



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.

Did you know that St. Mark's, collects the small empty ink cartridges from your printer, fax machine or copier? The ladies take them when shopping for office supplies and we received a credit for every one that we return. There is a small basket in the narthex to recycle yours.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Austin Roney
Georgia's grandson
Carol Coltrain
Family of Joyce Binder
Family of Jonathan Palmatier
Joshua Lamont
Janet Abrams

Upcoming Events

May 13 - Council meeting 6 PM

May 17 - Youth meeting 6:30 - 8:30

May 28- NET dinner at St.Mark's at 5:30

Every Thursday 6:00 - Prayer meeting

Hall Usage

Many groups have asked to use our facility for their meetings. If you happen to be at the church please double check that all lights have been turned off and both doors are locked.

Also please leave the doors going into the sanctuary open for the winter.



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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: May

May 5 - Gloria Falcone
May 8 - Mary Schaffer and Claude Brown
May 11 - Dennis France
May 13 - Debbie Brigadier
May 14 - Augie Kauffman
May 16 - Michael Cinquino
May 22 - Sharon Nesbitt
May 26 - Stephanie Nichol
May 28 - Kobe Gordon
May 30 - Brianna Gordon

Anniversaries: May

May 21 - Jill and Kenneth Hanley
May 26 - Jane and Aaron Wilsey

Prayer Meetings

Every Thursday evening at 6 P.M.
Pastor will be having a prayer meeting in the sanctuary. He will make himself available to pray for members individually as well as the church and the community. Please feel free to join him anytime. We will also be having a place to leave your prayer requests for Pastor.

Thrivent Challenge

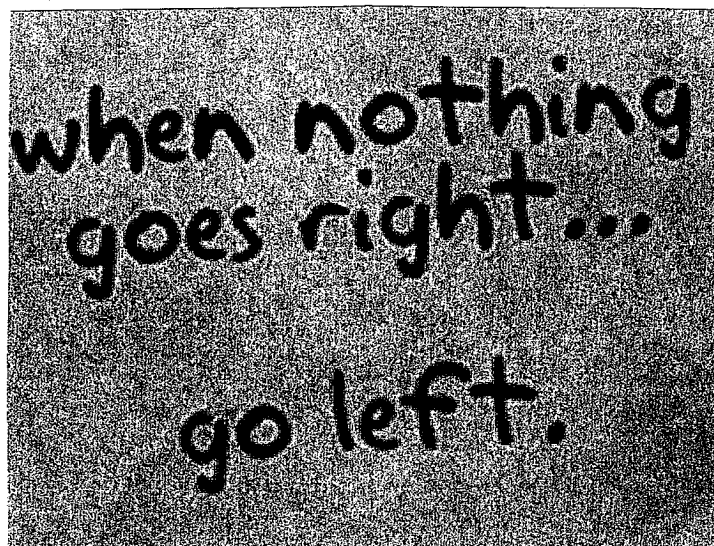
Thrivent offered a challenge to churches who serve the community through outreach programs. For every dollar donated to our food pantry between December 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014, Thrivent Foundation will grant 50 cents per \$1.00 raised up to a total grant of \$5,000. We raised \$5283.50.

Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day

If you have any financial books or records that need to be audited for 2013 please give them to Chris Cash as soon as possible.

Thank you.



We should Wash Each other's feet.

In John's gospel chapter 13 verse 8 it says, "8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Peter had a lot of respect for the Lord, He was always the zealous one, the protector as it were, that later he will not hesitate to cut off the ear of the man who came to arrest Jesus.

When his master stooped down to his level to wash his feet, Peter had a problem with that, he saw that as his role, he was the one that was supposed to wash the feet of Jesus. Jesus was not afraid to reverse the role, he is not afraid to come down to our level and reach us right where we are and lift us up to where he wants us to be. That is the kind of God we are serving, a giving God, a loving and compassionate God and a merciful God. And for us to enjoy his blessings we have to repent, we have to be washed so that we can be clean. Not just a physical washing but a Spiritual washing, a washing so that we can be brought back into right relationship with God.

Jesus spoke to Peter, and let him know that unless he is washed, he will have no share with him. This washing that Jesus was giving them was a washing to prepare them for what is to come. It was going to be a difficult three days from them without the Lord. Jesus was going to die, and not just any death but a cruel death; he will be whipped, mocked, spat on, and endure all of this because of our sins. They will need to remember his love for them, that brought him to his knees to wash their feet, and now it's taking him to the cross.

They need to remember his teaching that all these things will happen, and I will suffer and die, but then, on the third day, I will rise again, these are the teachings that will get them through that difficult time, and it will get us through times, when we feel, that we are suffering unjustly because of our relationship with God.

We need to remember what Jesus says to us, we need to read and re-read his words because it's what will get us through difficult times. We need to stand on the promises of God, because his words are strong, his words are true, his words are powerful. Jesus continued to say:

"Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

How do we wash each other's feet. There are some churches on Maundy Thursday every year and sometimes, more often practice feet washing in church. My neighbor back in Guyana belonged to a church that does feet washing a couple times a year, and whenever it's that day, we

know, because we can see her sister giving her a pedicure. She made sure that her feet were extremely clean, so that no would say that she has dirty feet.

Can you imagine the condition of the feet of Jesus' disciples that he had to wash? There are times when we will have to wash some very dirty feet, and we will not want to do it but the Lord says we must. It may not always be a literal washing but sometimes it is.

We are called to walk with our brothers and sisters, through good times and tough times. Even when they hurt us we love them, and forgive them. How many times must we forgive Peter once asked the

Jesus continued to say, ³⁴"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love is the message, May we allow God's love to be at the center of everything we do. That when we feel like hurting someone, or hate someone, we will reflect back and ask that question that seems so simple and trivial, "What would Jesus do." We will never know exactly what Jesus would do, but we do know that he will always love, always forgives, always unite, and always bless. May we go forth and do the same. Amen.

Submitted by

Pastor Royan Rodney

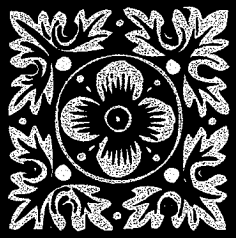
STONE MOUNTAIN
CHURCH OF GOD

HONK IF YOU LOVE
JESUS TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM

SUN. SCHOOL
10:00 AM

SUN. WORSHIP
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

WED.
7:00 PM



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Servers for May

May 4:

Acolyte - Brianna/Mary
Ushers - John/Gabby
Reader - Ted L.
Greeter - Jessica
Prayer - Chris
Counter - Diane

May 11:

Acolyte - Hannah
Ushers - Austin/Cody
Reader - Lori
Greeter - Harry
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Carrie

May 18:

Acolyte - TBD
Ushers - Gene/Chris
Reader - Michelle N.
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Debbie

May 25:

Acolyte - Logan
Ushers - Sharon/Harry
Reader - Marie
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Georgia
Counter - Diane

Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

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Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

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*Don't put a question mark where God put a
period.*

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Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

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Forbidden fruits create many jams.

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*God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the
called.*

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God grades on the cross, not the curve.

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*God loves everyone,
But probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'*

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God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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He who angers you, controls you!

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If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

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***theme:* "Preach the Gospel at all times and if
necessary use words"**

beginning May 6th * Tuesdays, 7 pm

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MAY 13	OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MAY 20	HUNTERSLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAY 27	ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
JUNE 3	MIDDLEBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 10	PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

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