

# March Newsletter

March 2026

*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

**Church School** - Sundays - 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th 9:00 am - 9:45 am

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

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

**Quilting** - Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 10:30 am

**WELCA** - No March meeting

**Confirmation** Wednesday - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 6:30 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** March 20th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 3rd - 8:00 - 9:30 am

10th, 17th, 24th - 4:30-6 pm

**Lenten Soup Suppers** - March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 5:45 pm

**Lenten Wednesday Services** - March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 6:30 pm

## Prayer Requests

Joy Bester, Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Otte's), Marc Slininger, Mary Ohmann, Carolyn Chester, Dan & Samantha Doar (friends of Shelby Kuhn), Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Dennis Kuhn, Tim Mulvihill, Don Otte, Sarah and Jim Otto, Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), Nicole Anderson.

## ***Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:***

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

## **Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:**

The family and friends of Candace Volkert.

*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

Greetings, Saint Mark's,

March draws us fully into the season of Lent, a season that invites honesty. Lent asks us to slow down, to take stock of our lives, and to stand truthfully before God. The prophet Joel calls out, "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful" (Joel 2:13). Lent is not about earning God's grace; it is about returning to the One who has already given it.

Along this Lenten journey, we are reminded that faith is not always neat or easy. Faith includes struggle, doubt, and longing. We hear stories of wilderness, temptation, and trust, which are stories that echo our own lived experiences. And in them, we discover a God who meets us not only in moments of strength, but also in our vulnerability.

As in life, Lent is also a season meant to be walked together. Worship, prayer, study, and service shape us as a community during these weeks. We are reminded that faith is not something we carry alone, we need one another. That is why gathering for worship matters.

If you are able, I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings. We gather for Soup Supper at 5:45pm, followed by our Lenten worship service at 6:30pm. Service follows the Holden Evening Prayer: gentle, reflective, and filled with simple singing that many find both meaningful and enjoyable.

This year's Lenten theme is "*By Grace I Have Been Saved.*" Throughout the season of Lent, we will hear from members of our community as they share stories of how they experience and live out God's grace in their daily lives. I am looking forward to listening and learning together and I hope you will join us.

Lastly, may this holy season draw us closer to God and closer to one another, and may it prepare our hearts for the joy and promise of Easter.

Peace,  
Pr. Lue

## ***Church Information***

### ***Bible Study Opportunities***

#### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Tuesday Bible study  
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st @ 9:30 am



#### **The First Wednesday Bible Study**

None in March.

#### **Lenten Services**

Wednesday, March 4th to March 25th @ 6:30 pm  
Psalm Sunday, March 29th @ 10:00 am  
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30 pm  
Good Friday, April 3rd @ 6:30 pm  
Easter Sunday April 5th @ 10:00 am



#### **Wednesday Soup Suppers**

Wednesdays, March 4th - March 25th  
Soup will be ready to serve at 5:45 pm

## **Church School Information**

#### **Church School Calendar**

Grades 1st-6th Sunday mornings 9:00 am - 9:45 am.  
No Church School March 15th.

#### **Confirmation Information**

Attending Lenten Services

#### **First Communion Save the Date**

This is for 5th graders and their families.  
Pastor will be baking bread with the 5th graders on  
Wednesday, April 1st from 6-7:30 pm.

**First Communion will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm**



## WELCA

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

## *Joy in your Journey*



*Embracing each moment with gratitude allows us to discover happiness in unexpected places. By focusing on the positive aspects of our experiences, we cultivate a mindset that finds meaning and fulfillment along the way.*

*May 9, 2026. Saturday*

*9 am - 12 Noon @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church*

*Brushed by Design Painting Party hosted by St. Mark's WELCA*

*Materials, Mimosa and lunch provided by WELCA*

*Please RSVP: Dorry@612-309-2066 - online registration to follow!*



## Music Notes

Greetings from the piano bench!

On my last birthday (63rd), I decided to keep focusing on Psalm 63 for the whole year. I'll share verses 1-4 here, from the English Standard Version of the Bible:

**O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you; as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Apparently, the Psalms were originally sung. I was able to find this particular Psalm set to music by Francesca LaRosa, titled, "My Soul is Thirsting". I've enjoyed singing along. Whatever helps keep God's Word in my head and in my heart is a good thing!

Have fun if you decide to explore your "birthday Psalm"!

A couple other notes:

If you'd like to join the "Easter Choir", we will start rehearsing after church on March 8th, rehearsals lasting about 15 minutes. We will rehearse for 4 Sunday's total before Easter, and then sing at our 10:00 Easter service. All are welcome, we'd love to have you!

Also, please feel free to give me any hymn requests that you have, and I can see where to fit them in for an upcoming service.

Blessings to each of you,  
Lisa



## ***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.

*If you know of any events that should be added to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month by 11:30 am.*



### **2 Wheelchairs Available**

If you are in need of a wheelchair, we have 2 at church that you can borrow. Check with Dixie on availability.

### **Grief Material**

If you are in need of some reading material regarding grief, we have a section in our library for you to borrow. You can check it out when the church is open or call Dixie at (612) 578-8743 and she will set up a time that works for you to meet at the church.

We have the book "I wasn't ready to say good bye" by

If you would like to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Lue at (651) 500-9890.

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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**Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
& Streamed on  
Facebook**

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**with a Big Heart**



**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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