St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Reminder: Masks / face shields are required for everyone's safety.

Please Note: The second and last Sunday of each month attendees will be required to wear their mask / face shield during the entire worship service.

Upcoming Events

Mon., Mar. 15th - 6:00 p.m. – Church Council Mtg.

Council Members:

President – Diane France
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members at Large - Lisa Bartholomew,
Deb Roberts, and Marie Whittaker

Thought for the Day:

Some of us are playing hide and seek with Jesus...

And pretty soon He's going to say: "Ready or not, here I come!"

Prayer List for March

Family of Louise Rhinehart Family of Kathleen Korman Family of Chuck Chichester Family of Pat Wargo Family of Pat O'Dell Ellen Marks Joseph Woods Harry Amendola Mike Scislowsky Pete Gabrielson Callie Shaw Deb Burkhartt Patti Turner Pastor DeBartolo Cindy Grady Robin Gordon Linda Amond Shaun Linda Unser

News Articles:

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Servers for March

Mar. 7th:

Reader – Alyssa C. Prayer – Georgia Counter – Diane

Mar. 14th:

Reader – Marie Prayer – Carolyn Counter – Carrie

Mar. 21st:

Reader – Ron Prayer – Ron Counter – Deb P.

Mar. 28th:

Reader – Sharon N. Prayer – Cheryl Counter – Diane



March Birthdays:

Carrie Foland	Mar. 1
Jim Brigadier	Mar. 14
Dylan Hillicoss	Mar. 14
Cheryl Cater	Mar. 19
Dean Roney	Mar. 22
Linda Amond	Mar. 26
Ginny Tinney	Mar. 27

March Anniversaries:

Pastor Dave/Melody Mar. 24

Where Did You See God This Week?

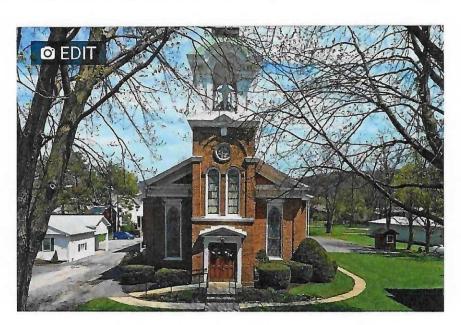
Job 31:19

¹⁹if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or a poor person without covering,

"Thanks" to Georgia for taking 5 large bags filled with men's coats, scarves, hats and some heavy duty sweatshirts and fleece sweaters that Pat put together from our Clothing Pantry to Schenectady City Mission. Georgia pulled up to the City Mission door and they quickly took the coats, etc. out of her trunk and into the community to hand out! God's timing is everything!! PTL!

St. Mark's has a Facebook page!!

Pastor David's Sunday message will be live on our Facebook page so if you are unable to come to the church, please join us for the live stream around 11:00 a.m. on Sundays or watch it whenever it is best for you. Check it out!



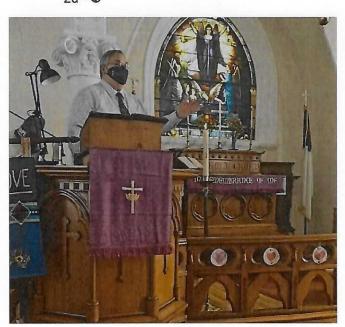


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Annual Congregational Meeting Highlights

St. Mark's Annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, February 7. Many thanks to Marie Whittaker for setting up our very first Zoom meeting. Below are some highlights from the meeting that I would like to share with you.

During the meeting, questions were asked regarding the mortgage we have for the addition. Here is the information shared at the meeting:

Terms of the mortgage: interest rate of 5.87% on a 20 year mortgage that began in July 2011.

Our monthly payment is \$1,046 which equates to \$12,552 / year

Beginning Balance owed on January 1, 2020 - \$65,477 Ending Balance owed on December 31, 2020 - \$52,977

Mortgage donations received in 2020 = \$9,309.80 Principal donations received in 2020 = \$2,800 Total donations = \$12,109.80

Amount paid out in 2020 was \$15,552.00 (net loss - \$3,442.20)

An update noted was that in February 2021 the mortgage payment included NBT Stock that was traded in the amount of \$5,946.41 which brought the balance to \$47,237.

Other items discussed were the repairs to the soffit, church steeple and sealing the driveway. We are going to need some financial help to pay for these so please pray we can soon begin holding fund raisers!

Marie Whittaker will fill the position Member at Large as Jim Brigadier has completed his 6 years on Council. Many thanks to Jim as he continues as head of property.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call me - 518-827-4216 or 518-698-8540.

In Christ, Diane

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Souper Bowl Sunday

February 7 was an exciting day for football fans everywhere when Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Kansas City Chiefs played in the Superbowl. While quarterback, Tom Brady, won his seventh Superbowl by leading the Buccaneers to win the game, the people who visit our food pantry were the winners at St. Mark's "Souper" Bowl. The winning touchdown was made by team members of our congregation as they so generously donated 56 cans of soup. Thank you for your continued support and being a part of God's "team" in our "Souper" Bowl.



Valentine's For City Mission



Our new outreach program was a success. Thank you to all who made Valentine's Day special for the residents and staff at Schenectady City Mission through your gifts of cards and candy. What a wonderful way to share God's love with them.

