

October Newsletter

October 2020

The small church with a BIG heart.



Important Dates

Worship Service at Church and On-line

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

Bible Study Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:00 am

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

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

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday - October 20th @ 11:30 am

WELCA Wednesday - October 7th @ 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesday - October 7th @ 11:00 am

Congregational Meeting - Sunday October 18th after the service

Confirmation - Sunday October 25th @ 10:00am

Food Shelf - 7th 8-10 am, 13th & 20th 4:30-6 pm, 28th 9-11 am

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Prayer Requests

Josh Schumacher (Chicky Otte's cousin), Jerry Otte, Mary Borman, Colleen Meyer, Wayne Weidner, and Sheryl Fischer.

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, Maxine Sunde, and Leatrice Taylor

All 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 stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.



Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's,

This month is usually reserved for fall activities and preparing for the upcoming holidays, but with the pandemic, it's unclear to what extent we can participate in these activities. As much as we want COVID-19 to go away, this is the new reality we are living in today. I know all of us are tired of this pandemic and we all miss one another. It seems so long ago that we had fellowship after worship and were greeted with hot dishes, soups, and dinner rolls. And, a fellowship meal can't be complete without dessert. On any given Sunday, you can find cookies and cake. But on some Sundays, the wonderful bakers of Saint Mark's will surprise you with homemade bars and cinnamon rolls.

As you can tell, I miss gathering and being in fellowship with you. And it's not just about the food either. I miss hearing your stories and seeing how each of you are doing. I miss the sound of kids running around and hearing the laughter. I know these times are tough on all of us especially those who are alone or vulnerable. And yet, in the midst of frustration, uncertainty, and anxiety, we also come together, as best as we can, to celebrate and affirm our faith and the faith of our confirmation students.

On Sunday, October 25th, we have an opportunity to listen to our young people speak about their faith. This is truly a special moment for these young people and their families, but it is also a special moment for the life of the church. This is what it means to be a church, to have a space for people to gather and testify to how God is working in their lives, to see how God is creating and redeeming the world back to God's self. Also, this is a chance for us to witness and affirm our children and their faith.

So please join us, whether online or in-person, as we affirm and celebrate the accomplishment of our confirmation students. Friends, this is what it means to be a community. When times are tough, we need each other more than ever. We need each other to remind us of God's promises and love. As we watch our children grow into their calling, may we be strengthened by their witness and be filled with hope for the future.

God's peace be with you,
Pastor Lue Moua



Church Information

First Communion

First Communion Congratulations!

The Saint Mark's First Communion Students, along with their family members, were able to have their First Communion on a very beautiful evening outside on the Church lawn.

Congratulations on your First Communion
Owen Braatz, Cade Gustafson, Isabella Haro,
Cora Kranz, Maksim Krech, Sibley Krueger,
Max Kuhn, Rachel LaVan, Madison Loritz,
Justine Ohmann, Kelso Olson, Paige Otte,
Logan Tate, Grady Taylor, Lindsay Taylor,
and Tyler Thomsen



Church School Gathering to remember Carter Nicolai

There will be a gathering on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00pm to remember Carter Nicolai.

All church school children and their families are invited!
We will be planting Carter's memorial tree, releasing balloons, and dedicating Carter's Court.

Please park in the parking lot then move to the southwest corner.

Masks are required.



Bible Study Opportunities

Morning Adult Bible Studies

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

Please join us



Congregational Meeting - October 18th, 2020 after the worship service.

Confirmation Sunday - October 25th 10:00 am.



Congratulations to our newest Member!

Jaxson Harvey Otte , son of Tyler & Kelsey Otte
was Baptized on Sunday, September 20th.

Church School Information

This year has presented many challenges in our lives and it will change our traditional Church School as well. We have decided to postpone the beginning of in-person Church School. The Board of Education will meet again later this fall to discuss the possibility of starting in-person classes in January. We will communicate with you as soon as a decision is made. While we will not be meeting in person with your child/children, there is so much that you can do in your home to continue their Christian education and relationship with God.

We will be offering virtual lessons for 1st-5th grade kids and their families starting Wednesday, October 21st. **These will be optional!** We will be using the GO+ virtual church program. More information and links to the videos will be emailed to you in October.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and trusting us to educate them. We miss them and hope you all are staying healthy.

Sara Gustafson

Kelly Tate

Amy Otte

Deena Otto

Saint Mark's Safety Guidelines

We will be offering On-Line Service and In-Church Service

Guidelines & Expectations for In-Church Service - Safety Precautions

- If you or someone in your household is sick, please stay home.
- Please physical distance at least 6 feet.
- Follow best hygiene practices – please use hand sanitizer.
- Masks are required because of the State Mandate. Please wear your mask inside of the church building.
- Please cover your cough or sneeze.
- No food or drink allowed in the church at this time.
- The kitchen is closed. Please do not go into the church kitchen.
- The classrooms are closed. Please do not go into the classrooms.
- The water fountains are off. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Please do not congregate before or after the service.
- Please no singing during the service.
- Please be patient, kind, and understanding.
- No Group may use the church building until they have approval from the church office. The Church Council has the final decision about facility use based on safety considerations.

Farmers and Fall Harvest Season



Reminder it's the busy season of harvesting for our farmers.

Farmers put in long hours to get the harvesting done and have big equipment to move in and out of the fields.

Please watch for slow moving equipment on the roads.

Be patient, give them space, and wait for a passing zone to safely pass.

We want everyone to make it home safely to their families.

May God bless our farmers and keep them safe!

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 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.



Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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**Sunday Worship
10:00 am
And Live on Facebook**

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