Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

August Newsletter

August 2021

The small church with a BIG heart.

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Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Tuesday - August 10th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - August 24th @ 11:30 am

WELCA Wednesday - August 4th @ 10:00 am

Food Shelf Tuesday- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th- 4:30-6 pm

Congratulations to our newest Member!

Brynley Otte, daughter of Bret & Kayla Otte
was Baptized on Sunday July 25, 2021.
Brynley's sponsors are Kyle Volkert & Eric Otte

Prayer Requests

John Barich (friend of Jill Ballard), Shannon Grant, Dave Blank, Tony Nicolai, Ray Ohmann, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom),

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.

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 or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.

Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

In Minnesota, we usually see Labor Day as the end of summer. It's when students go back to school, the seasons start to change, and road trips come to an end. But every year, when August approaches, we can't help but think to ourselves, and even say out loud, "I can't believe it's already August! Where did the summer go!"

And I'm willing to guess that we do this often throughout our lives—not just when August comes. We look back and say, "I can't believe how fast the kids grow up!" "I can't believe we're celebrating this many years in our relationship!" "I can't believe I've been working here for this many years!" And oftentimes, those realizations aren't filled with joy and gratitude, but perhaps pain and regret. So, the result is, we look to the future, we hope for better days, and we work ourselves hard, always striving. This perspective also has its downfalls. So, what is the happy medium? How do we balance looking to the past ***and*** to the future? My answer might be different from your answer, but I think it has something to do with the present.

My answer is based on one word: Emmanuel. We find the name Emmanuel just three times in the Bible. It is a symbolic name that the prophet Isaiah uses to call the Messiah, and later, Matthew references Emmanuel at the birth of Jesus. Emmanuel means "God is with us." We see and sing the name Emmanuel especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons. It reminds us that the birth of Jesus fulfilled the prophet's message. God ***is*** with us. So, Emmanuel is about paying attention to the present time.

For some, it might be easier to look back to the past and regret the decisions we made. Or we would rather look to the future and forget about the pain we're experiencing right now. Emmanuel forces us to stay in the present, in the pain, in the joy, in the loneliness, or in the gratitude, and realize, God is with us. Right now, God is with us.

I am always in awe of God's creation—not necessarily what was created in the past or what will come in the future. But I am in awe of what God is creating this very moment. God says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19). Take a moment. Pause. What is God doing right now? Emmanuel.

August is here. God is here.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

After Church Service Social Hour is Back!

We have started back to having coffee and socially gathering after the Sunday morning worship service.
It's going to look a little different.
We will not be having monthly service groups assigned.
Members can bring what they want, when they want, if they want.
Some weeks we might have a lot and other weeks we might only have coffee.
"It is what it is" social gathering….
Hope to see you soon…

Confirmation and Church School Information

We will be having Confirmation in person this year and the Board of Education will be meeting soon to discuss what the Church School Program will look like.
More information will be coming…..

75th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendar for our celebration on May 22, 2022

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study will resume in September

WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA-**August 4, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Meetings** - will now be in the Green Room at Church
- **School Bags** - will be making school bags
- **Bazaar** - planning a scaled down version on November 27, 2021
- **Prayer Concerns**: - Thankful for the rain we had, and pray for all those needing surgery.

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.

School Children Home for Summer

If you have school age children at home for the summer and could use a little extra help with food for them, please come to the food shelf

1st thru 4th Tuesdays - 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

The food shelf is not based on income, just need. You will receive a shopping list, then you can choose what you need for your family.

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

Randolph/Hampton Fire District Chicken BBQ

Please support the Fire Department for the
53rd Annual Chicken BBQ
August 21, 2021
Serving Food from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dance from 8:00 pm to midnight
Raffle Drawing at 9:00 pm

St. Mathias Fun Fest

St. Mathias Church in Hampton
Annual Fun Fest
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Mass: 10:00 am
Fun Fest: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annual
FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday
AUGUST 01
2021

FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

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

28595 Randolph Blvd
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FESTIVITIES

— Church Service —
10am

— Live Music —
featuring blue grass music

— Live Auction —
bidding begins at 1pm

— 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

	Presale	Day of Event
Adults (ages 12+)	$12*	$15
Children (ages 3-11)	$5*	$7

*To purchase meal or raffle tickets in advance, email us at stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
And Live on Facebook

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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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