

# July Newsletter

July 2024

The small church with a **BIG** heart.



## Important Dates

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

**Worship Service** Sundays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Summer Break

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10:00 am

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

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 2nd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,  
9th, 16th, 23rd - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday July 3rd @ 10:00 am

**Newsletter Deadline** Thursday - July 20th @ 11:30 am

**Feast & Festival** - August 4, 2024

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## Prayer Requests

Eric Hjelter, Lois Lasley (Lucinda Preston's Mom), Sandy Kutz, Yer Thao & her family (Nou Moua's aunt), Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Bill Richer, and Nicole Mies Anderson

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

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, 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](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*



## Pastor's Message

Greetings St. Mark's!

I hope your summer is off to a great start despite the rainy weather! Our family has been busy with hosting and entertaining family from out of town, travel, and family events. It feels like we have something going on each weekend!

We continue to look at the theme of BIG from the Bible in these monthly newsletters. One story that comes to mind is Paul's conversion story. This is a classic story that many people have heard and know well. Paul was known as Saul, born to incredibly religious parents and became very devout himself. Before his conversion, he persecuted Jesus' followers. In fact, he was on his way to imprison Christians when he had a BIG and fateful encounter, meeting Jesus.

It is this BIG interruption in Paul's life that caused his life to change dramatically. We all know that Paul eventually becomes incredibly important to Christianity.

I often wonder how focused we are on work, school, family, friends, an idea, etc. that we need a BIG interruption that will knock us over to realize God. Much like Paul, we are often set in our ways or determined for a particular outcome. Paul's BIG encounter with Jesus reminds us that God will find you on your road when you least expect it, but need God the most.

How has God shown up in your life lately in BIG ways? What BIG thing happened that caused you to pause and pay attention to God? What was your BIG and faithful encounter with Jesus that knocked you over?

God bless you always,

Pastor Lue

*Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice...(Acts 9:3-4).*

## Church Information

### Bible Study Opportunities

#### Morning Adult Bible Studies

*There will be no Bible study for the summer.  
See you in September!*



## WELCA Info



- **WELCA**-is the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 am
- **Feast & Festival** - Looking for baked goods for August 4th. Check your family recipes for your favorites. It can be anything food related: snacks, cookies, cakes, pies, muffins, bread.
- **Needing Volunteers** - Sunday August 4th to help at the bake sale. The time will be 12:30 to 2:30

### WELCA Minutes

**July 3, 2024**

**Attending:** Diane Trapp, Sheryl Fischer, Carolyn Weidner, Colleen Thompson, Alma Johnston and Dixie Schaffer.

**Meeting called to order** by Diane Trapp at 10:05 am.

**Treasurer report:** Report was given. Offering last month of \$90, reimbursement of \$31.96 and interest of \$1.42, total income of \$123.38. No expenses. The end of May balance is \$17,284.04.

Motion to accept the report made by Carolyn, seconded by Alma. Motion passed.

**Secretary report:** Report read.

Motion to accept the report made by Colleen and seconded by Sheryl. Motion passed.

**Food Shelf report:** Food Shelf is going well. One group in not unlocking the door, just letting in customers when they come. Colleen would like to add a note on the door to knock on the door if the door is locked

**Old Business:**

- Mercy's letters will be sent in June, September, December and March.
- Dixie will make the online donation to Lutheran World Relief for \$100 today to help the cost of shipping the donated quilts.
- Council approved the quilters can put totes in the table/chair closet, in the SE corner.
- We will order more books "I wasn't ready to say goodbye" when the books get low in the office. We will get the labels made to put inside the cover of the books. We will also check with Thrivent to see if they would help with book purchase.
- There is a notice in the newsletter about having grief material in the library.
- Growing WELCA:
  - \*List needs to be made of things WELCA provides for the church, community and the greater community to have available.
  - \*Discussed doing night meetings 3 times a year so working women are able to attend. We will set dates we have items completed and a plan, when, where and what time.
  - \*Dixie still needs to get the list of women members for emails and for the Gather magazine.
  - \*WELCA minutes are going into the monthly newsletter.
- Bake Sale at Bazaar.
  - \*Bake sale will be open from 12:30 – 2:30 the day of the Feast & Festival.
  - \*Setup on Saturday between 11 and 2. Drop offs between 9 and 10 on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Volunteers will be needed for Saturday and Sunday.
  - \*It would help if members donating food items would price what they bring.
  - \*Dixie will list on the Facebook asking for baked goods and volunteers.
- **New Business:**
  - Received a letter from Sue Taylor. We will be sending Sue \$500 for her mission work.
  - We will be setting up a date this winter to clean and organize the library at church.
  - It was mentioned that it would be nice to have new St. Mark's apparel.

**Inspiration:** Kindness to other and yourself.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Sheryl, seconded by Carolyn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

**Next Meeting:** August 7, 2024, at 10:00 am

**Respectfully submitted** by, Dixie Schaffer, WELCA secretary



**YOU'RE INVITED - PLEASE JOIN US!!**

**Sunday, August 4th**

**About the Feast & Festival:**

We'll be having our 10am worship service outside in the new pavilion. Music will be provided by the Roe Family Singers. They are fabulous so come and enjoy some great music.

Then we'll be serving the feast from 11am-1pm. You can purchase your meal tickets when you arrive. Bring your family and friends for a great lunch.

You'll find lots of festivities for all ages. Sit back and enjoy the music, check out the bake sale, visit with your neighbors, take an opportunity to win some great prizes, experience the petting zoo, bid on items in the live auction, and so much more.

**How to get involved:**

**#1 - Plan to come to the festival!** Invite your family and friends! Help spread the word!

**#2 - Donate items** for the live auction and punch boards (ideas include: themed baskets, gift cards, unique homemade items, cash) - they can be dropped off at church starting now.

**#3 - Buy your raffle tickets** before they are gone! The raffle tickets are \$20 each and we pay out \$3,000 in cash. There is a limited number of raffle tickets that will be sold. If you would like to buy tickets or could help sell some tickets to your family and friends, please contact any of the committee members (contact info below) to get started. We can even accept Venmo payments now, simply scan the QR code and let us know how many tickets you'd like.

**2024 Feast & Festival Planning Committee:**

- Blake & Chicky Otte - 507-291-019
- Dave & Lucinda Preston - 651-253-6408
- Cory & Keri Lorenzen - 507-202-0663
- Doug & Jeannette Bakken - 612-532-5101
- Matt Bester - 651-399-4133
- Kris Thomsen - 507-301-2110

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual

## FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday  
**AUGUST**  
**04**  
2024

### FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

**BBQ PULLED PORK**  
**FRESH SWEET CORN**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**COLE SLAW**  
**PIES**  
**ROOT BEER FLOATS**

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### FESTIVITIES

-- Church Service 10am --

-- Live Music --

featuring the Blue Grass sounds of  
The Roe Family Singers

-- Live Auction --

bidding begins at 1pm

-- Bake Sale --

-- Cash Raffle --

\$20 tickets

cash payouts totalling \$3,000  
winners announced at event

-- Kids Activities --

bouncy houses, petting zoo,  
dunk tank and much more!

### Meal Ticket Prices

Adults (ages 12+)	\$10
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5
Children (under 3)	Free

## ***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, or a month, we have 1 wheelchair 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. If you would like to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Lue at (651) 500-9890.

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

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
& Streaming 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](#).

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Contact & Staff

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