

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

**Oct. 7 – 9:15 a.m. – Adult
Sunday School Resumes**

**Oct. 8 – 7:00 p.m. - Council
Meeting**

**Oct. 13 – 9 a.m. - Men's
Breakfast**

**Nov. 3 – 4:30 p.m. – Chicken &
Biscuit Dinner Fundraiser**

**On Sunday, September 23rd, a
dedication service in memory of the
Reverend George Zinsman was held.
To those who knew him, he was a true
servant of God and had an enduring
love of his Lord and people. Thank
you to the Zinsman family for their
gracious donation in his memory of a
new sign located in the front of our
church. He was and still is a blessing
to all of us.**

Council has adopted a policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. All requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather than having too many people involved.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up
in prayer:

Arlene Vroman
Teri Lockwood
Peggi & Bob Meunier
Mary Chichester
Frank Schafroth
Pardy Coons
Tamara Guerrero
Kobe Gordon
Gloria Falcone
Melvin Gorton
Doris Diamond
Dan Jorgensen
Dakota Miller
Tim Gordon
Jim Marquit
Gary Brand Family
Ron Blackmur Family
Josephine Palmer Family

Council Members:

President - Marie Whittaker
Vice President - Chris Cash
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members - Jim Brigadier, Dennis
Foland and Lisa Bartholomew.

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Servers for Oct.

October 7:

Candle Lighter - Lisa
Ushers - Chris / Georgia
Reader - Ron
Greeter - Gloria
Prayer - Deb B
Counter - Diane

October 14:

Candle Lighter - Dylan
Ushers - Ted / Ellen
Reader - Ted
Greeter - Maurice
Prayer - Ted
Counter - Carrie

October 21:

Candle Lighter - Lisa
Ushers - Dennis / Diane
Reader - Sharon N
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Carolyn
Counter - Deb P

October 28:

Candle Lighter - Dylan
Ushers - Bonnie / Bill
Reader - Sandi
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Ginny
Counter - Diane

Holy Humor

HEALTH TEST

*Blow Your Breath
On This Black Cat*



If cat turns purple, there is a harmful chemical in your breath, and you should see your doctor immediately. If she remains black, you are well enough to attend church on Sunday.

Last Words

Recently I caught part of a radio theatre program that was titled "Last Words". Unfortunately, I missed the program, but from what I was able to gather, the title was about the last words of a man who died unexpectedly. In the book of James we read about the tongue and the power it has to bless and to curse and that it cannot be tamed.

My curiosity led me to search for famous last words. It resulted in statements made by people who knew they were about to die. The last words were a collection of, as stated above, blessings and cursing's.

In the Bible we are told of the last words of Jesus, who knew he was about to die. There are actually seven statements and they example great compassion and humility. Jesus' concern for others, Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Jesus' welcoming the repentant, Luke 23-43 "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Jesus' direction to provide care, John 19:26 "When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' 27 Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home." Jesus reveals to us the pain of being separated from God, Matthew 27:46 "Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' Jesus reveals his humanness, John 19:28 "I thirst!". This is from the one who told the woman at the well, John 4: 10, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 14 whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." Jesus professes His obedience in completing what He had been sent to do, John 19:30 "He said, 'It is finished!' Jesus spoke with certainty His destiny, Luke 23:46 "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

My friend, Mary, shared with me the last words of her late husband, the Reverend George Zinsman. While at a church meeting discussing work to be done on the parsonage, the group asked for his thoughts and desires regarding the work to be done. His response was "Do not build what I want; build what you would want your pastors to have." Rev. Zinsman's last words were not to benefit self, but those who were to come after him.

We may or may not know when death is approaching us. For some it may be at the end of a long journey where our bodies are worn out by age or illness. For others it may be sudden and unexpected. Contemplating on these facts and on the instructions from James 3:5-10, we must always be aware of what we say for they could be our "last words". If we are followers of Jesus, if we are the body of Christ, would we, will we, be able to speak as Jesus spoke? Consider the physical condition Jesus was in at the time. Not just the pain, but the struggle just to breathe, which is how death came to those crucified. Yet He was able to speak words that revealed His true nature, both His divinity and His humanity. He connected with us in ways that are still not completely understood or appreciated. He taught us that all of our words should show love and compassion for others so as to honor and glorify God, for they just may be our "last words."

