

Greetings Saint Mark's,

For those who I have not met, my name is Lue Moua, and I am the newly installed pastor here at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Randolph, MN. My family recently relocated here from Missoula, Montana where my wife, Nou, was born and raised. However, Minnesota has always been home for me. I grew up and spent most of my life on the East Side of Saint Paul and later, near the Midway and Como area. I am especially happy to be back home. We have a six-year-old son named Nathaniel, who is obsessed with ceiling fans. We are excited to have him go to Randolph Elementary this coming school year. Some of my hobbies include fishing, playing with my son, and cheering for the Minnesota Vikings.

I am honored and humbled to be a part of this community. I look forward to getting to know each of you, learning from you, and hearing your stories. I must confess—it takes a while for me to learn names. I will try to remember your names but please forgive me if I forget, and remind me of your name. My family and I are delighted to be at Saint Mark's as we start a new chapter together, discerning what God has in store for us.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge that this month has been filled with a lot of mixed emotions. There are many things in which we are thankful for like a successful Feast & Festival as well as the installation of a new pastor. However, this month has also been filled with a lot of grief and sadness over the passing of Pat Otte. This was an unfortunate and tragic accident no one saw coming and a lot of us may be confused. As your pastor, I don't know why bad things happen to good people and I don't think I ever will. What I do know is God's promise to always be with us.

God promises to be with us no matter what may happen in our lives, even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. We also know that our faith does not mean God will always protect us from life's tragedies because that is not the reality we live in. Sometimes, bad things just happen. Our faith in Christ cannot shield us from grief or pain, however, our faith helps us through these difficult times in our lives. When we can't do it by ourselves, when it is too much for us to bear alone, God promises to walk alongside us through it all.

We are never alone, each and everyone of us have been called, claimed, and sealed by the waters of baptism into God's family. We are loved. Even though we may fall at times or struggle in this life, we do so knowing God has our back. God is with us and God is for us. When your faith is difficult or too heavy to carry, God is with you, God hears you. Also, please let us know, your community of faith is here, ready to lend a helping hand.

God's Peace,  
Pr. Lue Moua

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# September 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
2 Service 10am	3	4	5 FOOD SHELF 8-10 AM WELCA 10am Bible Study 11am	6	7	1/8
9 Service 10am	10	11 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am FOOD SHELF 5-6:30PM Council Meeting 7pm	12 CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 6-7pm Confirmation and parent meeting 6:30- 7pm	13	14	15
16 Service 10am	17	18 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am FOOD SHELF 4-5:30PM	19 Alzheimer's Support Group 9:30am Church School 6-7pm Confirmation 6- 7pm	20	21	22
23 Service 10am	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am	26 FOOD SHELF 9-11 AM Church School 6-7pm Confirmation 6- 7pm	27	28	29
30 Service 10am						

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**Prayer Requests**

Joyce Nuehring (Lucinda's Aunt), Dan Deike (Kathy Motz' Father), Bob Fleskes, Gloria Dubbels, Kay Molstrom (Tony Price's Mom), Craig Kolstad, Regan Nordling and the Nordling family, Paul Hunsaid, Luke Nassif, Glen Holz, and please keep all our Seniors in your prayers. **Some** are in Care Centers: Arnie Felton, Rosella Davisson, Maxine Sunde, Eleanor Ohmann, Norma Taylor, Ray Ohmann, Leatrice Taylor, Robert and Margaret Hayes, Marie Norstad

**FOOD SHELF NEEDS**

Food Shelf needs: Brown paper bags or cash. We use all cash donations to buy perishable items. Thank you for your help.

**Please welcome Pastor Lue and family! We celebrate the Lord calling them here!**

There are still raffle tickets for sale for the quilt. See Alma or Sheryl on Sunday morning, or call Sheryl at 507-298-2743



**Have a great year!!!**

**SERVICE GROUP C**

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 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      | Waloff      |
| Ann               | Weckop      |

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### Church School News:

- The Board of Education has decided to move 1st grade class back to Wednesday evenings, we will offer Church School on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00PM for grades 1-5. We will not be offering Pre-K/Kindergarten class due to lack of enrollment.
- Registration night is Wednesday September 12th from 6:00 - 7:00PM. Join us for ice cream sundaes. meet the teachers and a bit of fellowship. Cost for church school is \$20 per child with a \$50 max per family.
- Classes begin on Wednesday September 19th.
- We are still in need of 1st and 3rd grade teachers, please contact Kris Thomsen, Lucinda Preston, Amy Otte or Lisa Price if you are interested.

