

March Newsletter

March 2025

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:30 am

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

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 4th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
11th, 18th, 27th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday March 12th @ 10:00 am

Church School - Sunday - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Confirmation - Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th- 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Soup Suppers Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th- 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Lenten Services Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th- 6:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline Thursday - March 20th @ 11:30 am

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Prayer Requests

Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Linda Legare, Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballard's sister)
Austin Burlage, Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Mary Ohmann, Diane Trapp, Bill Richer,
Matt Crosby, Baby Koralai Keeler (friends of Dorry Wallof), and
Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen/Tootsie Mies and her family.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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



Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's,

As we step into the month of March, we continue with our theme this year on the Ten Commandments. I invite us to reflect on the Second Commandment:

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

At first glance, this commandment may seem to be only about avoiding misuse of God's name in speech. While that is important, the deeper meaning goes beyond our words—it speaks to how we honor God in our actions, attitudes, and commitments.

To take God's name in vain is not just to misuse it in speech but to treat God's name—and all that it represents—lightly or without reverence. When we claim to follow Christ but live in ways that contradict God's teachings, we dishonor God's name. When we make promises in God's name but fail to uphold them, we misuse the trust God has placed in us.

The Lenten Season, which starts on March 5th, is a season of reflection and realignment with God. It is a time to examine our hearts and ask: Do our words, actions, and choices reflect God's holiness? Do we carry God's name with honor in our workplaces, families, and communities?

During Lent, we return to God to ask for forgiveness and remember the sinful ways we dishonor God. I invite you to attend our Wednesday Lenten evening services. More information is found in this newsletter. This weeknight service lets us pause during the busy week and urges us to reflect together.

Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” This verse challenges us to ensure that everything we do brings glory to God.

Blessings,
Pastor Lue

Church Information



Ash Wednesday March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26	April 2	April 9
	<p><i>He answered, "Here I am, Lord." Acts 9:1-22</i></p>	<p><i>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:4-10</i></p>	<p><i>"You will be a blessing." Genesis 12: 1-3</i></p>	<p><i>"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:1-8</i></p>	<p><i>"The gift of God that is within you." 2 Timothy 1:6-9</i></p>

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Sundays 9:15 am-9:45 am
 March 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm-7:15 pm
Confirmation students must attend the Lenten services

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**-March 12, 2025 @ 10:00 am
- **Women's Event** - Saturday May 10th at 9 am
- **Organizing Library** by the end of May
- **Kitchen** looking at more runners in front of cupboards

On Saturday, May 10th at 9 am, St. Mark's WELCA presents:

'Simply Beautiful' Inside & Out, featuring Jill Swanson, a renowned Image Coach, Clothing Stylist, Motivational Speaker, and Author.

Join us at St. Mark's Church in Randolph, MN for an uplifting morning of inspiration and empowerment.

This FREE event welcomes women of all ages - bring yourself, your loved ones, and friends! ALL are welcome!

RSVP by May 5th and enjoy a complimentary brunch.

Join our Facebook page to RSVP @ St. Mark's Randolph MN WELCA

Jill Swanson has dedicated over three decades to helping women and men discover their personal style, unlocking their confidence and potential.

With a focus on accessible, on-budget fashion, Jill reveals how to maximize your wardrobe and unleash your inner beauty.

ABOUT JILL ❤️

Despite facing a rare birth defect, Jill embodies the transformative power of self-acceptance, spirit, and attitude. Her life's work is a testament to the profound impact of inner beauty and empowerment. Come and be inspired by Jill's remarkable story and expertise!

Blessing of the Quilts

We will be having a Blessing of Quilts on March 16, 2025 at our worship service.

National Quilting Day is March 15, 2025

Lutheran World Relief has been collecting quilts for 80 years. Compassionate people have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts - over 28 million quilts! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict.



We would like to thank the quilting ladies at St. Mark's Church for the time and talent they put into making quilts to give to local families in need, shut-ins, and to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to donate money to the St. Mark Quilters to help them purchase batting and needed supplies, please make your check payable to St. Mark Quilters and mail it, put into the church offering, or drop it off at the church office.

FOREVER

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St. Mark's Blessing

St. Mark's has been very **blessed** again! We had an anonymous donor payoff the mortgage on our church. We send many thanks and blessing to the donor!

March is Food Share Month

Our local Food Shelf is located in our own St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

We service people in the surrounding Randolph school district area.

We have volunteers from some of the area churches which include:

Stanton Methodist Church

St. Mathias Catholic Church

St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

They volunteer on:

1st Tuesday- 8:00 to 9:30 am

2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays -

4:30 to 6:00 pm

We are so very thankful for all the volunteers that give of their time to help families in need and for all who donate food and money to the Food Shelf!

Our Food Shelf could not be open without all of you.

Here is a list of items the food shelf could use:

Instant Rice
 Quick Oats
 Sugar
 Ranch Dressing
 Laundry Detergent

If you would like to donate, you can always drop off items at the church when it's open.

If you have any questions, leave a message on the church phone (507) 263-9182 or email stmarksrandolph@gmail.com



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 wheelchair 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.




The shamrock

- St. Patrick was a Christian missionary who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.
- Legend says that St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity of Christianity
- He said the three leaves represent the three beings of God, and the stem shows how they are united
- The shamrock is now a symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day.
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, is the day that St. Patrick died.

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
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