

**ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Schedule**

**9:00 Worship**

**10:00 Social Time**



**2019**

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Work Second Hand Rose July 30 – Aug. 3rd		<b>1</b> 9:00 Worship & Hospitality 10:00 Prayer Partners	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time 4:00pm Vespers Polo Rehab	<b>5</b> Pastor's Sabbath 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose  6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> Pastor Text Study  6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 Global Missions Meeting 10:00 Prayer Partners  7:00pm Church Council Meeting  CROP Walk Meeting at FUM (time TBD)	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time 4:00pm Vespers Polo Rehab	<b>12</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>13</b> Pastor Text Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 Prayer Partners  <b>Deadline to submit articles for September Newsletter</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting AA District Mtg 6:30 – 8:30 PM	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time 4:00pm Vespers Polo Rehab	<b>19</b> Pastor's Sabbath 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> Pastor Text Study 9:00am Quilters	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 Prayer Partners	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time 4:00pm Vespers Polo Rehab	<b>26</b> Pastor's Sabbath  5:30pm Our Table Meal returns FUM 7:00pm 4H Meeting	<b>27</b> Pastor Text Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 Prayer Partners	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon meeting	<b>31</b>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP ASST</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
<b>August 4</b>	Craig & Cindy Bauling	Amanda Long	Beth Wiegmann	<b><u>HEAD USHER</u></b> Cindy Bauling
<b>August 11</b>	Steve & Suzanne Sorenson	Julie Hoak	Steve & Suzanne Sorenson	<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b> Ed & Karen Olsen
<b>August 18</b>		Sandy Stahler	Betty Obendorf	<b><u>TELLERS</u></b> Craig & Cindy Bauling, Julie Hoak
<b>August 25</b>	Phyllis Dyer	Beth Wiegmann	Phyllis Dyer	



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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!

The Roast Beef Supper will not be held this month

The Parsonage has been turned over the Rochelle Real Estate and Property management company.  
They will oversee renting it and managing it.

\* Just a reminder that we are no longer collecting aluminum cans in the Parsonage garage \*



Congratulations to the 2019 Confirmation Class  
Abigail Yingling, Brady Wolber, Tyler Merdian, Brian Lopez, AJ Hinrichs and  
Natalie Nelson.

## **Pastor's Thoughts...**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I hope that you are enjoying this summer season.

I am aware that the heat can be threatening, that some of you are facing surgery or recovering from health challenges.

I am aware that some of you have been traveling and I am also aware that some of you will soon be stressing to get your children enrolled and prepared for school.

As much as the August calendar offers us a summer break, it can still contain stress.

I pray to God this day, giving thanks for shade, air-conditioning, water, freezers and refrigerators.

I thank God this day for physicians, for healing professionals, hospitals and rehabilitation care, medications and caregivers.

I thank God this day for vehicles, roads, maps and GPS, highways for connecting us to family and for vacation travels that help us see a bigger piece of God's world.

I pray for parents, guardians, families and teachers that prepare to embrace education for all people of every age.

My prayer for each of you is that you remember God's love in Jesus as you go about all of your events and activities. I pray that you see God everywhere you go and in all that you do.

I pray that you will see God in the sunrise and the sunset of every day.

I also give thanks for the ministry of St. Mark's that provides worship and instruction that deepens our relationship with a God that is beyond all of our understanding and who is always present with us. Soaking up a summer of blessings, in Christ Jesus, Pastor Terrie

P.S. I asked Oran to inspire this month's thoughts as he did in the July newsletter but he just answered my question with another question?????? A worship Joke from July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Sermon Series**

This summer our series will be Scripture and Worship.

Why do we have the pattern of worship that we have?

Every week scripture will be explained to support why Lutherans do what we do in worship.

Copies of the 12 week series will be available in the back if you miss a Sunday.

**Sunday, August 4th, 6:00 pm – Faith Discovery Church, Polo  
Jimmy Jack Whitaker**

Country gospel singer, musician, songwriter and producer, Jimmy Jack Whitaker will entertain you.

Faith Discovery invites everyone to this event.

**Mark your calendars.....**

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Worship time changes to 10:30am

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation begins at 9:00am

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Quilts at Worship

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00am First Communion class with parents

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Rally at Worship. This is all family worship.