### Confirmation News:

- The Board of Education has decided to move Confirmation classes back to Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM for grades 6-9. Pastor Lue will lead the group with an opening message and then students will break off into groups by grade for further study.
- Mandatory Parent / Student / Leader meeting will also be on Wednesday September 12th from 6:30-7:00PM. Pastor Lue will go over the calendar for the year, requirements and expectations of students and events planned for the year.
- We are also in need of confirmation leaders for all grade, please contact Kris Thomsen, Pastor Lue or the board members listed above if you are interested in helping. We need leaders in order to offer this program to students.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the 2018 Feast & Festival a huge success! Whether you attended the event, sold tickets, helped work, baked pies, donated auction items, mowed the grass or anything to help promote the Feast & Festival, thank you!

We thought you might enjoy a few statistics from the day:

- Gross income of over **\$30,000!**
- Served **580** people, resulting in **\$6,000**
- Silent auction brought in over **\$3,850**
- Live auction brought in over **\$7,770**
- All **600** raffle tickets were purchased resulting in **\$9,000** in income

We welcome any feedback on things you enjoyed or suggestions on how to make the 2019 Feast & Festival even more successful! Talk to any of the committee members or email us at [stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com). Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4th 2019!!

### Feast & Festival Committee:

Blake & Chicky Otte  
Dave & Lucinda Preston  
Cory & Keri Lorenzen  
Rob & Kelly Tate  
Doug Bakken

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**September Ushers**

9/2 Katie Overby  
9/9 Eric and Alyssa Gehrke  
9/16 Bob and Frieda Helgerson  
9/23 Mitch and Karla Monson  
9/30 Brian and Sandy Nicolai

**September Greeters**

9/2 Deena Otto  
9/9 Dan and Carol Harris  
9/16 Dave and Sandy Kutz  
9/23  
9/30

**September Readers**

9/2 Please sign up  
9/9 Please sign up  
9/16 Please sign up  
9/23 Please sign up  
9/30 Please sign up

**September Acolytes**

9/2 Mackenzie Hegland and Corah Meier  
9/9 Meredith Taylor and Taylor Preston  
9/16 Mckenna and Imogen Otte  
9/23 Geoff Krueger and Mason Lorenzen  
9/30 Sophie Engler and Cale Staub

**September Communion Servers**

9/2 Mackenzie Hegland and Corah Meier  
9/16 Mckenna and Imogen Otte

**October Ushers**

10/7  
10/14 Dave and Lucinda Preston  
10/18 Jeff and Randi Schmicking  
10/21 Dean and Sara Taylor  
10/28 Kurt and Katie Weidner

**October Greeters**

10/7 Jerry and Karen Otte  
10/14 Marv and Dixie Schaffer  
10/18 Tim and Renee Schultz  
10/21  
10/28

**October Readers**

10/7 Church School  
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**October Communion Servers**

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9/16 Church School

## 2018-2019 Confirmation Class Calendar

September 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm – 7pm Registration/Parent & Student Meeting with Pastor
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> night of Class
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Class
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Class, MEA
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Class
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO CLASS – Happy Halloween!
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Class
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving break
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Class
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS – Christmas Break
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS – Christmas break
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO CLASS – New Year's break
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Class
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship Service

March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship Service
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship Service
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lenten Worship Service
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship Service
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship Service
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Review

**Class time is from 7pm – 8pm Wednesday Evenings**

**\*Note Lenten schedule:** during the Lenten season all confirmation kids are required to attend service instead of class time and take sermon notes. They will also be assisting on a rotation basis with helping during class time, serving soup supper and clean up, readings and acolyte.

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September 12 <sup>th</sup>	6pm – 7pm Orientation/Open House
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> night of Class
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Class
Sunday Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	All grades sing at Worship
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Class, MEA
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Class
Sunday Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	All grades sing at Worship
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO CLASS – Happy Halloween!
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Program practice
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Program practice
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January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class
Sunday Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	All grades sing at Worship
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class



February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class
Sunday Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	All grades sing at Worship
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Ash Wednesday
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class - Lenten Lesson
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Lenten Lesson
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Lenten Lesson
Sunday Mar 31 <sup>th</sup>	All grades sing at Worship
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class – Lenten Lesson
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Lenten Lesson
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday – all grades sing
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Final Lenten Lesson before Easter
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Workshop
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion – Maundy Thursday
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Party