

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
201 N DIVISION AVENUE
POLO, IL 61064
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Join us for online Worship
Sunday mornings at 9:00am!

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NEW TIME!!



Indoor Worship

Every Sunday at 9:00



Congrats Graduates!!

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June 2021 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, Illinois 815/946-2919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Text Study	2 11-12 Noon - Kidz Café at FUM	3 10:00 Prayer Partners	4 11-12 Noon - Kidz Café at FUM	5
6 9:00 Online Facebook worship 9:00am Indoor Worship	7 Pastor's Sabbath 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose 9-11:00am -Vacation Bible School at Brethren Church	8 Pastor Text Study 9-11:00am -Vacation Bible School at Brethren Church	9 11-12 Noon - Kidz Café at FUM 9-11:00am -Vacation Bible School at Brethren Church	10 10:00 Prayer Partners 7:00pm Zoom Church Council meeting	11 11-12 Noon - Kidz Café at FUM	12
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>June Tellers:</u>	<u>June Altar Guild:</u>
June 6		Kent Anders		Julie Hoak, Phyllis Dyer, Sharon VanOosten	Open
June 13		Cliff Bardell			
June 20		Tracey Anders			
June 27		Merla Brooks	Lyle & Marcia Printz		<u>Head Usher</u> – Merla Brooks



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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.*

NEW Summer Indoor Worship time 9:00am every Sunday

Masks are optional. Communion will be offered.



Congratulations to the following 8th grade and High School graduates!



Logan Nelson, Hailey Walker, Joey Bardell, Mallory Patterson, Parker Wolber, Brody Massolle and Brett Schaefer.

If you know of any other graduates we have missed, please let us know!



Another Child Foundation - "Shoes for Orphan Souls"

This is the time to collect shoes and boots for all the seasons for the mission. Children and adult shoes are welcome! Shoes must be new! There are great clearance prices available. There is a box in the fellowship hall for donations.



"To reach, teach, and transform the lives of orphaned and at-risk children in Romania."

Congratulations to
Logan Nelson and Hailey Walker
who Affirmed their Faith in God by
Confirmation in May.



Hailey Walker's Faith Statement

I have chosen a story from Luke 6:27-31 called "The Love for Enemies." I like this story because for me it is saying to forgive and love people who have hurt you for, they may not quite understand what they have done wrong, or they are just on the wrong path. Here Jesus is teaching the disciples how to love their enemies. Verse 28 and 29 read, "Bless those who curse you and pray for those who abuse you, if anyone strikes you offer the other, and from anyone who takes your coat, do not withhold even your shirt."

I follow Jesus because I feel he leads me and helps me grow through my hard times. My life will be better with my faith because being a part of a group and being loved by so many great people, makes me want to do the best I can by following Jesus. I can deepen my faith by asking the Lord if it is okay and right before I do something, and I will get my answers from my church and the Holy Bible.

Logan Nelson's Faith Statement

I was told to choose a favorite bible story for today. I ended up choosing Wilderness Temptations. In this story the devil is trying to tempt Jesus. I chose this story because I remember learning about it in Sunday school. I think this story sends a big message to the reader because it shows how devoted Jesus was and how much he respected God. The passage from Luke 4: 9-12 reads: Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

I follow Jesus because I believe he can help me become a better person by following his teachings in the bible.

Having faith will help me in life through good times and bad knowing he will always be with me.

I can continue to deepen my faith by learning more about Jesus and working hard everyday to do what is right and know what is right. I know that my family and church community will be there for me if I am ever in doubt or have questions regarding my faith.

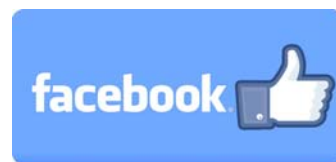
Join us for Worship on Facebook!

Sunday mornings at 9:00am

Join us online at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Polo Illinois Facebook page

www.facebook.com/stmarkspolo. Pastor Terrie will be doing a shortened

message with a short sermon and then **offering communion for the community the first Sunday of the month only**. Have a piece of bread or a cracker handy along with juice or wine and we will share the Lord's Supper together virtually.



Welcome new Church council officers:

President - Lisa Hinrichs

Vice President - Sara Thorngren

Secretary - Amanda Carroll

Pastor's thoughts....Siblings in Christ,

Acts 2:1-21 ¹When the day of Pentecost had come; they 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.

