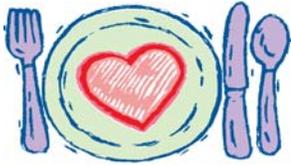


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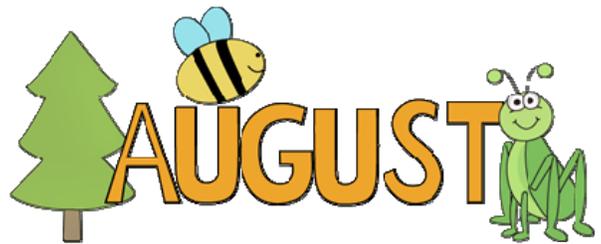
August 25th 5:00pm
Roast Beef Supper
Tickets available now!



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Schedule

9:00 Worship
10:00 Social Time



2018

August 2018 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, Illinois 815/946-2919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00 Worship & Hospitality Meeting No Prayer Group	3 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	4
5 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time	6 Pastor's Sabbath 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	7 Pastor Text Study	8	9 9:00 Global Missions Meeting No Prayer Group 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	10 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	11 Pinecrest 125 th Anniv. Celebration 10am - all day
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Pastor Text Study Work 2nd Hand Rose August 14-18	15	16 No Prayer Group Deadline to submit articles for September Newsletter	17 10:00am 150th Anniv. Mtg - Sort Photos 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting AA District Mtg 6:30 – 8:30 PM	18
19 9:00 Worship / Special Music 10:00 Social Time 10:00-10:30 Confirmation Parents meeting	20 Pastor's Sabbath 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	21 Pastor Text Study 9:00am Quilters	22	23 No Prayer Group	24 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	25 5:00pm Roast Beef Supper
26 9:00 Worship Dulcimer Group plays during worship 10:00 Social Time	27 Pastor's Sabbath 7:00pm 4H Meeting 5:00-7:00pm Our Table Community Meal at Faith Methodist	28 Pastor Text Study 7:00pm CROP Walk Meeting at Methodist Mt. Morris	29	30 No Prayer Group	31 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP ASST</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
August 5	Merla Brooks	Beth Wiegmann	Steve & Suzanne Sorenson	<u>HEAD USHER</u> Bob Cassens
August 12		Julie Hoak	Becky Patterson	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Ed & Karen Olsen
August 19		Amanda Long	Julie Hoak	<u>TELLERS</u> Evelyn Meyer, Linda Shank, Mark & Sandy Stahler
August 26	Linda Shank	Jeanne Scholl	Linda Shank	



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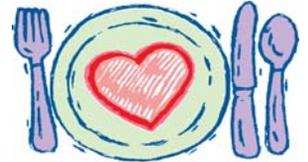
Mission statement: St. Mark's gathers together to worship, hear God's Word and share the Good News that God is love!

St. Mark's Roast Beef Supper

Saturday August 25th 5:00-7:00pm

(Carry out or delivery begins at 4:15)

Suggested donation is \$10.00 each and tickets are available now. Children under 10 yrs are free.



St. Mark's will be serving their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday evening, August 25th. Revenue will be put toward St. Mark's general fund.

Immediate needs are people to handle: Publicity and Ticket Sales. Without publicity our supper cannot be as effective as we hope so help is needed!!!!

There will be a sign up sheet to volunteer to handle decorations, set-up and clean-up along with the food preparation.

***Last year we out did ourselves and had very good food with lots of compliments.
Let's do it again!***

Special Congregational Meeting was held



The Congregational Meeting July 22nd after worship yielded a YES majority vote to install a Chairlift to the basement stairs, install a ramp into the sanctuary and remove a full pew on each side of the sanctuary up front. Thank you to the Access Committee for all your hard work, to the assembly for your thoughtful and heartfelt discussion and suggestions, and to those who gave this memorial money.



May God Bless St. Mark's for caring for those with disabilities that they may be able to worship in the sanctuary and join with us at meals downstairs more easily.

Pastor's Thoughts...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I was lame recently myself after a bad fall. Most of you know that I had a bad fall and a week later my ankle became severely infected. I was told that a hematoma and abscess often takes a week or so to appear. After much prayer and a surgical procedure, I am healing very nicely. It will take many months more to completely close up my wound doctor says, however there is no pain and I am able to walk and carry on normally in my life. I have been lifted up and healed and thank God often for that.

