

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## **Upcoming Events**

Sat., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – “All Occasion” card sale on MCS lawn at Fall Festival;  
11:00 a.m. – Parade

Sun., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m. – Community Picnic and Prayer at Reformed Church

Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at OLV Catholic Church

Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

Sun., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Wed., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at the Reformed Church

Fri., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night – WWJD “What Would Jesus Do?”

Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – “Coats for Kids” and Adults

Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – J.O.Y. Girls – A Day of Spiritual Renewal for Women at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gallupville

Wed., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at St. Mark’s Church

Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 12:00 “Coats for Kids” and Adults

## **Prayer Chain Requests In Sept.**

Family of Jeanne Brizee  
Family of Paul Zinsman

George Johnson  
Leonard Cater  
Peggi Meunier  
Wayne & Sandy Regal  
Toni Burnette  
Paul Zinsman  
Sandi Johnson  
Cassie

## **Thought for the Day:**

There is no darkness too thick for God’s light to enter.



## **St. Mark's Church Information**

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## Servers for October

### Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>:

Reader – Lori  
Prayer – Ron  
Ushers – Dean / Lori  
Counter – Carrie

### Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Marie  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Ushers – Marie / Deb R.  
Counter – Deb P.

### Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Sharon  
Prayer – Cheryl  
Ushers – Dennis / Diane  
Counter – Sharon

### Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Reader – Alyssa  
Prayer – Ron  
Ushers – Ron / Denise  
Counter – Diane

### Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Ted  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Ushers – Dennis / Carrie  
Counter – Carrie

## October Birthdays:

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

## October Anniversaries:

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

## St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

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

Income	\$5500.00
Expenses	3325.51
Balance	\$2174.49

## Council Member Changes

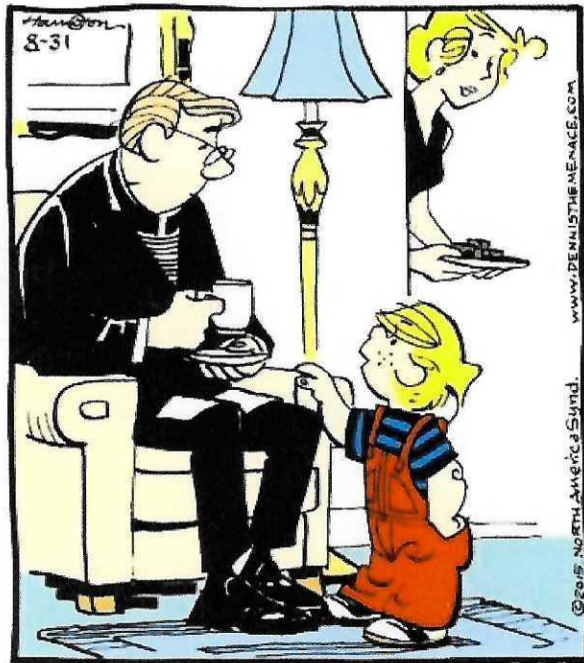
Lori Roney made a request to step down as secretary due to family and career needs but wanted to stay on Council.

Deb Roberts and Lori are going to do a role reversal on Council. Deb will assume the duties of secretary until the end of January 2024 and Lori will become a member-at-large.



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October is a special month for it is when congregations recognize the selfless acts, the commitment to their Lord in service and the love of their pastors.



"SO, PASTOR, YOU WORK SUNDAYS AND THE OTHER SIX DAYS, YOU JUST HANG OUT?"

**Thank you, Pastor Dave**, for being our spiritual leader. God called, you answered "yes" and we are grateful that God led you to serve Him at St. Mark's.

**Thank you, Melody**, for being a pastor's wife who truly loves the Lord and willingly serves Him as well.

**THANK YOU, GOD**, for blessing us through Pastor Dave and Melody. We love you and we love them.

## YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near; the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

When you read this, say a prayer; maybe we can get the world to start thinking of who took our place.

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## Middleburgh Fall Festival

On October 7<sup>th</sup> the village of Middleburgh will be bustling with people as they come to our annual Fall Festival. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., events include a 10k run / walk, vendors on the MCS lawn, an EMS Appreciation parade and end the day with fireworks.

Our OCC leader, Ruth Palmer, will be selling her handmade All Occasion cards. Please stop by her table on the MCS lawn to say "hi" and see her beautifully created cards. All the profits are going to benefit Ruth's favorite outreach project... Operation Christmas Child.

