

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

New Summer Worship Time!

9:00AM



Ice Cream Social

June 24th 1:00



St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Reverend Terrie Wilder

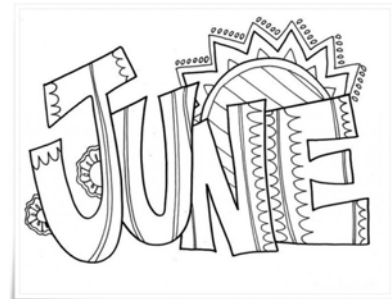
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Schedule

9:00 Worship

10:00 Social Time



2018

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 NEW WORSHIP TIME 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time	4 Pastor's Sabbath 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose	5 Pastor Text Study 9:30am Communion at Polo Rehab Work 2nd Hand Rose June 5-9 6:30pm Property Work Night	6 6:30pm Bible Study	7 9:00 Worship & Hospitality Meeting 10-11:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	8 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	9
10 9:00 Worship (Pulpit Swap) 10:00 Social Time	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12 Pastor Text Study	13 10:00am NIS Bicycle Stop 6:30pm Bible Study	14 10-11:00am Prayer Group Deadline to submit articles for July Newsletter	15 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting AA District Mtg 6:30 – 8:30 PM Synod assembly at Augustana June 15 th & 16 th	16
17 Father's Day 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time	18 Pastor's Sabbath 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	19 Pastor Text Study 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Polo Council of Churches at East Jordan	20 No Bible Study 6:00pm Memorial Meeting	21 No prayer group	22 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Social Time 1:00pm Ice Cream Social at West Side Park	25 Pastor's Sabbath 7:00pm 4H Meeting 5:00-7:00pm Our Table Community Meal at Faith Methodist	26 Pastor Text Study	27 6:30pm Bible Study	28 10-11:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm 150th Anniv. planning meeting	29 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	30

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP ASST</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
June 3	Jeanne Scholl	Jeanne Scholl		<u>HEAD USHER</u> Terry Jenkins
June 10		Julie Hoak	Becky Patterson	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Jeanne Scholl
June 17		Kent Anders	Marian Wolf	<u>TELLERS</u> Barb Grobe, Kathy Mitchell
June 24		Tracey Anders	Lyle & Marcia Printz	



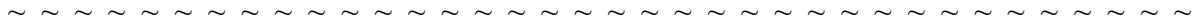
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Mission statement: St. Mark's gathers together to worship, hear God's Word and share the Good News that God is love!

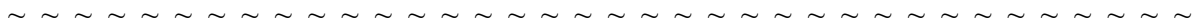
**June 3rd – 9:00am Early Worship begins
10:00 Social Time**



Ice Cream Social

June 24, 2018 at West Side Park
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers will entertain us again this year.
All proceeds will go to the Access Fund.
Don't forget your lawn chairs!
Watch for a sign up sheet at the church to donate food items.



Prayers and best wishes to Michelle Knight as she begins her collaborative learning program as a licensed Pastor serving at St. Paul's Lutheran in Warren, IL. She will begin serving July 1st. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

<p><i>Welcome new member John Ennenga</i></p>	<p><i>Welcome new members by baptism: Gracie, McKenzie and Charles Bailey</i></p>
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**** Congratulations to our 4 confirmands – Parker, Joey, Colton & Brody ****

Please pray for Brad Long and Linda Gall as they are in mission to Romania June 7-14th

Pastor's Thoughts...

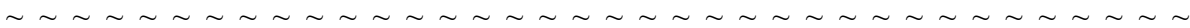
As we begin the 6th month of the year, I cannot help but reflect on how busy this year has been and so full of celebrations: 7 baptisms, 7 new adult members, 4 confirmands, 1 seminarian assigned to a church and 3 on various missionary missions. As a church community we have lost 3 loved ones, weathered surgeries and health concerns, and prayed for a world of challenges and sufferings. Together we are a church where the Holy Spirit of Pentecost blows.

Acts 2:1 -4 ¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

We all speak different languages of life and love, however we all speak the same language of Christ's hope, healing and happiness for one another.

As summer comes upon us let us be mindful of our mission to share Christ's love throughout our families, the community and beyond.

May you recognize God's Spirit in you and in others this summer, Pastor Terrie

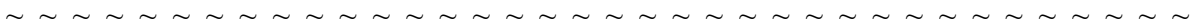


June Bible Study for 3 Wednesday Evenings begins June 6th at 6:30pm

Bible Study



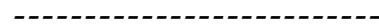
Pastor will teach a 3 week course in the month of June called "Bible Basics 101." This is an easy and fun class exploring the scriptures to reveal God's inspiration and promises. This will be a 3 week class on Wednesdays June 6th, 13th and 27th from 6:30-7:30pm. You may bring your bible or use a church study bible. We will study Old Testament stories essential to the mission of Jesus Christ and tie them to the New Testament.



