

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

Wed, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET dinner at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Sat., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Wed., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET dinner at Reformed Church

Fri., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – Movie Night

Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Wed., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 p.m. – NET Dinner at St. Mark's

Sat., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. - OCC Workday



**St. Mark's Scarecrow's Message for attendees of the Middleburgh Fall Festival**

## Prayers and Concerns for Aug.

Family of Louie Maurina

Matt Coltrain  
Sarah  
Pastor Dottie Morris  
Sharon Amendola  
Pat Bender  
Jeremy O'Shea  
Gail Woods  
Steve Coonradt  
Alan Bessinger

## Bible Verse for October:

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

*Ephesians 4:32 (NRS)*

## Thought for the Day:

*God's work is done by people who pray.*



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## Servers for October

### Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Cathy  
 Prayer – Cheryl  
 Ushers – Deb R. / Marie  
 Counter – Deb P.

### Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Dennis F.  
 Prayer – Ron  
 Ushers – Dennis F. / Carrie  
 Counter – Sharon

### Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Nannette  
 Prayer – Carolyn  
 Ushers – Lisa / Nannette  
 Counter – Diane

### Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Reader – Edna  
 Prayer – Ron  
 Ushers – Aaron / Allison  
 Counter – Carrie

## **Humorous Church Announcement**

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

## October Birthdays:

Kathy Kauffmann	Oct. 12
James Boyle	Oct. 14
Lori Roney	Oct. 18
Doug Chichester	Oct. 19
Claudia Shaylor	Oct. 23
Pastor Dave	Oct. 25
Judi Beeler	Oct. 31

## October Anniversaries:

Lisa / Todd Bartholomew	Oct. 12
Denise / Terry Minton	Oct. 25

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

Below is the financial information for the month of **July**.

Income	\$7,083.05
Expenses	2,148.86
Balance	\$4,934.19

Benevolence to Best House	\$677.60
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Below is the financial information for the month of **August**.

Income	\$6,789.65
Expenses	3,490.73
Balance	\$3,298.92

Benevolence to Community Maternity Services	\$639.30
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## Neighbors Eating Together (NET) Dinners

During the summer we were repeatedly asked, "When will we have those nice dinners again?" Well...the time is now! On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings from October to May, area churches will once again serve NET dinners. Please join with your friends and neighbors as they come together to enjoy delicious meals lovingly made for them.

October 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

October 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – Reformed Church

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00 p.m. –St. Mark's is hosting our first NET dinner when we will serve tuna noodle casserole. (Cheryl says...Don't forget the chips!) 😊

## Sale of Property Completed

At a congregational meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, approval was given for property, Plot #25, to be sold to Middleburgh Hardware. An announcement was made before the August 4<sup>th</sup> worship service by Ron Lower, Council president, that the sale of this property has been completed.

## St. Mark's Address List

**REMINDER** – If you have a change of mailing address, street address, e-mail address and/or telephone number, please contact Cheryl so she can update our address list to keep it current.

## Choir Rehearsals

After being on "vacation" this summer, St. Mark's choir will soon be singing during our worship services. If you have a desire to sing for the Lord and would like to join us, our rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The only requirements are to have a heart for the Lord and a willingness to make a joyful noise by singing praises to Him.

## A Phoebe Blessing



These are a few of the Phobes who bless others through the encouragement baskets and quilts they create. Thank you to all who donate their time and talents in being the hands and feet of Jesus..

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## Wings As Eagles Ministry (WAEM) Christmas Gift Cards

Wings as Eagles Ministries is a non-profit Native American relief agency. The organization's efforts are directed towards establishing children's shelters, feeding the hungry and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. The mission of WAEM is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Native Americans residing on reservations.

For many years, St. Mark's has been a supporter of Wings as Eagles Ministry and in the past, had visits by their founders, Pastors Lori and Gary McAfee.

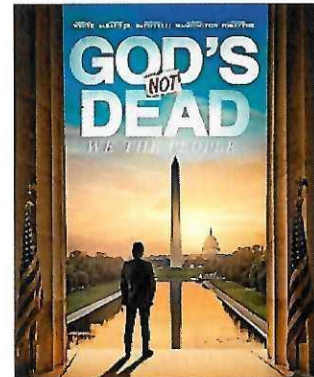
Each year their pastors deliver Christmas gifts to the Native children. Unfortunately, they do not have the funds to give Christmas gifts to all of them so they ask for donations of Walmart and/or Target gift cards, with which they make the gift purchases.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation of a gift card in any amount to help make Christmas special for the children and place your gift in a collection box in St. Mark's sanctuary. May God bless you for your generosity!



## Movie Night

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, a small group gathered in the St. Mark's fellowship hall to view the movie, "God's Not Dead 4 – We The People".



The story was about parents defending their right to decide what kind of education they wanted for their children rather than the government make that determination for them. It was a reminder that the freedom to make these choices are what the forefathers of our country, who wrote the Constitution, were seeking to preserve.



October movie night will be held on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** It will be another "mystery" movie. 😊 Please come join us as we view a Christian movie.

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In a message sent by Pastor Dave on 9/11/24, he shared an excerpt from The Daily Article for September 11, 2024, by Jim Denison PhD-founder of Denison Ministries. It quoted the following from Ronald Reagan's inaugural address as governor of California on January 5, 1967.

*"Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. And those in world history who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it 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.***

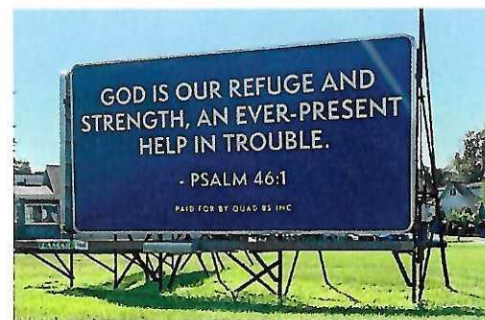
## OCC Update

Save the dates:

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Workday from 10:00 a.m. until finished with a light lunch being provided.

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Packing party from 10:00 a.m. until finished with a light lunch provided.

Come whenever you can, stay as long as you can and share in Ruth's excitement. Thank you for supporting such a wonderful project. God's blessing to all of you.



## "Coats for Kids" and Adults

St. Mark's and Joshua Project will be jointly sponsoring "Coats for Kids" and Adults. Please help in this endeavor by donating a new coat or a "gently" used coat to be given away to those who not only need to feel physically warm, but the warmth of loving hearts. If you would like to make a donation or have any questions, please contact Pat McCoy at 518-231-4632.

Additional information will be forthcoming as soon as the Giveaway dates have been determined.