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: September

Oct. 1 – Chris Cash
Oct. 6 – Michelle Amendola
Oct. 12 – Kathy Kauffmann
Oct. 18 – Jessica Gordon
Oct. 18 – Lori Roney
Oct. 20 – John Palmatier
Oct. 26 – John Cronin
Oct. 26 – Willard Karsch
Oct. 27 – Nicholas Roney
Oct. 28 – Mary Bowman

Anniversaries: October

Oct. 4 – Lisa / Todd
 Bartholomew
Oct. 25 – Denise / Terry Minton

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a 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 narthex.

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 - Held during the worship service message

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

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

Men's Prayer breakfast - second Saturday of each month

St. Mark's Outreach Project
Disaster Relief and Recovery for People in South Carolina

St. Mark's is embarking on a new outreach project for the people in South Carolina, who are experiencing the devastation of displacement and/or flooding of their homes. Please consider making a monetary donation or donation of any of the item(s) listed below no later than October 20. The donations will be delivered tentatively during the week of the 21st.

- Canned foods (any size including #10 cans)
- Baby supplies such as diapers (any size), food, etc.
- Gatorade / power drinks
- Plastic forks, spoons
- Plates
- Cups
- Paper towels
- Personal hygiene items such as: tooth brush, tooth paste, body soap, etc.
- Toilet tissue

Cleaning Supplies such as:

- Air fresheners
- Bleach
- 5 gallon pails with lids
- Household cleaner
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Disinfectant dish soap
- Latex gloves
- Work gloves
- Masks, N-95 rating
- Scouring pads
- Scrub brushes
- Sponges
- Towels for cleaning
- 33 – 45 gallon, heavy duty, trash bags
- Mops
- Brooms / dust pans
- Squeegees

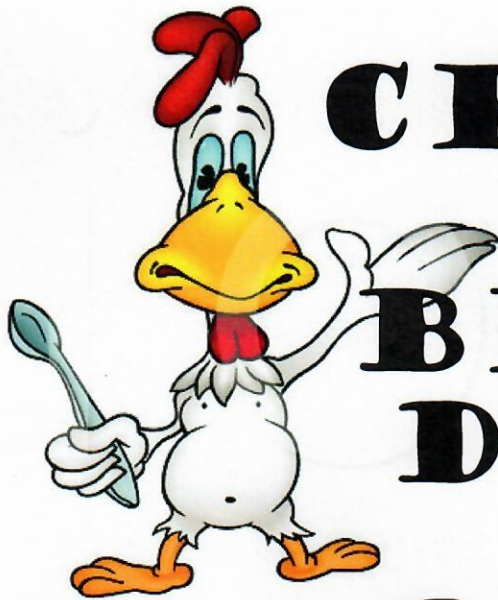
Thank you and God bless you!!!



As in the past, we would like to bless children throughout the world through Operation Christmas Child's shoebox project. Shoeboxes are available at St. Mark's so please stop by to pick up one to fill and return to St. Mark's no later than Sunday, November 4th.



We would also like to bless the Native American children of the Wings As Eagles Ministries through the purchase of Walmart gift cards. Cards may be purchased in any monetary denomination. Please place them in the special box located at St. Mark's sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 2nd.



CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

St. Mark's
Lutheran Church
Middleburgh, NY

Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Prices

Adult - \$10.00

Children - Age 5 To 12 - \$6.00

Age 4 and younger - Free



JOSHUA PROJECT – THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Dear Congregation,

We have been blessed with a beautiful autumn, a bountiful harvest, and continued participation with our wonderful rural neighbors. The time has come to start planning the non-perishable food drive for Thanksgiving meal baskets which are provided through The Joshua Project and delivered to appreciative families in our area.

Our food campaign will begin in October and we are asking congregations to collect items such as: canned green beans, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy (jars or packets), boxes of Stove Top Stuffing. Turkeys are provided through another source. Please leave your donation at the foot of the cross in our St. Mark's sanctuary.

We thank you for your support, participation, and love of our community. The Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered to families before Thanksgiving. With your help, the Joshua Project continues to spread love and good cheer in Middleburgh and throughout the county.

In His Service,
The Joshua Project