

**ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
201 N DIVISION AVENUE  
POLO, IL 61064  
Address Service Requested

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**  
Brunch 9:00, Worship 10:30

**Holy Week**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm  
Maundy Thursday Worship

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Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Good Friday  
Worship at Pine Creek Christian



**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
9:00 am Worship

**St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**Schedule**

9:00am Sunday School Children & Adults  
10:00am Social Time  
10:30am Worship



**2019**

# April 2019 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, Illinois 815/946-2919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Lent</b> 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00-7:30 Worship	<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship & Hospitality Meeting 10:00 Prayer Partners 11:15-12:30 Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Easter Lily orders due</b> 9:00 Sunday School Children & Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship & Blessings of fields and gardens	<b>8</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>9</b> Pastor Text Study 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> <b>Lent</b> 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00-7:30 Worship	<b>11</b> 9:00 Global Missions Meeting 10:00 Prayer Partners 11:15-12:30 Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00-10:00 Complimentary Brunch 9:00 Sunday School Children & Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship, Choir sings	<b>15</b> Pastor's Sabbath  6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	<b>16</b> Pastor Text Study 9:00am Quilters  Work Second Hand Rose April 16-20th	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> No Meetings  <b>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship at St. Mark's</b>  <b>Deadline to submit articles for May Newsletter</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting AA District Mtg 6:30 – 8:30 PM  <b>7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Pine Creek Christian</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Resurrection /Easter Sunday HE IS RISEN!</b> 9:00 Worship & Sunday School Program	<b>22</b> Pastor's Sabbath 7:00pm 4H Meeting  <b>Earth Day</b>  5:00-7:00pm Our Table Community Meal at FUM – <b>St. Mark's Serves</b>	<b>23</b> Pastor Text Study  9:00-2:00 Preschool Screenings at St. Mark's	<b>24</b> 9:00-2:00 Preschool Screenings at St. Mark's	<b>25</b> 10:00 Prayer Partners 11:15-12:30 Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 Sunday School Children & Adults 9:00 Confirmation 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>30</b> Pastor Text Study				

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP ASST</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
April 7	Craig & Cindy Bauling	Beth Wiegmann		<b><u>HEAD USHER</u></b> Kent Anders
April 14	Merla Brooks	Trish Patterson		<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b> Tracey Anders
April 21	Lyle & Melody Reap	Kent Anders	Easter Lilies	<b><u>TELLERS</u></b> Craig & Cindy Bauling, Julie Hoak
April 28		Tracey Anders		



**ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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Mission statement: St. Mark's gathers together to worship, hear God's Word and share the Good News that God is love!

**Lenten Worship will be observed Wednesdays April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm Soup supper. 7:00-7:30pm Worship.



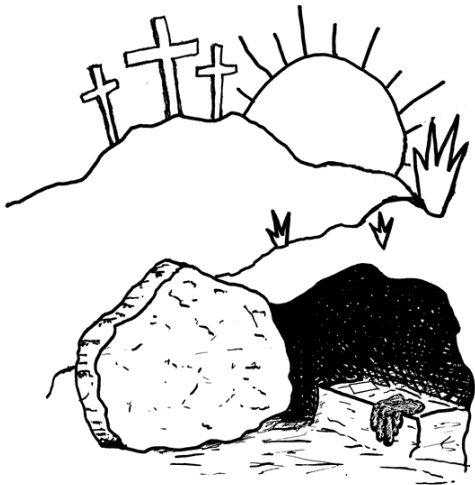
**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**  
Courtesy Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 9:00am-10:00am  
(A sign up sheet for items needed is at the church)

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship**

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Pine Creek Christian**

**Lenten Offerings!**

St. Mark's is collecting NEW socks of all sizes, NEW underwear of all sizes, and NEW hand towels to be sent to the children, families and orphanages in Romania who are in extreme poverty. Our mission is to fill the BIG BOX in the Fellowship Hall.



***Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>***  
***Christ Is Risen!!***

9:00am Easter Worship & Sunday  
School Program

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
Matthew 28:6

**Pastor's Thoughts...**

For forty days we journey together through the gospel during the season of Lent, trying to make sense of the Christian story. The story of Jesus Christ is one of plotting, abuse, execution and then.....glory!

The story of Jesus Christ has characters that we recognize today: politicians, religious authorities, greedy people, people who are indifferent, people who are afraid of new ideas, people who do not want tradition challenged, people who do not want their power challenged and people who are very devoted to Jesus except that when he went to the cross for crucifixion, they ran for their lives and some denied even meeting him.

