

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

May 13th

Confirmation
Children Sing
Mother's Day



May 20th

Pentecost – Wear Red
Mission Sunday

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Schedule

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



2018

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Work 2 nd Hand Rose May 1-5	2	3 9:00 Worship & Hospitality Meeting	4 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	5
6 9:00 Sunday School Children & Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship 11:45-1:00 Confirmation	7 Pastor's Sabbath 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose	8 Pastor Text Study	9 8:30-12:00 NIS Conference at St. Mark's	10 9:00 Global Mission Mtg 10-11:00am Prayer Group 11:15am Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	12
13 Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School Children & Adults 10:00 Social Time & Card Shower for Confirmands 10:30 Worship, Children Sing & Confirmation	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 Pastor Text Study 9:00am Quilters	16	17 10-11:00am Prayer Group 11:15am Bible Study Deadline to submit articles for June Newsletter	18 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting AA District Mtg 6:30 – 8:30 PM	19
20 Mission Sunday Pentecost – Wear Red! 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship	21 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 5:00-7:00pm Our Table Community Meal at Faith Methodist	22 7:00pm Polo Council of Churches at East Jordan	23	24	25 10:00 am AI-Anon meeting	26 2:00pm Baccalaureate at Polo High School
27 10:00 Social Time 10:30 Worship 2:00pm Polo High School Graduation	28 Pastor's Sabbath 7:00pm 4H Meeting	29 Pastor Text Study	30	31 10-11:00am Prayer Group 11:15am Bible Study 2:30pm Worship & Music Meeting		

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP ASST</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
May 6		Amanda Long		<u>HEAD USHER</u> Kent Anders
May 13	Kathy Mitchell & Laurel Smith	Julie Hoak	Kathy Mitchell	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Suzanne Sorenson & Cindy Schryver
May 20	Merla Brooks	Betty Obendorf		<u>TELLERS</u> Craig & Cindy Bauling, Julie Hoak
May 27	Lorin & Joyce Gatz	Beth Wiegmann	Julie Hoak	



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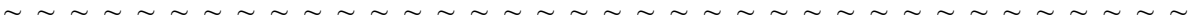
Mission statement: St. Mark's gathers together to worship, hear God's Word and share the Good News that God is love!

Welcome New Members in the month of April

Lori Davids
Makenzie Yocum
Thomas Scholl
John Ennenga

Welcome Newly Baptized

Hunter Louis Paul Barnhart 3 week old infant son of
Kimberly Barnhart and John Ennenga was baptized April 15th.



Sunday, May 13th

**10:00am - Confirmation Reception and
Card Shower with Cake**

We encourage you to give a card to
congratulate each of our 4 confirmands:
Colton • Parker • Joey • Brody

Children Sing during Worship
Last Day of Sunday School for the summer



Mother's Day

Pastor's Thoughts...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we observe Pentecost, the birth of the church, the followers of Christ Jesus. Many of us will wear Red to be on "fire" for the Lord and to be reminded of this event of the Holy Spirit. In the Pentecost story Acts 2:1-21, the people speak in different languages and yet understand each other to become "unified" by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

What does that mean for us? How important is the Holy Spirit? The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 5:22-26: *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.*

One of my prayers for the people of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is that we can exhibit these fruits of the Holy Spirit more intentionally. We are better at some of the fruits than others. We would like to think we are a community with "all" of the fruits of the Spirit and we are, however, we can always improve. We must be careful not to be critical and judgmental to "everyone". We can always become more conscious about including "everyone". To be spiritually fruitful we must forgive and support one another. Living by the Holy Spirit as well as Jesus command to "you shall love your neighbor as yourself," (Mark 21:31) is a challenge.

As summer comes into full bloom, remember your neighbors, others around you as you enjoy the freedom of summer activities. May we all strive to embrace "the fruits of the spirit" more fully, Pastor Terrie

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Congratulations to our Polo High School Graduates!

Rilley Peterson, Sydney Gunder, Randal Gabaldon and Trevin Woodin

If you know of anyone graduating or getting a degree, please let us know so we can celebrate with you!

Saturday, May 26th – 2:00pm Baccalaureate at Polo High School

Sunday, May 27th – 2:00pm Polo High School Graduation

June 3rd – 9:00am Early Worship begins

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

Sunday, May 20th

Pentecost - Wear Red!!