On that day other members of St. Mark's will also be displaying their creativity as they prepare a float to be in the parade. If you have any mums and / or pumpkins and are willing to lend them to us for the float, please contact Diane France or Ron Lower. Just a reminder to please write your name on whatever you are lending so it can be returned to you.

Come see the parade which will start down Main Street at 11:00 a.m.

## "Coats for Kids" and Adults

Now that we are in the fall season, we notice a chill in the air. With it comes thoughts of the winter months ahead with much colder weather and of those who may need warm coats. Once again, St. Mark's and the Joshua Project are joining together to sponsor "Coats for Kids" and Adults.

Please help us in this endeavor by donating a new coat or a "gently" used coat to be given away to those who not only need to feel the physical warmth, but the warmth of our love as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat McCoy at 518-231-4632.

### Giveaway Dates –

Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.





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## Calling all men for breakfast....

St. Mark's Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Following the delicious meal, the men are going to be working in the sanctuary to relocate the hymnal shelves. Please plan to bring a screw gun with you and enjoy the time together.

## It's "Packing Party" Time!!!

Throughout this year, you have generously made donations for OCC shoeboxes and now it is time to pack them with your gifts. Ruth Palmer is hosting a "packing party" in St. Mark's fellowship hall at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to participate.



Ruth is providing a light lunch so please **RSVP** to her no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> if you are planning to come. Her contact number is 910-849-5252.

## Wings As Eagles Ministry (WAEM) Christmas Gift Cards

St. Mark's is a supporter of Wings as Eagles Ministry located in South Dakota. WAEM is a non-denominational ministry and relief organization working with Native Americans living on reservations.

Each year their pastors deliver Christmas gifts to the Native children. Unfortunately, they do not have the funds to give Christmas gifts to all of them so they ask for donations of Walmart and/or Target gift cards, with which they make the gift purchases.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation of a gift card in any amount to help make Christmas special for the children. Please place your gift in a collection box in St. Mark's sanctuary. May God bless you for your generosity!

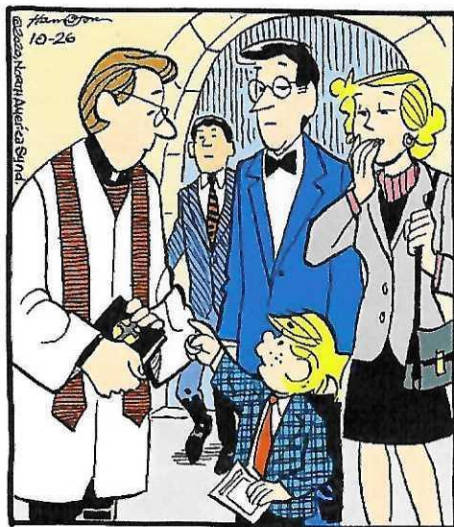


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## Happy Birthday Gift from Alyssa



Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's congregation was blessed to receive a gift from Alyssa Coon on her birthday. She and her Grandpa Ron Lower sang a beautiful duet of "Jesus Loves Me" during our time of special music at our worship service. Thank you, Alyssa, for letting us share in celebrating your birthday!



"DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE ROBES IN MY SIZE?  
I'M LOOKIN' FOR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME."

## Neighbors Eating Together (NET) Dinners

Have you ever had a night when you just didn't know what to have for dinner or didn't feel like preparing a meal? Then we have a solution for you! On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings from October to May, please join your friends and neighbors as they dine at our NET dinners.

October 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

October 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – Reformed Church

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – St. Mark's is hosting our first NET dinner when we will serve kielbasa, sauerkraut, potatoes, and a variety of desserts. (Cheryl says, "Don't forget the chips!"



## September Newsletter Correction

The article in our September newsletter, stating Georgia VanDyke donated a new AED defibrillator, was incorrect. It was purchased using a donation given in memory of Tressa McCabe by her family. I apologize for the error.

