

May Newsletter

May 2021

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 9:00 am

Quilting Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th @ 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting Tuesday - May 11th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - May 18th @ 11:30 am

WELCA Wednesday - May 5th @ 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesday - May 5th @ 11:00 am

Food Shelf - 5th 8-9:30 am, 11th & 18th 4:30-6 pm, 26th 9-11 am

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Prayer Requests

Tony Nicolai, Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom),
Carla Kelly (friend of Jill Ballard) and Deb Blanck (Jodi Staub's mom)

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

All those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family of Steven Presnall

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



Pastor's Message

Greetings, St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

Growing up, one of my favorite hymns was "Here I Am, Lord." I remember the first time I heard the hymn. I was an elementary student at St. Patrick's Catholic School. Every time we sang that hymn during Mass, I would belt out the words—*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.* I did not care what my friends or those beside me thought because the hymn was so inspiring. In fact, "Here I Am, Lord" was the hymn that we sang during my commencement service when I graduated from seminary. And my heart still swells when we sing it during our worship service.

Although we do very little singing these days with the continued concerns related to the pandemic, I have noticed that my belting days are pretty non-existent now. I am much more reserved now, and I am more inclined to notice those around me. I worry what they will think of me—I am not that carefree 3rd grader anymore, joyously singing, "*I will go, Lord. If you lead me.*"

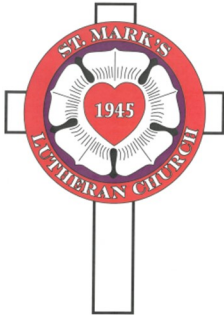
I wonder how many of you have a similar experience of being more self-conscious of how you live out your faith, worrying more about what others will think, shrinking yourself and your testimony so as not to draw attention to yourself. All of us have a story, a testimony to share of how Jesus has impacted our lives. Each fall, our young people stand in front of the congregation and share their faith statements. But since that public declaration, how many of our adult congregation members have since stood in front of others to proclaim, "Here I am, Lord"?

You are probably thinking that it is easy for me since I am a pastor; my profession is to stand up in front of the church every Sunday and share a sermon with you. But the truth is, once I step down from the pulpit, I too struggle with how to live out my faith. And this is where God finds us, and asks, "Whom shall I send?"

So often, we worry about what others will say or how others will judge us. We are concerned with how many Likes, views, and subscribers we will get. We forget that we are the very center of God's love and attention, whether we are belting out hymns, publicly declaring our faith, or sharing our testimonies with others. We are who God sees and wants—and God calls each and every one of us into his kingdom with all of the unique ways we live out our faith. We might live out our faith through our kind words, through coaching youth soccer, through volunteering at the food shelf, through picking up trash with other 4H members, or through sharing our snacks with our friends at the lunch table. Through these actions of our faith, we respond to God: *I will hold Your People in my heart.*

Pastor Lue Moua

Church Information



75th Anniversary Celebration Postponed

The 75th Anniversary Celebration is being postponed until 2022.

We want everyone to be health and safe so we will be able to celebrate and enjoy a meal together.

We will have more information next year.

We still have items for sale.

Hand made glass Ornament - \$20 each

19"x 25" Cotton Towels - \$10 each

Church Cookbook - \$20 each

Package Deals

A. - \$50 - 1-Ornament; 2-Towels (1 of each print); 1-Cookbook.

B. - \$35 - 1-Ornament; 2-Towels (1 of each print).

C. - \$50 - 3 Cookbooks

10% discount for 4 or more of either towels or ornaments

Options to purchase any of the items:

1. Message St. Mark's Church on Facebook.
2. E-mail stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com.
3. Call or Text Dixie at 612-578-8743

All items can be picked up at Dixie's house.

Address: 27819 Donnelly Ave, Randolph MN 55065



Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

Every Tuesday @ 9:00 am &

1st Wednesday @ 11:00 am

Please join us



WELCA Info



- **Next WELCA**-May 5, 2021 @ 10:00 am
- **Graduates** - \$500 sent to Friends of Randolph Scholars
- **Shut Ins** - Delivered Easter Baskets to shut ins.
- **Prayer Concerns:** - Safety for Farmers, Road Construction Workers, anyone with Covid and for the end of Covid.

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 9:30 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 or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 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

Thank you to all who helped make the Blood Drive successful.



Christian Church Calendar

Liturgical Year

X F N N H V L G T K K K S L
J Q O T B L E D Q G M A T T
B R L R K P N J O K M R N S
T P X D D Y T O R T Y N Z O
R T R D F I D H S R B R T C
R N K N C F N I D K C V W E
K E J M R N R A L G G K R T
V V T I Z H V X R L K M W N
F D D S C K F R D Y T F V E
M A F F A K K V M B T R N P
Y R K K W E P X D Y T I T B
M B M M E P I P H A N Y M F
G H K L X V Q L T H T T G E
Y A D S R U H T Y D N U A M

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Advent

Christmas

Easter

Epiphany

Good Friday

Lent

Maundy Thursday


Ordinary Time

Pentecost

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
And Live on Facebook

The Small Church
with a Big 

**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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