

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Apr. 8 – 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

Apr. 13 – 9:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Apr. 24th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner

***Holy Week Services – See Separate Article**

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a 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.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Family of Chuck Harding
Family of Medford McCalip
Family of Gloria Heim
Kobe Gordon
Alyssa Coons
Allison Coons
Gloria Falcone
Jerry Werner's Mom
Bob Munier
Janice Frizee
Kayla Carlson

Council Members:

President – Diane France
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members - Jim Brigadier, Dennis Foland and Lisa Bartholomew.

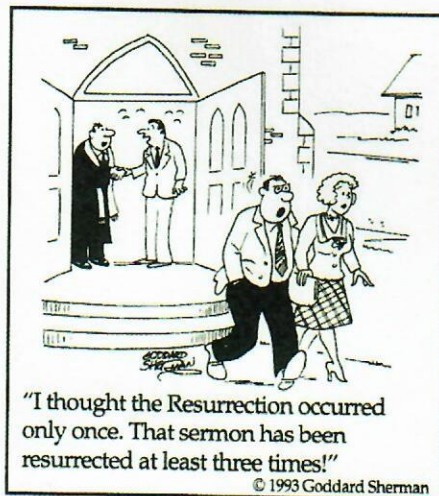
Council has adopted a policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. All requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather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

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: April

Jerry Bowman	April 1
Pat Becker	April 3
Nikki Gordon	April 5
Julie Sammons	April 5
Carolyn Tompkins	April 11
Marie Cater	April 11
Hannah Martin	April 19
Diane France	April 20
Sandi Johnson	April 23
Maurice VanDyke	April 24
Gabby DeRocher	April 25
William Gordon	April 28
Virgil Cater	April 30



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

Men's Prayer breakfast - second Saturday of each month

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

The Acceptable Year of The Lord

The Gospel of Luke takes us from Jesus' baptism, to His temptation in the wilderness, to the beginning of His ministry. This eventually brought Him back to His home town of Nazareth, where we are told, as was His custom, He went into the temple on the Sabbath. He stood up to read and was handed the book of Isaiah, where He read these verses: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*" When He finished and everyone was looking at Him, staring at Him, waiting on Him, then he added, *"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

The chapter goes on to tell us the reaction of the people was rejection and wrath against Him. Have you ever wondered, that if He had come in our time, our generation, our churches, would the reaction, our reaction, be any different?

It is said that the acceptable year of the Lord is referring to the year of Jubilee that is described in the book of Leviticus. It is when the captives are freed and debts are forgiven. (forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors-sound familiar?)

Since the great fall in the beginning, mankind has continued their sinful nature and God has continued His redemptive plan of restoration. To restore us to the righteousness of His image in which we were created.

Jesus said He had come to preach to the poor, heal the broken hearted, deliver the captives, restore sight to the blind, give liberty to the oppressed. Now many look at redemption and salvation as, "if I acknowledge Jesus as Lord He will give me eternal life". That is true, yet when we look at the list Jesus gave of those He came for, do we, can we, see our selves as one of them. We must repent so that the old self dies and the new life begins, and it begins at the cross of Jesus. If we think or feel we are not one of those Jesus spoke of, then have we come to Jesus? Have we come to the cross? Have we truly repented?

It is the season of Lent and we are on the journey back to Jerusalem, the place where Jesus said all who brought the word of God, the prophets and Himself, were put to death. Are we ready to go the distance? Are we prepared to fall down at the foot of His cross, look up, and see God's plan for our restoration, redemption, and salvation. Are we ready to acknowledge and confess that He died on that cross because of, and for us? Are we ready to die to our old selves and live a new life in Him?

My friends, it is Lent, again. The need has not changed. The plan has not changed. Are we ready to change, to fulfill the plan and make this the acceptable year of the Lord in our lives?

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave

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Servers for April

April 7:

Candle Lighter – Lisa B.
Ushers – Deb R. / Marie W.
Reader – Ginny T.
Greeter – Maurice V.
Prayer – Ginny T.
Counter – Diane F.