There are approximately 25 verses in scripture that reference “the lame”. Jesus healed many people who had trouble in walking and standing.

***Luke 14:13-14** “But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

St. Marks has been blessed with memorial gifts that will help us offer hospitality to those who struggle with walking. Our new ramp will make it easier for those with a cane, a walker or wheelchair to enter the sanctuary to worship. Our new chairlift will be an offering of assistance to those who wish to have meals with us on various occasions.

As the scripture of Luke directs, we are to invite all people to join with us in hearing the Word and into our Community events.

***Matthew 25:21** ²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

May our Lord and master continue to put St. Mark’s in charge of many things.

Pentecost (Holy Spirit Inspired) Blessings, Pastor Terrie



Summer Special Music at St. Mark’s!
August 26th – Dulcimer Group of Polo

Global Missions Team Report

Quilters

The Quilters donated fabric for the Mission Team to take to the sewing students at Point of Hope Development Center in Tarnaveni, Romania. They also donated fabric to be sent in the shipping container. Thank you ladies! Quilters meet from 9-11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to make quilts for disaster relief in the U.S. and overseas. They need fabric of any size and people who like to sew. If you enjoy sewing but can't come to the meeting, you can sew at home! For more information, talk to Kathy, Marcia, Joyce, or any of the quilters. More hands are welcome!

Another Child Foundation

Brad and Linda returned safely from their Mission Trip to Romania. They said "Our days were very full and very fulfilling"! They also thank the congregation for their love, support and prayers. If you are considering going with Another Child Foundation on a Mission Trip to Romania, the October 2018 Mission Trip is full. The next trip will be June 13-23, 2019.

Basic Bags for the Homeless

St. Mark's delivered 10 kits of warm socks, juice boxes, \$5 McDonald's gift cards, Hot Hands hand warmers, beef jerky and granola bars. These were delivered to the Synod Assembly for distribution to needed shelters.

World Hunger Bike Ride

Thank you to Merla and Tracey for providing refreshments for bicyclists on their way to Synod Assembly. It was especially heartwarming that one couple came and worshipped with us the following week.

Honduras Project

In August Tracey and Bill will go to Honduras to attend the graduation of a physician who was sponsored by the Honduras Project. After her graduation she will be providing medical services to the community where the Honduras Project has built houses.

Ministry Fair – September 16

During coffee time the congregation is invited to stop by St. Mark's organizations' tables to learn more about their ministry. There will be a table for donations to the Polo Food Pantry. Please bring: coffee, fruit, cheese, canned chicken, tea bags, Cream of Chicken soup, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, juice, ketchup, deodorant, pain relievers, toilet paper and wipes. There will also be a table for donations of fabric for our Quilting Group; and there will be a sign up table for the Crop Walk. If you are interested in Christian Education, Worship and Hospitality, or Global Missions, they will also have tables. Quilts made by St. Mark's Quilters will be displayed in the sanctuary that day for blessing before they are shipped out into the world to share God's love. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!



Preparations are under way for

Reunion Sunday - September 9th

Our 9:00am education for children and adults begins a new season and worship will begin at 10:30am. Recognition will be given for a variety of things at worship including: family with most attendance, youngest and oldest members, new members and so much more.



1st ever Ministry Fair Sunday September 16th

Before worship, beginning at 9am, tables will be set up around the fellowship hall for all to see the many ministries happening at St. Mark's and in the ELCA.

Plan to bring items for the Food Pantry, donations for various missions, see what's happening with Sunday school, sign the advocacy petition and be a part of God's calling to be disciples to neighbors near and far.

Confirmation Plans for 2018-2019

Pastor will be leading 2 confirmation classes this year.
There will be a 6th and 7th grade class (2 year program)
And a 8th and 9th grade class (1 year program)

They will meet on alternate Sunday mornings from 9-10am.

There will also be a Collaborative Confirmation Event
one Wednesday evening a month at LOMC for all.

More information will be sent to parents as well as schedules and
expectations.



**Confirmation parents are asked to accompany students to a meeting
Sunday August 19th after Worship from 10:00-10:30am**

150th Anniversary Celebration is May 3rd 2020

Please join us Friday August 17th at 9:00am.
We will be sorting old photos and making
plans.
We want your ideas and stories for this BIG
Celebration.

Youth Plans for 2018-2019

Pastor will plan 3 youth group events for
5th -12th grades 2018-2019.
If you would like to help Pastor at
confirmation or at a youth event please let
her know.

