



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## From Pastor Rodney

See page 3 for his report.

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## Directory Update

The directory has arrived. Copies are in the narthex. Please take one.

## New website

A new webpage is currently being created for St. Mark's with a new URL address. Additional information will be forthcoming as soon as it has been completed. In the meantime, please continue to read our newsletter for events and articles, check out the bulletin board and the announcements in the bulletin.

## Food Pantry Needs

**Oct 7 - pasta or rice side dishes**

**Oct 14 - tuna or syrup**

**Oct 21 - jelly/jam or cereal**

**Oct 28 - juice or canned fruit**

## Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

All the flood victims

Mandy Burnett

Marie Campbell

Mark C.

## Upcoming Events

October 6 - Youth bake sale  
9 AM - H.S. lawn

October 9 - Council  
meeting 6:00

October 27 - Coats for  
Kids pickup 9-4

October 27 - Youth Fun  
Night 6:30-8:00

## Thank You!

The Sunday School class thanks Mr. Gene, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Dennis, Mrs. Carrie and Mrs. Pat for the delicious breakfast they prepared for us on our opening day of Sunday School. Also thank you to all of you that donated the food they we shared with our families.

## Lost and Found

Looking for a white loose leaf notebook that has newspaper articles, church pictures etc. It was in the display case before the flood. If found please see Deb P.





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## Phoebe Corner:

For the past several weeks Pastor Rodney has been speaking to us during our worship service about reaching out. Reaching out to others to touch them may be accomplished in ways other than physical touch. During the past month the Phobes have been reaching out to people in other locations through their distribution of many quilts. Some quilts have traveled to Prattsville and are being given to people in their "welcome home" packages. Some have traveled to Albany Medical Center and are being given to patients in the children's unit. The Phobes will soon be traveling with some quilts and other items to Gloversville to give to the LifeSavers Ministry. Each time we reach out, we are reminded of the song recorded by Diana Ross:

Reach out and touch  
Somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place  
If you can  
Reach out and touch  
Somebody's hand  
Make this world a better place  
If you can

Keep reaching out and may God  
bless you!

## Happy Days !!!!!

### **Birthdays: October**

October 1 - Chris Cash  
October 2 - Dave Burnett  
October 6 - Michelle Amendola  
October 9 - Debbi Hagadorn  
October 11 - Debbie Arnwine  
October 18 - Jessica Gordon and Lori Roney  
October 20 - John Palmatier  
October 27 - Nicholas Roney

### **Anniversaries: October**

October 4 - Lisa and Todd Bartholomew  
October 7 - Joe and Gloria Falcone  
October 15 - Lori and John Warner  
October 25 - Denise and Terry Minton

## Operation Christmas Child

**Check out the Christmas tree in front of the church or the table in the fellowship hall. You will find ornaments with lists of needed items to fill the shoeboxes or you can take a box and fill it yourself. Our goal is to fill 24 boxes for the children. Christ the Shepherd and Conesville churches are also participating. Boxes or items are due back by the end of October. If you have questions please see Pat McCoy.**



## Why Do, I need to go to Church?

Do you need to pray for God to help you get motivated to witness to the lost? David prayed this prayer to God. You can pray it as well: "God, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall be converted to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness." (Psalm 51:12)

Have you ever invited a friend or family member to come to church, to which their response was, "Why do I need to go to church? For some, that response may shock us ;because it is not what we were expecting to hear. We often apologize profusely to them and then move on. On the other hand, some of us are accustomed to hearing that answer and we simply respond to them by saying; ***you need to come to church, because God expects you to!***

Yes, I dare say that God expects us to attend worship. We are his children, and when we attend worship we are in the presence of greatness, because God is great. Yes, for the skeptics who don't want to go to church, you may want to say that God is everywhere, and you will be right.

God is all powerful, all present, and all knowing. God is powerful enough to call His people from all directions and all circumstances and gather them together on Sundays to encourage each other. God is all present, so when we begin our week in church on Sunday He is there. God is there with us throughout the week, so we can worship him at all times not only on Sundays in church but on Monday and the rest of the week at work and at home.

God is all knowing so He knows that without Him, we can do nothing. God knows that we need to encourage each other and build each other up as the body of Christ. When we attend church on Sundays, it is our opportunity to encourage each other in the faith. In Hebrews 10:25 it says, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another ;and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

So as people who are created by God, we have a responsibility to encourage each other when the times get hard, and we are most discouraged. When we feel, we have nothing to say to someone to encourage them, why not say God, Loves you!



We should not take witnessing lightly. It is a matter of eternal life and death for multitudes of people who are still in the valley of decision. In Acts 4:29 -31 When Paul was being persecuted he prayed, "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to your servants with all boldness that they may speak your word, by stretching out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, **and they spoke the word of God with boldness.**" May we too, when go about witnessing and people say to us, why, do I need to go to church? Let us answer them simply by say, "***Because God expects you to!***"

Submitted by

Pr. Royan Rodney.



Youth field trip August 24 to Gobbler's Knob and Muscle Motors Speedway. Thank you to our chaparones: Pastor Rodney, Pat McCoy, Cheryl Cater and Heather Palmatier. Check out the bulletin board in the back of the church for more pictures.





# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Committees:

### Property:

Work is continuing on getting the parsonage ready for demolition. New hot water heater has been installed. Memorial room has been restored for meetings.

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### Christian Education:

The Sunday School class will be working on a new service project for Thanksgiving and Christmas called "Socks for Soldiers". We will be collecting white cotton socks for the soldiers during the month of November. Watch the bulletin for more details!

Beginning in October you will see some of the kids serving as ushers. Please encourage them with a smile.

Sunday School is open to all children Pre K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **New hours will be 9:15 to 10:15.**

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## Servers for October

### October 7:

Acolyte - Breanna/Brianna  
Ushers - Leonard/Marie  
Reader - Ethel  
Greeter - Ginny  
Prayer - Ginny  
Counter - Deb

### October 14:

Acolyte - Jenna/Hannah  
Ushers - Gabby/John  
Reader - Sharon N.  
Greeter - Harry  
Prayer - Chris  
Counter - Diane

### October 21:

Acolyte - Morgan/Logan  
Ushers - Lori/Dean  
Reader - Terri C.  
Greeter - Sharon N.  
Prayer - Gene  
Counter - Deb

### October 28:

Acolyte - Kobe/Gabby  
Ushers - Dennis/Kaleb  
Reader - Deb P.  
Greeter - Marie  
Prayer - Beth  
Counter - Diane



# Schoharie County Community Action Program

## Launches its 2012 "Coats for Kids" Campaign

### New and Gently Used Coats for Schoharie County Residents



Please help by donating new or gently used coats for children and adults. Donations can be dropped off prior to October 25, 2012 at the following approved cleaners in Schoharie County:

The Laundry Basket  
Granite Drive  
Cobleskill, NY 12043

Anyone in need of a coat can visit the "Coats for Kids" distribution site locations:

#### Cobleskill

Movie Gallery  
Shoppers Mart Plaza  
East Main St.  
Cobleskill, NY 12043

#### Middleburgh

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
326 Main St.  
Middleburgh, NY 12122

#### Dates of Distribution

#### Cobleskill

Saturday, October 27, 9am-4pm  
Monday, October 29, 9am-4pm  
Tuesday, October 30, 9am-3pm

#### Middleburgh

Saturday, October 27 9am-4pm Only

For additional information, please contact Denelle Baker or Marcy Holmes at  
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