

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## New website

Our new webpage is up and running. Check it out. It is awesome! Thank you Angela. The address is [www.stmarkslutheranmiddleburgh.com](http://www.stmarkslutheranmiddleburgh.com)

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## Looking for new members!

If you would like to become a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church please speak with Council President Diane France.

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

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## 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 the narthex.

## Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Lori	Loretta
Claudia	Cheryl Lee
Robert	Ashley
Kathy	
Brenda's family	

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## Upcoming Events

June 9 - Council meeting 6:00

June 21 - Happy Father's Day

June 21 - Baccalaureate at  
Middleburgh Methodist Church  
7 PM

Every Thursday 5:30 - Prayer  
meeting in sanctuary.

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Speakers for our upcoming services:

June 7 - Carolyn Wyckoff  
June 14 - Ron Lower  
June 21 - Pastor Donald Klob  
June 28 - Pastor EJ Sweeney

Special thanks to all our speakers  
for sharing their time with us.



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## Happy Days !!!!!

### Birthdays: June

June 6 - Austin Roney  
June 8 - Aaron Coons  
June 10 - Madison Palmatier  
June 17 - John Warner  
June 24 - Vicki Chichester  
June 25 - Trudy Shaul and  
Denise Minton  
June 26 - Kenny Hanley  
June 30 - Nanette Amendola and  
Joshua Warner

### Anniversaries: June

June 28 - Allison and Aaron Coons

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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 - Sundays from  
9:15 - 10 AM

Adult Sunday School - Sundays from  
9:15 - 10 AM

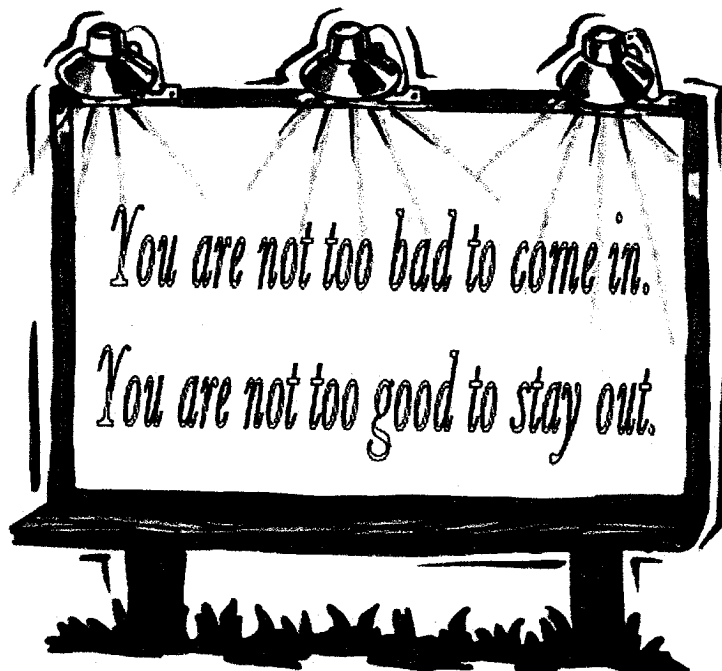
Prayer Ministry - every Thursday  
night beginning at 5:30 PM

After School Program - every day  
from 3 - 5:30 PM following school  
schedule

Zumba Classes will be  
Wednesdays and Fridays  
from 1-2 in the fellowship  
hall. Check the calendar in  
the hallway for more details.

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Mark your calendars for July 26  
Ecumenical Worship Service on the  
High School lawn at 11:00. Seating  
is limited so please bring a lawn  
chair. Please bring your own lunch.  
Desserts will be provided.





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## Committees:

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## Servers for June

### June 7:

Acolyte - Dylan  
Ushers - Dennis Foland/Pat  
Reader - Lori  
Greeter - Debbie P.  
Prayer - Beth  
Counter - Carrie

### June 14:

Acolyte - Morgan  
Ushers - Lori/Jenna  
Reader - Nanette  
Greeter - Ginny  
Prayer - Gene  
Counter - Debbie

### June 21:

Acolyte - Dylan  
Ushers - Nikki/Al  
Reader - Sharon  
Greeter - Harry  
Prayer - Ginny  
Counter - Diane

### June 28:

Acolyte - Logan  
Ushers - Sharon/Tom  
Reader - Ethel  
Greeter - Maurice  
Prayer - Georgia  
Counter - Carrie

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**WAC League Track Meet-Lady Knights**  
**Place 2nd; Boys Place 4th**

May 20, 2015, 10:16 AM

From

CSD, Middleburgh

The Girls Varsity track team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams at the WAC Championship meet last night. Bre Palmatier and Livy Hamm each had two first place finishes. Bre also re-broke her steeple chase record. Congrats to all who competed and cheered on the team. The final team meet will be on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Fort Plain. Wish them luck!

## Phoebe Circle Outreach Update

There is a saying that time waits for no one and that is so true. We are now well into the year 2015. As we look back over the past few months, we realize how much God has been leading us in our outreach.

Quilts have been made and donated to the Schenectady City Mission and to Ellis Rehabilitation and Residential facility in Schenectady. In addition, encouragement baskets as well as quilts were distributed to various people throughout our community. We must give God praise and glory for continuing to provide the fabric and other items we need to create them.

The Phoebes have also donated two new tables to St. Mark's. You will find one of the tables in our second floor kitchen because the number of ladies in our group has increased. We found that additional table space was needed during lunch / Bible study time. (We are continuing to study 100 Women of the Bible.)

If you have some free time on Mondays any time between 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and would like to join us, please stop in. Just follow the noise of talking and laughing women to the second floor to find us. There are no requirements other than having a heart to serve God by being His hands and feet.

All are welcome! ☺

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## After School Program

Our After School Program (ASP) continues to do very well. We have been blessed with sports equipment so our children can play outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. We have received basketballs, basketball hoop, bats, balls and Frisbees. In addition, we located other items that were once used by our Christian School that are now in use.

If you stop in, you will find the children and our staff playing kickball, basketball, riding scooters, to name a few activities. What a joy to hear the voices of the children as they play.

Thank you to all who donate various items to us. This includes donations of food such as desserts, fresh fruits and vegetables for our snack time. May God bless you!

**A few years ago, a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner.**

**In their rush to catch the plane home, and with tickets and briefcases in hand, one of the men accidentally kicked over a table which held a display of apples.**

**Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or even looking back, they all managed to reach their plane in time for their "nearly missed" boarding...**

## **All but one!**

**He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, and told one of them to call his wife when they arrived home and explain his taking a later flight.**

**Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The girl with the apple cart was 16 years old, and was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration as she helplessly groped for her spilled produce. The crowd swirled around her with no one stopping to help, or even to care for her plight.**

**The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl: "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears.**

**He continued on with: "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly". As the salesman walked away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him: "Mister..." He paused and turned to look back into those sightless eyes. She continued: "Are you Jesus?"**

**He stopped in mid-stride...and he wondered. He went back and softly said "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.**

The girl gently nodded, and said "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then, slowly, he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul. "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye, even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts; the safest place to be is in someone's prayers; and the very best place to be is...in the hands of God!

