

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
201 N DIVISION AVENUE
POLO, IL 61064
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starting September 5th

9:00 Adult class and confirmation

10:00 social time

10:30am Worship

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September 12th

9:00 Children's Sunday School Begins!

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CROP Walk

September 26th

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00am Worship & Hospitality Meeting 10:00 Prayer Partners	3	4
5 NEW WORSHIP TIME! 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:00am Confirmation 9:45 Special Social Time for Olsen's 10:30am Indoor Worship	6 Labor Day Pastor's Sabbath 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose	7 Pastor Text Study Work Second Hand Rose September 7 – 11th	8	9 10:00 Prayer Partners 7:00pm Zoom Church Council meeting	10 AA Meeting	11
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>September Tellers:</u> Evelyn Meyer, Linda Shank, Mark & Sandy Stahler	<u>August Altar Guild:</u> Cliff & Amy Bardell
September 5	Linda Gall	Craig & Cindy Bauling		
September 12	Merla Brooks			<u>Head Usher</u> – Terry Jenkins
September 19	Hailey Walker	Julie Hoak		
September 26	Kent Anders			September Custodian – Marilyn Nelson



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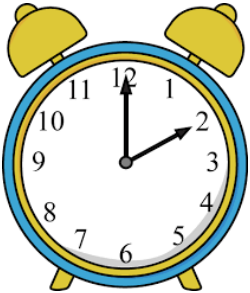
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Mission statement: *St. Mark's ELCA is a community of believers who gather to hear God's Word in Christ; worshipping, serving, and proclaiming God's love for all people and the world.*



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**Sunday school for children begins Sunday,
September 12th at 9:00am.**

This year the children may be learning to play bells for special occasions! Sunday school is for ages 5 years old through 6th grade. Parents are welcome to attend as helpers.



**Confirmation begins September 5th at 9:00am for
students in 7th and 8th grades!
Call Pastor for any questions.**

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Sunday September 5th 9:45 am SPECIAL TIME

Cake and card shower reception for Ed and Karen Olsen who
are moving to Medford, Oregon!

Ed and Karen Olsen's new address: 822 Golf View Drive #101,
Medford, Oregon, 97504



Pastor's thoughts....

Siblings in Christ,

Recently the reading of Deuteronomy 4:8-9 was a part of our lectionary readings.

“⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.”

Like many of you, I worry about my children. I do understand that scripture tells us not to worry, however, it is one of our human frailties. It's one of the major job descriptions of parents to be concerned about the wellbeing of children. Even those who did not raise children, have a genuine concern for the children of our world and recognize the importance of faith and service.

Will our children cherish and pass on the faith and traditions dear to us? It seems this has been going on for thousands of years. Moses also worries about his children, the children of Israel as they prepare to enter the promised land. Will they remember and cherish the great gift of wisdom that God has entrusted to them? Will they appreciate one of the richest treasures in Scripture, the laws? Will they know that they have a God who dwells with them, who cares so much for them, that this God gives them wise statutes for a good life. Such wisdom is a matter of life, a matter of God's blessing for us too. Is it too much to hope that we too will want to treasure it and pass it on?

It is our tradition to begin educational programs for our children in September. Sunday school for the younger ones and for those who are older, the confirmation program is available, that they may begin a deeper relationship of faith with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We are all called to invite and encourage the children to come and hear the love of God proclaimed by the church. This is one tradition that we must pass on!

Knowing the scripture and the wisdom of scripture is also the responsibility of all adults.

You are invited to bible study as well as the children. What a blessing to have the freedom to be able to read the bible and study the word of God with others. Come and know the joy of God's word!

Prayer

God of gracious wisdom, help us to know and treasure your words of guidance and regard them as a blessing and sign of your presence and the depth of your love for all your people. Amen.

Blessings as we gather for study, Pastor Terrie

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

July Finance Report

Income	Expenses	Net Income
8,158	7,753	405

Crop Walk is coming Sunday September 26th at the Methodist Church in Oregon at 1:30pm. Watch for details to donate and walk. Contact Tracey Anders to donate!

The new Constitution Committee has been formed. It is recommended that the church's constitution be updated every 5 years. St. Mark's has not done this for many decades. Please pray for this committee. There will be a meeting in October.



Save the Date: Sunday October 31st
150th Celebration and Rededication of St. Mark's Special Worship!
More details to come!



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**For those that take our garbage bins to and from the curb –
Thank you!**

The city of Polo notified us that Moring Disposal will no longer be picking up bins in any alleyways. We will now need to put our bins along the road on Locust Street to the south. We will evaluate how this goes and can switch to Division if needed.



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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

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

July 24-28, 2022



ELCA Youth Gathering Overview

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

An important part of the Gathering's ministry are the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the table, a gathering that brings together, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities.

Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend. If you are interested, please let Pastor Terrie know so we can begin applying for a grant to cover the cost of the gathering.

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 to those who have continued to mail your donations!!

