

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.

*Wishing all of you
a very blessed
Christmas!*

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Prayers for our new pastor
Flo
Kathy Rivenburg's family
Ed Veley's family
Ernie
Jerry

Upcoming Events

Dec 9 - Miracle on Main Street

Dec 10 - Men's breakfast 9:00

Dec 12 - Council Meeting 7:00

**Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service
7:00**

Dec 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus!

**Jan 29 - Annual congregational
meeting**

Speakers for our upcoming
December services:

Dec 4 - Pastor Dave Houck
Dec 11 - Pastor Ray Lighthall
Dec 18 - Pastor Dave Houck
Dec 24 - Celebration of Christmas
Dec 25 - no worship service

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: December

Dec 1 - Terry Minton
Dec 5 - Edna Lower
Dec 11 - Deb Palmatier
Dec 12- Erin Becker
Dec 13 - Niles McCoy
Dec 15 - Gene Wyckoff
Dec 16 - Freya Karsch
Dec 18 - Ellen Langenbahn
Dec 20 - Cody Whittaker
Dec 21 - Melissa Cater
Dec 25 - Marilyn Hanley
Dec 31 - Todd Bartholomew

Anniversaries: December

Dec 1 - Mary and Jerry Bowman
Dec 17 - Pat and Ralph Becker
Dec 19 - Kathy and Augie Kauffman
Dec 28 - Bonnie and Bill Morton
Dec 31 - Sharon and Harry
Amendola

**Mark your calendar -
January 29, 2017 will be
our congregational
meeting following the
worship service. Please
bring a dish to pass.**

**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

**Our mitten tree is in the
sanctuary. We are asking for
donations of mittens
and socks this year.**

**Celebration of
Christ's Birth
at
St. Mark's Lutheran Church**



**December 24, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

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Servers for Dec

December 4:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Harry/Sharon
Reader - Deb P.
Greeter - Ginny
Prayer - Bonnie
Counter - Debbie

December 11:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Maurice/Ginny
Reader - Lori
Greeter - Deb P.
Prayer - Chris
Counter - Diane

December 18:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Chris/Gene
Reader - Ted
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Ted
Counter - Carrie

December 24 - Christmas Eve:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Dean/Lori
Reader - TBD
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Deb

**December 25 - no worship
service**

Food Pantry Needs

Dec 4 - peanut butter/jelly

Dec 11 - instant mashed
potatoes

Dec 18 - cereal/breakfast bars

Dec 24 - ramen noodles

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Two Traveling Angels:

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room.

Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement.

As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it.

When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, Things aren't always what they seem.

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife.

After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears.

Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel how could you let this happen?

The first man had everything, yet you helped him, she accused.

The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die...

Things aren't always what they seem, the older angel replied.

When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall.

Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it.

Then last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife and I gave him the cow instead.

Things aren't always what they seem.

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until sometime later.

Ongoing bottle and can drive.

Please leave **clean** bottles and cans by the garage door. Proceeds will be used for the mortgage.