September 29<sup>th</sup> – First Communion

September 29<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm CROP Walk at Faith United Methodist Polo.

**Kidz Café**

Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 12:30pm. Over 1018 meals were served in the Summer of 2018. Kidz Café is funded through donations from churches, area businesses, and individuals.



Donations of paper products and drink mixes would be appreciated. Thank you for helping us make this ministry happen with your time and resources.

If you know of someone or you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Marla Buskohl at 815.622.6162



**Special Music for Summer Worship**

If you would like to sing or play an instrument for summer worship please contact Cheryl Goeking for help in accompaniment 815-973-4655.



How about a trio or duet to a favorite hymn?

Consider a musical offering to enhance our summer worship.



**NO MORE ALUMINUM CANS**

St. Mark's is no longer collecting aluminum cans at the parsonage garage. Thank you to those who have collected for so many years.

**Confirmation classes begin September 8<sup>th</sup>  
for 6<sup>th</sup> ,7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

Pastor has been working to find an effective way to engage students in the confirmation process so that they will:

- Learn scripture stories from Old and New Testaments
- Faith practices and the importance of worship
- Luther's small catechism including sacraments, commandments, creeds and prayer
- Being servants in God's world
- Faith and the current cultural world we live in
- Relationship in the Christian community

I have tried 1 and 2 year programs and unless the student attends every week of class they are shortchanged from all that could prepare them to lead the most knowledgeable life of faith.

Our Sunday school ends with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and I believe that all young people deserve a Christian education. So beginning this fall I am inviting 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to join the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for a 3 year program.

A confirmation of the student will happen in 8<sup>th</sup> grade unless there is an extenuating circumstance. For early confirmation an exam will take place.

With a 3 year program, there is less stress to attend every single week since there are so many secular conflicts of sports, dance, athletics, theatre and family weekend activities.

This plan also gives the students more time getting to know the church family.

I am also hoping to be able to take the students on outings.

A calendar will be coming out in September for a year of planning.

Pastor is always available for questions at (815) 677-3443.

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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 Will Engel, Garrett Netz, Matt Slager
- 2006 Ashley Ambeau, Vincent Ambeau, Gregor Armstrong, Ashley Haye, Tyler Horner
- 2011 Andrew Albrecht
- 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.

Please contact the office with any questions.

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

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30pm. 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 mop  
sheets for floors only

**Opportunities to Serve**

- ~ Greeters and Social time volunteers are needed.
- ~ Pastor is always looking for youth leadership.



Are you checking out St. Mark's Facebook posts and photos? In the "search" area on your Facebook page and type in: **Saint Mark's Lutheran Church Polo** and you will find lots of new and old photos of St. Mark's Christian community in action! Thank you to Linda Gall who does a wonderful job of updating and all of those who contributed photos and videos! See the children, Easter, Palm Sunday choir and baptisms!

[www.facebook.com/stmarkspolo](http://www.facebook.com/stmarkspolo)

**Polo Food Pantry needs**

Boxed potatoes, mandarin oranges,  
spaghetti sauce, cookies, toilet  
paper, toothpaste, deodorant,  
shampoo, tampons, laundry soap,  
bread.



**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.

## 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**

1. Servant Trips - The June and July Servant Trips went well. The children enjoyed learning to play musical chairs and other new activities. October 16-26 is the next Servant trip and the team will distribute shoes and socks. If you would like to go, call Tim at (815) 303-1725.
2. Collection Dates – Please call Tim to sign up for a 2-hour shift to help pack the humanitarian aid that's been collected: Wednesday, July 24, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at ACF Missions Office, 416 E. Dover Road in Princeton; or Saturday, July 27, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Calvary Church of the Quad Cities, 4700 534d Ave. in Moline.

**Our Table Community Meal** - The Community Meal starts again on Monday, August 26. St. Mark's next date to serve is Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **CROP Walk – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

This is CROP Walk's 50<sup>th</sup> year; Faith Methodist is hosting; and it will be in Polo. Promotional material will be distributed to churches on August 8. We look forward to accompanying one another on this walk.

