

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.

Holy Week

Services

4/9 Palm Sunday service 10:30 @
St. Mark's

4/13 Maundy Thursday service
Huntersland Methodist Church
7:00 P.M.

4/14 Good Friday "Stations of the
Cross" beginning at Reformed
Church 12 noon

4/15 Vigil from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

4/16 Sunrise Service 6:00 A.M.
Rapp Road/ CR 12 Huntersland
Continental breakfast at Huntersland Fire
House

4/16 Easter Worship service 10:30 @ St.
Mark's

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up
in prayer:

Prayers for our new pastor

Lisa

Henry

Virgil

Amanda

Mikayla

Pastor Elaine

Robin

Upcoming Events

April 8- Men's breakfast 9:00

April 10 - Council meeting 7:00

April 16 - Happy Easter

April 26 - St. Mark's Net Dinner

Pastor Dave has offered (on a trial
basis) to be our guest speaker every
Sunday until we get a new pastor.
Thank you Pastor Dave!

Food Pantry Needs

Apr 2 - soups

Apr 9 - spaghetti sauce

Apr 16 - spaghetti

Apr 23 - pudding

Apr 30 - applesauce/jello

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: April

April 1 - Jerry Bowman
April 3 - Pat Becker
April 5 - Nikki Gordon and Julie
 Sammons
April 11 - Carolyn Wyckoff and
 Marie Cater
April 19 - Hannah Martin
April 20 - Diane France
April 24 - Maurice Van Dyke
April 25 - Gabby DeRocher
April 26 - Lori Warner
April 28 - Bill Gordon
April 30 - Virgil Cater

**For those of you that
were unable to stay
for the annual
meeting (you missed
some delicious food!)
copies of the
committee reports
will be in the next
few newsletters for
your information.**

**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

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

**If you know of anyone that
could use an encouragement
basket please speak with Janet
or Gloria.**

**If you have articles you would
like in the newsletters please
put them in Debbie's mailbox.**

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Committees:

God is like - Bayer aspirin - He works miracles.

God is like Alka - Seltzer - Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like scotch tape - You can't see Him, but you know He is there.

God is like Delta - He's ready when you are.

God is like Allstate - You're in good hands with Him.

God is like Hallmark cards - He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like Coke - He's the real thing.

God is like Chevrolet - the heart beat of America.

Servers for April

April 2:

Acolyte - TDB
Ushers - Ginny/Maurice
Reader - Deb P.
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Georgia
Counter - Deb

April 9:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Chris/Dean
Reader - Ted
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Ted
Counter - Diane

April 16:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Denise/Kaleb
Reader - Lori
Greeter - Deb P.
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Carrie

April 23:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Deb P./Marie
Reader - Bonnie
Greeter - Ginny
Prayer - Deb B.
Counter - Deb

April 30:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Pat/Dennis F.
Reader - Jim
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Jim
Counter - Diane

Annual Property Report -----2016

This past year a number of projects were completed that were considered to be routine maintenance while others were evaluated with a vision to the future when time, actually money, becomes available. It's important to note that whenever a maintenance task required additional help, there was never a shortage of willing and able volunteers to assist with the projects. The following was completed in 2016:

The old piano that was hopelessly in disrepair was removed from the Fellowship Hall by 4 not very young, but very strong men.

The Fellowship Hall was in need of new and additional shelving. The old shelving was removed, new shelving purchased, assembled, and is now functional in the Hall.

The front entrance to the church was looking shabby due to peeling paint. Old and peeling paint was removed and the entrance was repainted.

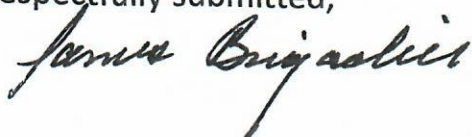
The shed in the side parking lot that holds some school material was an eyesore and was upgraded with new stain.

The parking lot remains a disaster. Three different paving contractors that did work in Middleburgh were evaluated for the quality of their work and asked to provide estimates to Saint Marks. They did; it's expensive, awaiting money.

The church roof was evaluated for repairs and a cost estimate provided by reputable contractor. Very expensive, yet to be approved.

Special thanks to all those who continue to tirelessly support with their time and effort the maintenance issues of our church.

Respectfully submitted,



PHOEBE CIRCLE – 2016 REPORT

2017 is here and God has again proven to us that we cannot out give God. The Phoebe's have been very busy this year and we still find that giving is so fulfilling and rewarding. It just never gets old. We have been so blessed with donations and the support we get from others. We, as a ministry, are so blessed in many ways, by adding new people to our group and growing our outreach as we go on to bless others.

Our outreach activities in 2016 included a few new places to bless as well as our regular places:

- 23 encouragement baskets were made and delivered

- 39 quilts were given to individuals

- 81 quilts were distributed between Albany Medical Center, Marchand Manor, The Joshua Project, Cobleskill Regional Hospital, Schenectady City Mission, The Alziemer Group, Amsterdam Hospital, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital, The VA in Albany and 18 of these quilts to Haiti.

- 63 infant hats were knit and crocheted and given to Albany Medical for their newborns

- 10 Walker Holders were given to Sunnyview Rehabilitation

- 1 Walker holder to Amsterdam Hospital

We also gave 50 plus angel and cross pins out at Sunnyview Rehabilitation which were made by our Phoebe, Janet Abrams.

We again participated in Miracle on Main Street by offering free hot chocolate and brownies and our crafts were also on sale at this event. This is always a very nice event and we have many people who come in just to get warm and look around.

We hosted the reception for Loretta Kennedy which was held at the Middleburgh Fire House. Thank you to all who so willingly offered to make something for this reception.

One of the many highlights of our Monday lunch time is and has always been our bible study. This often leads to many lively discussions as we study God's word. Thanks again to Carolyn Wyckoff who so diligently prepares these studies for us.

We still have between ten and fourteen people most Mondays. Please feel free to stop in and visit or join us any Monday between 9am and 2pm. We will definitely find something for you to do. Our fellowship and devotion time prove to be a wonderful addition to the week.

Our mission is and always has been to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. God is so good all the time and he has richly blessed us in all of our endeavors to bless others.

I believe our bible verse should be Romans 12: 10 and 11 - "Love each other with brotherly affection and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy in your work but serve the Lord enthusiastically."

In his Service,



Sharon A. Nesbitt

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> With what is going on in the world these days could Heaven end up a ghost town ?
> My name is God. You hardly ever have time for me. I love you and will always bless you. I am always with you.
> I need you to spend 30 sec. of your time with Me today. Don't pray, just think about all that is 'good' in your life.
> Today I want this message to go across the world before midnight. Will you help?
> Why are churches getting smaller, but bars and clubs are expanding?
> Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity, but very difficult to acknowledge God?
> Think about it, are you going to forward this or are you going to ignore it because you think you will get laughed at?
> God said if you deny me in front of your friends, I will deny you on the day of judgment.
> When one door closes, God opens two. If God has opened doors for you, send this message to
> everyone...