

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

Sat., Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m. – Movie Night

Sun., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Fri., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

## **THANK YOU!!!**

July was a month filled with opportunities to serve God, not only at our church, but within the community. Whenever called upon, our congregation has always responded in positive ways.

To all those who donated to the Bible drive sponsored by Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Schoharie, we say a huge “thank you”. The total number of Bibles collected to be sent around the world exceeded their goal.

Thank you to all those who donated baked goods and helped serve at the ice cream social on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is to benefit our food pantry.

Thank you too for the pies baked and sold at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Middleburgh Arts and Crafts event. This is our Phoebe group's annual fundraiser and provides funds for purchasing items needed to make quilts.



## Prayers and Concerns for July

Family of Beverly Conto  
Family of Rosemarie Cesina

Bessie Korth  
Joe Morrison  
Chuck Wade  
Ralph Mordocco  
Georgia VanDyke  
Alton Roe, Sr.  
Julius Fernandez

## Bible Verse for August:

*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.*

1 John 4:15

## Thought for the Day:

*With God, the smallest step of faith can activate the mightiest of miracles.*

- Max Lucado



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## Servers for August

### Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Ted  
Prayer – Ted  
Ushers – Ted / Ellen  
Counter – Carrie

### Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Bob  
Prayer – Cheryl  
Ushers – Lisa / Nannette  
Counter – Deb P.

### Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Deb P.  
Prayer – Ron  
Ushers – Deb P. / Pat  
Counter – Sharon

### Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Lori  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Ushers – Dan / Doreen  
Counter – Diane



July Communion Table

## August Birthdays:

Barb Elder	Aug. 7
Lyn Herodes	Aug. 21
Dennis Foland	Aug. 22
Georgia VanDyke	Aug. 22
Sandra Walsh	Aug. 29
Ron Barnes	Aug. 29
Lyndia Hauser	Aug. 30

## August Anniversaries:

Gregg / Amanda Howland	Aug. 14
Dennis / Diane France	Aug. 22
Dean / Lori Roney	Aug. 22
Bob / Peggi Meunier	Aug. 28

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## **St. Mark's Income vs Expenses**

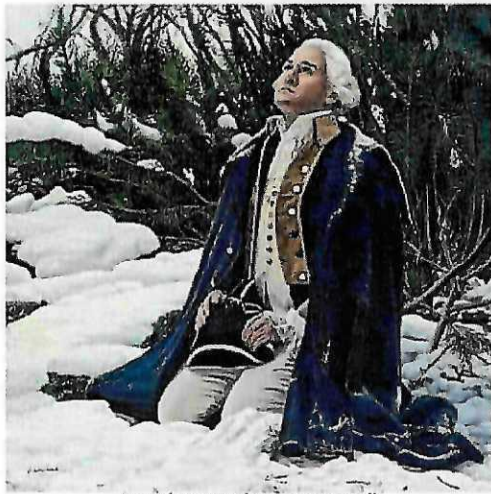
Below is the financial information for the month of June. Please note that expenses incurred are higher than the income because our insurance for the year was paid in full in June.

