

# June Newsletter

June 2026

*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** Will start back up in September

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

**Church Council Meeting** Tuesday - June 16th @ 7:00 pm

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 2nd - 8:00 - 9:30 am,

9th, 16th, 23rd- 4:30-6:30 pm

**WELCA** No WELCA in June, next meeting July 8th @ 10:00 am

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

**Worship Service in the Pavilion** - Sunday, June 21st at 10:00 am

**Feast & Festival** - Sunday, August 2nd

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## Prayer Requests

Don Otto, Joe & Barb Betzler (friends of Fischers), Collin Schiller (Infant Son of Adam & Ashley Schiller), Kate Moorhouse (Niece of Marie Otte), Sheryl Fischer, Sandy Kutz, Tami Little (friend of Karen Slininger), Carolyn Horsch, Marc Slininger, Tim Post (Stephanie Kruegers brother), Mary Ohmann, Dennis Kuhn, Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Otte's), Carolyn Chester, Don Otte, Sarah & Jim Otto, Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents).

*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 & Carolyn Weidner.

### **Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.**



## Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's,

As we enter the month of June, we celebrate the season of Pentecost, a time when the Church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christ's Church. The story from Acts tells us that the disciples were gathered together when the Spirit came with the sound of a mighty wind and tongues of fire. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they went out into the world proclaiming God's love and grace so that people from many nations and languages could hear the good news. Scripture tells us, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4).

While most of us will never experience the rushing wind or visible flames described in the Pentecost story, the same Spirit continues to move among God's people today. The Holy Spirit is present whenever faith is strengthened, hope is renewed, and love is shared. The Spirit comforts us in times of grief, gives us courage during uncertainty, and calls us to serve our neighbors with compassion and generosity.

At Saint Mark's, I see signs of the Spirit's work all around us. I see it when our children come forward with eager hearts during the children's sermon. I see it through the dedication of volunteers who help support our food shelf and care for those facing hunger in our community. I see it when we gather around the font to celebrate a baptism and welcome someone into the family of God. I see it when we honor our graduates and send them forward with our prayers as they begin a new chapter in life. These are just a few of the many ministries we do here at Saint Mark's.

And I know there are countless ways the Spirit is at work that I never see. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered for someone in need, every visit, phone call, meal shared, and word of encouragement is evidence of God's Spirit moving through you. Often the most powerful work of the Spirit happens quietly, through ordinary people faithfully loving their neighbors.

As summer begins and schedules change, I encourage you to remain connected to God and to one another. Continue to gather in worship, spend time in prayer, and seek opportunities to serve. The Spirit is always leading us forward, opening new doors for ministry and inviting us to participate in God's work of healing and hope.

May the Holy Spirit renew your faith, strengthen your hearts, and fill you with joy as we journey together through this season. And may we trust that God, who is at work among us, will continue to guide and sustain us in the days ahead.

In Christ's peace,  
Pastor Lue

## ***Church Information***

### **Bible Study Opportunities**

#### **Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study**

The Tuesday Bible Study will resume in September



### **WELCA Info**

- **Next WELCA**-July 8, 2026 @ 10:00 am.
- We have a new WELCA schedule for meetings: we will meet the **2nd Wednesday** of the months of **April, July, October, November & December.**
- A big Thank You to Dorry Wallof who organized our event on May 9th. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.
- We are giving blankets to the graduating seniors.
- We gave boxes of cards and napkins to Cannon River Senior Living for their residents to use for their personal use.
- Mark your calendars for the bake sale at the Feast & Festival on August 2nd. We will need baked goods to sell and volunteers to help with the bake sale.
- Prayers for all those graduating and their next journey in life. Prayers for all those who drive, may they be safe on the roadways.

#### **Coffee Fellowship Change**

For the summer, starting in June, we will be having our fellowship after the worship service only on the **1st Sunday of the month.**

#### **Sunday Morning Church Service in the Pavilion**

We will be having our summer Sunday Morning service in the Pavilion on **Sunday, June 21st at 10:00 am**

### **Church School And Confirmation Information**

Both Church School and Confirmation will resume in September.

## Congratulation Graduating Class of 2026



**Hadley Cooreman**



**Milar Krech**



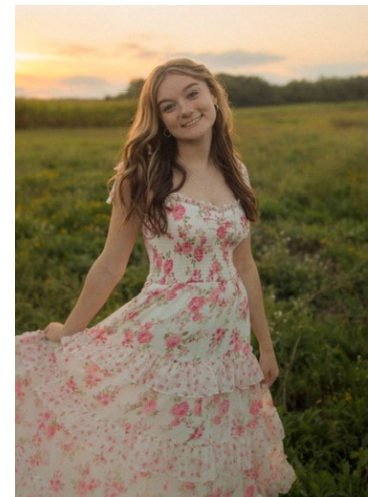
**Carson Lorenzen**



**Carter Olson**



**Gavin Podritz**



**Nola Thompson**



**Sofie Monson**



**Cohan Otto**

## ***Music Notes***

There are a number of times praising God with music is mentioned in the Bible. Sometimes details are listed, like names and numbers of people, as well as what instruments were used.

