

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Wed., April 9th – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at OLV Catholic Church

Sat., April 12th – 6:00 p.m. Movie Night

Sun., April 13th – Palm Sunday Worship
Service at St. Mark's Church

Sun., April 13th – Special Congregational
Meeting – see information below

Thurs., April 17th – 7:00 p.m. - Maundy
Thursday Service at Reformed Church

Fri., April 18th – 12:-00 noon – Ecumenical
Stations of the Cross – meet at OLV Catholic
Church

Fri., April 18th – 6:30 p.m. – Good Friday
Service at Christian Community Church of
Faith in Richmondville

Sat., April 19th – 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Prayer Vigil

Sun., April 20th – 6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service
at Reformed Church

Sun., April 20th – 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship
Service at St. Mark's Church

Wed., April 23rd – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at St. Mark's Church

Sun., April 27th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Meeting

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 13th**, immediately following our worship service to discuss quotes we have received for replacing all the windows in the addition. More information will be forth coming. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Prayers and Concerns for Mar.

Family of Timmy Hagerman
Family of Dr. Paul Howard
Family of Ruth Yung
Family of Janet Mayer
Family of Marie Szyszczon

Pastor Dave
Sandi Johnson
Ruth Palmer
Robin Gordon
Marie Whittaker
Ron and Edna Lower
Pat McCoy
Peggi Meunier
Colin Shaul
Eleanore Houseman
Sharon Nesbitt
Dave Goslin
Terry Lacy
Kiley Parslow

Bible Verse for April:

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. – Proverbs 3:3 (NIV)

Thought for the Day:

God without man is still God, but a man without God is nothing.



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Servers for April

April 6th

Reader – Cathy
Prayer – Carolyn
Ushers – Aaron / Allison
Counter – Carrie

April 13th (Palm Sunday)

Reader – Peggi
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Bob / Peggi
Counter – Deb P.

April 20th (Easter)

Reader – Nannette
Prayer – Cheryl
Ushers – Dennis / Carrie
Counter – Sharon

April 27th

Reader – Edna
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Ron / Denise
Counter – Diane



Communion Bread for March

April Birthdays:

Pat Becker	Apr. 3
Diane France	Apr. 20
Sandi Johnson	Apr. 23
Maurice VanDyke	Apr. 24
Amanda Howland	Apr. 28

April Anniversaries:

Helen Ruland / Jim Nattrass Apr. 5

St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Unfortunately, the financial numbers for February are not available at this time.



Tabs being sent to Ronald McDonald House.



Only GOD can create such beautiful colors!

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Movie Night

"Amazing Grace" was the feature at our March 15th movie night. It was interesting to watch William Wilberforce, a member of the House of Commons and who, despite opposition, persevered in convincing the English Parliament to abolish slave trade.

Our next movie night will be on Saturday, **April 12th, at 6:00 p.m.** Please note this is a change in date and time. The feature has yet to be determined so please watch your e-mails for Cheryl's update on the title of our movie.

Operation Christmas Child

This is our current OCC table...



Thank you to all who have made these donations; this is a good start. However, remember the goal we have set for this year is 80 shoeboxes and this goal can only be achieved with your help. Please continue to make purchases for our shoeboxes. Thank you!

Schoharie County

" All Faiths Prayer Breakfast "



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

God Bless America

Chieftans Restaurant
Cobleskill, NY
8 AM
10 Apr 2025

\$10 per person

We have so much to be thankful for and we need to gather together to thank our LORD for the many blessings in our lives and for our nation. What better way to do that then to have us all join together in prayer. Pastor David Houck will lead us in prayer breakfast activities. In addition, we have Christy R. Houck, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties, as our guest speaker to inform us about how they assist those in need. Please come and join us in prayer on April 10th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chieftans Restaurant.

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NET Dinner

Wednesday, March 26th, St. Mark's kitchen had the sounds of clanging pots and pans, the smell of roasting chicken and voices of those working to make a delicious NET dinner. We served baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and a variety of desserts to approximately 80 friends and neighbors. (Sorry, Cheryl... no chips. 😞)

Our next NET dinner will be held at **5:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, **April 23rd**, when we will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, bread, tossed salad and dessert. Please join us for an evening of fellowship with our neighbors.



Anticipating a delicious meal...



Yummy desserts
Guaranteed to satisfy any "sweet tooth"

The chicken is ready to be cooked...



Our Chefs



Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th – 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m. at Reformed Church

Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 18th – 12:00 noon starting at corner of Wells and Main Street
at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th – 6:30 p.m. at Christian Community Church

Saturday Vigil

Saturday, April 19th – 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
The sanctuary will be open so you may come at any time and stay as long as you
would like to spend quiet time with our Lord

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20th – 6:00 a.m. at Reformed Church followed by a light breakfast

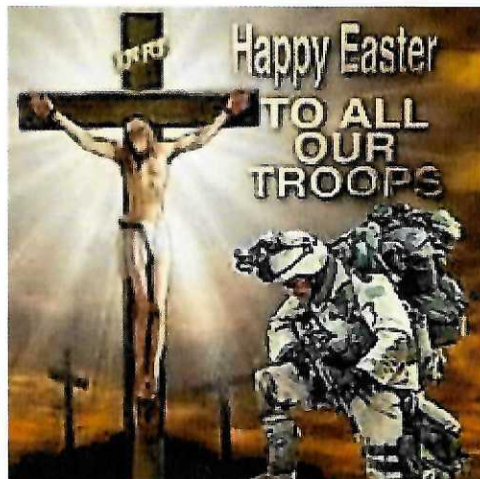
Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, April 20th – 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Jesus sacrificed his life so that we may have the gift of salvation. Members of our armed forces sacrifice their lives so that we may have the gift of freedom. Please pray for all who selflessly serve in our military.



St. Mark's Choir

There are many genres of music that anyone can listen to or perform. They provide a variety of music suitable for each person's taste.

This year our choir has been singing a variety of Christian songs and has also been creative in making different arrangements. In particular, during Lent, we incorporated several musical pieces within our worship service. On March 2nd the choir led the congregation in singing "The Lord's Prayer" during communion. Then on March 9th, we sang the psalm during the reading of the Word. Linda Connors was the cantor as the choir sang "Psalm 91: Be With Me". The choir anthem, "A Lenten Lesson", sung on March 30th incorporated handbells played by Denise Minton and Ron Lower and flute played by Kerri Bellinger.

Thank you, Ron, Denise and Kerri, for making our song so special. Also, thank you choir for your dedication in sharing your vocal talents in service to our Lord! God is definitely an awesome director!





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FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES

FANCY FARMER
528 State HWY 20
Sharon Springs NY13459

APRIL 6th 2025

1:30 PM-5:00 PM

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