

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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New website

Our webpage is up and running.
Check it out. The address is

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.

Thank you to all who either made a pie (or 2 or more) and even turned around and bought a pie or 2 or donated money for our annual pie sale/craft day. We were truly blessed by God with wonderful weather and a successful day. We made over \$600 on the pies and \$100 on the crafts. Our God is an awesome God!

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Prayers for our new pastor
Strack family
Palmatier family
Angelo
David
Doris
Peter

Upcoming Events

**Aug 5 - Joshua Project concert
7:00**

Aug 8 - Council Meeting 6:00

Aug 13 - Men's breakfast 9:00

**Sept 4: Men will be serving
breakfast at church**

Speakers for our upcoming
July services:

Aug 7 - Pastor Dave Houck
Aug 14 - Pastor Don Klob
Aug 21 - Pastor Dave Houck
Aug 28 - Pastor Mark Reiff

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: August

Aug 8 - John Warner III
Aug 9 - Vanessa Gordon
Aug 12 - Amanda Przychodny
Aug 19 - Jeremy Gordon
Aug 22 - Dennis Foland and
 Georgia Van Dyke
Aug 23 - Kelsey Roney

Anniversaries: August

Aug 9 - Teena and Butch Przychodny
Aug 22 - Cheryl and Virgil Cater
 Dennis and Diane France
 Lori and Dean Roney

Sunday, August 28th marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Irene. To reflect on this challenging time as well as celebrate the revitalization and positive, collaborative directions Schoharie County is embracing, SALT will host an anniversary event from 1-3 PM at the Timothy Murphy Park pavilion in Middleburgh. There will be speeches from local elected officials as well as Josh DeBartolo, former director of Schoharie Recovery, Inc. The event will also include music and refreshments. There will be artistic activities to allow residents to express their memories and dreams of and for Schoharie County. We hope to see you there!

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 (off for summer)

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

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Servers for August

August 7:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Sharon/Harry
Reader - Nanette
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Chris
Counter - Diane

August 14:

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

August 21::

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Denise/Kaleb
Reader - Ted
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Ted
Counter - Debbie

August 28::

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Marie/Deb P.
Reader - Jim
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Jim
Counter - Diane

On August 5th at 7PM the Esperance Town Band will be playing a benefit concert on the front lawn of the Middleburgh High School. The concert will be accompanied by a bake sale and ice cream social. All proceeds will benefit the Joshua Project. Hope to see you there.

Part-time Clergy Corps

Ministry to Smaller and Part-Time Congregations

Given the realities of our increasingly secular culture, it may be that there will be more congregations in the NALC unable to afford full-time pastors who require full compensation.

Currently, we have nearly 10 smaller congregations in all areas of North America seeking pastors who may be able to serve part-time, with part-time compensation. These are the most difficult positions to fill, and often require finding local retired or semi-retired pastors already receiving some retirement benefits, but still wishing to serve Christ and His Church. In many cases, however, these pastors are unwilling to move from home long-term and there may be no congregations seeking part-time ministry in their area. How do we address both of these needs, with part-time congregations being served by part-time pastors?

Currently, the NALC bishop and staff are exploring what may be called a "Part-time Clergy Corps." This would involve retired, semi-retired or other pastors who may serve with only part-time compensation, are unwilling to relocate permanently, but would be willing to serve a congregation needing part-time ministry for nine months.

This would allow the pastor in the "Part-time Clergy Corps" to move to a new and different area of North America to provide service to a congregation from the beginning of September through Holy Trinity Sunday. This would provide a smaller congregation with stable ministry for all of the major seasons and festivals of the Church year, without struggling week to week for pulpit supply.

At the end of the nine months, the pastor would return to his or her permanent home and the congregation would find pulpit supply for the summer.

A pastor in the Part-time Clergy Corps might begin service in another congregation the following September, or may serve only the one nine-month

period. The congregation, hopefully, would have another member of the Part-time Clergy Corps with them again in September through Holy Trinity Sunday. Of course, if a pastor wishes, he or she could serve for the entire year, until the next member of the "Part-time Clergy Corps" would arrive to serve.

