

# August Newsletter

August 2023

*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 - August 7th @ 7:00 pm

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

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

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 8th - 8:00 - 9:30 am

15th, 22nd, 29th - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday - 2nd @ 10:00 am

**Feast & Festival** Sunday August 6th - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Church Service - 10:00 am

Feast - 11 :00 am - 1:00 pm

Live Auction - beginning @ 1:00 pm

**Check us out on Instagram:** stmarksrandolph

## **Prayer Requests**

Margaret Hayes, JJ Grant, Kevin Illa, and Danny Endres

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

Robert Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, 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.*

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## Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

The beginning of August is a joyous time here at St. Mark's with our annual Feast & Festival. The event is on Sunday, August 6th and begins with 10am worship outside. We will worship under the new pavilion--the first of many outdoor worship services planned for the future. All of the activities and additional announcements regarding the Feast & Festival can be found in this newsletter or our website and social media. I hope you will be able to join us!

In addition to the Feast & Festival, August also marks the planning of a new faith formation year. I am already starting to think about and plan for Confirmation classes and Tuesday Bible study, and our Church School superintendents are already meeting to discuss Wednesday church school curriculum. It will start to get busy at St. Mark's as church activities begin.

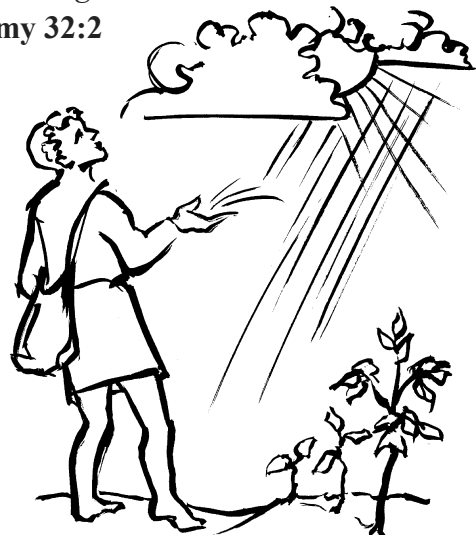
As the planning starts, I want to invite people to consider volunteering to teach Church School classes or Confirmation classes. The only requirement is a heart to share the Good News with young people and children. Please let me know if you have any questions or interest in helping.

Lastly, stay tuned to our social media and website for upcoming announcements related to Church School and Confirmation registration. We have some exciting events coming up, and would love for your family to be part of these opportunities.

*May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew,  
like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.*

**Deuteronomy 32:2**

God bless you,  
Pastor Lue



## ***Church Information***

### **Quilters Need Help!**

The Quilting group here at St. Mark's is in **need** of people to help sew quilts. You do not need to be a "quilter" to come help. If you can sew two pieces of fabric together you're qualified and if you can't we can show you how. No need to bring your machine, we have machines to use at church.

If you are interested, please contact:

Dixie at church (507) 263-9182 or (612) 578-8743

Or Colleen @ (507) 321-2270



### **St. Mark's WELCA Presents 2023 Women's Workshop & Retreat "Understanding Your Grief"**

Free attendance - bring a friend – all are welcome!

Wednesday, September 20th - 9 am – early afternoon

Lunch, beverages & snacks provided by WELCA.

Free book (& workbook) "I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye"  
provided to you as a gift with attendance.

So we can order materials for the workshop

Please RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup> to

stmarksrandolph@gmail.com or

(507) 263-9182 and leave a message.

Area church women are welcome!

Questions, please call Dorry Wallof @ 612-309-2066 or email: [dorry@midco.net](mailto:dorry@midco.net)

### **WELCA Info**

- Next WELCA meeting August 2nd @ 10:00 am
- We have received a letter from Mercy and it's posted on the church bulletin board.
- Pray concerns: for our neighbors who have suffered loss from recent storms.

## **Church School Information**

### **Vacation Bible School Day Camp Thank you**

A big thank you to the instructors from Good Earth and all the volunteers for the great week at VBS. Fun was had by all.

We are very grateful for the generous donations from an anonymous donor and WELCA for sponsoring Good Earth to lead VBS and also Rob and Kelly Tate for opening their home for the 3 Good Earth Staff to stay for the week.

**Thank you**, St. Mark's members, Pastor Lue, family, and friends, for the support and prayers over the past year and a half.

We appreciate your kind words, prayers, and thoughtfulness during my recent hip surgery, and in the loss of my brother, Doug, and my Dad, Arnie.

Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith, it is the price of love.

Psalms 55:22 Give your burdens to the Lord, and He will take care of you.

Thank you and God's blessings ~  
Dorry & Jeff Wallof

## ***Bible Study Opportunities***

### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study is not meeting during the summer.

Tuesday Bible study will resume September 12th.

The First Wednesday bible study will resume  
September 6th @ 11:00 am.

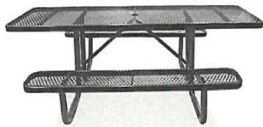


## Pavilion Picnic Table Fundraiser

We are very excited that the Pavilion construction is underway.

We are looking forward to many events being held in the pavilion and would like to purchase heavy duty steel picnic tables to have permanently under the shelter of the pavilion. These are metal picnic tables made with 2" black steel frames, tops and seats have a thermoplastic coating which withstands the elements, are rust free, and have rounded corners for added safety.

We would like to purchase ten - 8' picnic tables and two - 8' ADA picnic tables. The cost of each table will be approximately \$1,200. If you would like to donate, please send your donation, and completed form to:



St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
PO Box 206  
Randolph, MN 55065



Donor Name:

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Amount Donating:

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Address:

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City:

State:

Zip:

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Contact Person:

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Phone Number:

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Email Address:

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

← *Annual* →

## FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday  
**AUGUST**  
**06**  
2023

### FEAST

**11am - 1:00pm**

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

28595 Randolph Blvd  
Randolph, MN 55065  
507-263-9182

### FESTIVITIES

-- **Church Service** --

**10am**

-- **Live Music** --

featuring the Blue Grass sounds of  
The Roe Family Singers

-- **Live Auction** --

bidding begins at 1pm

-- **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

## Are you ready to join us on August 6th for the annual Feast & Festival?

*The countdown is on and we need your help!*

**1) We're looking for items for the auction and some fun new opportunities that we're working on this year.** Below is a list of ideas. You can also reach out to any of the committee members for other ideas or item pick-up. These can be dropped off at the church by Friday, August 4th. If you own a business or would be willing to reach out to any local businesses that would donate, that would be appreciated as well.

Themed baskets (be creative!)

Gift cards (Amazon, Visa, Target, restaurants, grocery stores, retailers, gas stations, etc. - anything!)

Bottles of wine and spirits

Cash

**2) Mark your calendar** - Sunday, August 6th is the big day and we hope you can join us in a fun day of worship, a great meal (literally a feast) and lots of fun activities. Invite your family and friends, neighbors and co-workers.

**3) Get your raffle tickets!** The raffle tickets are \$20 each with \$3,000 in cash payouts. The drawing will be held on August 6th at the Feast & Festival. You can contact any of the committee members or Dixie in the church office to purchase tickets. Don't miss your chance to win! If you would be willing to help sell some tickets, email Keri Lorenzen at [keri\\_lorenzen@yahoo.com](mailto:keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com).

**4) Updated information about meal tickets:** this year we will only be selling meal tickets the day of the event and we lowered the price! Here's the meal ticket pricing:

Adults (ages 12+) - \$10

Kids (ages 3-11) - \$5

Under 2 - FREE

**Something NEW this year.....**if you want to help get ready but don't have time to cook, shop or have no idea what to get for the auction; we are accepting monetary donations via **Venmo**. Super easy and quick...and you'll make our hard-working committee load a little easier!!

**SO>>>>>**

\*sign up at the link below \*request a link to Venmo \*buy some tickets \*go buy some auction items **AND COME TO THE FESTIVAL!!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAAA729A5F58-annual1>

### **2023 Feast & Festival Planning Committee:**

Blake & Chicky Otte - [sddotte@gmail.com](mailto:sddotte@gmail.com) - 507-291-0197

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Church email address: [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com)

## 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 contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301.



*If you know of any events that should be added to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.*



### 1 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.

### Summer Help for Families

Are you in need of a little extra help with food this summer while children are not at school? Please come when the Food Shelf is open or contact Beth Bester at (651) 437-6972 or Email: [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com).

### Food Shelf on Facebook

#### **Randolph MN Area Food Shelf**

The Food Shelf is now on Facebook, please check it out! We will have changes and updates listed there.

### **Pavilion Update**

The sidewalk was poured, the picnic tables that have been donated have arrived and the siding will be going on after the Feast & Festival. Come check it out August 6th!



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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
& Streamed 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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