

# November Newsletter

November 2023

*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 28th @ 9:30 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 28th @ 10:00 am

**Church Council Meeting** Monday - November 14th @ 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** Monday - November 20th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 7th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,  
14th, 21st, 28th - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday December 6th @ 10:00 am

**Church School** - Wednesday - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Confirmation** - Wednesday - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**O'l Country Bazaar** - November 25th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

## Prayer Requests

Audrey McKeag, Nicole Mies Anderson, and Bill Richer.

### ***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:**

The family and friends of Allard Moorhouse and Ralph Johnston.

*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.*

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## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

October really flew by! At the beginning of fall, I was reviewing faith statements with Confirmation students, and the next thing I knew, students were being confirmed and sharing those faith statements with our church community. If you were able to join us for Reformation Sunday, which is always the last Sunday in October, you would have heard our Confirmands share important Bible verses that have shaped their faith journey so far. I was really impressed by our young people's ability to share the challenges and joys of their lives, and to share how God has remained at the center of their lives. It was both inspiring and affirming to my own faith, and the work our Church School and Confirmation programs are doing to support our children and youth. Great work to the dedicated volunteers over the years who have supported these young people!

As we head into November, I am reminded of how quickly the weather and landscape are changing, how early the sun sets, and we begin to prepare for winter days. For many, winter in Minnesota is the start of winter sports and activities, our "snowbirds" prepare for travel to warmer areas, and the holiday season starts. But for others, winter can be dark, isolating, and a reminder of difficult family relationships. It can be challenging to drive on winter roads, the longer and darker days can impact our mental wellbeing, and we may see less family and friends during this time. I hope you'll remember to pray with me for those who find this time difficult.

Lastly, if you are looking for opportunities to gather during these winter months, please consider joining us at St. Mark's. We have a number of upcoming events this month, and as we continue into the Advent Season. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate All Saints Sunday and honor our loved ones who have passed with a candlelight service. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Church School will host a Family Night, where we will have a Blessing of Animals. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, WELCA will host the annual Ol' Country Bazaar. And if you can believe it, Church School will start preparing for the annual Christmas play in late November!

No matter where you are on your faith journey, I hope you will remember that St. Mark's welcomes all. We love to welcome new and familiar faces into our community.

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

John 13:34-35

God's peace be with you,  
Pastor Lue

# Confirmation



Pictured left to right: Carson Lorenzen, Gavin Podritz, Milar Krech, Cohen Otto, Pastor Lue, Nola Thompson, Carter Olson, Sophie Monson and Hadley Cooreman

*May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with heavenly blessings—the desire to seek God, the faith to follow Christ, and the eagerness to know God more each day.*

***Congratulations!***

## ***Bible Study Opportunities***

### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.  
No Bible Study on November 21st.

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

Please join us.



## **WELCA Info**

- **Next WELCA**-December 6, 2023 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** is in the Green Room at Church
- **Bazaar** - will be November 25, 2023 from 9am - 2pm and there will be a bake sale and craft table so you can donate any of your baked or craft items for the sale. Volunteers will be needed to help in the kitchen and for the bake/craft tables.
- **Food Shelf** has been very busy lately, with new participants.
- **Prayer Concerns:** - Prayers for world peace.

### **St. Mark's WELCA Presents** **2024 Women's Workshop & Retreat** **"Understanding Your Grief"**

Free attendance - bring a friend – all are welcome!

Saturday, April 6th - 9 am – early afternoon

Lunch, beverages & snacks provided by WELCA.

Free book (& workbook) "I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye"  
provided to you as a gift with attendance.

So we can order materials for the workshop

Please RSVP by April 1st to  
stmarksrandolph@gmail.com or  
(507) 263-9182 and leave a message.

Area church women are welcome!

