

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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2022

Happy Mother's Day!

Children play bells May 8th



May 2022 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Polo, Illinois (815) 946-2919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School for Children and Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30am Worship	2 9:00am Sort clothes for Second Hand Rose	3	4	5	6 AA Meeting	7
8 Mother's Day 9:00am Sunday School for Children and Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30am Worship/ Children play Bells	9	10 Work Second Hand Rose May 10-14	11 *NEW DAY & TIME* 6:30pm Church Council meeting at St. Mark's	12	13	14
15 9:00am Sunday School for Children and Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30am Worship	16	17 9:00am Quilters	18	19	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School for Children and Adults 10:00 Social Time 10:30am Worship	23	24 3:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 7:00pm Council of Churches at Faith Discovery	25 Deadline to submit articles for June Newsletter	26	27	28
29 9:00am Sunday School for Children No Adult class 10:00 Social Time 10:30am Worship	30	31				

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>May Tellers:</u> Julie Hoak, Phyllis Dyer, Sharon VanOosten	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Suzanne Sorenson & Cindy Schryver
May 1	Beth Wiegmann			
May 8	Cliff Bardell	Kathy Mitchell		<u>Head Usher</u> – Lisa Hinrichs
May 15	Amanda Carroll			
May 22	Julie Hoak			
May 29	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.*



Welcome by baptism,

Wrenley Dawson

daughter of Shannon Gipe & Tom Dawson.

Wrenley was baptized on April 24th. Her sponsor is Shauna Gipe.

*Welcome Marilyn Hanson, Assistant to the Bishop,
who will lead worship on May 1st*

Welcome Carol Soderholm who will lead worship the
last 4 Sundays in May.

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This month we celebrated the First Communion of Kendall Boyle on
April 3rd and Cooper Dawson April 24th.



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Sunday School Bell Choir will play Mother's Day

Children are now rehearsing for the Bell Choir to play in church
Mother's Day, May 8th at 10:30am.

Shoes and more collection

St. Mark's Mission team is doing it's annual "Shoes for all Ages" collection for Another Child Foundation that serves Point of Hope Center, a school community in Romania that we sponsor. ACF has recently adopted a 2nd children's development center in Honduras. Thanks Be to God for the success of these projects! You will see the large box to be filled with NEW shoes only in the fellowship hall. We will also be collecting diapers, soccer balls, and basketballs, for Romanian orphanages.



Thank you from Pastor and Oran

Thank you for 15 years of Memories as we Worshipped God Together
We laughed and cried a lot together and did what we could to be the church Christ calls us to be
We appreciate all the cards, calls, visits, and gifts that you gave from your hearts
We appreciate the wonderful reception and potluck we shared with many of you
Our prayers are with you and the congregation of St. Mark’s in times during this transition and
in the future
God be with you, Pastor Terrie and Oran



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



June 5th
New Worship Time!
9:00am (no classes)



Wanted

Someone with the technology capability and knowledge to voluntarily live stream worship from St. Mark’s. It is a commitment to attend worship and do this. Perhaps not every week however there would need to be a schedule.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Terrie at 815-677-3443.



March Finance Report

Income	Expenses	Net Income
13,711	10,386	3,325

Mark your calendar:

This years’ CWS – Ogle County CROP Walk is being planned. St. Mark’s will host the event to be held on September 25th, stepping off from St. Mark’s parking lot at 2:00pm. Time to start training for either a 1 mile or 5 mile walk around Polo.



As we move through changes in the coming months, please feel free to reach out to our secretary, Lori Christen with any questions and news you have that we should know about. Please make sure to let us know if someone needs a card or should be added to our weekly prayers. You may also contact our council president, Lisa Hinrichs.

Church office: 815-946-2919
Lori Cell: 815-440-0561
Office email: 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)
Regency Healthcare 612 West. St. Sterling 61081 (Tammy Karrow and Trudy Karrow)
Wesley Willows, 4141 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103 (Sibyl Acker)
The Meadows of Franklin Grove (Marian Schnulle)
 510 N. State St., Franklin Grove, IL 60131
- 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



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

Church needs:

St. Mark's office is looking for a fireproof file cabinet or large safe to store the historical archives of the church. Please contact the office or Lori if you have one to donate or would like to purchase one. Keep an eye out at garage sales & auctions!