In the traditional lectionary cycle of scriptural readings, we are now entering 25 weeks of what is called "Pentecost or Ordinary Time." In our worship we have told the story of Jesus from Advent (waiting for the birth of the Messiah) through Lent, Easter and then Pentecost. Pentecost was a Hebrew festival celebrated 7 weeks after the Passover.

The famous story in Acts tell us of the dramatic and violent wind of the Holy Spirit igniting the people from many different cities, all speaking different languages and because of this event, they all came to understand one another. Wouldn't that be terrific if we all could understand one another in all our differences?

In the Pentecost Sermon, I spoke about how we often take the Holy Spirit of God for granted. Without the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, translated as "*the helper*" that Jesus gave to us, we could not be church. Without the gift of the Holy Spirit, we would not gather and share the "good news" of Jesus sacrifice, love and compassion for the world. That is why we devote 25 weeks to the ways in which Jesus sends us into the world.

John 20:21-22 ²¹Jesus said to (the disciples) again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Here is a sample from the Pentecost sermon that I believe bears repeating:

"During the pandemic, I had plenty of time to reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit that I have witnessed in these 15 years. There have been at least 5 homeless people that come to mind that you all helped to find food, housing and some found jobs. Some were baptized and all have moved on and yet, they felt the love of God because of your caring by the power of the Holy Spirit working in you. In our own church family, I have watched you lift each other up in prayer for serious illnesses, comforting one another in times of death and grief, working those funeral luncheons and church suppers to continue this ministry of the Holy Spirit.

I have witnessed the sewing of hundreds of quilts that have wrapped people in love near and far and seen how you step up to support the children of confirmation and Sunday school. There was that women who made all those bad choices including alcohol addiction, that became homeless, and although we did not all agree at the time, but we did allow her to live in the parsonage for free until she could get sober and get a job. She graduated seminary last Sunday and will be ordained soon as a rostered minister.

There was the young girl who came to church with a neighbor and begged me for almost 2 years to baptize her. She came on her own, completed 2 years of confirmation studies to commit herself to the faith of Christ Jesus today. There have been so many people in these few years that know the love of Christ Jesus through you, but it is not our doing. It is the power of the Advocate that Jesus left. The power of the Holy Spirit working through us when you and I do so many of the things we are called to do...sometimes unwillingly...sometimes we grumble when we are called to sacrifice our pocket change, or support those that appear to threaten us by their sinful deeds. And so, we sin when we avoid helping them.

As good as it is to gather together again, today we remember that we gather so that we may be filled up again by the power of the Holy Spirit to serve God's people, especially those who need to know the love, guidance and promises of God in Christ Jesus."

Now that we are gathering again, we recognize how the Holy Spirit has kept us together. Who will we be able to share the "good news" with next?

The Holy Spirit like the "*rush of a violent wind*" continues to blow through the church.

Listen.....God is calling.

Pastor Terrie Wilder



If you would like a Devotional book for June or July/August/September please let Pastor or Lori know. One will be sent or dropped off at your home.

April Finance Report

Income	Expenses	Net Income
12,384	9,588	2,796

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Kidz Café begins June 2nd

Every Wednesday and Friday from 11:00am-12:00pm
Faith United Methodist Church will have Free Grab-and-Go lunch bags for children and their families.
Stop by the outdoor pavilion.
If you would like to volunteer to help phone Marla Buskohl 815 946 2030



Polo Lifeline Food Pantry Needs:

Paper towels, toilet paper
Items can be dropped off at St. Mark's. There is a grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

St. Mark's Needs:

Paper towels, kitchen garbage bags



Council Highlights from the May Church Council Meeting

Welcome and orientation: Pastor Terrie welcomed new council members and elections were held for the following positions: President- Lisa Hinrichs was nominated by Sara, second was provided by Merla, vote was approved; Vice President- Sara Thorngren was nominated by Lisa, second was provided by Terry, vote was approved; Secretary- Amanda Carroll was nominated by Sara, second was provided by Craig, vote was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Offerings have increased with in-person services.

Pastor’s Report: Thank you for all the help for the Obendorf funeral. Pastor has a nonmember funeral Monday morning and 2 gravesites in June.

Worship Plans: Discussion was held about 9am worship starting in June. Also about having a hymn sung at then end of worship starting this Sunday. These were both approved.

