

November Newsletter

November 2025

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service Sundays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 10 am

Church School - Sundays - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - November 10th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study - Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 9:30 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:30 am

WELCA Wednesday - November 5th @ 10:00 am

Confirmation Wednesday - 5th, 12th, 19th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline November 20th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 4th - 8:00 - 9:30 am

11th, 18th, 25th - 4:30-6 pm

Ol' Country Bazaar - Saturday, November 29th from 9 am - 2 pm

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Prayer Requests

Carolyn Chester, Austin Burlage, Rhonda Johnson (friend of the Besters), Tim Mulvihill, Bob Neil, Kevin Illa, Don Otte, Sandra Nicolai, Sarah and Jim Otto, Mary Ohmann, Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom), Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), Bill Richer, and Nicole Anderson, Dureen Mies and her family.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Pray for 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 or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.



Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran,

As the days grow shorter and the air turns colder, we enter a season of gratitude and reflection. November brings with it Thanksgiving, which is often a time to count our blessings and give thanks for all that God has provided. It's also fitting that this month we focus on the Tenth Commandment: *You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

To covet is to long for what belongs to someone else, which can lead to discontent when we measure our worth against what others have. In a world that constantly tells us we need more to be happy, this commandment calls us back to a deeper truth: contentment and gratitude are signs of a faithful heart.

Martin Luther's explanation helps us see that this commandment is not only about property or possessions. It's also about relationships, work, and trust. We are not to "entice, force, or steal away" what rightfully belongs to others, but rather to honor and support our neighbors so that they may keep what God has entrusted to them.

The Tenth Commandment isn't meant to shame us for wanting more. It's meant to free us from the endless cycle of comparison so that we can find joy in God's abundance. When we are content, envy changes to gratitude, and gratitude into generosity.

As we gather for Thanksgiving later this month, I invite you to take time to reflect on the blessings in your life. What gifts, seen and unseen, has God placed before you? Who are the people who enrich your life? How can you use your blessings to bring joy to others?

May we learn to rejoice not only in our own blessings but also in the blessings of others. May we see in every good gift, whether it's friendship, work, or simple daily bread, the loving and abundant God who gives us all we need.

With peace and thanksgiving,
Pastor Lue



Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study

November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 9:30 am

The First Wednesday Bible Study

November 5th @ 11:00 am.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

November 5th & 12th 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



WELCA

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Highlights from the October 1, 2025 meeting

- **Mercy** - we sent a birthday card to Mercy and will be sending her a Christmas gift.
- **Quilts** - The quilts were blessed on Sunday October 12th and then sent to Lutheran World Relief to be shipped to those in need.
- **Bazaar** - Kris Thomsen-DeWall is the event coordinator, Chicky Otte will be coordinator of the kitchen crew, the WELCA ladies will be in charge of the bake/craft sale.
- **Menu:** Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Cinnamon & Caramel Rolls, Chips, Cookies and Beverages.
- **Volunteers for the Bazaar** - We have some people who have already volunteered for helping, but we can use some more volunteers.
- **Prayer concerns** for all people and families dealing with cancer.
- **Inspiration Reading:** October is Breast Cancer awareness month.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 am

Next Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 10 am.

If you are unable to volunteer for the bazaar and want to help in some way, you can bake something for the bake sale or donate money to help purchase the food items needed for the lunch that is served. You can also come join us for coffee and a sweet roll or join us for lunch!

Church School Information

Church School Calendar

Grades 1st-6th Sunday mornings 9:00 am - 9:45 am

There will be no Church School on November 30th for Thanksgiving break

Practice for the Christmas Program will start on November 16th.

The Christmas Program will be December 21st at 10 am.

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Wednesday nights 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

There will be no Confirmation on November 26th for Thanksgiving break.



Congratulations to our newly Confirmed members!

Pictured left to right:

Jakob Toledo, Maxx Staub, Tagen McCoy, Jaelyn Chavis, Kylie Mies, and Mia Podritz.

May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with heavenly blessings—the desire to seek God, the faith to follow Christ, and the eagerness to know God more each day.

ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

hosted by WELCA

OL' COUNTRY BAZAAR

Saturday
NOVEMBER
29
2025

9am - 2pm

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CRAFTS
BAKE SALE

SANTA AND
MRS CLAUS

— 11am - 1pm —

LUNCHEON

— Chicken Wild Rice Soup —

— Sloppy Joes —

— Hot Dogs —

— Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls —

— Chips, Cookies —

— Beverages —

FELLOWSHIP

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 or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month by 11:30 am.



1 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, we have 1 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow.

Check with Dixie on availability.

We had a larger wheelchair, but it's missing. If you have one you would like to donate contact Dixie.

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.



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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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