Income	\$7,530.16
Expenses	9,291.42
Balance	<b>(\$1,761.26)</b>

## **Humorous Church Announcement**

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

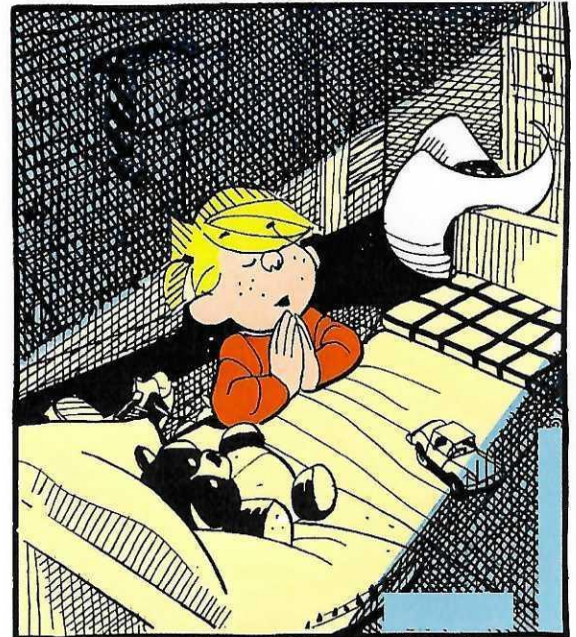
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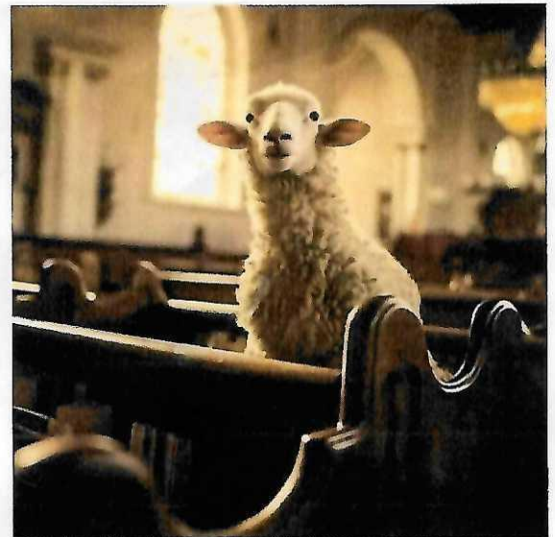
"In God We Trust" by Liz Lemon Swindle

*"Our nation was founded on prayer, it was preserved by prayer, and we need prayer again"*

***Please keep our country, our country's leaders and our armed forces in your prayers. Pray that our country stands on the Word of God and for unity in Christ.***



**"...AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, 'CAUSE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, WE'RE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE."**



**Jesus wants Ewe in a Pew**

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## Movie Night

July 20<sup>th</sup> St. Mark's hosted movie night for the showing of "Fireproof". This is the story of a firefighter whose marriage is in crisis and how their marriage is saved.



Our next movie night will be on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** Please join us for another enjoyable evening watching a Christian movie.



Joshua Project Volunteers

Cheryl Cater, Carrie Foland, Edna Lower, Ron Lower, Dennis Foland

Please see Carrie or Dennis if you would also like to volunteer to help with this wonderful outreach program.

## Operation Christmas Child

St. Mark's OCC leader, Ruth Palmer, has designated August as school supply month. Needed are spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, pencil top erasers and pencil cases.

REMEMBER -- For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is...

FUN – includes a "wow" item and other quality toys

FULL – packed to the brim with school supplies and personal care items

PERSONALIZED – prayed over and contains a note and a photo, which are often the child's favorite item

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth at (910) 849-5252.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

Shade from the trees on St. Mark's front lawn was a welcome cover from the hot sun during the July 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Friday event. Donations for our hot dog / chips / water sale totaled \$150 – all to be used for the shipping of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Thank you to all who helped to make this 4<sup>th</sup> Friday a success.

Please note the last 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the year will be on **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. So ... if you don't feel like cooking dinner and would like to eat a delicious hot dog, chips (Cheryl will share them with you 😊) and a cold bottle of water, please stop by to see us. As always, your help is also greatly appreciated.



Hot Dog Team 😊



Alyssa Coons Crafts

Also on the front lawn...



Joshua Project Items



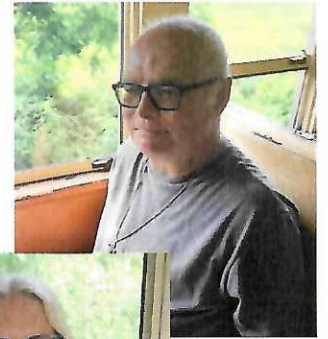
Reformed Church Quilt Raffle



Raffle to benefit a lady recently diagnosed with leukemia cancer

# All Aboard!!

On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church hosted a train ride from Milford to Cooperstown. God blessed the day with a beautiful afternoon and a relaxing, scenic ride.



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## Community Worship Service

Timothy Murphy Park was the setting for approximately 50 people, who gathered for our annual Community Worship Service. Music was led by Reggie Harris and Friar Peter Chepaitis delivered an inspiring message reminding us that we are called to love our neighbors.



Friar Peter and Reggie Harris



Middleburgh Church Clergy



Pastor Jeff wanted to sit in the front "pew" 😊

Some of the congregation....



Can you imagine?  
Pastor Dave being shy? 😊