St. Mark's is looking for someone to learn about filling humidifiers with Lorin Gatz. Lorin faithfully comes into the church during fall, winter, and spring to make sure the humidifiers are working for care and maintenance of the organ. He would like to train a backup person.

Thank you Lorin!

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes **Thursday April 7, 2022,** in person

Attending Members: Tracey Anders, Merla Brooks, Lisa Hinrichs, Terry Jenkins, Cindy Schryver, Pastor Terry, Renee Boyle, Lori Christen, Pastor Terrie Wilder.

Absent Members: Hailey Walker, Craig Bauling

Introduction of Guest: Reverend Marilyn Hansen

Devotion was given by Pastor Terrie

Secretary's Report: Minutes from March's Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasures Financial Report: Financial reports submitted by Lori Christen were reviewed. An interim in Lori's name was discussed and a credit card issued her name was also discussed and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that she is planning on visiting all 9 shut-in members after Easter.

Worship: Services for Maundy Thursday were discussed and the sign out front has the information on it. Attendance is increasing weekly. A signup sheet is available for greeters in the back of the church. April 9th a cleanup and decorating for Easter at the church is planned.

For Palm Sunday and Easter it is recommended that there be 4 people to collect for the offering because of the increase of people because the holiday services tend to bring in more people.

A candlelight Vigil is to be held for Ukraine April 10 at 6:00pm in the Louise Quick Park.

Worship and Music Committee: The Worship and Music committee's next meeting is Tuesday May 24th at 3:00pm.

Hospitality Committee: Chicken from the Polo Food Store was approved for Pastor Terrie's retirement potluck on April 24th.

Educational Committee: It is recommended that Education needs to be a team effort.

Global Mission: The Global mission is doing well.

Memorial Committee: No report

Property Committee: The Polo Fire Department said we have a leaky valve in the boiler.

Polo Council of Churches: A next meeting is May 24th at Faith Discovery Church at 7:00pm.

Constitution: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Reverend Marilyn Hansen told us a little about herself and why she was here. She gave Pastor Terrie an exit interview Paper with questions that Pastor Terrie read and discussed with the council members.

Reverend Marilyn discussed what our needs are during transition. Do we want part-time/full-time, Sunday's, Baptism's, Funeral's? Pastor Terrie reported that she only comes in on Thursday's unless otherwise needed and does all other work at home. She goes to visit shut-ins at their care facilities regularly.

Reverend Marilyn gave all the council members a paper titled "What's Next": and she said she is going to talk to people about options to have an interim pastor. She will let us know by May 1st. She is also going to line up a pulpit supply for the next 2 months. And will be looking for a part-time person that may develop into fulltime.

Other Business: Discussion about salary and housing for new pastor ideas were discussed but nothing permanent decided until we actually have a new pastor.

Closing Prayer: by Pastor Terrie

Adjournment: A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Terry and approved to adjourn.

Next meeting: May 24th 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Schryver

Sympathies for the family and friends of Lois Parks who died in Christ April 13th. A private funeral has been held.

Sympathies for the family and friends of Willard Meyer who died in Christ April 21st. A funeral was held at St. Mark's on April 27th.



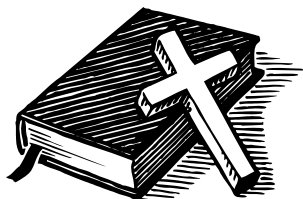
Thank you!