The injustices that Jesus suffered for us are still with us today.

So did this story make any difference to us all? I believe that it did.

Over 500 witnesses saw Jesus alive after his horrific death and burial. Their testimonies are written in the scriptures. Because of these witnesses, we know that Jesus was resurrected and ascended into heaven. Because Jesus lives, we are promised new life. New life from hopelessness and despair. New life from fear and worry. New life from old mistakes and the new mistakes we have yet to make. Jesus Christ is our hope in a broken world. Because Jesus lives, we live in him and he in us.

Easter, named for the goddess of fertility, Lent a word that means "springtime", are all symbols of new life, the new life that we know is the name Jesus. Come and worship the risen Christ, Pastor Terrie



**Blessing of Fields and Gardens**

At Worship April 7<sup>th</sup>

Bring your seeds, plants, garden tools for a prayer display at worship!

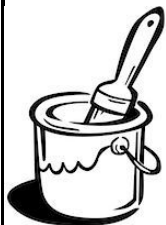


**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Community Meal at FUM**

**St. Mark's & St. Mary's are hosting!**

St. Mark's is in charge of providing salads and desserts. A sign up sheet will be available soon for these items.

**Parsonage Renovation**



Council has made a decision to renovate the parsonage in order to turn it over to a rental company. Painters are desperately needed for walls and ceilings in the house.

Timeline is to paint the inside of the parsonage by May 1<sup>st</sup> and complete the renovation by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call Pastor Terrie (815-677-3443) or Cindy Bauling (815-218-0306) if you are able to help!

**Welcome new member Madelyn Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Jaime Bowen and Christopher Thompson, through Holy Baptism on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors are Mike and Holly Smith.**



The Bridge Ministry Project

This is a Polo Community Council of Churches program for students who either don't have enough food at home or don't have time to get food in the time between activities after school. Beth Wiegmann monitors the program and says the program is greatly appreciated however, more food is needed. She suggested granola bars, crackers & cheese packs, small boxes of cereal, small soup bowls, etc. Food can be dropped off at St. Mark's.

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Thursday Bible Study 11:15am -12:30pm

The Thursday Bible Class continues the study of the book of Acts. This is beautiful scripture. Luke and Acts were written by the same source and Acts gives us great insight "how to be the church of Christ." Bring a friend, bring or borrow a bible and walk a little closer with the Lord through scripture study.

**Volunteer Property Manager Needed!**

Please let Pastor know if you are interested.

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

- Wednesday, May 1st – Confirmation at LOMC 5:30-7:30pm (make up snow day)
- Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day, Sunday School Program
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation at LOMC 5:30-7:30pm

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**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee needs help with photographs.**

Confirmation class photos are missing from our records for the following years:

- 1965 not clear if there was a class that year
- 1995 not clear if there was a class that year
- 2006 not clear if there was a class that year
- 2010 Bryce Haye, Carly Hindrich, Casi Kurschner, Taylor Woodin,
- 2011 Andrew Albrecht
- 2012 Tommy Bardell, Kimberly Barnhart, Emalie Gunder, Shelbi Massolle, Wyatt Patterson, Paige Peterson, Tristin Woodin
- 2014 Sydney Gunder, Rilley Peterson, Randal Gabaldon, Trevin Woodin

If you have a photo of the confirmation class with the pastor that would be great.  
Any size is fine. We will have copies made and return your original.  
If you only have a photo of the class without the pastor, that is also fine.  
If you would like to volunteer to take yearly photos please contact Pastor.  
Please call Linda Shank or Pastor Terrie with any questions.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**is May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

Next meeting is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.  
Please join us!  
We want your ideas and stories for this BIG Celebration.

**Supplies St. Mark's needs to help**  
**with expenses:**

Paper towels, toilet paper, swiffer duster sheets, stamps

## Opportunities to Serve

- ~ Greeters and Social time volunteers are needed.
- ~ Altar flowers have many openings.
- ~ Pastor is always looking for youth leadership.
- ~ 2 adult representatives and 1 youth are needed for the Synod Assembly at Augustana College June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## St. Mark's Global Missions

*Helping bring Jesus' love, hope and compassionate service to God's people at home and in the world.*

