

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

Sat., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast

Sun., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – OCC presentation following  
worship service

Fri., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night

Sun., Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council  
Meeting

Fri., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Middleburgh 4th Friday



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Many of us have never been in the country of Zimbabwe, however, on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the opportunity to visit this African country through the eyes of **Mary Lou Ryan**, Church Relations Coordinator for NY Greater Area Capital District of OCC. Several years ago, Mary Lou left her Middleburgh home to travel to Zimbabwe with OCC and on the 13th will be sharing with us her experiences as delivered boxes to children. Please plan to join us for coffee hour during which time Mary Lou will present her slideshow, tell us about the children she met and answer any questions you may have about OCC.

August St. Mark's OCC "wish list" is:

- pencil cases
- pencil sharpeners
- silly sunglasses
- fun stuff

## Prayer Chain Requests In July

Family of Steven Nelson  
Family of Chad Curtis

Austin Roney  
Leonard Cater  
Sonny & Gloria Jahnke  
Vanessa Gordon  
Diane Barton  
Braiden Cole  
Don Meunier  
Stanley Fancher, Jr.  
John Lower

## Thought for the Day:

Keep your eyes on God. He never  
takes His eyes off you.



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## Servers for August

### August 6<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Lori  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Ushers – Deb R. / Marie  
Counter – Carrie

### August 12<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Marie  
Prayer – Cheryl  
Ushers – Denise / Ron  
Counter – Deb P.

### August 19<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Sharon  
Prayer – Ron  
Ushers – Dennis F. / Carrie  
Counter – Sharon

### August 26<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Ginny  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Ushers – Bob / Peggi  
Counter – Diane

## St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Here is the summary of income and expenses for the month of June 2023:

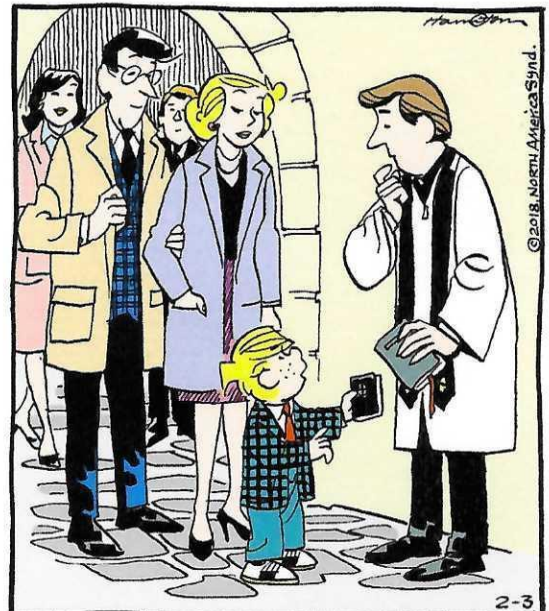
Income	\$4395.00
Expenses	3691.80
Balance	\$703.20

## August Birthdays:

Barb Elder	Aug. 7
Dennis Foland	Aug. 22
Georgia VanDyke	Aug. 22
Lyndia Hauser	Aug. 30

## August Anniversaries:

Greg / Amanda Howland	Aug. 14
Dennis / Diane France	Aug. 22
Dean / Lori Roney	Aug. 22
Bob / Peggi Meunier	Aug. 28



"DID THEY HAVTA BUY THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN THE OLD TESTAMENT WORE OUT?"



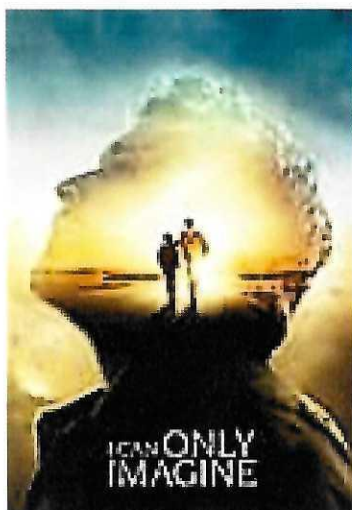
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## Calendar Reminders...

**Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall. All men are invited to come and have a wonderful time of conversation, laughs and especially delicious food.

## Movie Night

You are invited to an evening at the movies on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. when we will be showing the movie "I Can Only Imagine". What we will see is the story of what prompted the composing of the song "I Can Only Imagine" which was recorded by MercyMe. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Fourth Friday

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, will be the last time this summer when we sell hot dogs, chips and water.



"The hot dog was THIS big!!!"





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## Thank You St. Mark's Bakers...

Thank you to all who so graciously spent time baking delicious goodies for our ice cream social held during the summer band concert on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. It took a lot of restraint to keep from sampling all of them. 😊



Thank you too for the pies and monetary donations made for our annual Phoebe fundraiser held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We netted almost \$700 and we were only able to do this because of your generosity. God bless you!



## Ecumenical Worship Service

"Let Us Worship Together" is exactly what the churches in Middleburgh did on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, as we gathered on the MCS front lawn. Uplifting music was led by JFF (a local Christian band) followed by an inspiring message delivered to us by seminarian, Alex Turpin. An additional blessing was hearing the Lord's prayer spoken in Swahili by seminarian, Gilbert Kimaro, who also led us in the prayer in English. It was truly a time of celebrating what unites us as God's family.



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**Please keep our military  
(both two- and four-  
legged) and our country in  
your prayers.**



A lady went to the Pastor and said 🙋 ...  
"I won't be attending Church anymore."

He said, "May I ask why??"

She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor got silent and he said, "Ok... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

She said, "What's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."

She said, "Yes I can do that."

She came back and said "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God."