

February Newsletter

February 2026

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

Worship Service - Sundays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd @ 10 am

Church School - Sundays - 1st, 8th, 22nd , 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Church Council Meeting Monday - February 9th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study - Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 9:30 am

Quilting - Tuesdays - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 10:30 am

WELCA - No February meeting

Confirmation Wednesday - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 6:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline February 20th @ 11:30 am

Food Shelf - Tuesdays - 3rd - 8:00 - 9:30 am

10th, 17th, 24th - 4:30-6 pm

Ash Wednesday - February 18th @ 6:30 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers - February 18th - March 25th @ 5:45 pm

Prayer Requests

Cami Zeien (friend of Bester's and Otte's), Dan Harris, Marc Slininger, Dan & Samantha Doar (friends of Shelby Kuhn), Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Candace Volkert, Keith Bester, Dennis Kuhn, Carolyn Chester, Austin Burlage, Tim Mulvihill, Don Otte, Sarah and Jim Otto, Mary Ohmann, Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), and Nicole Anderson, 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, especially:

The family and friends of Dean Sathre

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.

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Pastor's Message

Dear St. Mark's family,

February often turns our attention to love. In the church, we speak of love not as a fleeting emotion, but as a way of life rooted in God's own faithfulness. Scripture reminds us, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). God's love comes first. Our response flows from that gift.

During the season after Epiphany, we continue to see who Jesus is through his actions. He heals the sick. He notices people who are pushed aside. He teaches with authority and compassion. His love is active and present. It challenges assumptions and draws people into new ways of living.

At St. Mark's, God's love becomes visible through everyday acts of care and service. It shows up when we pray for one another, when we share meals, when we show up in times of need, and when we serve our wider community.

I see this when our WELCA receives letters from Mercy thanking them for the gifts and sponsorship. I see this when our Children's Church makes Christmas shoeboxes and sings in front of the sanctuary. I see it all the time when we come together to organize the food shelf or give blood for the Red Cross. I see it whenever a nervous Confirmation student steps up onto the lectern to read for a particular Sunday. I see it every summer when our ball field is being used for the community. These are just a few examples of the many ways we live into our calling, to love and care for our neighbor.

As we move toward Lent, February invites us to reflect on how God's love is shaping our life together. May we continue to receive that love with gratitude and share it freely with others.

In Christ,
Pastor Lue

Church Information

Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible study
February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 9:30 am



The First Wednesday Bible Study

None in February.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18th
6:30 pm

Lenten Services

Wednesday, February 25th @ 6.30 pm
Wednesday, March 4th @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday March 25th @ 6:30 pm
Psalm Sunday, March 29th @ 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30 pm
Good Friday, April 3rd @ 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday April 5th @ 10:00 am



Wednesday Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, February 18th - March 25th
Soup will be ready to serve at 5:45 pm

Church School Information

Church School Calendar

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

No Church School February 15th.

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Wednesday nights 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.”

The 2026 WELCA Event will be on Saturday, May 9th.

Joy in the Journey

It will be a creative, interactive fun morning with mimosas!

More details will follow! Mark your calendars!

Music Notes

Pastor asked if I could write something each month in the newsletter connected to music, so here goes!

Recently, I came across an old hymn that I've been listening to on "repeat". Some of you might know it. The words were written by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915). It's a beautiful poem, even without the music! I'm not sure what she was thinking when she wrote it, but it reminded me of the story of the blind man, and what may have crossed his mind before Jesus stopped to heal him. What a great reminder that Jesus helps us as well!

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Pass me not O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. [refrain]

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. [refrain]

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Who in heav'n but Thee?
[refrain]

May God richly bless each of you!

Lisa



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.



2 Wheelchairs Available

If you are in need of a wheelchair, we have 2 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow.

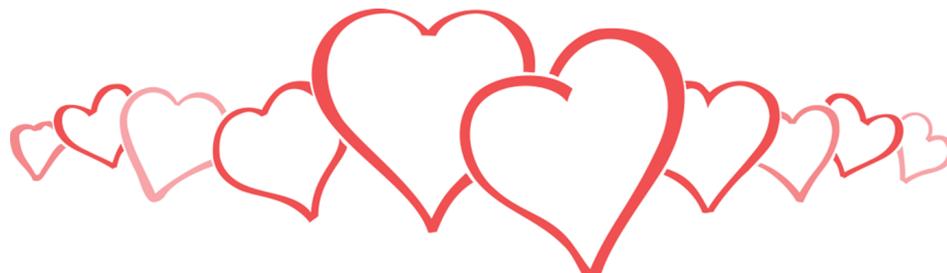
Check with Dixie on availability.

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.

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

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
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click the [GIVE](#) button on our
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