April 14: (Palm Sunday)

Candle Lighter – Dylan H.
Ushers – Pat M. / Dennis Foland
Reader – Nannette A.
Greeter – Ginny T.
Prayer – Chris Cash
Counter – Carrie F.

April 21: (Easter Sunday)

Candle Lighter – Mason P.
Ushers – Bob / Peggi M.
Reader – Deb P.
Greeter – Pat M.
Prayer – Carolyn T.
Counter – Deb P.

April 28:

Candle Lighter - Dylan
Ushers – Tom / Sharon N.
Reader – Georgia V.
Greeter – Janet A.
Prayer – Georgia V.
Counter – Diane F.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES


Fri., Apr. 19th – 12:00 noon – Good Friday
“Stations of the Cross” beginning at
Reformed Church processing up to the
Methodist Church.

Fri., Apr. 19th – 7:30 p.m. – Good Friday
Service at St. Mark's.

Sat., Apr. 20th – 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. –
Saturday Vigil – St. Mark's.

Sun., Apr. 21st – 6:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise
Service - The Parking lot at Coltrain
Funeral Home - Sunrise breakfast to follow
at the Reformed Church.

Sun., Apr. 21st - 10:30 a.m. – Easter
Worship Service – St. Mark's.



Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
An aching need for healing...

Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss,
If your heart is feeling heavy...

Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come across,
Every prayer unanswered...

Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost

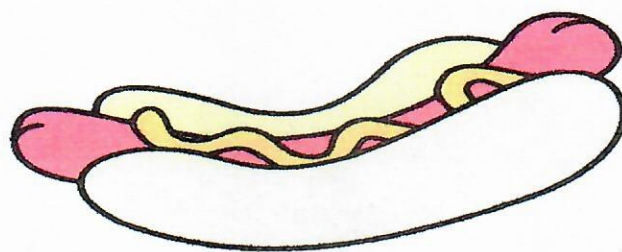
To turn our trials to triumph...

Hanging On The Cross.

—Lisa O. Engelhardt

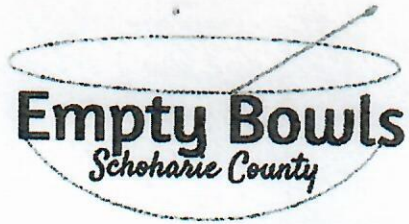
Jesus

NET Dinner
Wednesday, April 3
5:00 - 6:30
Middleburgh Reformed Church



**Enjoy food and fellowship with
your neighbors!**
FREE

8th Annual



Raising money and awareness of hunger and food insecurity in our community

**Soup Luncheon April 7, 2019
11 am – 2 pm, C-R High School Rt. 7,
Richmondville)**

Proceeds from luncheon go to Schoharie County food pantries

- **Over 30 soups and bread donated by county restaurants**
 - **Ice cream sundaes donated by Stewart's**
 - **Hot/cold beverages, live music, auction**
- **Organized by community volunteers (like you!)**



**Want to help? Call Maggie at (518) 231-2076
and like Empty Bowls Schoharie County on Facebook**

Sponsored by the Fusion Community Church

Unadilla Center United Methodist Church
1203 Butternut Rd.
Unadilla, NY 13849



2019

This year our annual bus trip to Ronks, Pennsylvania to the Sight and Sound Theatre will be to see "Miracle of Christmas" on Saturday, November 2, 2019. The bus will leave Sidney (behind McDonalds) at 5:30 A.M. Please plan to be there by 5:20 A.M. so we can leave on time. (The bus will leave Oneonta at 5:15 A.M., and Binghamton at 6:00 A.M.) We will have a very brief fast food stop on the way. We will see the show at 11:00. Following the show we will have an Amish meal at Hershey Farms at 2:15. We should be back to Sidney around 10:00 P.M.

The cost is \$160.00 for adults (age 13 and over) and \$100 for children (12 and under).

Please return the slip below to me with your payment (checks made out to Polly's Circle) as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to call me 563-7713.

Claudia



Your Name; _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Names of people going: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (check payable to "Polly's Circle")