St. Mark's All Town Garage Sale

It was decided to have a garage sale the weekend of September 28th
& 29th when Polo has their All Town Garage Sales.

We need volunteers to help with the planning and set-up of this
event. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Jeanne or Laurel.

In the mean time, clean out your basement, garage and closets and
see what you would like to get rid of.

Mark your donations and leave them in the basement on a table
marked "Garage Sale". Items should be clean and in good condition.



Do you know how to sew?

The St. Mark's quilters are always looking for help sewing their quilts. We are also in need of large pieces of fabric, sheets, blankets and bed skirts. The quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month and would love to see new faces!



Pinecrest Community's 125th Anniversary Celebration **Saturday, August 11, 2018** **Pinecrest Grove Community Center**

10:00 a.m. Celebration of God's Faithfulness, A service of worship honoring our Christian heritage will be held in the Grove Auditorium. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kevin Kessler, IL/WI District Church of the Brethren. Preceded at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments provided by Mt. Morris COB.

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Activities for all ages

- Complimentary Pulled Pork Lunch, NW Lawn of Grove Community Center (under the tent)
- Children's Activities (games, bounce houses, petting zoo, balloon artist)
- Buckboard Rides, leaving from Grove's South entrance

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours of the Campus

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Various Music presentations on stage South of community center.

2:00 p.m. 125th Anniversary Program

Pinecrest Grove Auditorium, Keynote Speaker: Karne Messer, President, LeadingAge Illinois

3:00 p.m. Schwan's Ice Cream & Harp Music

Pinecrest Village Lawn / Gazebo

St. Mark's needed Representatives for Polo Council of Churches Meetings

Every other month, the Polo Council of Churches gathers and oversees projects in our community including the Food Pantry, Second Hand Rose, Honduras Mission, community garden, the summer lunch program for children, the High School Bridge program, the monthly free community meals September –May, Vacation Bible School, Vespers, Quarterly Communion at Polo Rehab and other concerns in Polo through our mutual faith in Christ Jesus. This past year, Pastor has been hit and miss, at these meetings and would appreciate someone from St. Mark's to represent us. Alice Cassens is the current secretary, however we are 1 representative short of important voting on occasion. The next meeting is:

Tuesday July 24th 7:00pm at the Polo Church of the Brethren. Come, commit and serve. Not every community has such a blessing of Christian community as Polo. We are blessed.

Church Council Highlights July 2018

- **REPORTS:**

- **Pastor's Report:** Many meetings were held in June which is a good sign of faith in action. Pastor took 5 day vacation and spent 3 days of vacation in the hospital after a fall at church. There have been many doctor appointments, but pastor reports healing. Three couples are going through pre-marital planning.
- **Worship & Music:** The committee met June 8th and planned hymns through September. Upcoming special music includes Randy Hayes, playing his harp July 15th and Polo Dulcimer Group August 26th. We also appreciated Marla Buskohl playing recently. The Acker family offered to donate a piano to the church. Cheryl Goeking and Bob had the piano evaluated, discussed with the family and respectfully declined.
- **Education:** Lisa Hinrichs and Pastor Terrie will be meeting at the end of July to plan fall/winter curriculum. No Bible studies are planned for summer. Intern Michelle Knight has moved to Warren, Illinois to serve as she studies. Thank you to those who helped her move.
- **Worship & Hospitality:** The committee was called upon to help support the 150th Anniversary Celebration through both worship and hospitality. Reunion Sunday will be on September 9th. Plans are under way for doing special recognitions again this year. The hand fans have been obtained from the bank and have been put into use. Visitations were updated and new assignments were made of newly homebound members. A healing service is being planned for the 5th Sunday.
- **Global Mission:** Brad Long and Linda Gall are safely back from Romania. Tracey Anders will be going to Honduras soon. The committee is planning to designate \$100 for medical supplies in support of a young woman physician in honor of her graduation and who is also planning to stay in her remote village to help provide medical care.
- **Fellowship:** The annual Ice Cream Social was held June 24th. Bob applauded the Ice Cream Social efforts with many reporting the event was outstanding. Jeanne reported that discussion is underway for planning a church wide garage sale.
- **Property:** Oran Wilder recently discovered another plumbing issue in the parsonage in the downstairs bathroom. The plumber will be called to come and evaluate. A breaker box was changed out in the upstairs of the parsonage. The back door to the church has been realigned by Amanda Long and John Carroll. Thank you for the above mentioned in caring for our church property.
- **Council of Churches:** The next meeting is July 24th, 7 p.m. at Polo Church of the Brethren. We are always looking for more voting representatives to attend. If anyone member is interested, please contact Pastor.
- **Youth and Family Ministries:** The programs have been revised for the upcoming fall. An area confirmation program is still being planned along with our local classes.

