



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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From Pastor Rodney

See Pastor's report.

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Pastor now has office hours Tuesday through Friday from 9-1. Please call ahead in case he had to leave.

New website

Our new webpage is up and running. Check it out. It is awesome! Thank you Angela. The address is

www.stmarkslutheranmiddleburgh.com

Looking for new members!

If you would like to become a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church please speak with Pastor Rodney.

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

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Alyssa
Matt
Mert
Cody
Tracy

Upcoming Events

Oct 14 - Council meeting 6 PM

Oct 18 - Youth meeting 6:30 - 8:30

Oct 22 - N.E.T. dinner @ St. Mark's

Every Thursday 6:00 - Prayer meeting in sanctuary

Winter Coats for Kids Distribution:

November 14 from 6-8
Coats will be available in the fellowship hall of St. Mark's. If you would like to donate a new or gently used coats there is a box in the front of the church or at NBT or Cocksackie Banks.

What Kind of people will you find in heaven?

What Kind of people will you find in heaven? We have all asked that question before. It's a question that has been asked for years, and back in the days the Scribes and Pharisees will say they are the only ones that will be there because they observe the laws. If you ask who will not be there they will tell you the Gentiles.

You see the problems we have in our world today and also in the Christian community is that we like to exclude people out of God's kingdom because they don't dress a certain way, or look a certain way... or live according to our standards or worship on the right day... Why can't we be happy when they come, and are ready to change, and live for the Lord.

Who do you think will be in heaven? If you ask many of my cousins and friends who are Seven Day Adventist, they will tell you they are the only ones that will be there. And we will not because we worship on Sunday. Can you imagine a God who will send you to hell because you chose to worship him on the wrong day? It is because of this mind set and this theology of exclusion and some people thinking that they will be the only ones present in heaven, that Jesus told this parable of the great banquet to set the record straight.

He told them parable to let them know, that heaven will be filled with lots of different people even the ones that they think will not be there.

In Luke 14: 16 it says, "At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

But did they come? No. They all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

We are good at making excuses to get out of things a dinner with the family, a boring concert, coming to church, sounds familiar...but the banquet must go on... The invitation was extended, the host said, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

God's grace is sufficient for us, he is able to make the vilest sinner clean. There are many times we would say, that person is beyond God's help, or they are of a different religion, so I am not going to even tell them about the joys I have found in being a Christian. If we refuse to tell the gospel message because we believe some people don't deserve it, then we are limiting the

gospel, and we are limiting God's power, love and grace. God's invitation is All-inclusive and his grace is sufficient for all of us. All we have to do is believe in the name of Jesus and we will be saved and have a place in heaven. I encourage all of us to do just that. Amen.

Submitted by

Pr. Royan Rodney.



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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: October

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October 1 - Chris Cash
October 2 - Dave Burnette
October 6 - Michelle Amendola
October 9 - Debbi Hagadorn
October 11 - Debbie Arnwine
October 12 - Kathy Kauffman
October 18 - Jessica Gordon and
Lori Roney
October 20 - John Palmatier
October 26 - John Cronin and
Willard Karsch
October 27 - Nicholas Roney and
Allen Turner
October 28 - Mary Bowman

Anniversaries: October

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

Clothing Closet Needs:

Men's jeans
Men's t-shirts
Small children's clothing

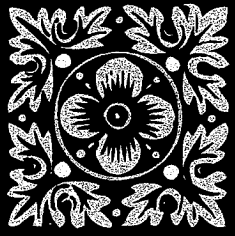
Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a new prayer ministry being led by Pastor Rodney. We meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mark's sanctuary. If you are unable to attend and have a prayer request you would like lifted, please contact Pastor or feel free to place your written request in the prayer box located in the Narthex. Let's make St. Mark's a praying church where we can bring our joys and concerns to God.

Christmas Shoe Box collections:

This year we will be collecting items for both Wings as Eagles Ministries and Samaritan's Purse. Please see the enclosed flyers for more information. Questions please see Pat McCoy.

The churches in Middleburgh and Schoharie together with the Joshua project will be hosting an Ecumenical sit down Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. There will be 220 dinners provided, 110 for Schoharie which will be served at the Presbyterian church and 110 for Middleburgh at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church. The dinner will be at 1pm and persons wishing to attend the dinner will have to call a number which will be in the paper next month and reserve their seat. They are looking for volunteers to set up, serve and clean up, if you are available on that day to help out please let me know.



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Committees:

PHOEBE CORNER:

Please be sure to check out the beautiful quilt and pillow along with the door wreath the Phobes made. Raffle tickets are available from Sharon Nesbitt. Drawing will be held at the October NET dinner.