### Another Child Foundation (ACF)

1. The three 2019 Mission Trips are: June 13-23 at The Point of Hope (5 spots still open for people with nursing, science or teaching skills); July 4-14 VBS at Harghita Christian Camp; and October 16-26 Distribution of Humanitarian Aid. You can find more information on the Another Child Foundation website.
2. Lenten Project – Our goal this year is to “Pack the Box” with much needed underwear, hand towels and warm socks. The box is located in the Coffee area. Feel free to put donations in it and help us “Pack the Box”!
3. Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift to help pack all the great Another Child Foundation humanitarian aid that's been collected. There will be two collection days at 2 different sites.
  - Wednesday, July 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACF Missions Office, 416 E. Dover Road in Princeton.
  - Saturday, July 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Church of the Quad Cities, 4700 534d Ave. in Moline.
4. Tim Oloffson will speak at St. Mark's on Sunday, May 19th. Come learn about ACF and the precious children in Romania.

### Crop Walk

Faith United Methodist in Polo is hosting!

### The Honduras Mission

A 5-day food delivery trip was made starting February 28<sup>th</sup>. Funds are needed to build more houses.

Kelsey Horton showed slides to the adult and youth Sunday School and spoke about her mission trip to Honduras. She did a wonderful job and also shared that she now wants to become a nurse specializing in mission work. What a remarkable teenager she is!

### Congregational Resourcing Event

Eight St. Mark's members attended the Congregational Resourcing Event and participated in workshops.

### Polo Lifeline Food Pantry & The Bridge

Thank you to everyone who donated food items to our Have A Heart Food Drive.

### Quilting

The Quilters will be donating a quilt to the benefit for Kate Marschang.

### Brethren Disaster Ministries – Rebuild Program

Brad returned from NC where he helped build a house. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> he left for Puerto Rico where he is helping with rebuilding.

### Stone Child/Rocky Boy

During announcements on Sunday, March 31, Diane Rasmussen will talk about Rocky Boy. Thank you, Diane!

### Second Hand Rose

The Church Basement Ladies worked in the shop March 12-16. Thank you, ladies! If you would like to help price items or staff the store for 2-3 hours a month, please let Carol Garkey know.

### Social Media

St. Mark's Facebook presence has been growing. Our Appreciation Dinner post was very well received and several people shared it. St. Mark's has 112 followers. If you haven't liked our page yet, please do. It is a great way to stay connected with your Church and to keep up-to-date on all the wonderful things that are happening at St. Mark's!

**“Love one another and take care of each other.”**

**Chief Rocky Boy**



## Congregational Resourcing Event Reports

This year St. Mark's was happy to have 8 representatives attend and everyone came home with renewed ideas for the ministry that we have been called to in Polo. All of the attendees have written their insights:

One of the workshops I attended was titled "The Invitational Christian". It was presented by Pr. David Daubert, author of the book by the same title. The workshop focused on learning, thinking and living a deeper and more vibrant faith and how we can help build faith and vitality in our congregations. Faith practices are: Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve and Give. Yes you have faith, but is your faith growing?" How do we encourage others to grow their faith? Let's look at Prayer. So often we just say a prayer in private at beginning or end of the day. When you visit someone who is sick, offer to pray with them for their healing. If you write "I'm praying for you" in a get well card, share what you are praying for such as "I am praying that the Lord will ease your discomfort and restore you to full health". Think about how often you pray. We can take our concerns to the Lord 24 hours a day, so pray often, grow your faith and share it with others! Linda Gall

I went to a discipleship class that was very interesting about a survey of Lutheran congregational members and how 72% who worship are exploring who Christ is for them. The other 28% are close to Christ making sacrifices as disciples. Another class was about how most of us live in the wilderness dark places and we are looking for God in the dark. Another program focused on the Quilts being sent by Lutheran World Relief to the poverty stricken country of Georgia. We were all excited and proud as Seminarian Michelle Knight from St. Mark's led the worship with Bishop Clements. Pastor Terrie

At this year's Kishwaulke College resourcing event I attended a program about being inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ folk - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer. Jesus teaches us to love others, no matter what our differences may be. Therefore, our church is exploring a synod program called "Building an Inclusive Church". Details to be announced later! In other news, the Diakonia program is flourishing with talk of a 2nd level program starting. Classes are being held in Rockford, Joliet, and Mount Carroll. For more information contact Pastor or myself. Tracey Anders

I attended three workshops. One was called "Loving Creation at church and home" which emphasized that God gave humans dominion over creation and we are responsible to care for it. I also attended "New Music for Assembly Singing" an introduction into new contemporary music beat and tempo. Another workshop was "Recovering the Mystery Under the Altar" that dealt with the 80 second ceiling which means that the pastor has 80 seconds to capture the attention of the congregation in a sermon. We learned of the breathless hour, (people come to church for one hour on Sunday). We learned of cold prayer that is always written and read because that's all we know. We learned that we are rejuvenating our souls in the worship service. Everyone who attends worship is the choir. Oran Wilder