Council Highlights from the August Church Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report: PPE loan for this year is currently in checking but we will move to savings in case it needs to be repaid. Terry provided a motion to approve July Treasurer's report, Kent provided a second, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The highlight since our last meeting was the ordination and installation of Michelle Knight to St. John's Pearl City. St. Mark's was well represented. I continue to get all students confirmed and some baptized. I am planning meetings and preparing for the fall education. I have visited nearly all shut ins in facilities. I will now focus on homebound people. I am presiding at the private graveside service for Lynn Quackboerner (Lisa Hinrichs father) on Friday. We have had a lot of surgeries, procedures, and treatments among our members and so far, most all are recovering very well. Next week I will finish teaching the 5- week Diakonia class "The Daily Life of a Christian". This is the final class for Merla Brooks and Tracey Anders after 2-3 years of dedication and expense they will graduate October 2nd.

Worship Plans: This Sunday we will resume bringing the congregation forward for communion using individual cups from the tray. They may continue to use individual kits at their discretion. Worship and music meeting is planned for early September. Cheryl and I selected hymns through the summer.

Hospitality: Will meet in the fall. Ed and Karen Olsen are moving to Medford, Oregon September 15th, Merla will contact them to confirm a date so we can have a social time event.

Education: I continue working with the confirmation class individually. Our constitution asks council to approve confirmation students. Kent made a motion to approve Ellia Escobar, Carter Merdian on August 15th and Zoie Wyatt on August 22nd for confirmation, Merla seconded, motion approved. Adult Bible Study will begin September 5th and Kent Anders will lead. Children's Sunday school begins September 12th.

Global Mission: The shoe drive was very successful with over 65 pair being collected and they will be received in Romania in October. This group will begin to meet in the fall.

Property: The parsonage front porch windows and painting of the porch will begin soon. Lori Christen has donated a new doorknob for her office door as the old one fell apart. John Carroll will install. Many people have donated paper goods and we are thankful. The church sanctuary, fellowship hall and bathrooms have been neglected for some time; a cleaning day will be scheduled for August 23rd. The tube lights in the office, sacristy (rear entrance) and the hospitality room are out and /or flicker and are erratic and some are permanently out. Thank you, Kent, and Merla for taking care of the weeds.

Polo Council of Churches: We do not have a report as we did not have a representative for the July Meeting. The September meeting is Tuesday September 28th 7:00pm at St. Mark's.

Old Business: We need help selling tickets for the market.

New Business: A Constitution Committee is being formed. Please let Merla know if you are interested.

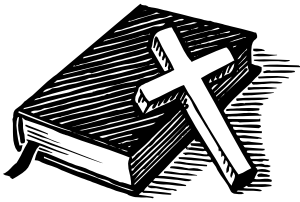
Other Business: Crop walk is September 26th in Oregon.



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

Thank you to these servants of the Lord:

- ~ Thank you to all those who came to clean the upstairs and downstairs on clean up days!
- ~ Thank you to Kent and Merla for August weed patrol.
- ~ Thank you to Ryan and Robyn Nelson and the Nelson family for landscaping and grass mowing this season!
- ~ Thank you to Josh and Lori Christen for buying the new doorknob for the office door.
- ~ Thank you to John Carroll for putting in the new doorknob and fixing the back door.
- ~ Thank you to Marilyn Nelson for painting the ladies bathroom and cabinet downstairs.
- ~ Thank you to Lisa Hinrichs and all the church members who donated money, time resources for the Roast Beef supper!



Prayers for Healing: Carson Bardell, Marlee DeRudder, Shelby Jean and Richard Hose, Kate Marschang 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, Bryan Connell, Dustin Knapp, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1	Chelsea Schryver	19	Carrie Woodin
2	Jeri Anne Hose-Ryan		Seth Bauling
5	Ryan Nelson		Rebekka Powell
6	Raina Lopez		Owen Schmidt
7	Tyler Horner	20	Clayton Weaver
8	Allison Hickerson		Colton Schwarz
9	Emily Richardson	21	Levi Slager
	Morgan Patterson		Scott Sorenson
	Reese Mekeel		Tim Hinrichs
	Michelle Knight	22	Britt Thorngren
10	Lori Christen	24	Nora Mitchell
11	Hailey Walker	25	Ilene Cain
14	Colton Gunder	26	Martha Hose
16	Jeffrey Hackbarth	27	Michelle Bowman
	Chad Karrow		Brody Massolle
	Lois Garman	28	Justin Grobe
17	Evelyn Meyer	29	Toni Massolle
	Brady Wolber	30	Kurt Altenburg
			Lorin Gatz

Anniversaries

1	Dennis & Toni Massolle
2	Jay & Andrea Mullens
	Ron & JoDee Bardell
8	Craig & Cindy Bauling
12	Eric & Jessica Boren
15	David & Pamela Lotz
16	Fred & Tracy Hilleman
19	Jerry & Priscilla Schwingel
23	Chad & Sara Nelson
30	Jeff & Martha Hose