

June Newsletter

June 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays - 6th, @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - June 12th @ 7:00 pm

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 6th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
13th, 20th, 27th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday June 7th @ 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesday June 7th @ 11:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - May 15th @ 11:30 am

Quilt Blessing - Sunday June 11th @ 10:00 am

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Prayer Requests

JJ Grant, Jill Ballard, Dorry Wallof, Kevin Illa, and Danny Endres

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

Pastor Lue's family, as his father passed away in Laos. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Denny & Sherry Felton and family on the loss of Sherry's sister Helen.

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

Greetings, Saint Mark's Lutheran Church,

As you may know, the month of May was busy for my family. We are looking forward to a new month in June and a transition to longer and slower days.

Earlier in May, my father passed away in Laos. Within two days, I was on an international flight to make arrangements for his funeral and burial in another country. A week later, I was on my way home. The following day, I noticed that in addition to jet lag, I was also sick. Somewhere along the way, I caught COVID, and I have been bedridden for the last week and a half. In the midst of all of these personal challenges, I was reminded of the support, love, and prayers from my family, friends, and community. I want to share a special thank you to the good people of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. From the text messages to emails to cards to phone calls, I am grateful for the faith-filled community of St. Mark's, and my family and I are forever thankful for this blessing.

As we turn to June, I know summer plans are underway for many families. Maybe it's a family reunion, a road trip, a long-awaited vacation, or some time at the cabin. Some of these things may pull you away from Sunday worship (and you noticed my own absence from service in May), but, as I have shared in the past, God is present in all places--not just the church building. You are always welcomed on Sundays, no matter how long you need to be away.

Lastly, I was sad to miss the graduation blessing for our graduating high school seniors. I hope the seniors and their families were able to celebrate this milestone, and to cherish this moment. God bless you, graduates, and remember that you can always call St. Mark's home. I hope you will stay connected to this faith community and keep us updated on how God is showing up in your life.

In closing, I want to share Psalm 133 with you. It is a song that proclaims the joy of being in community with God and with others. I hope this psalm nurtures your faith in God and your relationships with those who care about you, as it has done for me during these past several weeks.

*How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.*

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Mark you calendars for VBS July 17th - 20th from 9 am to 3 pm

We will offer care before & after if needed.

Drop off at 8 am and pick up by 4 pm.

Sign up for VBS at:

<https://goodearthvillage.org/daycamprandolph2023>

Cost will be \$20 per camper with a family maximum of \$50.

Campers will need to have completed grades K-5.

Campers will be asked to bring a cold lunch.

Morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to help Good Earth Village with VBS activities. Confirmation kids, high school students, church members are all encouraged to join us. We will be flexible with schedules if needed.

Volunteer/Helpers sign up on Sign Up Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EAAAA2EAAF85-vacation>

If questions contact Shelby Kuhn

Email: shelbykuhn11@gmail.com or 612-986-1908

WELCA Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars ladies -
Wednesday, September 20th
9 am to 3 pm

for a women's retreat here
at St. Mark's Church.

"Understanding Your Grief"

Supported by Moments Hospice &
Sponsored by St. Mark's WELCA



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-June 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** is in the Green Room at Church
- **Donation** to VBS
- **Funerals** - meals will be catered and bars will be provided by WELCA.
- **Prayers** - praying for safe planting season & for all graduates.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesday June 6th starts at 9:30 am.

Wednesday Bible Study on June 7th @ 11:00 am.

Please join us.



Congratulation Graduating Class of 2023



Tyson Cooreman



Abby Gehrke



Charles Gustafson



Ruben Kriesel



Collin Otto



Trevor Preston

**Congratulations to the
2023 High School Graduates!
These are the graduates that attended
the worship service
May 14th.**

Pavilion Update

The dirt has been moved and the concrete poured.
Before we know it the Pavilion will be build..



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



Wheelchair Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 1 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.

Best of Luck Rockets!

The Girls Softball Team play in the State Quarterfinals Tuesday the 8th at 1:30 pm at Caswell Park in Mankato !

The Boys Baseball Team will be playing on Tuesday also.

Check Facebook for updates!

Go Rockets!



Happy Father's Day!



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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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