Workshops at the resourcing event covered a wide variety of topics. I enjoyed a talk about how others see us, how we can invite them to worship with us, and what might be their experience if they attend our services? We joined in a discussion of ethical boundaries and potential dilemmas that congregations frequently encounter. Lastly a presentation shared with us the work of Lutheran World Relief which helps people in need with thousands of quilts from our quilters, medicine, food, life support, and hope. Respectfully, Kent Anders

Unlike some of the others who had previously attended CRE, this was my first time and I'm glad that I decided to go. My first impression was the large number of enthusiastic folks who were there. I was told that 375 were at the event. Secondly, I was overwhelmed by the number of sessions available and their variety. I heard many say that they wish they could have attended more than just three! Of particular interest to me was the session on "Boundaries". As a retired Human Resources Manager, my question going into the session was whether boundaries in a church setting differ from those in a corporation. Boundaries include such things as the lines between truth and falsehood, legal and illegal, appropriate and inappropriate, prompt versus late. The session was small — about a dozen attendees — which I liked. The presenter was excellent. We paired off and



discussed case studies with our partners. My partner encouraged me to share my perspective first. Then he did so, revealing that he is a pastor. I concluded that boundaries (awareness of boundaries, respect for boundaries and management of boundaries) are the same whether within a church or a corporation. And I learned some of the finer points as they apply to a church. CRE was a valuable and enjoyable experience. I encourage you to attend in the future. Diane Rasmussen

We had a wonderful opening worship service. Over 300 attendees singing and I especially liked singing the Lord's Prayer. It made me think about the words more than just reciting it each Sunday morning. In the Stewardship program it was suggested to have cards in the pews that say "I gave online" which takes away some of the awkwardness that individuals may feel when the offering plate goes by. We discussed writing a personal money autobiography, gave us a list of several hymns we might not think of as being about stewardship and the fact that stewardship is not just about money. In worship planning one individual suggested ringing the bell while saying the Lord's Prayer so that others in the community are reminded to pray also. Another individual said they sing the Lord's Prayer the last Sunday of the month. Another, have Pastor ask during announcements if there are any prayer concerns, anniversaries etc. In Creation Care one of the first suggestions was that we should bring coffee mugs from home to use during the social hour, which is something we have talked about in the past. We are to love creation both at home and at church. They discussed having a Season of Creation, example, using four Sundays 1) Ocean 2) Animal 3) Storm 4) Universe. Other things we need to be aware of or do: recycle, spay or neuter pets, protect endangered species, get educated, overpopulation, air quality, rising sea levels. The tipping point is past, we need to prevent any increases. We must take care of God's creation or it will not be here for future generations. Merla Brooks

I have attended the Congregational Resourcing Event several times and each time I have come away uplifted and inspired! This year the keynote speaker grabbed my attention when he said we only have time for one sentence to engage someone in a "witness opportunity." The best way to keep their interest is not to talk about weather or sports, rather start by telling a story. Focus on relativity of God in our life and their lives and how God is at work (not just on Sunday mornings). I attended a Worship session on using storytelling in ministry lead by a fairly new pastor that has used this technique to deliver a greater impact and hold the congregation longer by telling the bible story rather than simply reading from the bible. Suzanne Sorenson

**Polo Food Pantry needs**

Toilet paper, Spaghetti sauce, deodorant, women's hygiene products, juice (except grapefruit), baked beans, diapers (larger size).

**Are you celebrating an Anniversary or milestone Birthday??**



*Let us know!*

The card ministry at St. Mark's loves to send cards to help celebrate your special events. Please drop a note in Amanda

Long's church mailbox or email her at

[amanda07216@gmail.com](mailto:amanda07216@gmail.com) if you know of members celebrating an anniversary of 20 years or more or a milestone birthday.



