



# 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.

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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 Pastor Rodney.

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The next confirmation class will be starting Sunday September 7 at 12:00 in the Memorial Room.

## Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Aaron

Babette

Cindy

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## Upcoming Events

Sept 3 - Choir practice resumes 6:00

Sept 6 - Chicken parmesan dinner 4:30 - 6:30 (see flyer)

Sept 8 - Hand bell practice 6:00

Sept 14 - Sunday School starts for all ages 9:15

Sept 15 - Council meeting 6 PM (note date change this meeting)

Sept 20 - Youth meeting 6:30 - 8:30

Sept 21 - Back to Church Sunday - Invite all your family and friends to join us and stay for a pot luck lunch after the service.

Every Thursday 6:00 - Prayer meeting in sanctuary

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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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## Jesus Heals!

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you would not take no for an answer? I am sure that we have all been there, those of us who have children when they become sick and if it is a severe sickness, we can't help but worry especially if they are very young.

I think there is no greater fear, than the fear of thinking that your minor child will not survive when they are sick? You would go in search of the best, and demand that they do something to save your child.

I remember watching a movie with Denzel Washington a few years ago called John Q. John Q's son Michael collapses while playing baseball as a result of heart failure. John rushes Michael to a hospital emergency room where he is informed that Michael's only hope is a transplant.

Unfortunately, John's insurance won't cover his son's transplant. Out of options, John Q takes the emergency room staff and patients hostage until hospital doctors agree to do the transplant. Desperate the father was heard saying, **"Take my heart and give it to him, I will not bury my son, my son will bury me."**

Very drastic we would say, and still as a parent we understand that kind of love that will drive us to do whatever is necessary, and we will refuse to take no for an answer.

In our gospel of Matthew 15: 21... We see a similar desperation of a mother who is seeking the healing of her daughter. Her daughter is demon-possessed and she is being tormented by these demons. Her mother is moved by faith, love and desperation so she seeks Jesus out. She knew that he will be able to heal her daughter.

The woman pleaded, "Have mercy on me, son of David." Jesus did not answer her. She was ignored. Some people may have left defeated and crying. Others would have cursed him out and tell him what a horrible person he is for ignoring them in their time of need.

But not this woman, she was on a mission, she knew what she wanted, and she went through lots of trouble to find Jesus where he was. She didn't care that he needed rest; all she cared about was that he was the only one that can save her daughter from these tormenting demons.

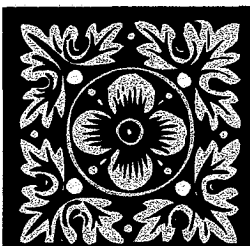
So she was not discouraged, she continued to cry out to Jesus, making her request known. Her cry for help even annoyed Jesus' disciples that they urged him to send her away. Get rid of her, she is really annoying! But the woman refused to leave. She knew what she wanted and never gave up until she gets it.

This was indeed a miracle of faith one we would do well to emulate. The focus is not upon the demon-possessed daughter who was healed but upon the mother and her persistent faith in Jesus. She was a woman who would not take "no" for an answer. She had no choice but to have faith in the healing power of Jesus, because she loved her daughter so much. Jesus saw her faith, and the love for her daughter and she was rewarded.

Today I encourage us, to exercise such faith in God, let us go after God, and pray relentlessly to him until we get our blessing. God is good... All the time.... All the time.... God is good. Amen.

Submitted by  
Pr. Royan Rodney.

Rev. Royan Rodney  
Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church &



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## Servers for Sept

### September 7:

Acolyte - Kaleb/Hannah  
Ushers - Dennis/Diane  
Reader - Marie  
Greeter - Janet  
Prayer - Gene  
Counter - Diane

### September 14:

Acolyte - Morgan  
Ushers - Jessie/Brianna  
Reader - Jim  
Greeter - Deb  
Prayer - Ginny  
Counter - Carrie

### September 21:

Acolyte - Gabby  
Ushers - Deb/Breanna  
Reader - John C.  
Greeter - Harry  
Prayer - Chris  
Counter - Deb

### September 28

Acolyte - Logan  
Ushers - Lori/Jenna  
Reader - Nanette  
Greeter - Ginny  
Prayer - Georgia  
Counter - Diane

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Can't sleep?  
Try counting your  
blessings.



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## Happy Days !!!!!

### **Birthdays: September**

Sept 8 - Noelle Roney  
Sept 10 - Leonard Cater and Alyssa  
          Coons  
Sept 13 - Pat McCoy and Tamara  
          Guerrero  
Sept 15 - Robin Gordon  
Sept 17 - Beth Cash  
Sept 18 - Mason Palmatier  
Sept 19 - Marie Whittaker  
Sept 20 - Joe Falcone  
Sept 23 - Theresa Crapser  
Sept 24 - Allison Coons  
Sept 25 - Cody Martin  
Sept 26 - Liz Van Dyke  
Sept 27 - Damian DeMaria  
Sept 28 - Sharon Amendola

### **Anniversaries: September**

Sept 2 - Theresa and Christopher  
          Crapser  
Sept 10 - Leonard and Marie Cater  
Sept 11 - Maurice and Karen Van  
          Dyke  
Sept 15 - Patti and Allen Turner  
Sept 17 - Pat and Niles McCoy  
Sept 20 - Bill and Vanessa Gordon  
Sept 23 - Deb and Jim Brigadier  
Sept 24 - Delores and Michael  
          Harrison  
          Marie and Richard  
          Whittaker

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### **Clothing Closet Needs:**

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

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### **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.