**150th Anniversary
Committee Forming
June 28th 6:30pm**

May 3rd 2020, less than 2 years from now, St. Mark's will celebrate the formation of the church 150 years ago. Bishop Jeff Clements is scheduled to be with us and we will be inviting others to join us in celebrating. Pastor Terrie is forming 3 teams for this celebration. We will need a team to put history together, a worship program together and a hospitality team perhaps providing a celebration meal. The first meeting is Thursday June 28th 6:30pm. All the congregation is invited to come for the planning.

**Property Work Night
Tuesday, June 5th 6:30pm**



Calling all able bodied people to come together for a work night at St. Mark's to help put God's house in order and repair. There are many things that need to be cleaned and repaired. Every month we will meet the first Tuesday night of the month to address needs and work, so wear your work clothes. To begin, there are broken toilets, a messy room off the kitchen upstairs, storage room organizing, light bulb replacements, vacuuming stairs, repairs at the parsonage and yard work at the parsonage.

Northern Illinois Synod Bicycle Group coming to St. Mark's

Many people will be bicycling to the Synod Assembly from Rockford to Rock Island. On Wednesday, June 13th the cyclists will stop at St. Mark's for a rest and we will give them snacks and water. We estimate the arrival from Mt. Morris between 10 and 11am. This is a fundraiser for World Hunger Relief.

Pulpit Swap

Sunday June 10th Pastor Terrie and Pastor Josh Ehrler will swap pulpits. Pastor Terrie will lead worship and preach at Trinity Lutheran in Mt. Morris. Pastor Josh will be at St. Mark's for worship and preaching. Pastor Josh is an excellent preacher so come and welcome him!



Church Council Highlights May 2018

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report: St. Mark's has baptized 4 children & welcomed another adult member this month. In addition we have lost one faithful member in this last month. There are many sick congregation members & a number of surgeries & treatments reported so we pray for all. In the last weeks, I have attended a Lutheran Retreat, the LOMC music program, The WELCA spring event with 5 women of St. Mark's. Would love to see a women's & a men's group in the future at St. Mark's. Synod Assembly has its usual In-Kind offering & this year they are making up kits for homeless people. We will make 10 kits & give to an area Rockford church. Sign up is in the back of the church.

Worship & Music: May 13th we will be Confirming 4 young men. Worship & Hospitality are providing a cake. Please bring cards for each one of them telling them the church cares for them: Parker, Joey, Colton & Brody. The class has planned much of the worship. The Sunday School will sing & honor mothers for Mother's Day. May 20th we will have a new member reception at coffee hour. Invitations are being sent. We will celebrate Pentecost also & because it is Mission Sunday, Tim Olfson from Another Child Foundation will be giving a presentation along with Linda Gall regarding the needs in Romania. June 10th Pastor Josh Ehrler from Trinity Lutheran Mt. Morris & I are doing a pulpit swap. He will preach at St. Mark's & I will preach at Trinity that Sunday. Cheryl Goeking is doing a wonderful job accompanying our worship & other various events when we need music. She cares deeply about helping St. Mark's enrich musical glory to God. The 9:00 a.m. worship time begins June 3rd. Next meeting is May 31st at 2:30 p.m. with Cheryl Goeking for hymn selection.

Education: Adult study sponsored Pastor Brandt Clements who spoke about our Islamic neighbors Sunday April 29th. 25 people were present & the information was well received. May 13th the Sunday school will sing at worship & will be the last day of Sunday school. Baccalaureate will be held at the Polo High School Saturday May 26th at 2:00 pm. May 21-25th I will be attending the Festival of Homiletics (preaching) in Washington D.C. as continuing education. I will be leading worship May 20th & 27th.

Worship & Hospitality: A note has been added to the screen before service to remind us to be quiet & prepare yourself for worship during the prelude. May 9th the Central Conference of Pastors worshipped at St. Marks. Pastor asked the committee to help with coffee & clean up. Decorations were discussed. We will be looking at different options to decorate during the upcoming seasons. 2 teams of people will be going out on visitations in the next couple of weeks.

