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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:

Tina

Steven

Susie

Jerry

Virginia

Colleen

Family of Larry Van Aller

Upcoming Events

Nov 11 - Council meeting 6 PM

Nov 15 - Youth meeting 6:30 - 8:30

Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Eve service @ Methodist Church 7:00

Nov 27 - Happy Thanksgiving

No N.E.T. dinner @ St. Mark's for November

Every Thursday 6:00 - Prayer meeting in sanctuary

What's your Purpose?

The prophet Isaiah, prophesied and said, "My word shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the things for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

Do you know, what is the Lord's purpose for your life? The Old Testament lesson states the purpose of the rain and the snow which is to water the earth, making the tress bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower, and bread to the eater. It does not stop until, its mission is accomplished.

SO I ask again, what is your mission? What is your purpose?

For some of us, we know exactly what our mission is, we know what God is calling us to do and we have done it. We have heard and accepted the Lord's call as did the disciples, as he said to them, come follow me. Like the disciples, we have dropped our nets, and followed him. We have rearranged our lives, so that it lines up with The Lord, we have shunned all worldly pleasures and material things, and we have armed ourselves with the word of The Lord.

But still there are others who are out there that have ignored the call of God, they are pretending not to hear that still and constant voice of The Lord, beckoning them, to come.

Instead of heeding the voice of The Lord and run towards him, their immediate reaction is to flee from him, and flee from everyone who would tell them about God. They are aware of how bad their life are without God, and yet the devil has such a grip on their life. They hold on to all the things that are tearing them apart from having a relationship with God.

I remember when I was going to be confirmed, it was an exciting time, and yet a very scary time. Excited, that I am now making a bold decision to finally accept The Lord but scared that I will no longer get to do the things that my friends would do. But as I thought about it, I knew that I made the right decision because, I was not missing out on anything at all. Life without Christ is a life that is filled with corruption and pain, lawlessness and hatred and finally destruction and death. The purpose of Christ is to give us life, abundant life, life that is satisfying and filled with joy, while the devil's purpose is to kill, steal and destroy. Which will we choose?

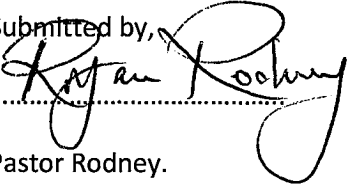
The voice of The Lord is calling us to go out, and speak the truth of this gospel. Come to me, and find joy, come to me and find your purpose. Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

I ask you again that if you do not yet know what your purpose is, make it your purpose to win a soul for Christ this year. Make it your mission, to identify all of the people in your life, who have

wandered far away from God, and tell them to come home, come back to The Lord. Yes, there will be resistance, yes there will be excuses, but please do not let that deter you, keep asking, keeping knocking keeping seeking, and The Lord will answer your prayers, and bring them back to him. Amen.

Submitted by,

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Pastor Rodney.



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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: November

Nov 8 - Vivian Hanley
Nov 12 - Karen Van Dyke
Nov 13 - Bonnie Morton and
Jenna Warner
Nov 14 - Taylor Cater
Nov 20 - Ryan Whittaker
Nov 24 - Olivia Grapes
Nov 25 - Heather Palmatier
Nov 26 - Aaron Wilsey
Nov 28 - Michelle Nespica, Sydney
Cater and Ron Lower
Nov 29 - Ethel Cater

Anniversaries: November

Nov 10 - Ellen and Ted
Langenbahn
Nov 12 - Willard and Freya Karsch
Nov 25 - Toni and Dave Burnette

Winter Coats for Kids Distribution:

November 14 from 6-8 PM.
Coats will be available in
the fellowship hall of St.
Mark's. If you would like to
help please see Pat McCoy.

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 Shoebox Collections:

This year we are collecting shoeboxes of items for Operation Christmas Child. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for information about the items that can be sent. We also have pre-made boxes and labels in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. If you are unable to pack a box, perhaps you can help with the cost of postage?

In addition, we are collecting Walmart gift cards (in any amount) for Wings as Eagles Ministries that will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the Native American children living on the reservation.

Collection date for both is November 16.

Any questions, please contact Pat McCoy.



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Committees:

Thanksgiving Dinner:
Dinner will be served at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church at 1:00. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve at the sit down dinner. Please contact Stephanie Tinker at 827-4352 for information or to volunteer.

Servers for Nov

November 2:

Acolyte - Dylan/Brianna
Ushers - Diane/Dennis
Reader - Lori
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Debbie

November 9:

Acolyte - Mary
Ushers - Bill/Bonnie
Reader - Ted L.
Greeter - Debbie P.
Prayer - Ted L.
Counter - Diane

November 16:

Acolyte - Kaleb
Ushers - Sharon/Harry
Reader - Bonnie
Greeter - Ginny
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Carrie

November 23:

Acolyte - Morgan
Ushers - Jeremy/Kobe
Reader - Michelle N.
Greeter - Jessie
Prayer - Ginny
Counter - Debbie

November 30:

Acolyte - Logan
Ushers - Denise/Kaleb
Reader - Marie
Greeter - Harry
Prayer - Georgia
Counter - Diane

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*Quit griping about your church;
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.*

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*If a church wants a better pastor,
It only needs to pray for the one it has.*

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*We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or
Judges.*

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*God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until
he is dead. So why should you?*

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*Some minds are like concrete
Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*

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Peace starts with a smile.

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*I don't know why some people change churches;
What difference does it make which one you stay
home from?*

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*Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean
'em.*

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Community-Wide Christmas Collaboration

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- Catholic Charities
- Schoharie County Child Development
- CRCS Schools

- Schoharie County Community Action
- SALT
- CMS

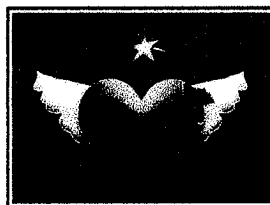
This year, the "Community-Wide Christmas Collaboration" in Schoharie County is in its third year of serving families with children for the Christmas holidays. The CWCC was established in 2012 to ensure that families, both young and old, receive support, care and assistance through the holidays. The Collaboration 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.