One such time was when God's people were dedicating the completion of the Temple under King Solomon. What a celebration! It would have been amazing to experience it. You can read all about it in 2 Chronicles chapters 5 and 6. I'll just share from chapter 5 verses 13-14.

“(...and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

‘For He is good,  
for His steadfast love  
endures forever,’

the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud,  
**for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.**”  
(English Standard Version)

This always seems like a glimpse of heaven to me, being in the presence of the glory of the Lord!

While we're still here on earth, we have the privilege to continue to lift our voices and instruments in praise to our gracious and loving God, until one day we will live in the glory of His presence! What a day that will be!!

Blessings to you,  
Lisa

(For further reading... After the first temple was destroyed, and after God's people were returning from exile, there was a celebration again when the new foundation was completed. This is found in Ezra 3:8-13.)



# ***Church Council Minutes***

## **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

### **Secretary's Report**

March 16, 2026

**Attendees:** Tyler Otte, Pastor Lue, Dixie Schaffer, Keri Lorenzen, Dan Kuhn, Chicky Otte, Lucinda Preston, Luke Dubbles, Christine Sachs, Dean Taylor, Lindsay Bester, Shelby Kuhn, Rob Nivala

**Absent:** Stephanie Krueger, Kelly Tate

**Guest:** Jason Otte, Randolph softball association

### **Discussion about usage of the ballfield:**

- No practice/games on Sundays before 2pm
- We're requesting a practice/game schedule (by April 1st)
- Contact info of leaders
- Liability insurance prior to practices/games starting
- Need an agreement on what the school is responsible for vs. what the church is responsible for, including:
  - Portapotty, field drag/rakes
  - Mowing, weed removal
- Communications to coaches/families about taking care of the playground and no pets
- How do we handle field improvements? They'd need to bring plans to the council for review and establish ownership and maintenance plans.

### **Building Uses:**

- 4-H Clubs
- 4-H Knowledge Bowl on Thursdays
- Randolph FFA Pancake Breakfast - 3/21

### **Secretary's Report:**

Motion to accept Secretary's report by Dixie Schaffer, seconded by Tyler Otte. Motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

Motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report by Lucinda Preston, seconded by Tyler Otte. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Dixie Schaffer seconded by Tyler Otte. Motion passed.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Reported on visitations of the seniors and shut-ins
- Soup suppers and Lent has been going well
- Holy Week will include First Communion for 5th graders
- Easter Sunday April 5th, 10am
- Pastor will be attending a Synod event the end of March
- Synod Assembly - May 15th and 16th - will be voting in the new bishop

- Fundraiser for a kid who is going to Camp Wapo
- Discussion about Pastor being on the Chaplain list at the Cannon Falls Hospital

**Deacon's Report:**

- N/A

**Trustee's Report:**

- N/A

**Board of Education Report:**

- Kids are enjoying the Lenten projects

**WELCA Report:**

- No meeting January-March
- Paint Party - May 9th

**Feast & Festival:**

- n/a

**Old Business:**

- Drawing and color for the Columbarium has been set. Cost of the columbarium will be \$96,000, 1/3 down when we order it. We'll also have expenses for concrete, landscaping and crane services. Need to determine if that is a donation or loan? Need to start figuring out details for people to start reserving spots.
- Fellowship flooring - we're going to add a taped-off area again during this change of season to see if any water issues.

**New Business:**

- Researching security cameras and if there is a discount on our insurance plan
- Parking lot - consider if we're doing anything this year
- March 23rd - online training for church presidents and vice presidents
- New session of Bible Study will start after Lent

**Next meetings:** Monday, April 13th, 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Dixie Schaffer, seconded by Lucinda Preston, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Lorenzen

# ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH COLUMBARIUM & OSSUARY

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## EICKHOF ELY OSSUARIUM

BE REMEMBERED.....

Whether you are planning cremation for yourself or wish to inurn the ashes of a loved one, our Ossuarium provides the assurance that your cremated remains will be securely and beautifully held within a lasting monument.



### What is our plan?

**\*Example only - color will be different\***

The columbarium pictured has been ordered in a beautiful black granite and construction of it has started. We will be hosting “pre-sale kickoff” starting later this month and also an open house to share information (and show off our beautiful new landscaping)

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION !

## 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 6:30 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

Email [randolphmnfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:randolphmnfoodshelf@gmail.com)

Or contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301



### 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 [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.*

### 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  
& Streaming on Facebook

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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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