Servers for Oct

October 5:

Acolyte - Dylan/Brianna
Ushers - Nikki and Marie
Reader - Ethel
Greeter - Harry
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Carrie

October 12:

Acolyte - Logan/Mary
Ushers - Sharon/Tom
Reader - Ted L.
Greeter - Jessie
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Debbie

October 19:

Acolyte - Breanna/Madison
Ushers - John/Gabby
Reader - Georgia
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Ginny
Counter - Diane

October 26:

Acolyte - Hannah/Jenna
Ushers - Lori/Dean
Reader - Debbie
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Chris
Counter - Carrie

WINGS AS EAGLES MINISTRIES - CHRISTMAS DREAM BOXES

HOW TO GIVE:

1. Select an age group and gender from the "What to Give" list below.
2. Shop for Christmas gift donations based on the suggestions in our "What to Give" list. Feel free to include other things these Native American children might enjoy!
3. Place the gifts in a shoebox or Rubbermaid container of similar size. Feel free to include an encouraging note—**no personal information, please**.
4. Wrap the box and lid separately in Christmas wrapping paper.
5. Clearly indicate on the outside of the box the age and gender the gift is intended for. This is very important!

WHAT TO GIVE:

- **Ages 1-3** | Male & Female
Suggested Items: toddler toys, wipes and diapers, new clothing, stuffed animals, crayons and coloring books, baby lotion and baby soap, baby books, toys, etc.
- **Ages 4-6** | Male & Female
Suggested Items: Matchbox trucks and cars, army men, baby dolls, crayons, coloring books, toy horses, other toys, etc.
- **Ages 7-8** | Male & Female
Suggested Items: crayons and coloring books, new clothing, snacks, puzzles, hats and gloves, bubbles, colored markers, baby dolls or toys, clips for hair, matchbox trucks, cars and toys, etc.
- **Ages 10-12** | Male & Female
Suggested Items: gloves and hats, books, board games, new clothing, watches, toys (include batteries), puzzles, books, etc.
- **Ages 13-16** | Male & Female
Suggested Items: watches, hand-held video games, books, board games, sunglasses, new clothing, hair accessories, journals, watches, jewelry, skateboards, basketballs, etc.

NON-APPROPRIATE GIFTS ITEMS:

Used items (please - only new!), scissors, glue, cologne, hairsprays, body sprays, or toxic items.

Please bring your shoebox to St. Mark's no later than November 20.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

1. SHOEBOX

Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box, lid separately, but wrapping is not required.

2. BOY OR GIRL

Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Clearly indicate on the outside of the box the age and gender and tape the label to the top of your box.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child (see **Gift Suggestions** below).

4. INCLUDE \$7 DONATION PER BOX

Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating \$7 for each gift you prepare. You can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- **Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- **Accessories:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.
- **A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.
- **Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Please bring your shoeboxes to ST. MARK'S no later than NOVEMBER 16.

Schoharie County

Coats for Kids" Campaign

Needed: New and gently used coats for children and adults

Where:

The Laundry Basket
131 Campus Drive
Cobleskill, NY

The Mart Cleaners
107 Union Street
Cobleskill, NY

When: Drop off before:
November 14, 2014

Anyone in need of a coat can visit the
"Coats for Kids" distribution site located in:
Shoppers Mart Plaza
East Main Street
Cobleskill, NY



Dates of Distribution:

- Saturday October 25, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Thursday November 13, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Friday November 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Saturday November 15, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - St. Mark's, Middleburgh November 14, 6-8pm
- For additional information, contact:

Schoharie County
Community Action Program
795 East Main St. Ste. 5
Cobleskill, NY 12043
518-234-2568
Toll free 866-849-2402

Community-Wide Christmas Collaboration

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- Catholic Charities
- Schoharie County Child Development
- CRCS Schools

- Schoharie County Community Action
- SALT
- CMS

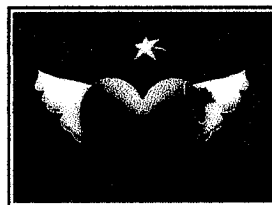
This year, the "Community-Wide Christmas Collaboration" in Schoharie County is in its third year of serving families with children for the Christmas holidays. The CWCC was established in 2012 to ensure that families, both young and old, receive support, care and assistance through the holidays. The Collaboration includes representatives of most of the county's non-profit organizations; Catholic Charities, Schoharie County Child Development Council (Head Start), Community Maternity Services, SALT, SCCAP and a number of churches and individuals. New to our committee this year is a representative from the CRCS schools.

The Community-Wide Christmas Collaboration has begun to plan for the 2014 holiday season. Many families within our community struggle to put food on the table, gas in the car and buy clothing for their children. We would, again this year, like to ask for the community's support in providing assistance to those who would otherwise go without. In 2012, the CWCC served 108 families; 206 children. Last year, we served 210 families; 457 children and the need is still growing. No family should have to go without this Christmas. Please help us in making this holiday season a memorable one.

How to Donate: Send/drop off a check or gift card to "Christmas SCCDC" at 114 Lark Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

How to Apply: Catholic Charities, 489 West Main St., Cobleskill, NY 12043. Catholic Charities will be taking applications from families on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am - 2pm. For more information, please call Catholic Charities at 234-3581, ask for Marty.

Please Note: The Collaboration is a service meant to "fill in the gaps" for families who, otherwise, would not receive any assistance with the holidays or for families that have needs that cannot be met other than through this effort.



The Best Gifts Come From The Heart.