Local congregations utilizing a pastor from the Part-time Clergy Corps would agree to pay a part-time salary, perhaps some limited benefits, and provide a furnished parsonage or apartment.

The benefit to the congregation is stable, faithful Word and Sacrament ministry from an experienced, seasoned pastor with energy and vitality. The benefit to the pastor is the opportunity to have part-time service while visiting and getting to know, perhaps, a completely new context for ministry in a different part of North America.

At this time, pastors and congregations who might consider participating in the Part-time Clergy Corps project are asked to send an email to Pastor David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism — dwendel@thenalc.org — expressing interest and initial reaction to the project.

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This year's Mission Festival will be taking place during Convocation. As we focus on "Holy God, Holy Lives," we recognize that you can't be Mission Driven by yourself. God has given us family, the Church.

We look forward to journeying together as "Faith Is Made Whole in Community."

Come. Be a part of what God is up to in His studio. We know it is risky, but lean into those wounds and watch the Artist make something beautiful for His grand mosaic.

Shhhh.....

Shhhh ... Do you hear it? Do you hear the still, small voice of God speaking to you? Do you hear Him telling you He has a mission for you...a mission that will be a blessing in your life?

For many of us, life is so busy that we fail to hear His voice. Family and job responsibilities, demands made on our time, distractions, distractions, and more distractions of various kinds are just a few things that block the sound of God's voice. Consequently, we miss some special moments when God calls us to serve Him by volunteering to help others.

For the past year, St. Mark's has been blessed to have Mike Saccocio, Director of Schenectady City Mission, as one of our most dynamic guest speakers. He has answered God's call to lead a facility that is Christian-based. When Mike visits, he shares how God has touched and changed the lives of people through the outpouring of His love that is extended to all who come to the Mission.

In May, six people from St. Mark's participated in a tour of the Schenectady City Mission. We were pleasantly surprised at the size of the complex and all that is provided for the people who come to them. In addition to temporary housing for men, women and children, they have a play ground for the children, a cafeteria that serves anyone who comes in to eat, a well-organized clothing closet filled with items that range from business to casual attire, several class rooms, and most importantly, a chapel for worship services and music.

A number of volunteers are needed in order to keep the Mission functioning so well in serving many people. Please take a few moments to read the list of opportunities available for volunteers. If God is speaking to you in His "still small voice" and you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we encourage you to visit the City Mission website www.citymission.com or come to a worship service to speak directly to Mike.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE	MISSION DRIVEN	GROUP
 <p>Opportunities</p> <p>Flexible Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Variety of opportunities ✓ No long-term commitment ✓ Great for families! ✓ Complete hours for school 	 <p>Opportunities</p> <p>Weekly Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regular schedule ✓ Volunteer application ✓ Relationship Focused ✓ Trainings are available 	 <p>Opportunities</p> <p>Serve with others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Perfect for 2-30 people ✓ Variety of opportunities ✓ Great for businesses! ✓ Kid friendly projects

Types of Opportunities:

- Serve a Community Meal
- Make Sandwiches
- Sort Clothing
- Weekend Backpack Program

Types of Opportunities:

- Receptionist
- Tutor
- Thrift Store Assistant
- Clothing Room Assistant
- Meal Prep Assistant
- Mentor/Facilitator

Types of Opportunities:

- Sort Clothing
- Serve a Community Meal
- Clean-up Project
- Make Sandwiches
- Weekend Backpack Program
- Organize a Collection/Drive



Visit www.citymission.com to get started!

City Mission of Schenectady (518) 346-2275 425 Hamilton Street Schenectady NY 12305



Corn Dogs on Corn Mountain

LbNA # 37863



Owner StrangerThanFiction ✉
Placed Date Jan 27 2008
County Schoharie
Location Middleburgh, NY
Boxes 1

The Dutch called it "Vrooman's Nose", the mountain being part of "Vrooman's Land", a large tract of land owned by Adam Vrooman, part of which he acquired from the Indians, allegedly purchasing it for the price of one-hundred gallons of rum and a few blankets.

The Schoharie Indians knew it as "Onistagrawa" (which translates to english as "corn mountain") because of the fields of corn they cultivated at the mountain's base.