- **Special Committees:**

- **Access Update:** Two poster displays have been prepared outlining the proposed work of Mark Piper, contractor with a diagram of the proposed ramp and stair lift. Both projects combined are estimated to cost less than \$12,000 collectively. The ramp estimate is \$4,754, the stair lift is \$6,460, and approximately \$200 for electrical work. A congregational meeting is planned on July 22, 2018 to vote on access recommendations.
- **150th Anniversary:** A committee was recently formed. Some ideas for celebration were; Christmas Eve 2019 Rededication of the church at worship (following previous celebration), Easter emphasis, BIG public celebration May 3, 2020 with the Bishop, August 7, 2020 Historical formation of St. Mark's Dinner for members. The plan is to have an outline of the celebrations by the January Annual Meeting 2019. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming so that all members can be involved. The next committee meeting is August 17th at 10 a.m. at the church. The focus of this meeting will be sorting photos and memorabilia. All are welcomed to join.

- **New Business:**

- **Workman's Compensation:** A claim has been opened due to Pastor's recent fall at the church.

- **Other Business:**

- **Roast Beef Supper:** Tickets for the upcoming Roast Beef Supper are to be printed and disseminated by July 29th. A motion was put forth for the revenue generated from the Roast Beef Supper to be put toward the general fund. This was approved.
- Lori Christen will be taking some time off in November. Pastor will be looking for some additional assistance during this timeframe. Anyone interested in covering the absence should contact Pastor.

FREE KIDS LUNCHES 5 DAYS A WEEK

KIDS CAF'E

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Faith United Methodist Church

11 am - 12-pm

Van pick up at Pool Park and Polo Library

Facebook.com/polokidzcafe



POLO LIBRARY BOX LUNCH

Tuesday and Thursday

11:30 - 12:30

Polo Food Pantry needs

Coffee, fruit, cheese, canned chicken, tea bags, cream chicken soup, juice, ketchup, deodorant, pain relievers, toilet paper and wipes.

Great turnout for the Ice Cream Social!

We had another successful Ice Cream Social this year. The music was wonderful, thanks to Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers. Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped serve at the event as well. Total donations were \$765 to be used toward the Accessibility Fund.

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 if you know of members celebrating an anniversary of 20 years or more or a milestone birthday.

Happy Anniversary

To our church family,
 Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls on my behalf during my hospital stay.
 Also to Pastor Terrie for the visits and prayers.
 Lorin Gatz

Thank you

- Thank you to Amanda Long and John Carroll for having the back door to the church realigned.
- Thank you to Marla Buskohl for playing the organ when Cheryl was gone.
- Thank you to harpist Randy Hayes for special music.



Prayer Needs

For Healing: Barbara Bowen, Anthony Calderone and Ed Isley
For those in care facilities: Ron Greenawalt, Ruby Isley, Arlene Jecklin, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Kenny Linton, Hazel Pontnak, Linda Scholl, Don Shrader. For those in military service: JJ Bardell, Bryan Connell, Robert Hardin, Dustin Knapp, Ray LeDoux, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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|---|--|
| 1 Kimberly Hilleman | 13 Tanner Johnson |
| 2 Shelby Jean Hose
Rilley Peterson | Dennis Massolle
Betsy Scott |
| 3 Renee Boyle | 14 Taylor Woodin |
| 4 Megan Patterson
Cooper Dawson
Tylar Groth | 15 Drew Garrett
18 Larry Weaver
19 Phil Johnson |
| 5 Cliff Bardell | 21 Robyn Nelson |
| 7 Melanie Armstrong
Casandra Kurschner | 22 Marty Toms
23 Steve Sorenson
Sara Morrison
Dominic Escobar |
| 8 Carly Hinrichs | |
| 9 Jeremiah Christen | 25 Beth Shipman
William Ukena |
| 10 Everett Richardson | 27 Curt Nelson
Linda Gall |
| 11 Jeff Hose | |
| 12 Ed Olsen
Matt Mekeel | 30 Laney Christen |

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