

January Newsletter

January 2023

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 9:30 am

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

Church Council Meeting Monday - January 9th @ 7:00 pm

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 3rd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
10th, 17th, 24th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday January 4th - cancelled

Church School - Wednesday - 11th, 18th, 25th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday - 11th, 18th, 25th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - January 19th @ 11:30 am

Annual Meeting Sunday - January 22nd after the service

Potluck Lunch Sunday - January 22nd after the Annual Meeting

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Prayer Requests

Will Burleigh, Mark Molitor, and Marilyn Ries

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave Blank, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, 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 or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.



Pastor's Message

Happy New Year!

Last month, I wrote about looking back at the year and trying to start or complete those unfinished projects or new year resolutions we had made on January 1, 2022. I wrote that it was *not* too late to renew the promises we made to ourselves or to others. We often look at the start of the new year as a reset, a fresh start, or an opportunity to recommit ourselves. And I don't want to discourage that sense of renewal because for many, the start of a new year does signify change or a clean break that many desperately need and want. Instead, I want to remind you that not only is it *not* too late, but it's **never** too late.

For God, change and transition is always welcomed. We can simply look at some of our favorite Biblical stories. From Abram to Abraham. Bread into wine. Zacchaeus the tax collector to Zacchaeus the giver. Saul to Paul. Death to resurrection.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Change is always welcomed because we, as human beings, are imperfect, and God knows this. As Lutherans, we believe that through God's grace alone, we are saved. And in that saving, we are given a new life in Christ. It is in this new life, this new creation that we can live out God's grace. So, if the start of a new year marks a new beginning, a sense of renewal, or the opportunity to try something differently and new for you, then I encourage you to let it be connected to how to live out God's grace to yourself and others.

And as much as we talk about change, the Apostle Paul writes, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Annual Meeting

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold their annual meeting on
January 22, 2023 after the worship service.
We will be having a potluck meal after the meeting, please join us.
Bring a dish to share if you would like.

St. Mark's Church Council for 2023

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

Thank you to Todd Staub and Kelsey Otte for serving for the past 3 years!

2022 Annual Giving Statements

The 2022 annual giving statements will be going out in the next few weeks,
be sure to watch your email or mail box for your statement.

If you have any questions about your statement or if you don't receive it,
please contact Dixie at the church email
stmarksrandolph@gmail.com
or leave a message at (507) 263-9182

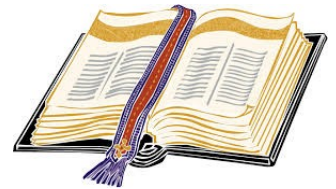
Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

The 1st Wednesday Bible Study starts at 11:00 am

Please join us.



WELCA Info



- **Next WELCA**-February 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** is in the Green Room at Church
- **Christmas Family** - Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for our Christmas family.
- **Elections of Officers** - Diane Trapp-President; Colleen Thompson-Vice President; Sheryl Fischer-Treasurer; Dixie Schaffer-Secretary
- **Prayer Concerns:** - Prayers for Safe Holiday

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7:00 pm

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

Church school resumes on January 11, 2023.

January 18th will be the next Family Night.

Watch for more information to follow.

Our Email Address has changed

Our new email address is: **stmarksrandolph@gmail.com**

If your email has changed please let Dixie know.

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.

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.



Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
& Streaming 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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