

March Newsletter

March 2022

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10 am

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10:00 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - March 15th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf Tuesday - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA No WELCA this month

Church School - Wednesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm

Confirmation - Wednesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday - March 2nd - 7:00 pm

Soup Suppers - Wednesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Lent Services - Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

Blood Drive - Thursday - March 31st - 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Prayer Requests

Rowan Nordling, Randy Ryan, Tony Nicolai, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave Blank, Rosella Davisson, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes,

Sharon Kappedahl, Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The Family & Friends of Rosella Davidson

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.



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Our Email Address is changing

We are changing our email address because of some changes needed by our internet service.

Our new email address is: stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

Please contact Dixie if you have any trouble receiving our emails.

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us. For me, Lent is a period of reflection and repentance. It is an opportunity for us to turn inward and examine areas of growth, to return to God and lament our need for grace, and to turn outward to a broken world that desperately needs God. This year, our Wednesday Lenten services will use resources from the ELCA's Five Gifts of Discipleship guide. These resources were developed for congregations to study how we can nurture and live out our baptism, which is a life-long journey.

The five gifts of discipleship are rooted in both the liturgy of Baptism as well as the Affirmation of Baptism found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal.

When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called confirmation) the presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and asks the question which echoes the words spoken at baptism: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

**to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?**

The response is: We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will explore one of the bolded phrases above, using passages from Philippians. Paul's letter to the Christian church in Philippi, a major city in Greece, offers us a striking scene: Paul wants to express his joy, encouragement, and affirmation for the believers in Philippi to continue to center Christ in their lives, all the while Paul himself is writing from prison, suffering and facing uncertainty. Paul's belief in Christ is undeniable and provides an example for us as we explore what it means to live out our baptism in Christ in the face of suffering in the world.

As I put the finishing touches on this month's letter to you, I am hearing news of Ukraine. Please join me in praying for the people of Ukraine, for peace, for justice, and for healing. As Lent approaches, let us turn in to examine ourselves, let us return to God, and let us turn out to God's people. We need God's mercy now and forever.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Building a Pavilion

The Congregation approved the construction of a pavilion at our annual meeting in January. The pavilion will be built to match the church's exterior finishes. The estimated cost is \$100,000 and we have donations and pledges of \$67,000 so far.

We will be doing some fund raising to help with the remaining cost. You can make a donation towards the pavilion by sending a check to St. Mark's Church and tag it for the Pavilion. Watch for more information in future bulletins and newsletters.



75th Anniversary Celebration Postponed

The Church Council has decided to postpone the celebration until everyone can feel safe attending.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Every Tuesday @ 10:00 am

Please join us

No Wednesday Bible Study in March.



WELCA Info

- No WELCA meeting in March
- WELCA ladies will be cleaning the kitchen on March 16th from 10 am to 2 pm and if we need another day it will be March 24th from 10 am to 2 pm.

We will do a potluck lunch so please bring a dish to share.

Church School Calendar

Wednesday Evenings 6pm-6:50pm

Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm

Important notes:

••March 2-April 6th class time will be from 6-6:50. Lent service will be from 7-7:30. This is optional for students and their parents but we HIGHLY recommend them staying with their parent if possible. Please note that church will be starting at 7:00 so if you do not plan to stay for service, **please** have your child picked up by 6:50, no later.

••No class on April 13th EXCEPT 5th graders for their first communion class with pastor from 6-7:30. Parents are welcome to attend.

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday -Pastor Lead 6-6:50

March 9th - Lent class 6-6:50

March 16th - Lent class 6-6:50

March 23rd - Lent class 6-6:50

March 30th - Lent class 6-6:50

April 6th - Lent class 6-6:50

April 13th - 5th graders ONLY with pastor from 6-7:30

April 14th - Maundy Thursday -5th Graders make their first communion during service - service from 7-8

April 20th - regular class 6-7

April 27th - End of year party

BLOOD DRIVE

March 31st from 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

You will need to sign-up online
for an appointment at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Or call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767

Or call Beth @ 651-246-9301

You must make an appointment.

The Red Cross has a great need for blood and they will be doing everything they can to keep all donors safe. The beds will be at least 6 feet apart, there will be sanitizer available, and they will be keeping people at safe distances during sign in, etc..



BLOOD DRIVE

Volunteers Needed

March 31st between 1-7 pm
at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on
March 31st, please call the church at
(507) 263-9182
and leave a message or
email

stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

or contact Beth Bester
@ (651) 246-9301

Lent Information

St. Mark's Lutheran

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2

7:00 pm

In-person worship and on Facebook



PARTICIPATING FROM HOME? DIY ASH KITS AVAILABLE!

Pick up DIY kits at church

Call: 507-263-9182

Soup Suppers Are Back!

We are going to have soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm. If you are willing to share a crock pot of soup please call and leave a message at the church (507) 263-9182 or email the church at stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

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| <p><i>Living Our Baptism: Five Gifts of Discipleship</i></p> <p>St. Mark's Lutheran Church <i>Soup Supper</i> 6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Lenten Services 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>In-Person Service and Streamed on Facebook</i></p> | Mar 9 | <p>Live among God's faithful people Phil. 1:27-30</p> |
| | Mar 16 | <p>Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper Phil. 3:7-11</p> |
| | Mar 23 | <p>Proclaim the good news through word and deed Phil. 1:12-20</p> |
| | Mar 30 | <p>Serve all people, following the example of Jesus Phil. 2: 5-11</p> |
| | Apr 6 | <p>Strive for justice and peace in all the earth Phil. 4:8-9</p> |

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, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.

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.



2 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 2 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow. Check with Dixie on availability.

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.



Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
And Live on Facebook

The Small Church
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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