- ~ Thank you to all those who helped clean up the church for Spring!
- ~ Thank you to all those who decorated the church for Easter!
- ~ Thank you to all who offered special music this month: Craig Bauling, Beth Weigmann, Marla Buskohl, and Michelle Goeking
- ~ Thank you, Tracey Anders, for all the extra Altar Guild for Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- ~ Thank you to Merla Brooks and Tracey Anders for all the support of the Polo Prayer Vigil for Ukraine
- ~ Thank you to all those who set up, decorated, and brought food for the retirement potluck for Pastor Terrie

“Dear St. Mark’s Members,
Thank you for all of the cards, cake, and thinking of me on my confirmation day! I am glad to be a member of our church! Love, Chelsea Schryver”

“We want to thank every one for all the cards and congratulations on our 65th Anniversary. Blessings, Harold & Joyce Folkers.”

Please let us know if someone needs a thank you.



Prayers for those in need of healing: Shelby Hose, Tina Pierce and Timothy Toms

Those in care facilities: Sibyl Acker, Tammy Karrow, Trudy Karrow, Jessica Kimpel, Jeanne Scholl, Linda Scholl, and Marian Schnulle.

Those in Military service: Logan Albrecht, Bryan Connell, Dustin Knapp, Brad Reigle and Travis Roop.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1	Sharon VanOosten	18	Ron Hackbarth	8	Marty and Kathy Toms
	Sylas Wiegmann	19	James Grobe		Levi and Jena Slager
2	Daniel Brown		Julie Hoak	18	Don and Marilyn Nelson
	Lori Jasper	21	Cindy Sullivan	22	Justin and Carrie Grobe
6	Marjorie Engel	22	Lori King	31	John and Marjorie Engel
	Ken Yingling		Rick Lincoln		
8	Trudy Karrow	24	Maggie Cox		
9	Craig Bauling	25	Mallory Patterson		
11	Curtis Shuman	26	Jerry Hose		
12	Kathy Mitchell		Emalie Gunder		
13	Jessica Boren	28	Alex Hoak		
	Nathaniel Yingling		Joyce Greenawalt		
14	Charlie Gall	29	Joanne Grant		

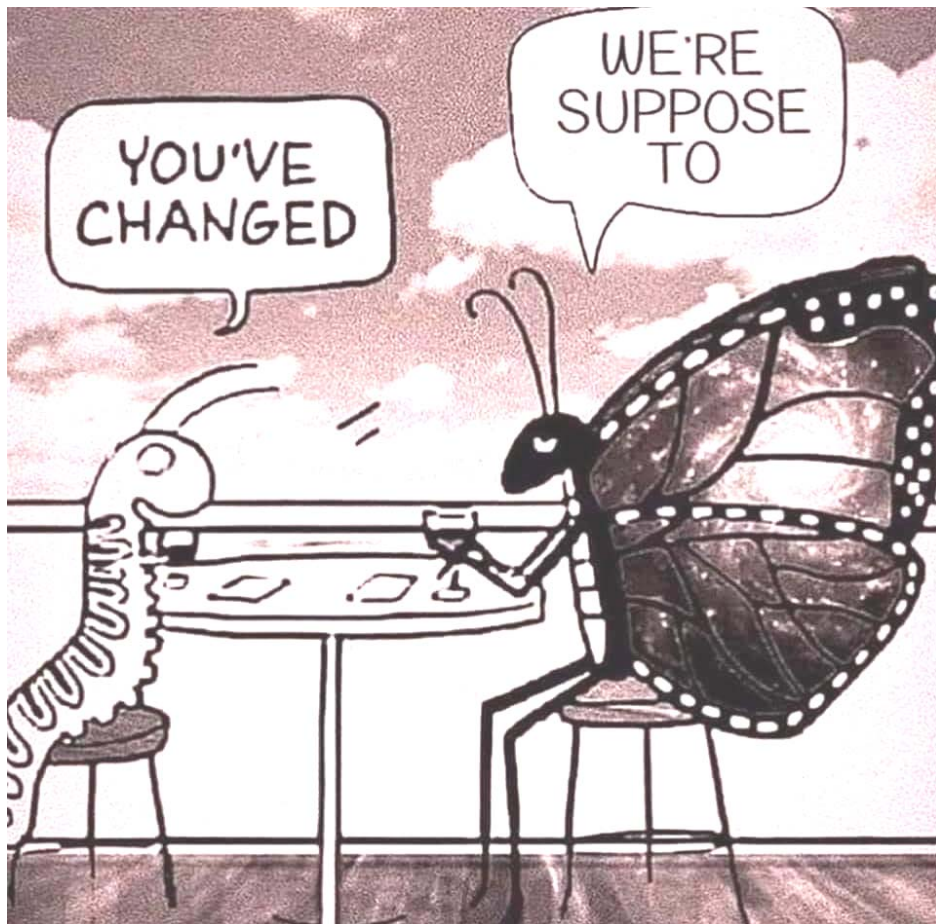
Polo Lifeline Food Pantry Needs:

Ketchup, mandarin oranges, pineapple, sugar, cookies, spaghetti sauce, beets, chili beans, diapers, cat food dry, stewed tomatoes, rotini or penne pasta, scalloped potatoes, juice boxes, crackers, white bread, evaporated milk, baking soda, baking powder, OTC pain reliever adult and children, deodorant, paper towels. Items can be dropped off at St. Mark's. There is a grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

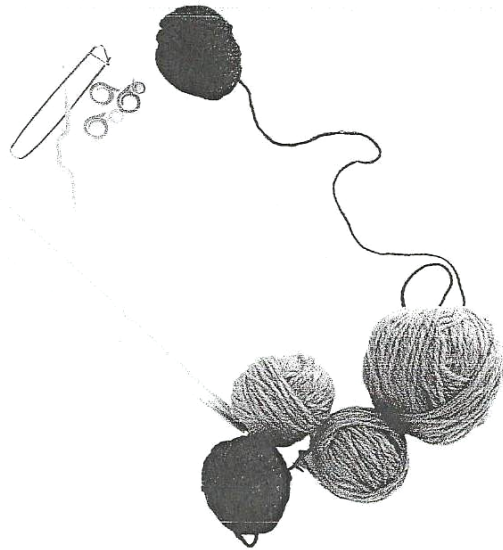
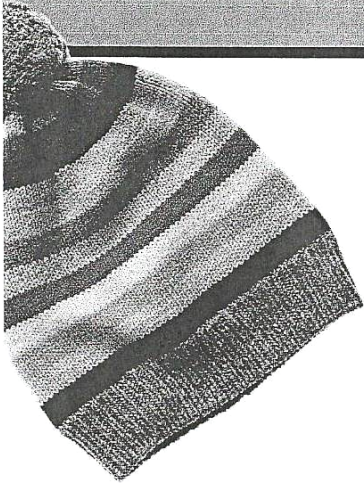
St. Marks can now accept offering donations online!

Visit our website and click the button at the bottom that says "Give to St. Mark's." This will allow you to make a one time or recurring donation to our church.

www.stmarkspolo.com 



HANDMADE SCARVES AND HATS



- Handmade
- Crocheted
- Knitted
- Sewn
- Winter Fabric
- Neutral Colors

Deadline
July 23rd!!

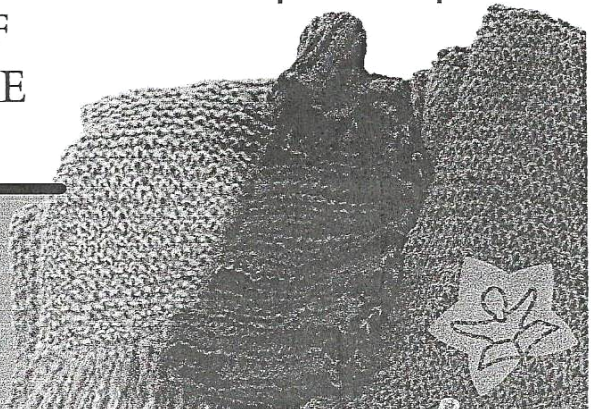
Drop off at:
First United Methodist Church
302 N. State St.
Geneseo, IL 61254
Tim: 815-303-1725

