

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Sat., Oct. 8th – 9:00 a.m. – Pie Sale on MCS lawn at Fall Festival / Oktoberfest

Wed., Oct. 12th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner at OLV Catholic Church

Sun., Oct. 16th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Sat., Oct. 22nd – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – “Coats for Kids” and Adults

Wed., Oct. 26th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner at St. Mark's Church

Thurs., Oct. 27th – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – “Coats for Kids” and Adults

Sat., Oct. 29th – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – “Coats for Kids” and Adults

Movie Night – date is TBD – additional information will be forthcoming



Prayer Chain Requests In Sept.

Georgia VanDyke
Linda Amond
Betty Remmers
Virgil Cater
Vernon Gordon
Harry Amendola
Sandi / Ed Johnson
Dean Roney
Alton Rowe
Jim Cornell
Jack
Valerie Smith
Joyce Hoffman
Ronnie Paro
Crystal Sengenburger

Thought for the Day:

We find contentment at the same place we find salvation - in Christ.



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Servers for October

Oct. 2nd:

Reader – Sharon N.

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Deb R. / Marie

Counter – Carrie

Oct. 9th:

Reader – Ginny

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Deb P. / Barb

Counter – Deb P.

Oct. 16th:

Reader – Ron

Prayer – Cheryl

Ushers – Bob / Peggy

Counter – Sharon N.

Oct. 23rd:

Reader – Georgia

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Carrie / Dennis F.

Counter – Diane

Oct. 30th:

Reader – Eric

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Tom / Ginny

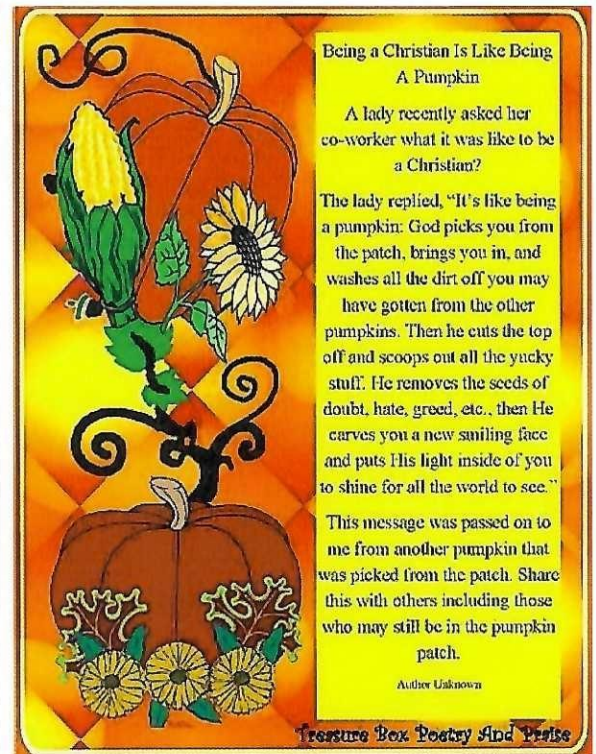
Counter – Carrie

October Birthdays:

Michelle Amendola	Oct. 6
Kathy Kauffmann	Oct. 12
James Boyle	Oct. 14
Lori Roney	Oct. 18
Doug Chichester	Oct. 19
Pastor Dave Houck	Oct. 25

October Anniversaries:

Todd / Lisa Bartholomew	Oct. 4
Greg / Colleen Davidson	Oct. 21
Terry / Denise Minton	Oct. 25



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PHOEBES REQUEST

St. Mark's Phoebes would like to make a donation of a new gas stove for St. Mark's kitchen since the one we currently have does not work properly. On October 8th Middleburgh is hosting their annual Fall Festival / Oktoberfest. Since events like these bring many people to Middleburgh, the Phoebes are planning a fundraiser of a pie sale where we will sell only pumpkin and apple pies. So.... once again we are asking our bakers to make a donation of pie(s) for us to sell. For those who are unable to bake yet would like to help with this project, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Please contact Sharon Nesbitt at 518-827-4644 if you are willing to make a pie(s) or make a monetary donation to help us make this purchase. We will also need help on the 8th to set up our table as well as sell pies at the MCS lawn. May God bless you for your generosity.

"Coats for Kids" and Adults

It is time to "bundle up" to keep warm as the weather gets colder. As in the past, St. Mark's and the Joshua Project are joining together to provide "Coats for Kids" and Adults. Please consider purchasing a new coat or donating a "gently" used coat to be given away to those in need.