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### **Chicken Parmesan Dinner**

**Join us on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 6:30 for a delicious dinner. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to help cover the operating expenses of the church. Donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray dinner expenses. For more information see Sharon Amendola and the enclosed flyer.**



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## **ANNUAL PIE SALE AND CRAFT DAY A SUCCESS**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Phoebe Circle gives a heartfelt thank you to all who baked pies and/or helped in any way at the annual pie sale and craft table on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our fundraiser yielded \$830 and half of the proceeds are being given to St. Mark's Mortgage Fund to help defray our monthly payment. Our thanks and praises are lifted to God for His blessing of this endeavor!

## **PHOEBE CIRCLE FUNDRAISER**

The Phoebe Circle is also sponsoring a raffle with half of the proceeds being given to the Mortgage Fund.

First Prize – Beautiful Handmade Embroidered Quilt and Pillow

Second Prize – Handmade Wreath

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on October 22 at our first Neighbors Eating Together (NET) dinner. Please see Sharon Nesbitt or any of the other ladies in our Phoebe Circle to purchase tickets.

# **You're Invited**

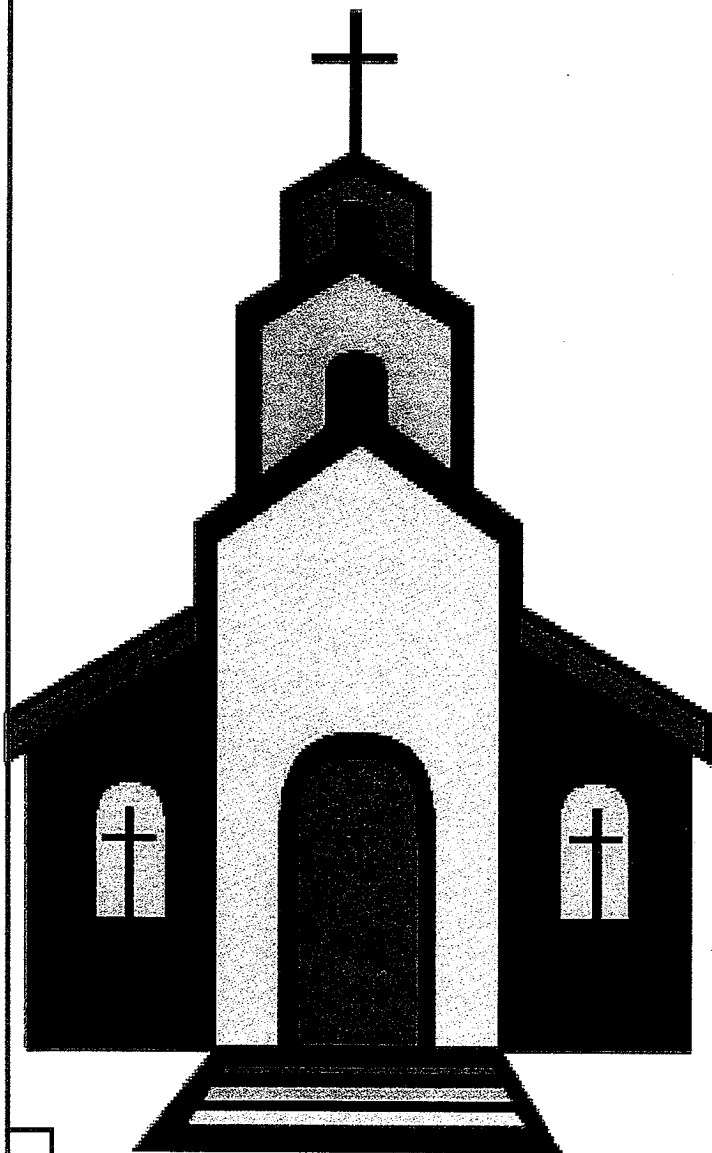
**Back to Church Sunday**

## **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

**326 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY.**

**September 21, 2014**

**10:30 AM**



**But if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.**

**Nehemiah 1:9.**

**Lunch will be Served!**

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Middleburgh, NY



**CHICKEN  
PARMESAN DINNER**

Saturday  
September 6, 2014

**4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Adult - \$10.00**

**Children - Age 5 To 12 - \$6.00**

**Age 4 and younger - Free**

## ***Christian One Liners***

***Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses  
started out as a basket case.***

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***Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited  
Until you try to sit in their pews.***

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***Many folks want to serve God,  
But only as advisers.***

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***It is easier to preach ten sermons  
Than it is to live one.***

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***The good Lord didn't create anything without a  
purpose,***

***But mosquitoes come close.***

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***When you get to your wit's end,  
You'll find God lives there.***

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***People are funny; they want the front of the bus,  
Middle of the road,  
And back of the church.***

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