

September Newsletter

September 2021

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 9:00 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Tuesday - September 14th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - September 21st @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf Tuesday- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 4:30-6 pm

WELCA Wednesday - September 1st @ 10:00 am

Church School - Wednesday - 15th, 22nd, 29th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday - 15th, 22nd, 29th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Prayer Requests

Pam Soth (friend of Dorry Wallof), Tony Nicolai, Chad Holtz and Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom),

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave & Marge Blank, Rosella Davisson, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Sharon Kappedahl, Marie Norstad, Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

All those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The Family & Friends of Robert (Bob) Lee

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 stmarkschurch@northfieldwifl.com or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.



Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's,

As we move away from the hot summer days of camping, road trips, and hanging out by the lake, I think most of us are looking forward to cooler days and kids going back to school. This coming school year, our St. Mark's Board of Education has decided to resume in-person **Church School and Confirmation**. This is wonderful news and I know all of us are excited to have our kids come back and not only learn about Bible stories, but also about how God is active in their everyday lives.

At Saint Mark's, the health and safety of teachers and students are our number one priority. We will be abiding by CDC and MDH guidelines to ensure we are doing the best we can to create a safe space for our students and teachers. We are also following the Randolph Independent School District in terms of school closures and any future changes that may need to take place. Our hope is that things will continue to improve and we can continue to loosen our COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. However, if things get worse, please understand that we may have to change accordingly as well.

I want to acknowledge and thank all of our students who tried and did the best they could under the circumstances this previous year. I know how hard it is to learn and teach online. I have a nine year old and having to help him is a full-time job. I also had to teach our 9th graders last year for confirmation and although it was better than not having confirmation at all, there was a lot that was lacking. I'm sure you all would agree, it's not the same as being in a room and interacting with one another. Again, I understand the frustration and anxiety that we went through this previous school year and I also understand the need for us to be safe and healthy.

Because we are resuming in-person Church School and Confirmation, **we are in need of teachers**. In order for us to teach our kids the stories of our faith, we need people who are willing to share their faith and people who are willing to walk with our young people. Now, you don't have to be an expert in the Bible but you do have to show up because your presence matters. **If you are interested in teaching Church School and/or Confirmation, please contact the church office by phone or email.**

If you are a parent or guardian and would like to register your child for Church School and or Confirmation, you can do so by clicking the links below. The link will take you to a Google Form where you can register your child. There is a fee for Church School and Confirmation. **For Church School the fee is \$20/child and a \$40 cap for a family. For Confirmation, the fee is \$10/student.** You can pay the fee on September 15th which is Registration Night or the first day of class which is September 22nd.

Lastly, we will have **First Communion** for students who were 5th graders last year (6th graders this school year). The First Communion class will be on **Wednesday, September 29th at 6:00PM**, and **First Communion and Bible Distribution will be Sunday, October 3rd** during our Sunday worship service at 10am. We are happy and excited that things are starting to open again and people are slowly starting to get back together.

Pastor's Message Continued

I am excited for this upcoming school year and I hope the best for Saint Mark's, our wonderful town of Randolph, and our surrounding communities.

To register for Church School (1st-6th graders):

tinyurl.com/stmarkschurchschool

To register for Confirmation (7th-9th graders):

tinyurl.com/stmarksconfirmation2021

To register for First Communion (6th Graders):

tinyurl.com/stmarksfirstcommunion2021

God's Peace,
Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information

Our online giving is going to be changing from **GivePlus** to **Vanco Mobile**. There will be more information sent out soon about making the switch. You can continue to use the GivePlus app until September 30, 2021.

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Bible study will resume Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9 am.
Please join us.



WELCA Info



- **Next WELCA**-September 1, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Meeting** - in the Green Room at Church
- **School Bags** - will be making school bags filled with supplies.
- **Bazaar** - planning a scaled down version on November 27, 2021
- **Prayer Concerns:** - Thankful for the rain we've had. Prayers for construction workers and those that are ill.

Ol' Country Bazaar Search

WELCA is looking for some interested persons to help plan and organize the Bazaar. If you would like to help, please contact Kris Thomsen or you can leave your name and number with Dixie in the church office.



2021 Raffle Winners~

\$800 - Laura Nelson
 \$500 - Kate Ries
 \$250 - Mark Gelhar
 \$250 - Chico Krenik
 \$250 - Karen Otte
 \$100 - Dan Lee
 \$100 - Ann Church
 \$100 - Tom Devney
 \$100 - Beth Bester
 \$100 - Christa Bultman
 \$50 - Sue Bresnahan
 \$50 - Brooks Nicolai
 \$50 - Sus Bresnahan
 \$50 - Tara Dahlen
 \$50 - Geri Weinhandl
 \$50 - Emma Rechtzigel
 \$50 - Lisa Chavis
 \$50 - Marv Schaffer
 \$50 - Nancy Hovel

Feast ~

Served 369

- 200 presale tickets
- 158 day-of tickets
- 11 comp tickets
- 335 adult tickets
- 34 kids tickets

Festivities ~

Raffle tickets \$12,000
 Live auction \$22,625
 Dunk tank \$65
 Left over food \$655
 Bounce house \$30
 Meals & Misc. income \$5,826

 Total gross income \$41,201
 Expenses \$8,665
 In-kind donations \$3,695
Net income \$36,231

2021-2022 Church School Calendar

Wednesday Evenings 6pm-7pm

Confirmation 7pm-8pm

September

15th-Registration/Kick off night

22nd -Class (Q1, week 1)

29th - Class (Q2, week2) **6th graders 1st Communion class with Pastor

October

3rd (Sunday) 6th graders make their 1st Communion

6th - Class (Q1, week 3)

13th - Class (Q1, week 4)

20th - MEA Break No Class

27th - Class (Q1, week 5)

November

3rd - Class (Q1, week 6)

10th – Class (Q2, week 1)

17th - Class (Q2, week 2)

24th - Thanksgiving Break

December

1st - Class/practice (Q2, week3)

*8th - Program practice for all grades (Q2, week 5)

**15- Program practice for all grades (Q2, week 6)

19th - Christmas Program

***Christmas Break Dec 22-Jan5th**

January

12th - (Q3, week 1)

19th - (Q3, week 2)

26th - (Q3, week 3)

February

2nd – Class (Q3, week 4)

9th - Class (Q3, week 5)

16th - Class (Q3, week 6)

23rd - Class (Q3, week 7)

March

** 2nd – Ash Wednesday Class (Q4, week 1)

9th – Class (Q4, week 2)

16th – Class (Q4, week 3)

23rd – Class (Q4, week 4)

30th – Class (Q4, week 5)

April

6th- Class (Q4, week 6)

13th – Communion Workshop (5/6th graders only)

14th – Maundy Thursday – 1st Communion

20th – Class (Q4, week 7)

27th - End of the year party

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.



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mark's Church Blood Drive
September 23rd between 1-7 pm

Please sign-up online for an appointment at

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

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

Blood Drive Volunteers Needed

If you are able to help on
Thursday, September 23rd, between 1-7 pm
please call the church at (507) 263-9182
and leave a message or email
stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com
or contact Beth Bester @ (651) 437-6972



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.


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.



Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
And Live 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 or
download the [GivePlus](#) app
on your mobile phone or
click the [GIVE](#) button on our
[website](#).

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