We are also seeking volunteers to help set up and distribute the coats in our fellowship hall. Please contact Pat McCoy at 518-231-4632 if you are available to help on any of the following dates / times:

Set-up Day –
Thurs., Oct. 20th at 8:00 a.m.

Giveaway Dates –
Sat., Oct. 2nd – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 27th – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 29th – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



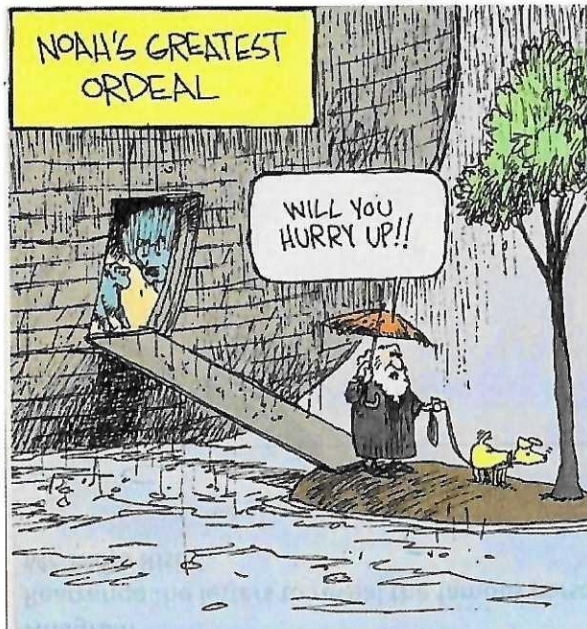
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Neighbors Eating Together (NET) Dinners

If on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from October to May you don't feel like cooking but want to enjoy delicious food that is prepared and served by someone else, please consider joining your friends and neighbors as they dine at our NET dinners.

October 12th – 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is hosting their first NET dinner of the year.

October 26th – 5:00 p.m. – we at St. Mark's are hosting our first NET dinner when we will serve chili, cornbread, and dessert. Please let Cheryl know if you are willing to make any of these items for our dinner as well as help set up and/or clean up.



Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

We would like to introduce Ruth Palmer as the new St. Mark's coordinator for our OCC shoebox project. Each Sunday Ruth exudes enthusiasm and excitement as she displays and speaks about suggested items, including "Wow" gifts, that can be placed in the shoeboxes.

Please note that the following items cannot be included in the boxes:

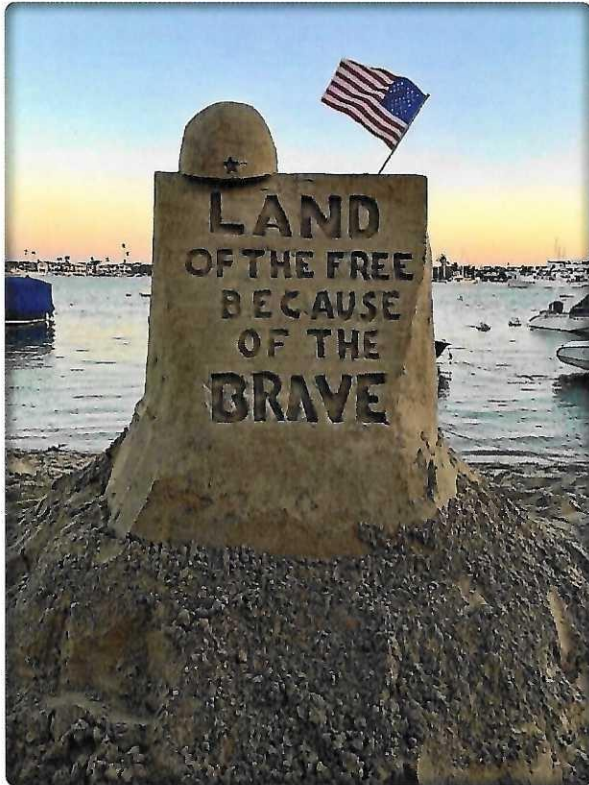
1. Liquid filled glitter balls
2. Toothpaste
3. Candy or other food
4. Liquids or lotions
5. Scary or war-related items
6. Used items

At the present time, we have 30 boxes people have promised to fill with more boxes available to be taken. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ruth at 910-849-5252.



