

August Newsletter

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The small church with a BIG heart.



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Important Dates

Church Service Sundays—August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Bible Study Tuesday—August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 9:00 am

Quilting Tuesday—August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th @ 10:00 am

WELCA Wednesday—August 7th 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting—Tuesday August 13th @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday—August 20th @ 11:30 am

Alzheimer's Group Wednesday-August 21st @ 9:30 am

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

Feast & Festival Sunday—August 4th—Service starts at 10:00 am



Congratulations to our newest Member!

Kinsley Marilyn Otte, daughter of Bret & Kayla Otte
Baptized on Sunday July 28th.
Sponsors were Tyler & Kelsey Otte

Prayer Requests

Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballard's sister), Andy Stein, Lori Sutter, Kevin Estrem, Joe Horsch, Luke Nassif, Gary Hanson (Uncle of Beth Bester).

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The Family of David McKeag (Dixie Schaffer's Father) and
The Family of Ellen (Pitsy) Olson
The Family of Walter "Tom" Pleschourt, Jr. (married to Cindi Chambers)



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,

For the next couple of months, I will focus on the prophets of the Old Testament and how their message is still relevant for us today. For this month, it is the prophet Amos.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-17

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
In all the squares there shall be wailing;
and in all the streets they shall say, "Alas! alas!"

They shall call the farmers to mourning,
and those skilled in lamentation, to wailing;
in all the vineyards there shall be wailing,
for I will pass through the midst of you,
says the Lord.

The prophet Amos held God's people accountable for their ill-treatment of others. Amos repeatedly pointed out the failure of the people to fully embrace God's idea of justice. The Jewish people ignored the laws and commandments of Moses to help the poor, and to practice justice and loving kindness. Instead, the rich and powerful oppressed the poor and corruption was rampant. Many began worshipping idols and turned away from God. They were selling off needy people for goods, taking advantage of the helpless, oppressing the poor, and the men were using women immorally. The people had lost the concept of caring for one another and Amos rebuked them because he saw in that lifestyle evidence that Israel had forgotten God. It is in Amos that we hear the famous phrase uttered by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his I Have a Dream speech, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

In the midst of everything that is going in the world today, what does it mean to speak truth, seek good, and establish justice in the gate? How can we, as God's people, embrace God's idea of love and justice toward those on the fringes of society; those on welfare, the homeless, or the countless number of men, women and children on our southern border? How do we speak truth and stand up for the vulnerable when we know, some people will hate and criticize us?

The prophet Amos tells us that if we seek God and what is good, we will live. Furthermore, Jesus offers us these words of encouragement. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ...If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you."

Saint Mark's Lutheran, we are claimed and called by our Creator to love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. When our neighbor suffers, we cannot look away. And, when people criticize and hate us for doing what is right, remember that we and Christ are one with the Father and those who do good will live. May God grant us the wisdom and courage to show God's love for the world, especially when it is hard to do so.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Lue Moua

Happenings



Good Earth Village
staff were **AMAZING!**

Thank you to all who made
VBS an amazing experience
for the young kids.

It couldn't have happened without
the help of many.

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

It was a huge success!

Church School Swimming Party

August 11 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Cannon Falls Pool
For all Church School and
Confirmation Families



75th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars May 17th of 2020.

We are looking for pictures of
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, past pastors,
and other events you might like to donated

or

artifacts you would like to donated
please leave them
in the church office with Dixie or
contact Dorry Wallof.

New Church Directory Coming

Mark your calendars for New Family Pictures
for the new Church Directory.

Dates will be:

11/20/19 - 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

11/21/19 - 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

12/6/19 - 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

12/7/19 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

More information to come!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Thank you to all who donated to
this Fundraiser.

\$147 Collected so far.

Please return your bottle to the church office.

Community Food Shelf

**If you know anyone that could
benefit from receiving some extra
food please let them know we're
here. Check the calendar on the 1st
page for dates and times.**

The Swipe Out Hunger campaign will
run from **August 1-8** this year so check
out **Merchants Bank** website and vote
for our Food Shelf! Top prize is \$2,500 to
the Food Shelf with the most votes.

WELCA Info

- **Next WELCA** meeting 8/7/2019 @ 10 am
- **Museum Case** - Final cost was \$2,129.
- **Food Shelf** - Beth Bester will be in charge and Alma Johnston will keep the books.
- **Prayers** - Dave McKeag family, abused Children & Elderly, and anyone dealing with the heat.

ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual

FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday
AUGUST
04
2019

FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

BBQ ROAST PORK
FRESH SWEET CORN
BAKED BEANS
SALADS
PIES
ROOT BEER FLOATS

28595 Randolph Blvd
Randolph, MN 55065
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FESTIVITIES

--- Church Service - 10am ---

--- Live Music ---

featuring the Roe Family from 10am - 1:30pm

--- Silent Auction ---

check out a wide variety of great items
bidding wraps up at 1:00pm

--- Live Auction ---

bidding begins at 1:30pm

--- Cash Raffle ---

\$20 tickets*, cash payouts totalling \$3,000
winners announced at event

--- Kids Activities ---

bouncy houses, petting zoo,
pony rides and much more!