## Church Council Highlights March 2019

- \* **Pastor's Report:** Bad weather made it a rough time of visitation but I am catching up. Fortunately our congregation stayed well and there were few hospitalizations. I am officially an Emergency Room Pastor for KSB hospital and am scheduled to be available only 1 week every quarter. This is a volunteer position and I only go if there is a call during the week I am scheduled. My first week was in February and was never called for any trauma. I continue to serve on the Synod Candidacy board for 1 more year and am working with some lay people to help lead worship in small churches. I continue to give God thanks for the many devoted people of St. Mark's who bring energy and new ministry ideas to St. Mark's. Much time has been given in planning Lent. One baptism for 7 month old Madelyn Thompson was done at worship March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **Finance:** Many concerns were addressed as well as encouraging all of us to be more aware of the needs to the church by the giving of supplies & volunteer time to work around the church inside & outside.
- \* **Worship & Music:** We were fortunate to have Grace Ann Lloyd fill in as our accompanists who took a 2 week vacation. Attendance at Sunday worship have been better than I could imagine considering the cold and ice. Choir music has been planned by Cheryl for Palm Sunday. Rehearsals are after worship.
- \* **Education:** The Sunday school numbers are up and down yet the Bingo brought many to church thanks to Facebook reminders! Over \$400 was given to the Polo Lifeline Pantry as decided by the children. Confirmation Classes are very relaxed and enthusiastic. They are asking more questions and very willing to serve at Sunday worship and at Lenten services. Parents have been great support. Six will be confirmed at Pentecost June 9<sup>th</sup>. I plan to transition back to a 2 year format focusing on 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Adult classes are doing well considering that the weather has interfered with some Thursday classes. We continue our fascination with the book of Acts. Congregational Resourcing Event was held by the Synod Congregational Life committee. Eight people from St. Mark's attended to bring home new ideas and resources to keep health and vitality in the church. This is the most we have ever had! We continue to lift up our Synod Assembly in need of representatives June 14-15.
- \* **Worship & Hospitality:** Have a Heart Sunday & Appreciation for Polo Service Worker were deemed a success. We discussed & learned things that might need to be changed next year. We discussed Lent & Easter decorations. We will need to decorate for Palm Sunday & Easter both. We will check with the Sunday School to see if they would like to release the butterflies. Blessings of the fields and gardens will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will see that a display table is readied for people to bring in plants, seeds or tools. Earth Day this year is the day after Easter, so we will have a short video incorporated into the service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our church, along with St. Mary's will be helping serve the community meal on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We still need greeters, altar flowers and social time sign up. June 9<sup>th</sup> will be Confirmation. We will provide a cake for the confirmands during social time. There is a question about the time of the service. Visitations were discussed.
- \* **Global Mission:** See also the newsletter. Brad Long continues to join mission groups including Puerto Rico. Have a heart Food Pantry Drive went very well. A lot of food and money helped our pantries. Kelsey Horton a 17 year old from the Church of the Brethren gave a wonderful presentation to about 35 children and adults March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A anonymous person gave Kelsey a monetary gift for her time. Diane Rasmussen will be giving a presentation on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a poor community in the Dakota's with Lutheran sponsorship for many years. Hand towels, socks and underwear in all sizes, will be our Lenten offering this year to go to the poor in Romania including orphanages.
- \* **Fellowship:** Planning Palm Sunday breakfast. More details to follow.
- \* **Property:** We continue to look for leadership here. Basement water is a concern, water leaking in the ceiling by an entry and our thermostat upstairs is acting up.
- \* **Polo Council of Churches:** Meeting 3/26/19 at 6pm at Faith Discovery

- \* **Youth Group:** Three youth and three adults went Roller Skating at the Pines February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The kids had a great time. Afterwards I took everyone for Ice Cream at Dippy's. I continue to pray for a youth leader.
- \* **New Business:**
  - \* Decision to move \$10,000 from General Fund to Checking Account. Bob made a motion to accept. Jeanne 2nd.
  - \* Decision to go forward with Rochelle Rental Company for rental of the parsonage. Cindy made a motion to accept. Jeanne 2nd. Terry will call them to schedule a meeting.
  - \* Thermostat in Fellowship Hall may need replacing. Dennis & Kent will look at this Sunday.
  - \* Summer schedule starting worship at 9:00 a.m. on June 16th instead of the week after Mother's Day was discussed. Terry motioned to accept. Toni 2nd.
- \* **Other Business:**
  - \* Decision to rent out the parsonage. Terry made a motion to move forward. Bob 2nd
- \* **Special Committee:**
  - \* 150th Anniversary - A meeting was held Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>. A group of women met to plan meals for the event. A History group met to get history in order for the event.

### *Thank you*

“Thank you for your words of encouragement during the past and we are looking forward to the summer months.” Ed & Marian Schnulle

Thank you to the people who have given extra financial gifts to the church, and those who have increased their automatic giving and to those who enrolled in automatic giving. Your commitment to God's church is a blessing for the continuation of the ministry here.