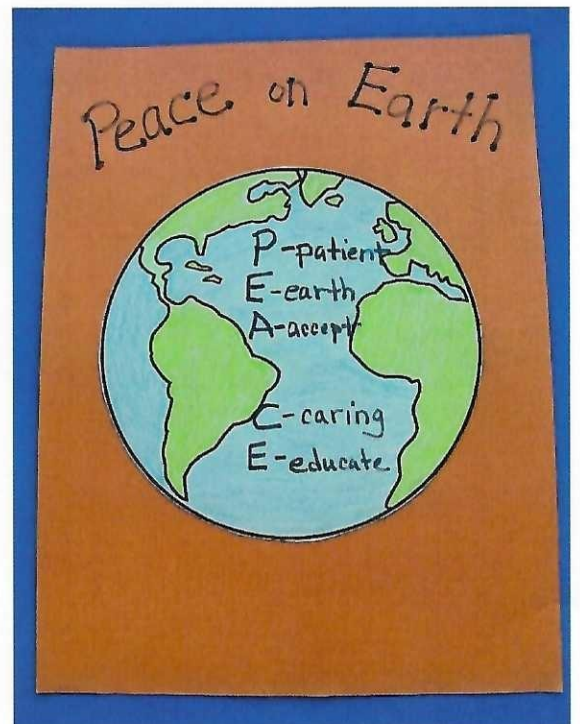
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*Please pray for our
Military and our Country!*



*Prayer is the key of heaven;
faith is the hand that turns
its.*

- Thomas Watson



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4th Friday Thank You!!!

God has truly blessed St. Mark's! We thank God and thank all who helped us sell from our little hot dog stand on 4th Fridays from May through September. Due to the generosity of our customers, we received the following toward our steeple repair fund:

May	\$75
June	\$170
July	\$208
August	\$150
September	\$133
TOTAL	\$736

Thank you, Lord!!!



Chef Dave and his staff



Chef Ron and Ruth



Dining at St. Mark's

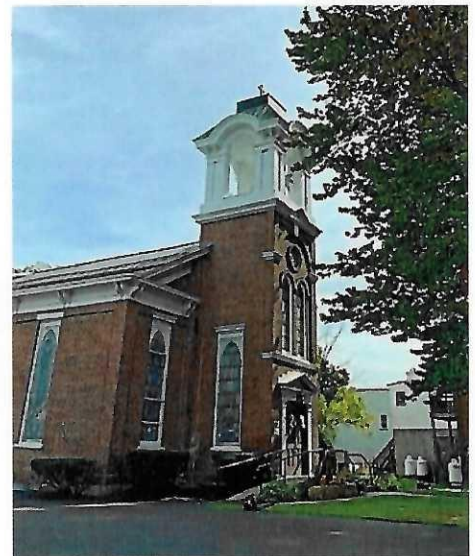
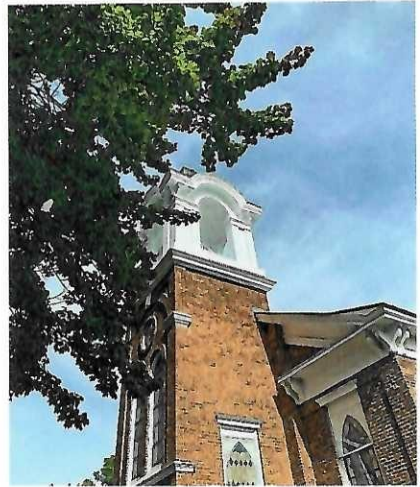


Alyssa as one of the vendors

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Steeple Project

We have so much to thank and praise God for and the completion of our steeple project is another blessing from God for St. Mark's. Thank you to all who have generously supported this project and a special thank you to Lenny's Painting for the restoration of our steeple and painting the bell. Great job, Lenny!



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Mortgage Burning

With grateful hearts, on September 11th, St. Mark's congregation celebrated the burning of our mortgage. We say thank you to God and ask for His blessing on our "angels" who were so generous in providing the funding.



P.S. We had the fire department standing by in case the fire got too hot. 😊

God Continues to Bless...

Tressa McCabe, a beautiful sister in Christ, passed into God's kingdom in May 2022. She believed "a church is not just a building; it is the people that attend it" and she truly loved her friends whom she called her "church people". St. Mark's has received a donation from Tressa's family that has been designated for use in our building repairs or any updates we need to make. Many thanks are extended the McCabe family for their generosity. Tressa is missed by all who knew and loved her.



When we get snowstorms and the driveway is plowed, a pile of gravel is usually left at the edge of the driveway. Over the years a mound of dirt had formed. Mark Wainwright with his tractor leveled the dirt, thus improving the look of our driveway and removing the mound. Thank you, Mark, for doing this for us.