### **The Honduras Mission**

Funds are needed to feed the hungry and build more houses.

Bill will do a food delivery servant trip probably in late October (after camp closes).

Tracey and Linda will attend the Polo Council of Churches meeting on July 16 to discuss St. Mark's taking on the Cookie Sale Fundraiser. We plan to plate cookies at St Mark's on Friday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> and sell them in the bank lobby the morning of December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Quilters** - Blessing of the Quilts will be on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Stone Child/Rocky Boy**

Monday, October 14, 2019 is Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly Columbus Day). During Prayer Group and Prayers of Intercession we will pray for this ministry.

**God's Work, Our Hands** – Sunday, October 6

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



Readying up the parsonage.



## Church Council Highlights July 2019

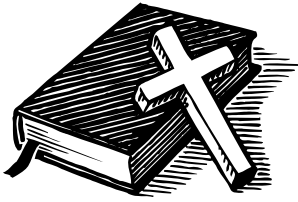
### REPORTS:

- \* **Pastor's Report:** Did a funeral at the funeral home for Leota Hardin on June 19th. I've been busy with many hospital visits.
- \* **Worship & Music:** Early service is happening for the summer heat. Special music is appreciated for summer worship. Next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **Education:** Confirmation is being planned for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. 3 years will allow more time for relationship buildings and will not rush the teaching. Many students only make 2 of 4 Sundays in the month this will allow a slower pace and less anxiety for all. There is no Sunday school after 5<sup>th</sup> grade so this may retain attendance for our young people.
- \* **Global Mission:** The Mission team is planning to sell cookies for Honduras, a Council of Churches Christmas Event.
- \* **Property:** Pastor has had her air conditioner installed.
- \* **Polo Council of Churches:** Help for the community garden and Kidz Café needs volunteers. July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next meeting at 7:00pm at open Bible. We have not had representatives for the past few meetings except pastor.
- \* **Memorial:** Next meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **Stewardship:** We continue to note the budget shortfall in the newsletter.
- \* **Evangelism:** We continue to invite and support those who need God's Word.
- \* **New Business:** Decision on the Roast Beef Supper August 24<sup>th</sup>. Leaders would need to get health dept. license, groceries cook & gather workers. Motion made to not have the supper this year. 2nd.
- \* **Old Business:** Past vote for pets at the parsonage not legitimate as only 4 votes. 5 votes are needed for a quorum. A motion was made to not accept pets on the contract at this time, 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor.
- \* Update on parsonage: Doors are still being worked on. Cindy & Merla are looking for a refrigerator. Trim needs to be fixed by flooring. Garage door opener & smoke/C02 detector has been purchased.
- \* **Special Committee:**
  - \* 150th Anniversary - A meeting was held July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Thank you

- ~ Thank to so many people who helped get the parsonage ready for rent.
- ~ Thank you to Ryan and Robyn Nelson for continuing to support landscaping for the church!
- ~ Thank you to the Nelsons and others for mowing the lawns and caring for the grounds.
- ~ Thank you to Michelle Goeking Frazier for her special music at worship.
- ~ Thank you to all who helped with the final cleanup of the Parsonage.
- ~ Thank you to Merla Brooks for her special music at worship.

“Thank you to our church family for all of the cards and phone calls at the time of my surgery. Bless you all.”  
~ Joyce Gatz



**Prayers for Healing:** Laura Lopez and Kim Printz.

**Prayers for those in care facilities:** Barb Bowen, Ron Greenawalt, Ruby Isley, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Hazel Pontnak, Linda Scholl.

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

### August Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

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
5	Cliff Bardell	18	Larry Weaver
7	Melanie Armstrong Casandra Kurschner	19	Phil Johnson
8	Carly Hinrichs	21	Robyn Nelson
9	Jeremiah Christen	22	Marty Toms
10	Everett Richardson	23	Steve Sorenson Sara Morrison
11	Jeff Hose		Dominic Escobar
12	Ed Olsen Matt Mekeel	25	Beth Shipman
			William Ukena
		27	Curt Nelson Linda Gall
		30	Laney Christen

#### Anniversaries

9 Alan & Beth Wiegmann  
28 Jim & Renae Shrader