Global Mission: Brad Long & Linda Gall continue to plan a mission trip to Romania in June. Tanzanian Missionary Carol Stubbs who played music at St. Mark's with her daughter, died in Christ last week. We pray for the family & friends & mission. The team is planning a wonderful program for May 20th to coincide with Pentecost worship. Mission envelopes have provided for many mission projects so no fundraisers are planned at this time.

Fellowship: The Ice Cream Social will be June 24th with Lyle Grobe playing again.

Polo Council of Churches: A representative is needed for the next meeting as Pastor will be out of town. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm at East Jordan Methodist Church.

Youth Group: Pastor will be starting a new program for the confirmation & youth next fall.

New Business: Motion was made for the Ice Cream Social donations to go for the Access Committee.

Old Business: Access Committee Update - a special meeting will be held to finalize plans to present to the congregation. **Other Business:** Michelle Knight has been approved for learning in worship in Warren IL.

Global Missions Team Report

Stubbs Family

A few years ago Carol Stubbs spoke at St. Mark's about her family's ministry in Tanzania. After a long illness, the Lord has taken Carol home to be with Him. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Quilters

The Quilters donated fabric and a pattern for the Mission Team to take to the sewing students at Point of Hope Development Center in Tarnaveni, Romania. They will use it to sew bean bags for a Corn Hole game the woodworking class will make. The Quilters also donated additional fabric. 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 quilters. More hands are welcome!

Another Child Foundation

Lenten Project (Feb. 14-May 1)

Last year we collected 57 pairs of new shoes. This year's goal was 60. Our totals were:

Girls and Women's Shoes 30 pair

Boys and Men's Shoes 45 pair

Grand Total 75 pairs of shoes – far exceeding our goal!

Girls and Women's Socks 109 pair

Boys and Men's Socks 46 pair

Grand Total 155 pairs of socks – not even on our radar!

God is good! Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and/or socks. The Point of Hope has 140 students. Each item will definitely be appreciated! Thank you also to Director of Another Child Foundation, Tim Oloffson, for coming to St. Mark's and sharing his story of how the foundation came to be and its ministry.

June Mission Trip to Romania

The Team departs June 7. Brad will work with the woodworking students to build a Corn Hole game and teach them about work ethics. Linda will do a Summer Reading Program and teach the children how they can serve their community; i.e. older children reading to younger children. Please keep the Mission Team in your prayers.

Basic Bags for the Homeless

St. Mark's is collecting 10 pairs of warm socks, 10 juice boxes, 10 \$5 McDonald's gift cards, 10 Hot Hands hand warmers, 10 packages of beef jerky and 10 boxes of granola bars. If you can donate any items, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

World Hunger Bike Ride – June 13

St. Mark's is providing refreshments for bicyclists on their way to Synod Assembly. Please watch for bikes in our parking lot and around town.

Ministry Fair – September 16

Tables will be set up during coffee time and St. Mark's organizations will be available to share information about their ministry. One table will be for donations to the Polo Food Pantry. This is a ministry St. Mark's has supported for many years. 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. Let's fill the table to overflowing! Also, quilts made by St. Mark's Quilters will be displayed in the sanctuary for blessing before they are shipped out into the world to share God's love. Mark your calendar!

Next Meeting

No meeting in June. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!

POLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – MAY 2018

Baccalaureate: There will be no baccalaureate. Maybe some thoughts on how to honor graduates.

Bible School: July 16-20, 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Camping theme, by Tim. Motion for \$250 to Bible School fund.

Kidz Café’: June 4th, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, thru the end of July. 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Van pick up at Pool Park and Polo Library. Monetary donations appreciated.

Community Meal: 63 were served by Crossroads. August 27 meal – Faith DC, Pine Creek

Community Gardens: There are two beds, 4’ wide and 11 and 12 foot long.

They are located behind the COB. The wood was donated by Paul and Ray Schmidt. The dirt was donated by Scott Gray. Steve Knie supplied parts for the beds. A sign up sheet was available for weeding and watering. Cub Scouts have offered to help.

Brian’s After School Program: This year had 6 -9 participants and will begin again in the fall.

Polo Pantry: Needed are peanut butter, fruit, canned chicken, juice, coffee and esp. T. paper.

Second Hand Rose: Reported they are doing a little better.

Mentoring Program: Mrs. Schlegel re-structured the program and was a good improvement. She praised Tracey and Kent Anders for their committed help with the students. The program will continue in the fall.

C of C Pledge Forms: Draft form was presented for vote consideration next meeting.

Crop Walk: The Crop Walk will be held October 14 at UM Church in Oregon.

Registration at 1:30 pm, Walk at 2 pm. There will be a short and longer walk.