– Carolyn





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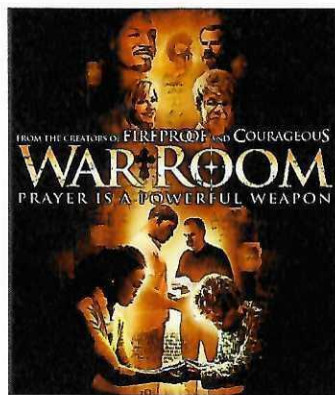
## Movie Night

"You've got to plead with God so that He can do what only He can do. Then you got to get out of the way and let Him do it."  
- Miss Clara

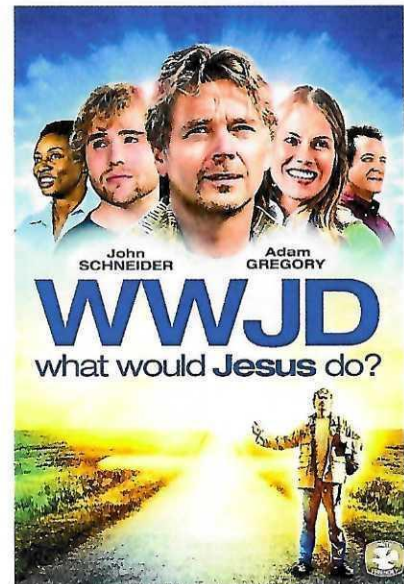
Miss Clara is one of the main characters in the movie "War Room" ... a woman who uses prayer as her weapon to fight spiritual battles.

While we may not have a specific place where we pray like Miss Clara has, we do have the privilege of bringing before the Lord our joys and concerns any time / any place. This movie was a reminder we should include God in every part of our lives, plus it inspired some of us to be more intentional in our prayer life.

There is great power in prayer for we have a mighty God!



Our next movie night will be on Friday, **October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in our fellowship hall when we will see **WWJD What Would Jesus Do?**



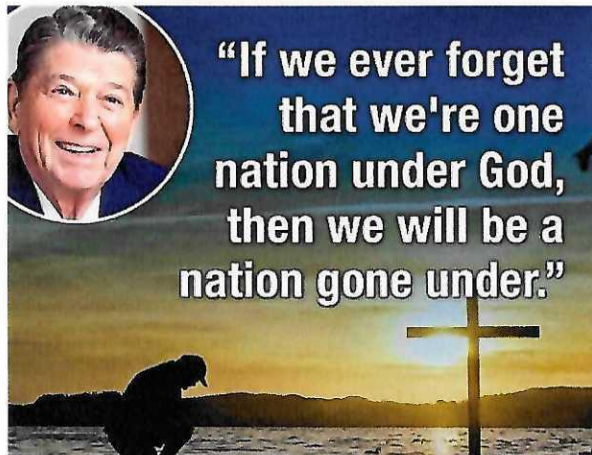
This movie is about a group of Americans – a singer, a newspaper editor, a pastor, and a real-estate mogul – who vow to walk in the steps of Jesus. Every day, every decision, becomes a turning point in their lives as they ask themselves "What would Jesus do?"

Please come and spend an enjoyable evening watching a Christian movie at St. Mark's. (Refreshments will be served.) We look forward to seeing you there!

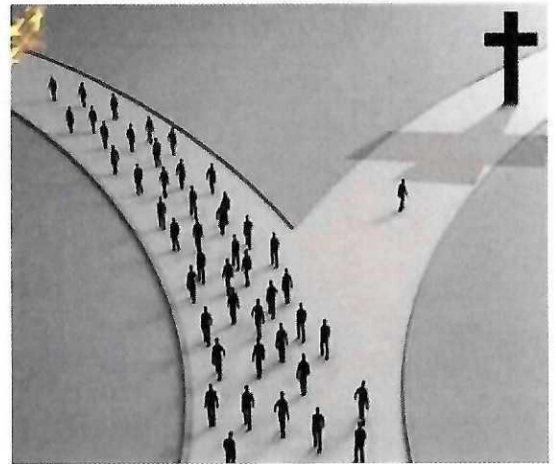
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*We can support our armed forces by being Prayer Warriors on our knees interceding on their behalf. Please also pray for our country.*



Just because something is accepted by the standards of this world... Follow the right path even if you walk alone.



## Words from Abraham Lincoln

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.





# STEPPING OUT *with* JESUS

## Please join us!

Event: *J.O.Y. Girls - A Day of Spiritual Renewal for Women*

Place: *Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
890 State Rte. 443  
Gallupville, NY 12073

Date: *Saturday, October 21, 2023*

Time: *9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (includes morning snack & lunch)*

For more information: *Call Kim 518-421-2939*



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# Community Church Picnic

Sunday 10/8/23

4pm

Vesper Service to follow at  
6pm.

Middleburgh Reformed  
Church

Please bring a dish to pass.  
All are welcome!