOX 1396-30100,  
ELDORET

20/1/25

TO: ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH. ♡ ♡

Hi, I hope you are doing well, it have been sooooo long since I write for you a letter, but I have not forget you, I am fine I am doing well, now I am in school learning, this year I am in grade nine and this is first term, next year that is 2026 I will be joining Senior secondary school grade ten and we are going until grade twelve.

This year term three I am sitting for my national examination that is KJSEA, this exam is the one that it will take me to senior secondary, I would like to join school of Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), this is because I want to be a nurse,

Last year 2024 I enjoy my holiday because we were celebrating birth of Jesus Christ that was date 25/12/24 people were singing and dancing in our Church, and I was helping my parent to do some house work, receive greetings from my parents and friends, thank you for sponsoring me may God bless you, I hope you will tell me how you celebrate the birth Jesus, thank you so much. ♡ ♡

Mathew 21:22

7 If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

From your lovely daughter  
Mercy Jepkemboi.





You're invited - join us August 3rd!!

We will be hosting our annual **Feast & Festival** on **Sunday, August 3rd** and would love to see you there! There's something for everyone, stop by and check it out!

### **About the Feast & Festival:**

We'll be having our 10am worship service outside in the pavilion. Music will be provided by the Roe Family Singers. They are fabulous so come and enjoy some great music.

Then we'll be serving the feast from 11am-1pm. You can purchase your meal tickets when you arrive. Bring your family and friends for a great lunch - and don't forget the pie and root beer floats.

You'll find lots of festivities for all ages. Sit back and enjoy the music, visit with your neighbors, take an opportunity to win some great prizes, experience the petting zoo, bid on items in the live auction, and so much more.

There are many ways that you can get involved and help out.

**Come to the festival!** Invite your family and friends!

**Donate items** for the live auction and games we'll be doing this year (ideas include: themed baskets, gift cards, bottles of wine or spirits, cash)

**Buy your raffle tickets** before they are gone! The raffle tickets are \$20 each and we pay out \$3,000 in cash. There is a limited number of raffle tickets that will be sold. If you could help sell a few tickets to your family and friends, please contact Keri Lorenzen (contact info below) to get started.

**Plan to help** with set-up, clean-up, serving, bring needed food items or donate to help cover expenses

If you have questions, please call 507-263-9182 or e-mail us at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com)

### **2025 Feast & Festival Planning Committee:**

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# ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Annual FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday  
**AUGUST**  
**03**  
2025

### FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

**BBQ PULLED PORK**  
**FRESH SWEET CORN**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**COLE SLAW**  
**PIES**  
**ROOT BEER FLOATS**

28595 Randolph Blvd  
Randolph, MN 55065  
507-263-9182

### FESTIVITIES

— Church Service 10am —

— Live Music —

featuring the Blue Grass sounds of  
The Roe Family Singers

— Live Auction —

bidding begins at 1pm

— Bake Sale —

— Cash Raffle —

\$20 tickets

cash payouts totalling \$3,000  
winners announced at event

— Kids Activities —

bouncy houses, petting zoo,  
dunk tank and much more!

### Meal Ticket Prices

Adults (ages 12+)	\$15
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5
Children (under 3)	Free

## 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) 246-9301  
 Email: randolphmnfoodshelf@gmail.com



### Wheelchair Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, or a month, we have 1 wheelchair 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.  
 If you would like to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Lue at (651) 500-9890.

*If you know of any events that we should add to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 20th 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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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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