Hospitality: Discussion was held about annual fundraisers and how to safely hold them. Teams will be meeting to discuss this. We will resume monthly ushers for worship. Signup sheet will be in the back of the church.

Education: Pastor continues to work with the confirmation class on an individual basis. Logan Nelson and Hailey Walker are ready for confirmation in May. Sara is going to continue to help out with the children’s Sunday School, tentative start date of September 12, 2021.

Global Mission: Another Child Foundation is asking us to consider another shoe drive for the orphanage. See the newsletter for more details.

Property: Furnace pump was installed. The renters have moved out and a volunteer clean up day of the parsonage will be held on May 22 at 9am. The renters paid a \$900 deposit and will receive \$425 of that back. Thank you to Sara and Marilyn for plans to weed and mulch the landscaping around the church. If you notice maintenance items that need attention, please let us know so we can put it on a list to address. A signup sheet for cleaning and maintenance items will be posted.

Polo Council of Churches: the next meeting is at Pine Creek Christian Church May 25th at 7:00pm in person.

Other Business: Volunteers are needed for ushers, flowers, cleaning, and musical offerings for worship.

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Polo Council of Churches Meeting May 25th at Pinecreek Christian Church

Members gathered and shared worship procedures.

Elkhorn Brick Methodist Church congregation is now worshipping with Brookville Methodist Church.

It was voted on to send \$100 to help with the cost of Town and Country Days.

Nothing new on Honduras mission except that the people are in desperate poverty, so prayers are appreciated.

Polo Rehab is not allowing worship at this time.

Vacation Bible School will be held for 3 days June 7-9 at the Church of the Brethren.

The Community Garden has been planted at the Church of the Brethren.

Kidz Café at Faith United Methodist will be a grab-n-go lunch on Wednesday and Fridays from 11am-noon.

2021 offering envelopes are available for pickup. Lori is usually in the office on Thursdays, but please call before making a special trip to pick yours up. If you need your offering envelope box delivered to you, please call Pastor (815-677-3443) or Lori (815-440-0561).

If you are interested is signing up for electronic giving in 2021 or adjusting your current donation amount, please contact Lori.

Thank you to those who have continued to mail your donations!!



We would love to have everyone on our email list for faster communication. If you need to be added or have changed your email please call the church office and leave a message or email the church at stmarkspolo@frontiernet.net

Ways to Help Polo and Beyond:

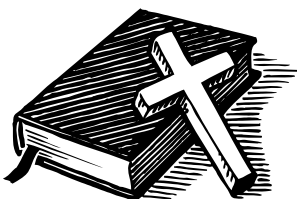
- 1) Sending a check directly to the Polo Food Pantry 115 North Green Avenue .
- 2) Mailing cards to residents of care facilities is always a good idea:
Polo Rehab 703 E. Buffalo, Polo 61064 (Linda Scholl and Jessica Kimpel)
Provena Center 1372 Woodside Dr., Freeport 61032 (Hazel Pontnak)
Regency Healthcare 612 West. St. Sterling 61081 (Tammy Karrow and Trudy Karrow)
Wesley Willows Rockford 61103 (Sibyl Acker)
- 3) Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response (if designated to a specific disaster, please indicate in the memo line):
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 ELCA Gift Processing Center
 P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
 Give by phone Call 800-638-3522 to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.
- 4) Continue sending offerings to St. Mark's by mail or dropping in the mail slot at the north front door. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE SENDING OFFERINGS



Thank you

“We thank you for all the wonderful acknowledgements, help, memorial gifts, and compassion at the death of Kenneth. The service, music, and great food made us feel blessed to have such a super church family.”
 ~ The family of Kenneth Obendorf

Thank you to all those who helped with the tasks at cleaning the parsonage for new renters: Merla Brooks property manager who asked so many to help. Thank you to Lyle Reap for patching the plaster, Marilyn Nelson, Renee Boyle and Samantha for lots and lots of cleaning, Cindy and Craig Bauling for painting the railings out front, Cliff Bardell for the sanding of the railings, Charlie and Linda Gall for weed control, Amanda and John Carroll for sealing the bathroom, replacing a ceiling fixture and Oran Wilder for yard waste. Thank you to Sara Thorngren and Marilyn Nelson for weeding and mulching the south side of the church yard. Thank you Thorngrens for donating the mulch!
 Thank you Beth Wiegmann for your special music for our confirmation students.
 Thank you to everyone who brought cards for Michelle Knight and our confirmation students.