Special Mission Sunday

Linda Gall will share pictures from Romania



Global Missions

All eight Team members attended our April meeting. What a joy it is to see everyone so fired up to do God's work and share his love!

Quilting - St. Mark's Quilters continue their faithful work every third Tuesday of the month. They are in need of large pieces of fabric, especially for middles. If you have any old bedsheets or tablecloths, please consider donating them.

Stubbs Family - Carol has completed 17 days of radiation therapy. The doctor is optimistic that the rays have done their job. She asked that we continue to keep her in our prayers.

Another Child Foundation - On Friday, April 13, Charlie and Linda drove to Princeton to deliver some of the shoes and socks that have been collected. They took with them 60 pairs of shoes and 101 pairs of socks! What a wonderful outpouring of love! Thank you to everyone who donated. Donations will be accepted until May 1.

Tim Oloffson, Director of Another Child Foundation, will speak at St. Mark's on Sunday, May 20th; and Linda will show photos from the October Mission Trip. Brad, Linda, and three others are going to Romania on June 7 to work in small groups with the children. Brad hopes to help the older boys in the woodworking class build Corn in the Hole games for the children to play. St. Mark's quilters are furnishing fabric and a pattern for the students in the sewing class to make the bean bags. Linda will be involved with setting up a summer reading program to help the children keep up their reading skills. This is especially important since most of their parents do not know how to read. Please keep the Team in your prayers.

Honduras Project - Tracey and Linda attended a presentation at the Brethren Church given by Kelsey Horton about her January mission trip to build houses in Honduras. It was wonderful to see this young lady's pictures and hear her share her experience. She did an excellent job and she hopes to go back someday. The next Honduras Mission Trip will probably be in June to deliver food.

Tanzania Nursing Project - Three hundred students are enrolled in the program. As of April 12, the Nursing Project was \$12,000 short of its goal. The Team voted to send a \$200 donation via the ELCA.

Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA's Retreat - "HERstory - A String of Pearls" is Saturday, April 28, from 8:15 AM-3:00 PM at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Oregon. Several ladies from St. Mark's are registered to attend.

World Hunger Bike Ride - The morning of Wednesday, June 13, approximately 15-25 people from the Rockford area will be at St. Mark's. They will be enroute to the Synod Conference at Augustana College via bicycle in an effort to raise awareness of World Hunger. The Global Missions Team will provide them with refreshments. We would ask that you please watch for the bicyclists on the roads and pray for their safety and mission.

LOMC - Clean-up will be September 3. Please mark it on your calendar and give them a hand, if you can.

St. Mark's Ministry Fair - Sunday, September 17th tables will be set up in the coffee area for St. Mark's organizations to share with the congregation information about their ministry. We hope that several of our committees will take the opportunity to invite others to do God's work with them. Watch for more information.

Bishop Jeff Clements - Bishop Clements recently led a Missions Team to India. In February 2019 he will lead a team to Arusha, Tanzania. If you are interested in going, please see Pastor Terrie.

May 3, 2020 - St. Marks will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. Bishop Clements will be in attendance.

Next Meeting - The Global Missions Team will meet on Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!

Church Council Highlights April 2018

REPORTS:

- * **Pastor's Report:** Lenten attendance increased by a few every week. Maundy Thursday attendance was down. 23 attended Good Friday from St. Mark's at the Brethren Church & a record 131 attended Easter service at St. Mark's. St. Mark's welcomed 3 new members at worship April 8th, A baptism, is scheduled with hopes of more baptisms. I will be leading a retreat April 19th – 22nd as part of continuing education. I will also be on vacation April 30th – May 3rd. May 20th – 25th I will be attending the Festival of Homiletics (preaching) in Washington D.C.
- * **Worship & Music:** Blessings of Fields & Gardens was held at worship April 8th. May 6th Richard Jones from the Brethren Church will play the organ in place of Grace Ann Lloyd who is attending a great-grandchild's confirmation. Robin McNamara called & wondered if the church wanted them to come & work on the organ. There is another repair he would like to complete. It is scheduled for May 22nd.
- * **Education:** Sunday School did a nice program at Easter. Confirmation class is on schedule for May 13th. Worship & Hospitality are providing a cake & all are encouraged to bring cards for each student. Adult study is sponsoring Pastor Brant Clements to talk about our Islamic neighbors Sunday April 29th at the 9:00-10:00 am bible study time. We hope many more will come for this informative session.
- * **Worship & Hospitality:** Visitations were reviewed and discussion ensued about how individuals were doing and ongoing necessity of seeing the homebound. April 21st is Earth Day – a flyer will be in the bulletin about the event and discuss how we as a church and as individuals would be able to care for our earth responsibly. May 20th will be Pentecost Sunday. It was suggested by Pastor that we have the Lord's Prayer recited in different languages to commemorate the Holy Spirit descending upon the people causing them to talk in many different tongues. A discussion then ensued about how we decorate so much for Christmas and fall but only have lilies for Easter. Easter is considered a greater festival than Christmas. We could put up wreaths for Easter or decorate a cross. Any other ideas are welcome. It was agreed that the screen with the liturgy and hymns were a positive aspect. We need to be sure if we have visitors that they sign in the guest register.
- * **Global Mission:** The pew envelopes have brought in the necessary funds for programs such as the Tanzanian hospital fund (Generosity Sunday), shipping of shoes and other projects. 75 pairs of shoes & 101 pairs of socks were donated so far from the Lenten offerings. Brad Long & Linda Gall are going on a work trip to Romania in June.
- * **Property:** Many repairs are still on the list. The door in the kitchen downstairs still needs replace along with fixing the water problem between the parsonage & the church. The parsonage is also in desperate need of repairs. There seems to be a problem with one of the toilets in both the men's & ladies rooms downstairs. The banner rope at the front of the church needs to be fixed & there are some light bulbs that need to be replaced. Scaffolding will be needed to make these repairs.
- * **Memorial:** A new plaque is needed for memorials. The current one is full.
- * **New Business:**
 - * Cindy & Merla reported on the Congregational Resourcing Event. They gave a nice presentation.
- * **Old Business:**
 - * Access Committee Update – Suggestion made for a fundraiser & to get a contractor plan. They have met 3 times. The first time was a general discussion of the ADA, options available for making our church more handicapped accessible and a plan to meet with a vendor about ideas for accessibility.

POLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Minutes for March 27, 2018 – Crossroads

President David Poole called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Attending: Ron Bardell Marla Buskohl, Alice Cassens, Tom Cline, Bill Hare, Charlotte Hoppe, Leslie Lake, Brian LeBaron, Karen Merlack, Sharon Miller, David Poole, Marilyn Schwarz, Luke Schier, Chris Bradshaw, Jonathan Stauffer.

Devotions: Chris gave reference to today's, "hussle and bussle" of life. Remember to pay attention that Christ "died and suffered greatly". Prayer followed.

Minutes: Moved by Ron, second by Sharon to approve minutes.

Treasurer: In absence of Tom, David read the treasurer report. Bible School - \$23.78, Honduras Mission - \$2.50, Hungry Neighbor - \$2546.70, General Fund - \$3785.88. Receipt of \$300 dues and a \$300 donation from Pine Creek. Payments to General Dollar \$290, Legacy Prints \$290. Churches who have paid 2018 dues: Crossroads, Pine Creek, CoB, St Marks, Open Bible, Faith DC, FUM, West Branch.

Baccalaureate: Pastors please give Karen names of the seniors. 815-994-7939

Kids Café: M-W-F June and July, 3 events of Young Eagles Success Would like someone to do structure fun and games. Would like a rep from each church, call Marla 815-622-6162.

Brians After School Program: Students meet at the Sub Stop on Fridays after school.

Community Meals: Attention.....date changed to May 21st.....Crossroads hosting. Leslie would like discussion as to location of meals. March 26th seventy people were in attendance.

Community Garden: Two beds will be constructed 24' high, 4' x 10' at the back of the CoB. Wood donated, dirt donated. Cub Scouts to help. A rain barrel utilized. Asking for a list of those to help.

July: Bible School will be held in July.

Honduras: Oppression and poverty continue

Second Hand Rose: Rose has been in existence for 30 years with a total profit of \$98,937.62

Mentoring Program: Looking for one or two people to help on Tue and Thursdays at 11:10.

