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August 2024 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, Illinois (815) 946-2919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 Prayer Partners	2	3
4 9:30 Worship 10:30 Social Time	5 Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose	6	7 10:00am Worship & Hospitality meeting	8 10:00 Prayer Partners	9	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Social Time	12 5:00-6:30pm Community Meal at FUM	13	14 7:00pm Church Council meeting at St. Mark's	15 10:00 Prayer Partners	16	17
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Social Time	19	20 9:00am Quilters	21 9:30am Worship & Music meeting	22 10:00 Prayer Partners Deadline to submit articles for September Newsletter	23	24
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Social Time	26	27 Work Second Hand Rose August 27 – 31 st	28	29 10:00 Prayer Partners	30	31

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>		<u>Tellers:</u> Barb Grobe, Kathy Mitchell, Joan Rienstra
August 4	Beth Wiegmann	Becky Patterson		
August 11	Amanda Carroll			<u>Altar Guild: OPEN</u>
August 18	Julie Hoak			<u>Head Usher:</u> Steve Sorenson
August 25	Kent Anders	Phyllis Dyer		



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Pastor Scott Ralston

Mission statement: *St. Mark's ELCA is a community of believers who gather to hear God's Word in Christ; worshipping, serving, and proclaiming God's love for all people and the world.*

Thank you to the Rock River Barbershop Chorus for joining us for worship on July 14th. They did a wonderful job!



August Altar Guild volunteer needed!
Please let the office know if you are able to help!



Pennies from Heaven donations needed

Pennies From Heaven is the fund created by the Polo Council of Churches to help out people in the Polo community with a hardship they are having. This is similar to the neighbors in need fund we used to have, but the churches in town work together to help. Mark your donation "Pennies From Heaven" and put it in the offering and we will pass it along to the Polo Council of Churches.

Polo Community Meal

The next community meal will be held August 12th at Faith United Methodist 5:00-6:30pm.

Polo Lifeline Food Pantry Needs:

Toilet paper, fruit, chicken noodle and cream of mushroom soup, sugar, dish soap, laundry soap, eggs, hamburger and cash donations.

Pastor's thoughts ...

Hello St. Mark's Lutheran,

Well July is quickly coming to an end and August is quick approaching. I have to admit I'm enjoying the slightly cooler temps, but I wouldn't mind a couple more hot days to linger by a friend's or the local community pool.

August is a busy time of the year. There's so many things to get ready and plan for: Community church services, students getting ready to head back to school, teachers getting ready for another year of expanding children's minds, and parent's either ready for the change or dreading it. Summer it a great time to reconnect with family and friends and to enjoy God's amazing creation.

Sitting outside today listening to the birds chirp and feeling the sun shining down reminds me of how blessed we are to be surrounded by God's creation. Elyse and I were so excited, we had a sparrow sitting on our window sill today chirping away. At night there is the buzz/song of crickets, frogs, and possibly locusts. And there is the dance of the fireflies to accompany it all. The natural world is alive with music and color.

I love this time of year for walks in the woods, dodging the sun's hottest rays, and just taking the time to appreciate the world around us knowing that it is all God's great and beautiful creation that we have come to dwell in.

So what have you been doing this summer? Have you had any interesting experiences? Taken any great trips? What is it about summer that you like best: baseball games, picnics, hikes, drive-in movies, maybe having a barbecue? One thing I really enjoy is doing devotions on the porch with a hot cup of coffee or tea in hand. God's word and creation go so well hand in hand it often feels like it is meant to be enjoyed that way. If you haven't tried that I encourage you to do that this week and let me know what you think.

Beloved, thanks for your kindness, love, and your attention today. I hope that this August is especially good for you and your family and that you get a chance to spend some time walking trails that you haven't before or perhaps ones you have long loved (with family and friends or perhaps on your own to reflect), so that your senses can be filled/enlived/elated with the sounds and colors of God's beautiful creation.

Peace and Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Scott

Confirmation Class:

Summer dates TBD

Make sure to check the Team Reach app to stay up to date!

Quilters are looking for help!

The Quilters are looking for people to make quilt tops at home and bring them to church for us to assemble. We have fabric squares you can use. You do not need experience, we can teach you! If interested, contact Joyce Gatz.

If you would like a Devotional book for August, September, please let the office know. One will be sent or dropped off at your home.



June Finance Report

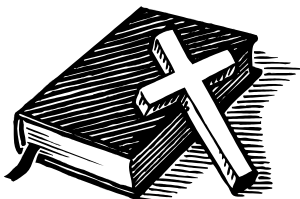
Income	Expenses	Net Income
6,299	6,643	-344



Thank you!

- ~ Thank you to the Rock River Barbershop Chorus for a wonderful service.
- ~ Thank you to everyone who attended our Ice Cream Social and to those who donated food items and served. Thank you to the band of Denny Jacobs for a great afternoon of music.
- ~ Thank you to Beth Green for sharing her treats with her St. Mark's friends on 7/7.

Please let us know if someone needs a thank you.



Prayers for those in need of healing: Kent Anders, Darlene Barnhart, Shelby Hose, Tommy Knipple, Pat McPherson, Beulah Nelson, Mary Ann Olson, Lyle Reap and Laurel Smith. **Those in care facilities:** Sibyl Acker, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow and Marian Schnulle. **Those in Military service:** Dustin Knapp, Brad Reigle, Travis Roop and Nathaniel Yingling.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Kimberly Hilleman
2 Shelby Jean Hose
Rilley Peterson
3 Renee Boyle
4 Megan Patterson
Cooper Dawson
Tylar Groth
5 Cliff Bardell
7 Melanie Armstrong
Casandra Webb
8 Carly Hinrichs
9 Jeremiah Christen
10 Everett Richardson
11 Jeff Hose
12 Ed Olsen
Matt Mekeel
13 Tanner Johnson
Dennis Massolle
Betsy Coy

Anniversaries

14 Taylor Woodin
15 Drew Garrett
18 Larry Weaver
19 Phil Johnson
John Carroll
21 Robyn Nelson
22 Marty Toms
Charlotte Bartelt
23 Steve Sorenson
Sara Morrison
Dominic Escobar
25 Beth Shipman
William Ukena
27 Curt Nelson
Linda Gall
30 Laney Christen
9 Alan & Beth Wiegmann
28 Jim & Renae Shrader