Good Friday Service: Pine Creek offered to host the next Good Friday Service.

Next Meeting: July 24, COB, 7 pm

Polo Food Pantry needs

Coffee, fruit, cheese, canned chicken, tea bags, cream chicken soup, juice, ketchup, deodorant, pain relievers, toilet paper and wipes. Paper towels not needed right now.

The Church Basement Quilters are in need of:

Large pieces of fabric, sheets, blankets, and bed skirts.

Kidz Café – Summer 2018

Kidz Café provides free and healthy lunches for the community of Polo!



WHEN: All summer starting June 4th
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
WHERE: Faith United Methodist Church
702 E. Dixon Street in Polo
TIME: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
SHUTTLE: Van pickup available at the Pool Park and Polo Public Library



Facebook.com/polokidzcafe

Are you celebrating an Anniversary or milestone Birthday??

Let us know!

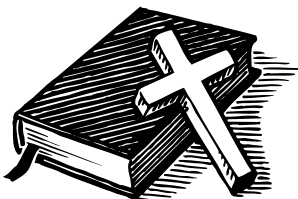


The card ministry at St. Mark's loves to send cards to help celebrate your special events. Please drop a note in Amanda Long's church mailbox or email her at amanda07216@gmail.com if you know of members celebrating an anniversary of 20 years or more or a milestone birthday.

Happy Anniversary

Sympathies and prayers for family and friends of Wanda Hinrichs who died in Christ April 28th. Services were held at St. Mark's Friday, May 2nd.

- ~ Thank you to everyone who donated and served at the Community Meal April 30th.
- ~ Thank you to everyone who has donated for the In-Kind Synod offering.
- ~ Thank you to Linda Gall for sharing your mission to Romania at Worship.
- ~ Thank you to Kent Anders, Michelle Knight and Tracey Anders for speaking foreign languages at our Pentecost Worship Service.
- ~ Thank you to Tim Oloffson from Another Child Foundation for sharing his ministry in Romania.
- ~ Thank you to Ryan and Don Nelson and family for mulching and landscaping the front of the church. It looks great!
- ~ Thank you to everyone who helped at Wanda Hinrich's funeral.
- ~ Thank you Linda Shank and Merla Brooks for helping host the Central Conference pastors.
- ~ Thank you Cheryl Goeking for accompanying the Central Conference Worship.
- ~ Thank you to the Hospitality Team for hosting the Confirmation Social time.
- ~ Thank you to Kimberly Barnhart for taking photos of the Confirmation Class.
- ~ Thank you to Oran Wilder for building shelves in the upstairs storage room.
- ~ Thank you to Marge Engel for helping with Altar Guild.
- ~ Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for the great year – Lisa Hinrichs, Sara Thorngren, Pam Lotz and Kent Anders.
- ~ Thank you to Reverend Brant Clements for his presentation on "Our Islamic Neighbors" last month.



Prayer Needs

For Healing: Anthony Calderone, Leota Hardin and Pam White

For those in care facilities: Ron Greenawalt, Ruby Isley, Arlene Jecklin, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Hazel Pontnak and Linda Scholl

For those in military service: JJ Bardell, Bryan Connell, Robert Hardin, Dustin Knapp, Ray LeDoux, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Lindsay Mitchell
- 2 Adam Wiegmann
A J Hinrichs
- 5 Tommy Bardell
Morgan Karrow
- 6 Maxine Osborne
- 7 Mary Cimino
- 8 Terry Pontnak
Kennedy Yingling
- 9 Christopher Toms
- 10 Maddox Karrow
- 11 Betty Obendorf
Tarah Patterson
Kent Anders
- 13 Emma Bauling
- 14 Karen Gilbert
Kayleigh Rogers
Lisa Hinrichs

Anniversaries

- 15 Larry Reap
Edward Schnulle
- 17 Julie Haye
Janet Grobe
- 19 LeRoy Toms
- 20 Elijah Lotz
- 21 Greg Cross
Lisa Miller
- 23 Chad Nelson
James Shrader
- 25 Cynthia Schryver
Leota Hardin
Carrie Grobe
- 26 Nathan Wiegmann
Rebecca Johnson
- 28 Randy Mitchell
- 30 Tracy Hilleman
- 2 Tony & Judy Karrow
- 3 Raymond & Laura Lopez
- 7 Matt & Cassie Mekeel
- 10 Tom & Carol Suits
- 11 Scott & Sara Thorngren
- 20 Lyle & Melody Reap
- 23 Bryan & Colby Suits
- 27 Lyle & Marcia Printz

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