I know it as one of the most distinctive and beautiful places to be found anywhere. Take a look from Route 145 just south of Middleburgh, or from Clauverwie Road to get a good profile view of Vroman's Nose. Its also a really nice hike, and is just over the hill, a few miles through the woods from my home.

Directions: Middleburgh is about 30 miles west of Albany in the beautiful Schoharie Valley. From Middleburgh take Route 145 or Route 30 across the Schoharie Creek. Then go left on Route 30 south .6 miles, and turn right on Mill Valley Road. Another .7 miles will bring you to the Vroman's Nose parking area on your left.

From the parking lot head uphill through the gates, and across an open field. Enter the woods to the right, taking the "green trail" which starts as an old woods road. Follow this up and around to the top of the cliff. Up there you'll find a big flat rock known as the "Dance Floor." What a view! (Don't dance too close to the edge though, be careful, and keep a hold of the kiddies because its a long way down.)

To find the Corn Dogs on Corn Mountain letterbox head NW from the "Dance Floor." Down the green trail. Soon you'll find one of those benches circling a little oak tree, right next to a "bur oak" (that's what the sign says). Go away from the cliff to an old cracked fire-pit. Then about 35 paces at 300 degrees, to find three dead, down trees that all lead to a hollow oak. Look in the roots of the mossiest of the fallen to find your corn dogs.

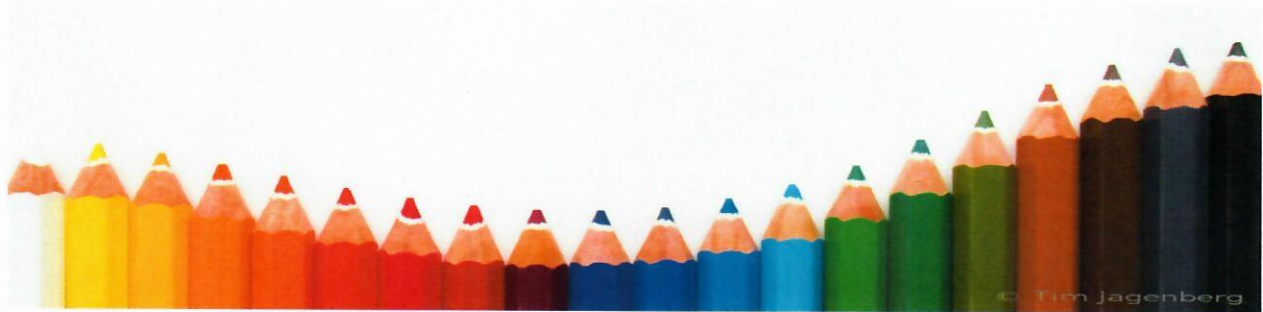
Bring your own ink. I like dark blue for this stamp. As always, be discreet and please rehide it well. There are a few other excellent letterboxes nearby that you might consider while you're hiking about up there.

The Corn Dogs letterbox is a little over half a mile from the parking area. The round trip hike is about a mile and a half if you follow the green trail up past the "Dance Floor" and continue along the mountain top, then go left to take the yellow trail back down to the parking area.

Enjoy, and please let me know how you make out.
Thanks, SK

Corn Dogs on Corn Mountain – Folklore from The Schoharie Hills Series #19.33.34.35/23.55

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



School supplies to be provided to low income Schoharie County students

Donations will be accepted throughout the summer until Sunday August 28th

Needed items:

Notebook paper both
college & regular lined

Number 2 pencils

Pens (black or blue ink)

Colored pencils

Highlighters

Glue & glue sticks

Markers

**New items only please*

Pencils cases

Insulated lunch bags

Protractors

Scientific calculators

Erasers

Multi subject notebooks

Scientific calculators

1&2 inch binders

Colored file folders

Ruler

Marble composition
books

Index cards

Back packs

For more information please contact Elene Berard @ (518) 234-2568 x3028

"YOU DID FINE, JAMES —
BUT NEXT TIME CHOOSE A
GOOD 'CALL TO WORSHIP',
INSTEAD OF BEGINNING THE
SERVICE WITH 'YO, DUDES'!"

JOE —
MCICEEVER