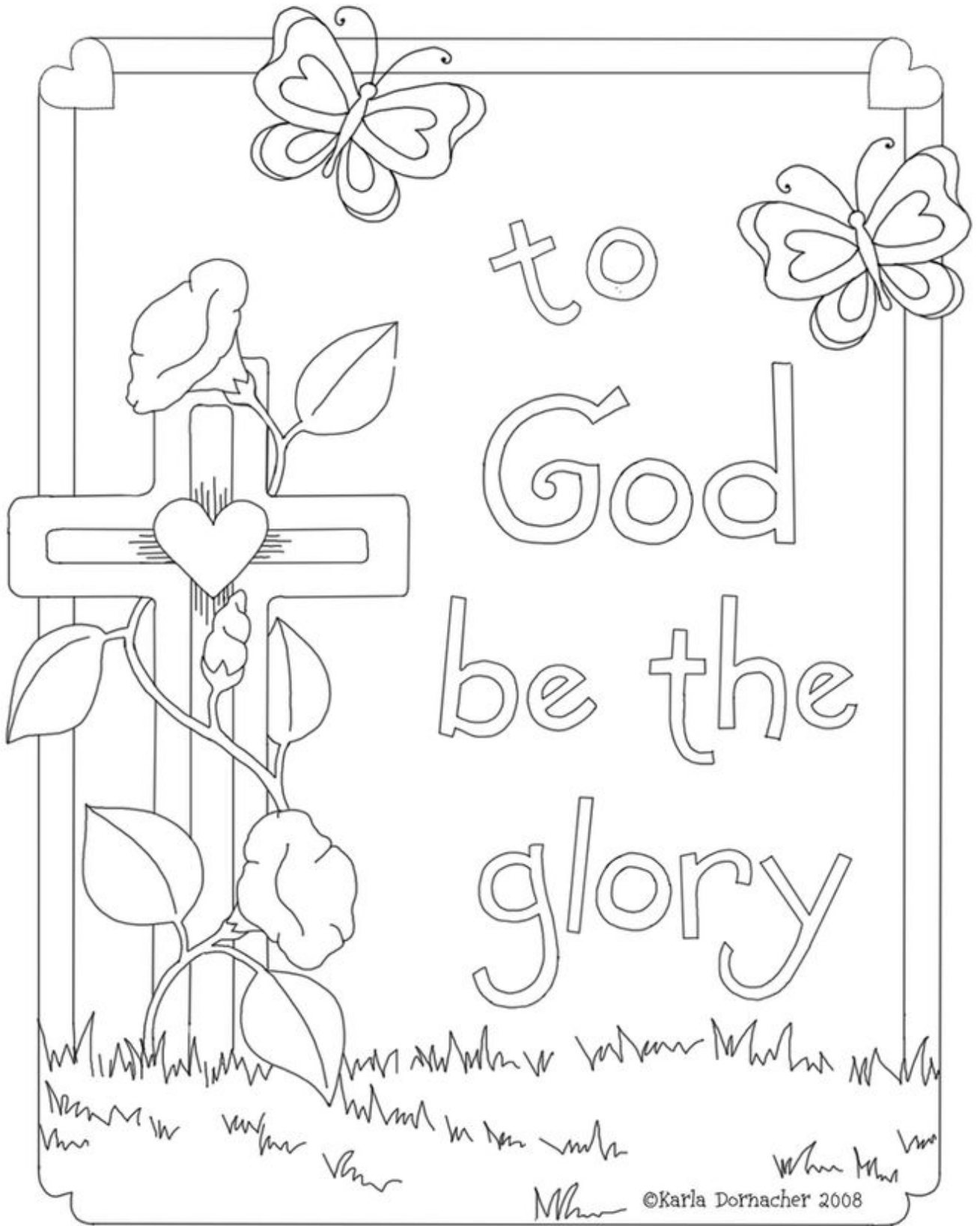
Benefits

THE KIDS & STAFF
AT POINT OF HOPE

Contact Pastor Vicki at
815-973-2819 if you need
items to be picked up.

#SHARETHEWARMTH 





Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!
Rev. 19:1