

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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New website

Our webpage is up and running.
Check it out. The address is
[www.stmarkslutheran
middleburgh.com](http://www.stmarkslutheranmiddleburgh.com)

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a new prayer ministry. We meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mark's sanctuary. If you are unable to attend and have a prayer request you would like lifted, please contact the church office or feel free to place your written request in the prayer box located in narthex.

Council has adopted a new policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. Going forward all requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather than having too many people involved.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Prayers for our new pastor

Upcoming Events

Feb 9 - Council meeting 6:00

**Feb 13 - Men's prayer breakfast
9:00**

Speakers for our upcoming
February services:

Feb 7 - Mike Saccacio

Feb 14 - Pastor Ray Lighthall

Feb 21 - Dave Houck

Feb 28 - Rich Blodgett

If you are going to be working with any of the youth this is the website to do the mandated reporter training:

www.nysmandatedreporter.org

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: February

February 3 - Harry Amendola and
Dee Harrison

February 6 - Logan Bartholomew

February 20 - Toni Burnett

February 21 - Butch Przychodny

February 23 - Bill Morton

February 24 - Kaleb Minton

It is better to walk alone, than
with a crowd going in the wrong
direction.

Never lose hope. You never
know what tomorrow may bring.

You cannot hang out with
negative people and expect to
live a positive life.

Be someone that makes you
happy.

One of the hardest decisions
you'll ever face in life is choosing
whether to walk away or try
harder.

Always remember your present
situation is not your final
destination. The best is yet to
come.

**Zumba Classes will be
Thursdays at 9:30 in the
fellowship hall. Check the
calendar in the hallway for
more details.**

**Did you know St. Mark's offers
the following opportunities for
you and your family to
participate?**

Phoebes - every Monday from 9-2 PM

Youth Sunday School - Held during
the worship service message

Adult Sunday School - Sundays from
9:15 - 10 AM

Prayer Ministry - every Thursday
night beginning at 5:30 PM

After School Program - every day
from 3 - 5:30 PM following school
schedule

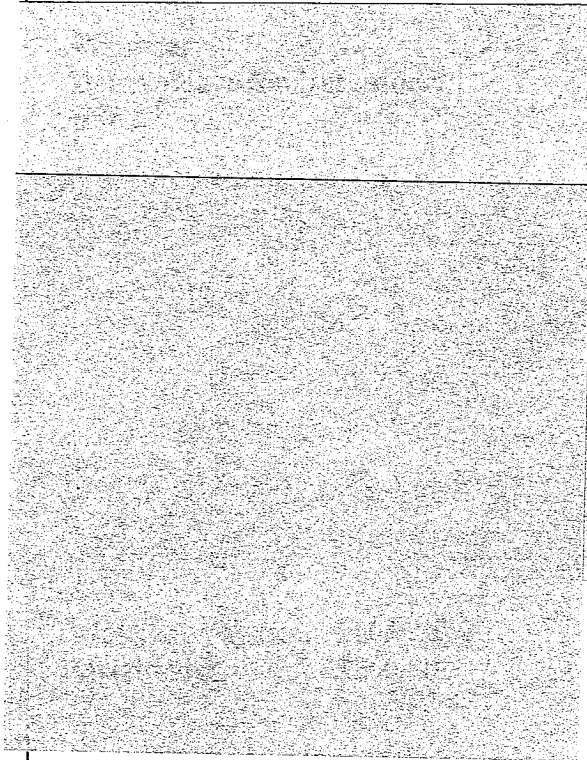
Men's Prayer breakfast - second
Saturday of each month

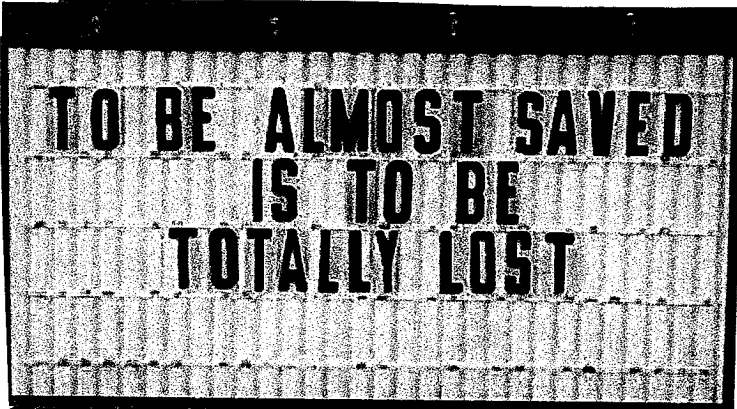
Youth Group - every third Saturday of
the month at 6:30 PM

Creative Women's Ministry - Fourth
Friday of the month at 7 PM

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Committees:





Servers for February

February 7:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Diane/Dennis
Reader - Ethel
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Georgia
Counter - Carrie

February 14:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Bonnie/Bill
Reader - Lori R.
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Debbie

February 21:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Maurice/Ginny
Reader - Deb P.
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Diane

February 28:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Lori/Jenna
Reader - Georgia
Greeter - Deb P.
Prayer - Ginny
Counter - Carrie

SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS..

Years ago, a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic . They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic , wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops.

As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received A steady stream of refusals.

Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him .

"Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.

Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, Hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man ' s work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore.

Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand ' s sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming!

Tie things down before they blow away!"

The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No

sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."

Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm.

To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred.

The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down.

Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

When you're prepared, spiritually, mentally, and physically, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life?

The hired hand in the story was able to sleep because he had secured the farm against the storm.

We secure ourselves against the storms of life by grounding ourselves in the Word of God.

We don't need to understand, we just need to hold His hand to have peace in the middle of storms.

A friend of mine sent this to me today,
and I enjoyed it so much, that I wanted to send it to you.
I hope you enjoy your day and you sleep well.