

April Newsletter

April 2025

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Church School - Sundays - 6th, 13th, 27th @ 9:15 am

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th @ 9:30 am

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

Church Council Meeting Monday - April 8th @ 7:00 pm

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 1st - 8:00 - 9:30 am,
8th, 15th, 22nd - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday April 2nd @ 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays April 2nd @ 11:00 am

Confirmation - Wednesday - 2nd, 9th - 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Soup Suppers Wednesday - 2nd, 9th - 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Lenten Services Wednesday - 2nd, 9th - 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday - April 17th - 6:30 pm

Good Friday - April 18th - 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 20th 10:00 am

Newsletter Deadline Sunday - April 20th @ 11:30 am

Prayer Requests

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

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.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

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

Lincoln Widiker & Janak families (friends of Tyler & Kelsey Otte);

The family & friends of Chico Krenik.

Funeral is Wednesday, April 9th at 11 am St. Dominic's Church in Northfield. Visitation 1 hour before the service.

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Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you as we continue our journey through this Lenten season. As you know, Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a season when we slow down, turn our hearts toward God, and prepare ourselves to receive the joy of Easter morning. In the midst of this time, we also continue our study of the Ten Commandments in the monthly newsletters. This month we focus on God's third command:

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

The Third Commandment is not just about resting from work; it is an invitation to deepen our relationship with God. Sabbath rest is a way of trusting in God's provision, recognizing that our worth is not in what we produce, but in who we are as God's beloved children. During Lent, we are called to step away from distractions and create space for prayer, worship, and reflection.

Jesus modeled this for us. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he often withdrew to quiet places to pray and rest in God's presence. As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week, we, too, are invited to set aside time to be with God, to listen, and to be renewed.

As we move toward Holy Week (dates can be found in this newsletter), let us remember that the Sabbath is not just a day but a way of life—one that calls us to trust in God's grace, find rest in God's promises, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

May this season of Lent be a time of renewal for you. And as we anticipate the joy of Easter on April 20, may we remember that true rest is found in Christ alone.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Palm Sunday Brunch

We will be having a Palm Sunday Brunch after church on April 13th.

St. Mark's Lutheran *Holy Week & Easter Sunday*

In-person and Streamed on Facebook



**Palm
Sunday**

April 13
10:00 am



**Maundy
Thursday**
*5th Grade First
Communion*

April 17
6:30 pm



**Good
Friday**

April 18
6:30 pm



**Easter
Sunday**

April 20
10:00 am

Church Information



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

We have 2 soup suppers and Lenten services left. If you haven't attended yet, you won't want to miss them. The different soups are always delicious and it starts at 5:45 pm and the service and music is wonderful and starts at 6:30 pm.

Church Information

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.



Church School Calendar

Church School is Sundays from 9:15 am to 9:45 am.

Church School children will be singing during the
Palm Sunday service on April 13th

No Church School on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

The year end party will be a potluck May 4th @ 11:00 am.

Confirmation Calendar

Confirmation is on Wednesdays, April 2nd & 9th from
6:30 - 7 pm during Lent.

The last class for the school year is April 9th.

The year end party will be April 30th @ 7:00 pm



WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-April 2, 2025 @ 10:00 am.
- Women's Event Saturday, May 10th @ 9:00 am.
- Food Shelf numbers are down.
- Sending \$500 to Friends of Randolph Scholars.
- We will be ordering more anti fatigue mats for the kitchen.
- Graduation Service is May 18th, we need to make blankets.

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 or email dorry@midco.net or call 612.309.2066 or there is a sign-up sheet at church in the Narthex.

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!

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

BLOOD DRIVE

May 1st from 1-7 pm
at St. Mark’s Church.

Please sign-up online for an appointment at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

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

You must make an appointment.



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.

BLOOD DRIVE Volunteers Needed


May 1st between 1-7 pm
at St. Mark’s Church.

If you are able to help out on May 1st, please call the church at (507) 263-9182 and leave a message or email stmarksrandolph@gmail.com or contact Beth Bester @ (651) 246-9301

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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