

March Newsletter

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The small church with a BIG heart.



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Important Dates

Church Service Sundays—March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday—March 6th @ 7:00 pm

Lenten Services Wednesdays—March 13, 20th, 27th @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study Tuesday—March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 9:00 am

Quilting Tuesday—March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10:00 am

WELCA Wednesday—March 6th @ 10 am

Bible Study Wednesday—March 6th @ 11 am

Church School Wednesday—March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 6 pm

Confirmation Class Wednesday—March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 7:00 pm

Alzheimer's Group Wednesday-March 20th @ 9:30 am

Food Shelf March 6th 8-10 am, 12th 4:30-6 pm, 19th 4:30-6 pm, 27th 9-11 am

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday—March 19th @ 11:30 am

Church School Sings Sunday—March 31st @ 10:00 am

Prayer Requests

Gary Hansen (Beth Bester's Uncle), Gary Beyer,
Chad Holz (Colleen Thompson's nephew),

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Arnie Felton, Rosella Davisson, Maxine Sunde, Eleanor Ohmann, Ray Ohmann,
Leatrice Taylor, Robert & Margaret Hayes, and Marie Norstad.

Families who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

Dennis Geiken Family, Terry Snoeyenbos & Brian Suilmann Family, Craig Kolstad Family,
and Chad VanZuilen Family.



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

Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's Lutheran,

Every year during Lent, we know spring is just around the corner. The days get longer and the temperature outside becomes warmer as we come closer to the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. In Lent, the customary thing to do is to give up something during the 40 days. Some people give up eating meat or sweets while others give up technology like Facebook or Twitter. Giving up these things is suppose to help us understand that our faith and our salvation is not predicated upon what we eat or how many posts we write online. The point of stripping excess from our lives is to lead us toward a greater truth, a truth Jesus declared to the devil when he was tempted in the wilderness, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)."

Nowadays, fasting and giving up certain things for 40 days is being practiced less and less. A reason why is because we are so busy and we need food and sugar to help us get through the day, me included. And honestly, it's hard for me to think of anything that I can take away from my life without affecting my daily routine and my work. So this year, I thought it will be beneficial for us to try something a little bit different for this Lenten season.

Instead of stripping away, I want us to share. Instead of cutting meat or soft drinks from our diet, I want us to make an effort to share whatever we have with anyone who is willing to receive. This may be our time, talents, or our possessions, but most importantly, I want us to share our stories. I believe it is essential for us to share with people around us where we see God active and working in our lives. Share people your stories of how God was there for you through all the good times and especially when life was rough. Share stories of this small church community that is doing all sorts of good ministry. Share your stories Saint Mark's because not only do you have amazing stories, I believe that when we share our stories and listen to what God is up to, we will be surprised how active and close God is. For Lent this season, share your gifts, share your blessings and please, share your stories of how God is active and working in your life today. Thanks be to God, amen.

Pastor Lue Moua



Happenings



Soup Suppers/Lenten Services

We will be having soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent.
Church School and the Service Groups will be providing the soup.

Soup supper—5:30 pm—6:45 pm
Lenten Worship Service—7:00 pm

Service Groups in Charge of Soup Suppers.

Group A—March 6th, & 27th
Group B—March 13th & April 3rd
Group C—March 20th & April 10th

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who helped declutter the Church on March 23rd.

The church is feeling a little lighter!

If you didn't make it,
you missed out on Dixie's new peanut butter cinnamon roll.



It's not too early to think about summer and St. Mark's VBS.

The theme this year is

Stories Woven

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20

Good Earth Village staff will be at St. Mark's Lutheran for the all day summer camp Monday thru Thursday July 15th thru 18th

This day camp is designed for children completing grades K-5 in 2019.

Before/after childcare will be available.

Registration forms will be available Wednesday, March 13th.

Cost per child is only \$10.00

Special Thank you to St. Mark's WELCA For sponsoring VBS 2019!

More Happenings



Mission "WARM" Donation Box

It's not too late to clean that closet out and donate a coat or 2 to someone in need.

Please place your clean hats, mittens, and warm jackets in the collection box in the church's Narthex.

No boots please.

Craft Weekend

Friday 3/1 - 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm-\$5
Saturday 3/2 - 9:30 am to 10:30 pm-\$20

Have your own table or 2 to craft, sew, make cards, get stuff organized.

You can sit in peace or visit, whatever moves you.

Friday supper you are on your own

Saturday soup lunch is provided & Saturday night is potluck

RSVP

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WELCA February Meeting Highlights

- Motion to pay the remaining cost of Good Earth Village for the VBS program to keep the cost lower per child.
- Food Shelf freezer was repaired by Orv Kappedahl.
- All visits were made and gifts delivered to our shut-ins.
- Quilters received a generous donation of fabric from Sharon Kappedahl.
- Prayers for the Homeless & Family impacted by the house explosion..



An Irish Blessing

*"May God
grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm
you, a sheltering Angel
so nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you."*

Greeters

3/3 Clarice & Chico Krenik
 3/10 Bob & Frieda Helgersen
 3/17 Lisa & Jonas Chavis
 3/24 Larry & Karen Engler
 3/31/ Sue Bresnahan

Ushers

3/3 Donald & Katie Fredidig
 3/10 Kelly & Jay Banaszewski
 3/17 Kjerstin Louis
 3/24 Eric & Alyssa Gehrke
 3/31 Adam Hegland

Readers

3/3 Clarice Krenik
 3/10 Bob Helgersen
 3/17 Cami Thompson
 3/24 Sophie Engler
 3/31 Corah Meier

Acolytes

3/3 Corah Meier & JoJo Taylor
 3/10 Nolan Banaszewski & Christian Neuborg
 3/17 Olivia Smith & Gianna Betzold
 3/24 Joel Gehrke & Abby Gehrke
 3/31 Chuck Gustafson & Tyson Cooreman

Communion Servers

3/3 Megan & Rachel Motz
 3/17 Ruben Kriesel & Geoffrey Krueger

Mar-Jun-Sep-Dec
Service Group C (4)
Co-Chairpersons

Chicky Otte

Karen Engler

First Last


Doug & Jeannette	Bakken
Kelly & Jay	Banaszewski
Keith & Kathy	Bey
David & Marge	Blank
Debbie	Chavis
Lisa & Jonas	Chavis
Jim & Katie	Creighton
Larry & Karen	Engler
Chad & Laura	Felton
Adam	Hegland
Bob & Cyndi	Holm
Carolyn	Horsch
Dean	Jahnz
Orv & Sharon	Kappedahl
Clarice & Chico	Krenik
Brian & Mary	Kriesel
Grant & Stephanie	Krueger
Andrew & Shelby	Kuhn
Cory & Keri	Lorenzen
Michael & Amanda	Loritz
Todd & Rachael	Maxwell
David & Patty	McKinley
Dan & Kathy	Motz
Robert & Carol	Nassif
Patty	Olson
Blake & Chicky	Otte
Derek & Amy	Otte
Tyler & Kelsey	Otte
James & Sara	Otto
Phil & Joanie	Peterson
Robert & Traci	Roberge
Lori	Schiller
Karen & Marc	Slininger
Leatrice	Taylor
Kristina	Thomsen
Dorry & Jeff	Wallof
Ann	Weckop



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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Fellowship following the service

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**We're on the Web
& Facebook**

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