--- Craft & Bake Sale ---

handmade crafts & homemade goods

Meal Ticket Prices

	Presale	Day of Event
Adults (ages 12+)	\$12*	\$15
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5*	\$7

*To purchase meal or raffle tickets in advance,
email us at stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com

Feast & Festival

Please join us on Sunday, August 4th for the annual Feast & Festival!

There are many ways you can get involved - please help make this year's Feast & Festival a great success!

There will be someone at church to collect auction items and sell tickets Tuesday night from 7-8pm and Friday from 6-9pm

Raffle Tickets

We have \$20 raffle tickets with cash prizes. If you want raffle tickets, get them before they are gone! Contact a committee member if you would like to buy some before Sunday. This year we're offering a special deal - purchase 5 raffle tickets (\$100 value) and get 2 free meal tickets.

If you have a supply that you're working on selling, thank you! If you could let Keri Lorenzen (507-202-0663, keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com) know the status of your sales so we don't end up with a lot of unsold tickets the weekend of the Feast & Festival, we would appreciate that.

Meal Tickets

We will have presale meal tickets available - \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets the day of the event will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids.

Auction Items

We will be having both a silent and live auction at the Feast & Festival this year. If you have items to donate, please bring them to church this week **Tuesday between 8 am and 4 pm or Thursday between 7:00 – 10:30 am** or connect with a committee member so we can have everything organized in advance. Be creative!!

Sign Up

Without all of the generous help and donations of St. Mark's members, this festival wouldn't be possible. Below is the sign up sheet to bring salads, coolers, time slots for working, set-up, clean-up, etc. Please sign up so the committee can plan accordingly to ensure everything is ready for the big day!

Here is the link to the Feast & Festival Volunteer Sign Up.

[Annual Summer Feast & Festival 2019](#)

Feast & Festival Continued

Bake Sale

Start up those ovens and bring in your favorite homemade bars, cookies or pie for the bake sale!! Bring your sweet tooth to the Feast & Festival and purchase some of the amazing treats that this congregation bakes. Drop off your goodies by 4:00 pm Saturday.

Spread the Word!

You can help spread the word by inviting your friends and neighbors. There are posters and flyers at church if you can help hang posters at local businesses or distribute in your neighborhood. Share the event on Facebook!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the committee members. We hope to see you all at the Feast & Festival!!

Planning Committee:

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Dave & Lucinda Preston - lucindapreston@gmail.com - 507-663-6138

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Cory & Keri Lorenzen - keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com - 507-202-0663

Doug Bakken - doug.bakken@ridleyinc.com - 612-532-5101

Kjirsten Louis - kelouis16@hotmail.com - 651-276-1042

Steve & Marge Louis - 651-303-5818



Bake Sale items for the Feast & Festival

Please drop your bake sale items off at the church
Saturday, August 3rd by 4:00 pm.

Greeters

8/4 Feast & Festival
 8/11 Steve & Marge Louis
 8/18 Stan & Mary Ohmann
 8/25 Tom Otte

Ushers

8/4 Feast & Festival
 8/11 Lisa Loken
 8/18 Bruce & Bria Ohmann
 8/25 Patty Olson

Readers

8/4 Feast & Festival
 8/11 open
 8/18 open
 8/25 open

Acolytes

8/4 Feast & Festival
 8/11 open
 8/18 open
 8/25 open

Communion Servers

8/18 open

*If you are listed and can't help or
 If there is an open slot and you can help
 Please let Dixie know by phone (507) 263-9182
 or email stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com.*

**Service Group B (3)
Co-Chairpersons**

Sheryl Fischer & Karen Otte

First Last


Arnie & Anne	Berquam
Rodney & Stacy	Braatz
Sue	Bresnahan
Dawn	Burlage
Mark & Kelli	Dibble
Ann & Mark	Elliott
Bob & Sheryl	Fischer
Donald & Katie	Freidig
Benjamin & Megan	Friedrich
JJ & Shannon	Grant
Shane & Karen	Hare
Todd & Mary	Haro
Julie	Jensen
Alma	Johnston
Ryan & Crystal	Kranz
Dan & Karrie	Kuhn
Randy & Tami	Lee
Lisa	Loken
Steve & Marge	Louis
Durene	Mies
William & Jody	Mies
Bruce & Bria	Ohmann
Stan & Mary	Ohmann
Bob & Shannon	Olson
Karen & Jerry	Otte
Tom	Otte
Katie	Overby
Matthew & Samantha	Peterson
Jason & Hillary	Podritz
Bryce & Kristine	Presnall
Dave & Lucinda	Preston
Dixie & Marv	Schaffer
Randi & Jeff	Schmicking
Tim & Renee	Schultz
Heather	Siebenaler
Chuck & Brenda	Taylor
Dean & Sara	Taylor
Steve & Colleen	Thompson
Kurt & Katie	Weidner



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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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