The Worship and Hospitality Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated food and helped with the Polo Civil Service Workers Appreciation meal. It was a successful event. A special shout out to Jeanne Scholl who helped us navigate the kitchen.

Thank you to those who came to our special finance meeting.

Thank you Renee Boyle for all the financial things you do for us especially end of year things.

Thank you Cliff Bardell for leading worship and sharing God's Word while Pastor was away.

Thank you Cheryl Goeking and Marla Buskohl for helping us form a choir for Palm Sunday.

Thank you Sara Thorngren and others for mopping the basement floor after the flooding.

Thank you Tracey Anders and Kent Anders for going roller skating with the youth and pastor!

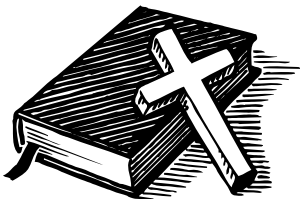
Thank you to all those who plowed the parking lot (Nelsons, Cassens and Wolfs), shoveled snow, got the ice melt (Terry Jenkins) and chopped the ice (Cindy Bauling) and others. Those days are behind us for now.

Thank you Jeanne Scholl for always filling the candles with oil.

Thank you Lorin Gatz for always taking care of the humidifiers.

Thank you for everyone who provided food for our Lenten meals!

Thank you to those who have donated copy paper and other supplies for the church office.

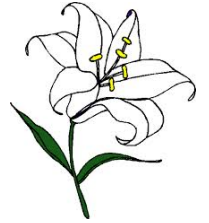


**Prayers for Healing:** Anthony Calderone and Kaitlyn Marschang. **Prayers for those in care facilities:** Barb Bowen, Ron Greenawalt, Ruby Isley, Arlene Jecklin, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Hazel Pontnak and Linda

Scholl. **Prayers for those in military service:** JJ Bardell, Bryan Connell, Robert Hardin, Dustin Knapp, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop.

## Easter Lily Order Form

Easter Lilies will be available this year for \$13.50. If you would like to purchase one, **please return this form by April 7<sup>th</sup>**.



Please attach your cash or check **payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church** to this form and put them in the offering plate or in the secretary's mailbox.

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of living person(s) or special occasion)

**Are you ordering through the church: YES / NO**

If you are bringing a lily but you are not ordering it through the church, please fill out this form if you would like your information in the bulletin.

### April Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

1	Amanda O'Brien	15	Justin Brown
	Brayden Hays	16	Erica Scholl
4	Penny Heckman		Maddox Peterson
	Amie Scholl	17	Tom Hoak
	Lindsey O'Brien	19	Charles Bailey
5	Jerry Schwingel	21	Tristin Woodin
7	Priscilla Schwingel	22	Mackenzie Martz
8	Phyllis Dyer		Mallory McPherson
9	Alivia Schmidt	23	Vincent Ambeau
	Andrew Albrecht	26	Sibyl Acker
11	Kelsi Bender	27	Eric Boren
	Samantha Gray		Dan Powell
12	Nevaeh Hall	29	Lyle Printz
13	Gregor Armstrong	30	Troy Boothe
14	Logan Nelson		Tian Escobar

#### Anniversaries

4	Jerry & Linda Hose
11	Larry & Elsie Hackbarth
19	Willard & Evelyn Meyer

Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA  
**Retreat Registration Form – 2019**  
**“God for all Seasons”**



Bible Study led by Esther Prabhakar  
Special Music Presentation by Peg Lehman  
Worship led by Pastor Jessica Bakken

Use this form to register for the Retreat. Please note the deadline.  
Include a check for \$40, made payable to “NISWO”.

Send this form and your check to **Registrar: Mary Shull, 262-340<sup>th</sup> St., Rio, IL 61472**

Upon receiving your registration a confirmation letter will be sent to you. The retreat is at Lutheran Outdoors Ministry in Oregon, IL 61061. Your registration fee includes coffee, snacks, lunch, and materials.

LOMC, 1834 S. IL RT 2, Oregon, IL 61061

Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Registration Deadline: April 10, 2019**

Registration and Coffee: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Program: 9:00-3:00 PM

**A note for Scholarship applicants only.** If you are applying for a scholarship, it is for one-half (1/2) the cost of the Retreat. Please read the Scholarship Application Form carefully...fill it out...**mail the Scholarship Form to Nancy Rice-11761 E. Greenvale Rd. Stockton, IL 61085. They must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.**

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