Good Friday Service: March 20th, 7 pm at COB. Leslie thanked those ahead of time for their help with this program.

Mike McGuires Outdoor Helpers: A suggested location for the group to help at the refurbished Habitat for Humanity home.

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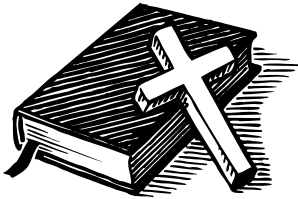
Quilts for Social Justice

The Pick Museum of Anthropology's exhibition, "Quilts and Human Rights" has been extended through Friday, May 11. Organized by the Michigan State University Museum, "Quilts and Human Rights" includes over 40 quilts centered around themes of social justice honoring champions of human rights, documenting quilting as a means of coping with oppression, and examining how quilts raise awareness of global social issues. The Pick Museum staff has expanded the exhibit by adding fifteen more quilts made between 2008 and today highlighting the last decade's booming modern quilting movement.

EVENT PRESENTED BY: The Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU
[\(815\) 753-2520](tel:8157532520) jkirker@niu.edu http://www.niu.edu/anthro_museum

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Polo Food Pantry needs:</u></p> <p>Fruit, cheese, cake mixes, canned tomato products, canned carrots, *hamburger helper, canned chicken, tea bags, pancake mix, cr of mushroom soup, boxed potatoes, ketchup, deodorant, pain reliever, toilet paper, child's lg diapers, wipes</p>	<p><i>The Church Basement Quilters are in need of:</i></p> <p>Large pieces of fabric, sheets, blankets, and bed skirts.</p>
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- Thank you to those who have donated supplies for the church office.
- Thank you for all the shoes and socks that have been donated for the children of Romania.
- Thank you to Michelle Knight for leading worship while Pastor was away.
- Thank you to our students, teachers and parents of St. Mark's Sunday School for the Easter program.



Prayer Needs

For those in care facilities: Ron Greenawalt, Ruby Isley, Arlene Jecklin, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Kenny Linton, 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.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Daniel Brown
Lori Jasper
- 5 Ron Greenawalt
- 6 Marjorie Engel
Ken Yingling
- 7 Ken Obendorf
- 8 Trudy Karrow
- 9 Craig Bauling
- 11 Curtis Shuman
- 12 Kathy Mitchell
- 13 Jessica Boren
Nathaniel Yingling
- 14 Charlie Gall
- 18 Ron Hackbarth

- 19 James Grobe
Julie Hoak
- 21 Cindy Sullivan
- 22 Lori King
Rick Lincoln
- 24 Maggie Ackeberg
- 25 Mallory Patterson
- 26 Jerry Hose
Emalie Gunder
- 28 Alex Hoak
Joyce Greenawalt
- 29 Joanne Grant

Anniversaries

- 8 Marty and Kathy Toms
Levi and Jena Slager
- 18 Don and Marilyn Nelson
- 22 Justin and Carrie Grobe
- 31 John and Marjorie Engel

St. Mark's is Online!

Check out our website: www.stmarkspolo.com *Even read this newsletter online!*

Call 946-2919 or email stmarkspolo@frontiernet.net with any address changes or to be added to our newsletter emailing list!



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St. Mark's gives back!

Thank you for donating the items below to help those in need.

Box Tops for Education®



Help raise money for local schools by saving Box Tops!



Ronald McDonald House Charities®

Save your pop tabs!

Aluminum Cans

Cans can be left in the garage at the parsonage.
The east door will be unlocked – facing the parsonage.

Spring Planting

Plant Three Rows of Peas

Peas of mind

Peas of heart

Peas of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be patient

Lettuce really love one another

It Is No Garden without Turnips

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Finally, We Must Have Thyme

Thyme for each other

Thyme for family

Thyme for friends

In-Kind Offering

Basic Needs Bags for the Homeless

On a single night in January 2016, state and local planning agencies in Illinois reported 11,590 people experienced homelessness.

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ~Matthew 25:40b

Collect the items listed below and place into a gallon size baggie. Bring to synod assembly. We will pray over them and for those that are homeless.

Take completed baggies home to your community. Keep them in your car or office and share with the homeless.

Vim
Vigor
Vitality



In Christ
a New
Creation



Northern Illinois Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

31st Assembly June 15-16, 2018

Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