Prayers for Healing: Tracey Anders, Mike Glaser, Kate Marshang, Betty Obendorf and Brad Shippert **Prayers for those in care facilities:** Sibyl Acker, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel , Hazel Pontnak, Jeanne Scholl, Linda Scholl and Marian Schnulle. **Prayers for those in military service:** Logan Albrecht, JJ Bardell, Bryan Connell, Dustin Knapp, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

15 Larry Reap
16 Nathan Stone
17 Julie Haye
Janet Grobe
19 LeRoy Toms
20 Elijah Lotz
21 Greg Cross
Lisa Miller
23 Chad Nelson
James Shrader
25 Cynthia Schryver
Carrie Grobe
26 Nathan Wiegmann
Rebecca Johnson
Daphne Bone
28 Randy Mitchell
30 Tracy Hilleman
Lori Davids

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

Community Bible School

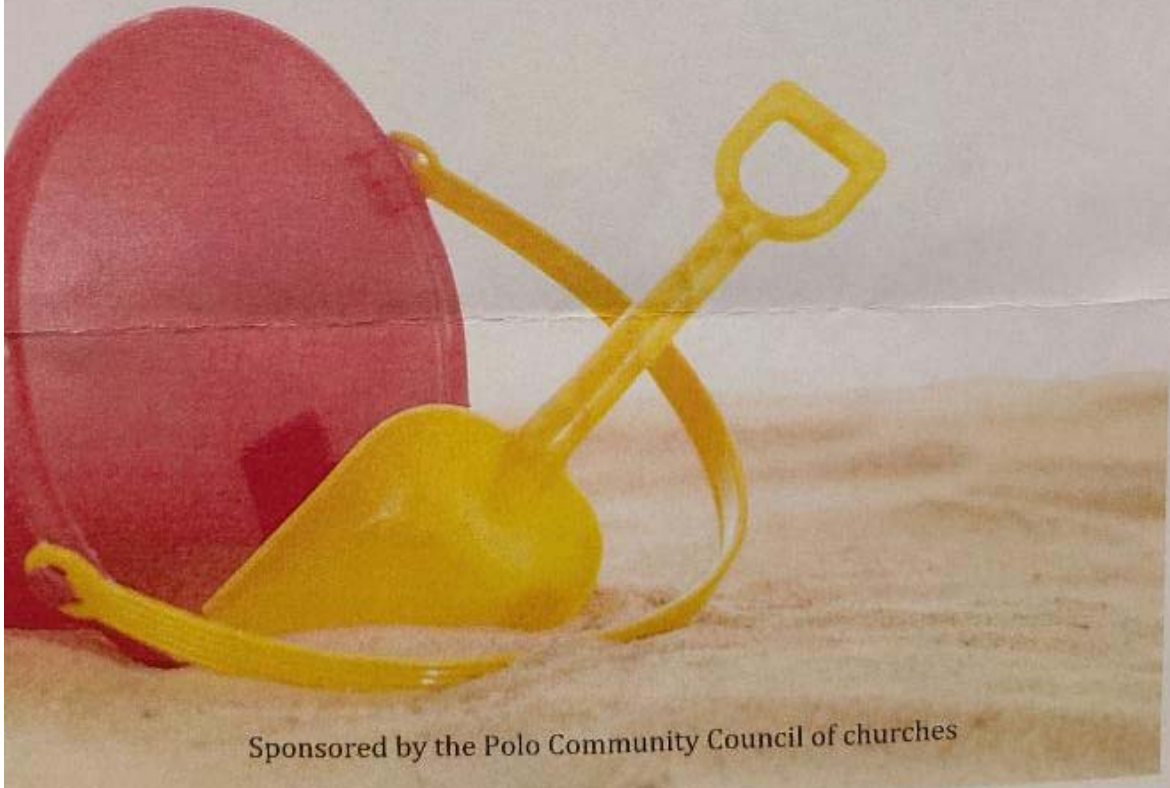
PARABLES OF JESUS

June 7-9 9:00-11:00 am

Polo Church of the Brethren
401 South Congress Ave Polo

Come meet some new friends who will tell a story of Jesus. Games, crafts, packaged snacks, and plant a seed. Monday to Wednesday is for kindergarten - 5th.

Please contact Patty Stauffer by email stauffer@essex1.com or phone 815 499-2034 by May 14th. Wear masks. Volunteers needed.



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