

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Sun., July 13th – 11:00 a.m. - Joint worship service with Christian Community Church at Timothy Murphy Park

Fri., July 18th – 8:00 p.m. – Ice Cream Social / Band Concert (see article in newsletter)

Sun., July 20th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Fri., July 25th – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – 4th Friday Hot Dog Event

Sat., July 26th - Phoebe Annual Pie Sale

Sun., July 27th – 1:00 p.m. – Community Worship Service - MCS lawn (bring a lawn chair)



Communion Bread for June

Prayers and Concerns for June

Family of Edna Lower
Family of Marily Solanka

Barbara Andrew
Carrie Foland
Al Woodin
Tony Chieco
Brian Coombs
Elizabeth Clark
Pam (Grippin) Stock
John Motta

Bible Verse for July:

Blessed are those who hear the teaching of God and obey it.

- Luke 11:28

Thought for the Day:

When adversity comes, trust God's perspective and believe that even from what's difficult, He can bring something good.



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Servers for July

July 6th

Reader – Cathy
Prayer – Carolyn
Ushers – Dan / Doreen
Counter – Deb P.

July 13th

Joint Service at Timothy Murphy
Park at 11:00 a.m. with Christian
Community Church of Faith.

July 20th

Reader – Peggi
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Cathy / Barb
Counter – Diane

July 27th

Ecumenical Service on the High
School Lawn at 1:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Below is the financial information for
the month of **May**:

Income	\$ 7,297.00
Expenses	21,668.42
Balance	\$14,371.42

July Birthdays:

Michele Parks	July 4
Doreen Heluk	July 5
Mia Howland	July 7
Janet Abrams	July 22
Kelly Bellinger	July 23
Russ Elder	July 24

July Anniversaries:

Bill / Holly Pierce	July 14
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New Windows Installed

In a special meeting held in April, our congregation gave their approval for Council to hire a contractor to replace the windows in our addition. On May 28th Home Magic began this project and completed it in early June.



Thank you, Home Magic, for a job well done. The windows are beautiful!

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St. Mark's annual joint worship service and picnic with **Christian Community Church of Faith** will be held on **Sunday, July 13, 2025**, at **11:00 a.m.** at **Timothy Murphy Park**. Please bring a side dish to pass; meat will be provided.

Come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ as we praise and worship our God together!

Phoebes Annual Pie Sale

Saturday, July 26th, Middleburgh is hosting its annual arts and crafts day. It is also when our Phoebe Circle will hold their annual pie sale. Please leave a message on the church office phone (518-827-5318) or contact Sharon Nesbitt if you are willing to make a pie(s) or make a monetary donation. We will also need help on the 26th to set up our table on the MCS lawn as well as sell the pies. Since this is the Phoebes only fundraiser for the year, your donations and help are greatly appreciated.



(Please leave your pie(s) at the church by 9:00 a.m. on the 26th.)



Ice Cream Social

Each year Stewart's blesses us with a donation of ice cream, sundae kits and cones for our annual ice cream social held at one of the summer band concerts. This year our ice cream social will be held on **Friday, July 18th**, when we will serve desserts and beverages with the ice cream.

We are asking for volunteers to bake dessert items such as pies, cupcakes, cakes, brownies, cookies, cobblers, etc. for us to sell. If you wish to donate a dessert, please leave it at the church any time during the day on Friday, the 18th, or bring it to the MCS lawn that evening. We are also asking for volunteers to help us set up at 7:00 p.m. and take down our tables.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Pat McCoy on 518-231-4632 or leave a message on the church phone (518-827-5318).

Proceeds benefit the Lord's food pantry at St. Mark's.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

July 27th at 1:00 p.m.

at

Middleburgh High School Lawn

**Refreshments of
hot dogs, salads and chips will be available**

Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a spirit-filled worship service. Since we will be outside, please bring your own lawn chair.

All are welcome!

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Edna Lower

At Sunday morning worship, you would see her sitting in one of the front pews of the sanctuary. You would hear a "good morning" or see her chatting with people as they walked by. But now... she sits on the front row of God's kingdom.

It was on June 5, 2025, Edna Lower moved to her new home to live eternally with her Lord. While here on earth, she served Him in many different ways which included love for her family, her friends and her neighbors.

No one was a stranger to Edna for she loved a good visit with anyone and when you stopped by her house, you were always welcomed. Caring for others was one of Edna's characteristics as shown through her support of outreach programs like the Joshua Project, Schenectady City Mission, St. Mark's Phoebe Circle and Operation Christmas Child.

At the NET dinners, her coleslaw was a real winner so much so that at the May dinner, we were told we needed to have her double the amount of salad the next time we serve it.

For many years Edna was the choir director at St. Mark's. It was a privilege for both current and former choir members to sing at her memorial service a song that she introduced to the choir years ago ... "Go Now In Peace".



On Friday, June 13th, more than 100 people gathered to say a sad farewell to Edna, proof of how many lives she touched.

While the front pews are now vacant, Edna's presence is still and will always be among us as we worship.

Thank you, Edna, for sharing your love and your talents. We miss you and look forward to seeing you again as we too will someday enter God's kingdom.



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Movie Night

Sometimes when we are faced with changes in our lives...changes we have no control over, we feel like our world is crashing down around us. It is easy to shut out the ones closest to us at the moments we need them the most.

As we watched the movie "Tapestry" on June 20th, we witnessed how a man hit rock bottom and how his life and heart changed after accepting Jesus. At the end of the movie he shares some things he learned from his experiences: "If you don't have hope, then you cannot have true happiness." "Even when we think we are lost, God is with us all the time." "Hope and faith are great things." - lessons for all of us to embrace.

Please note that our next movie night will be in September.

Baccalaureate

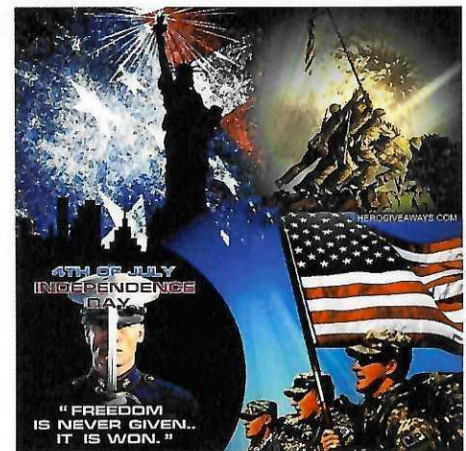


15 of our Middleburgh High School seniors gathered at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, who hosted the Class of 2025 Baccalaureate service on Sunday, June 22nd. Congratulations graduates! May God bless you as you begin the next phase of your life.

***Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord...***

- Psalm 33:12

***Pray for our country, for
our government leaders
and for all the men and
women currently serving in
our armed forces.***



Monument at Warbird Memorial Park

Middleburgh Day Camp



- Did you know that there are one billion bacteria in a teaspoon of soil?
- That an octopus has three hearts?
- That bees do a special dance to tell each other where the best nectar can be found?

Through daily learnings, nature study, and play, children will learn that all of God's works are good and that they themselves are beloved creations.

Join us to wonder

in the wildly wonderful world God created for his glory.

August 4th-8th, 2025

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

@ 178 River Street, Middleburgh (Middleburgh Reformed Church)
for students completing grades K-5 (rising 1st-6th grade)

Register: middleburghreformed.org/2025-day-camp

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***What a wildly wonderful world, God!
You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful
creations.***

- ***Psalm 104:25***

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