

# April Newsletter

April 2021

*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

### ***Worship Service at Church and On-line***

**Worship Service** Sundays - April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10 am

**Maundy Thursday Service** - April 1st @ 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service** - April 2nd @ 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday Service** - April 4th @ 10:00 am

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:00 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:00 am

**WELCA** - Wednesday April 7th @ 10:00 am

**Bible Study** - Wednesday April 7th @ 11:00 am

**Church Council Meeting** Tuesday - April 13th @ 7:00 pm

**Blood Drive** Thursday - April 15th 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** Tuesday - April 20th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** April - 7th 8-9:30 am, 13th & 20th 4:30-6 pm, 28th, 9-11 am

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## **Prayer Requests**

Hank Ohmann (Colleen Thompson's Uncle),

### ***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

### ***Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:***

The Family of Jerry Otte,

The Family of Peggy Emery

The Family of Robert Bryson (Nora Felton's Father)



*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@northfieldwfi.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwfi.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*

## Pastor's Message

Greetings, Saint Mark's Lutheran,

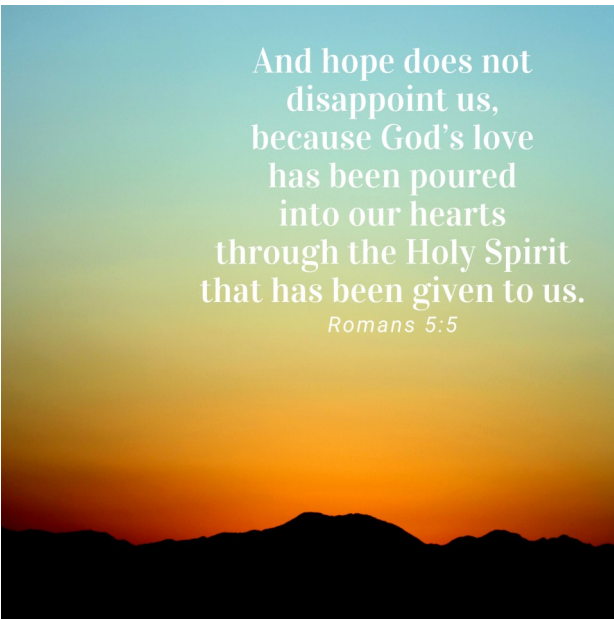
It's hard to imagine that we are already in April. These past few months have blended with the previous year so much so that it feels like we're still in 2020. We have already reached the one-year anniversary of when parts of the country and state began to shut down, schools were closing, and people were asked to work from home due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. It was, and for many people still, it is a scary time, and yet, as we enter the month of April, one-year into the pandemic, there is hope.

I want to thank the church council, church staff, and church members for their help, patience, generosity, and support. Over the past year, we have learned so much about technology, how to control the sound and the lighting situation, how to gather safely, and how to make sure people at home still feel connected. There are still a few challenges, but there is hope.

And when we talk about hope, it can be easy for people to dismiss it as some sort of contrived and abstract concept. Some see hope as an empty promise, as wishful thinking, or a naive perspective. But for others, we know how real hope is. It is hope that nurtures and sustains our faith; it is hope that calms our fears; and it is hope that connects us to one another. As we come to the end of the Lenten season, we know the hope of Easter.

On Sunday, April 4th, we will celebrate Easter. We will resurrect the Alleluias. And we rejoice with one another. I hope you will join us, either in person or on our Facebook page for this wonderful occasion. The Easter season ushers in so many hopeful reminders: Jesus' victory over death, our new and eternal life in Christ, and our call to serve our neighbors and the world.

Rejoicing in hope,  
Pastor Lue



And hope does not  
disappoint us,  
because God's love  
has been poured  
into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit  
that has been given to us.  
*Romans 5:5*

## Church Information

St. Mark's Lutheran <b><i>Holy Week &amp; Easter Sunday</i></b> <i>In-person and Streamed on Facebook</i> <i>Please follow in-person guidelines</i>			
			
<b>Palm Sunday</b> March 28 10:00 am	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 1 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> April 2 7:00 pm	<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 4 10:00 am

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Morning Adult Bible Studies

Every Tuesday @ 9:00 am &  
 1st Wednesday @ 11:00 am

Please join us

**No Bible Study on April 6th.**



## WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA**-April 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Graduates** - Will be making blankets for the seniors.
- **Shut Ins** - Sending Easter Cards with a treat.
- **Prayer Concerns**: - Peace in the world, for the shut-ins, for all kids and for the end of the pandemic.

## 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 Wednesday 8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**2nd Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

**3rd Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

**4th Wednesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.

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

### Randolph FFA Tractor Parade

The Annual FFA Tractor Parade will be April 9th starting at 9:00 am .

### 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.

### BLOOD DRIVE

April 15th from 1-7 pm  
at St. Mark's Church.

Please sign-up online for an appointment  
at

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

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

***You must make an appointment.***

The Red Cross has a great need for blood and they will be doing everything they can to keep all donors safe. The beds will be at least 6 feet apart, there will be sanitizer available, and they will be keeping people at safe distances during sign in, etc..



### BLOOD DRIVE

















#### Volunteers Needed

April 15th between 1-7 pm  
at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on April 15th, please call the church at (507) 263-9182 and leave a message or email

**[stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com)**

or contact Beth Bester  
@ (651) 246-9301

 For God  
so loved     
 the world that   
He gave His one  
and only Son     
 that whoever  
**BELIEVES**  
in **Him** shall not perish   
 but have **ETERNAL**   
    **LIFE.** 

John 3:16

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# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
And Live on Facebook

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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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