Questions, please call Dorry Wallof @ 612-309-2066 or email: [dorry@midco.net](mailto:dorry@midco.net)

## ANNUAL OL' COUNTRY BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

Our Annual Bazaar is right around the corner! We already have crafters/vendors registered – some favorites from years past and some new ones. Not only do we have crafters/vendors, a huge part of the success of the Bazaar is our **Craft and Bake Sale!** For that part to be successful, we need your help! Do you have a favorite recipe for cookies, bars, candies, breads, snack mixes, etc. to donate? Also if you sew, knit, crochet, do woodworking, make crafts of any kind, we'd appreciate if you could donate to our craft tables. You can drop your items off at the Church on Friday, **November 24th between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm** when the WELCA ladies will be setting up.

Our **Lunch Counter** is always a favorite but we need help in the kitchen! We ask for volunteers to help this part of the Bazaar to be the success it has always been. Many hands are needed! We will have an envelope at church for any monetary donation to help defray the cost of the food.

Another great way to help is to come and have lunch! You'll not only enjoy great food, you'll be able to visit with friends & neighbors, and put a dent in your Christmas shopping!!

This is a fun event!! Come do some Christmas shopping – have lunch –and maybe a little more shopping!!

**Sunday, November 19th**- after church we'll be removing pews from the sanctuary & clearing the Fellowship Hall & classrooms, bringing down the Christmas decorations and setting up the trees and also decorating. We could sure use some help.

On **Saturday, the 25th** after the Bazaar is over (2:00 p.m.), what was moved will need to be put back for Sunday service. The more people helping – the quicker this will get done.

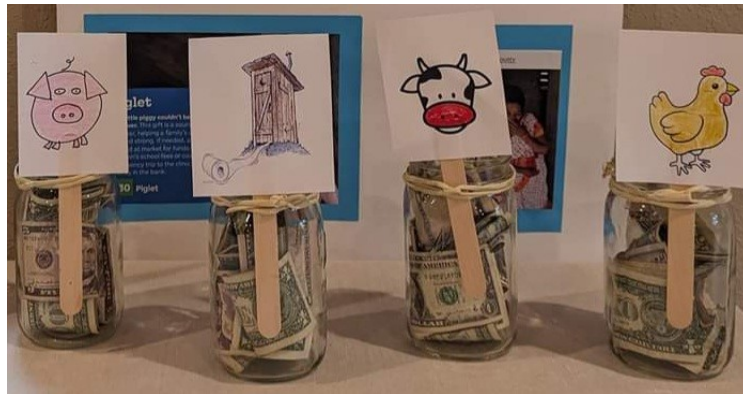
Thank you for your consideration!!

## ***Church School Information***

### **Church School Youth Offerings**

The Church school youth offerings are raising money for Good Earth. It is an organization through the ELCA that raises funds to purchase animals, farm equipment and clean drinking water for villages around the world.

They are super excited to see if the pig, cow, chickens or outhouse will win. If you would like to donate to their offerings, please put the money in the jars sitting on the table in the Narthex



### **Church School Family Night**

The Church school is having Family Night on November 15th at 6:00 pm. We will be having a Blessing of the Animals and then the winner of the pig, cow, chicken and outhouse challenge will be selected.

We hope to see our church school families there!

## **Church School Calendar**

**Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm**

**Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm**

**November Family Event**

15th - Blessing of the Animals

**\*\*22nd - Thanksgiving Break\*\***

**No Church School or Confirmation**

## 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 contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301.

### 1 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](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.*



## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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(507) 263-9182

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 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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# ST. MARK'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Annual*

# OL' COUNTRY BAZAAR

Saturday

NOVEMBER

25

2023

9am - 2pm

**ST. MARK'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

CRAFTS

BAKE SALE

SANTA AND  
MRS CLAUS

-- 11am - 1pm --

LUNCHEON

-- Hot Beef Sandwiches --

-- Sloppy Joes --

-- Chicken Wild Rice Soup --

-- Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls --

-- Cole Slaw, Chips --

-- Bars, Beverages --

FELLOWSHIP