

The Contact

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A Joint Newsletter for:

SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and **SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Roswell NM Carlsbad NM



Join us!

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 am: Sunrise Easter Worship
with Holy Communion,
at St. Peter, Carlsbad

7:30 am: Easter Breakfast
at St. Peter, Carlsbad

9:00 am: Easter Breakfast
at St. Mark's, Roswell

10:15 am: Easter Worship
with Holy Communion
at St. Mark's, Roswell

*See page 4 for additional information on
Holy Week Worship schedule*

BIRTHDAYS: This Month

St. Mark's

April 7 Bryce Coll
April 8 Charlene Willis
April 11 Coleta Tipps
April 15 Bill Morris
April 16 Amanda Ndaya
April 29 Marge Newman

St. Peter

April 3 Susan Knight
April 4 Jenny Grinstead
April 21 Cynthia Anderson
April 26 Laura Dhenin
April 27 Jessica Johnston
April 30 Pam Salness



ANNIVERSARIES: This Month

St. Mark's

April 16 Jesse & Monica Davis

St. Peter

April 10, 1970 Carl & Jean Vinka
April 22, 2005 Denis & Laura Dhenin

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please contact Laura Dhenin at the St. Peter Church Office. Thank you!

Weekly Schedule (Typical):

- Monday:** Pastor Dan's Day Off
9:00 am: Line Dance (St. Mark's)
- Tuesday:** Pastor Dan in Office at St. Mark's
9:00 am: Quilting Group, Hartman Hall (St. Mark's)
5:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Hartman Hall (St. Mark's)
- Wednesday:** Pastor Dan in Office at St. Peter
12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch with Pastor Dan (St. Peter Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday:** Pastor Dan in Office at St. Mark's
9:00 am: Line Dancing (St. Mark's)
10:00 am: Bible Study on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834045201pwd=L1I3eTIGNINXRvQ5RzBzczFZS2dRUT09>
- Friday:** Pastor Dan in Office at St. Mark's
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Pastor Dan's *Coffee Shop* Office Hours on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/586855517?pwd=Wk5Vd1lJakZnb251LzlNbG9OajMwdz09>
- Saturday:** 9:00 am: Chimes Practice (St. Mark's)
11:00 am: Girl Scouts in Hartman Hall (St. Mark's)



Sunday at St. Mark's:

9:00 - 9:45 am: Adult Sunday School,
Hartman Hall

10:15 am: Worship



Sunday at St. Peter:

10:30 am: Worship
*Pastor Dan in-person at St. Peter
every Second Sunday of the Month.
11:45 am: Fellowship Time

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Council Financial Secretary: Sue Sydow
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Stewardship Representative: Nancy Stokes
Property Representative: Ron Chambers
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Council Vice President: LaVelta Jenkins
Council Secretary: Linda Servold
Council Treasurer: Susan Knight
Council Financial Secretary: Dianna Hutchison
Council Representative: Christine McCraw
Council Youth Representative: Colette Dhenin

MUSINGS OF PASTOR DAN

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

⁵Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

Psalms 149: 1-5

As you read this, we are about to begin Holy Week, and that means soon we will come to Easter. Easter is such a celebration and it means a lot more if we go through the tough “dirty work” of Lent and Holy Week.

I love to entertain. I try to lay out my home so that there are lots of spaces for people to congregate and enjoy each other’s company. In the past, I would volunteer my home for cast parties, for open houses for people from church, for celebrations of all kinds. My house isn’t especially large and it isn’t the most fancy, but it’s comfortable and can entertain good numbers of people pretty easily.

Since Covid, I have done that a lot less. I miss having groups of people over but most of all I miss celebrating and spending time laughing and chatting with friends. I’m actually a closet introvert so I really need my alone time too, but I still enjoy having people over and enjoying their company.

As much as Lent is a time for introspection and quiet patience, Easter is a season of celebration. We can celebrate individually the growth we made during Lent, we can celebrate warmer temperatures and flowers budding all over our neighborhoods, or we can just celebrate that we are alive and blessed by a God that loves us so much.

I think one of the greatest gifts of church is community. Yes, we can find community in other contexts, but never in a context of (hopefully) genuine care for each other and a sense of vision for the future.

When I have visitors over, there is usually a context of some kind. A reason for being there. Maybe it’s a Superbowl party. Or a birthday party. Or maybe they’re just there to play a board game together. Whatever the reason, my favorite part is the interaction with the people. It doesn’t matter in the end what game we play or whether the Superbowl went the way I wanted it to. What matters most is the quality time spent with people and how much we laughed.

Take some time this Easter season to celebrate. To laugh. And yes, Easter is a season, not just a day. It lasts six weeks. Sometime during the season make some intentional time to celebrate, laugh and show your love for others. We need it more now than ever.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

NEWS FOR ALL



3~Days & Easter Schedule

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

3:00 pm: Service at St. Mark's

7:00 pm: Service at St. Peter

April 7 – Good Friday

7:00 pm: Service at St. Mark's

7:00 pm: Tenebrae Service at St. Peter

April 9 – Easter

6:30 am: Sunrise Service at St. Peter

7:30 am: Easter Breakfast at St. Peter

9:00 am: Easter Breakfast at St. Mark's

10:15 am: Easter Service at St. Mark's



Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Thursdays at 10:00 am:

Use the link below to join each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834045201pwd=L1I3eTIGNINXRVQ5RzBzczFZS2dRUT09>

All are welcome!

Pastor Dan's Coffee Shop



Office Hours on Zoom

Friday's 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/586855517?pwd=Wk5Vd1lJakZnb251LzINbG9OajMwdz09>

"Drop in" anytime - Coffee optional!

Out of Office:

Pastor Dan will be out of the office on the following days:

April 10 - April 14:

Bishops Retreat

April 17 - April 22:

Border Immersion Experience

April 30 - May 4:

Vacation

May 16 - May 18:

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

**Videos of Past
Worship Services
and Bible Studies
Available on
YouTube!**



If you would like to be able to watch any of our videos of worship or Bible study, you can subscribe to our YouTube channel. Click "subscribe" on any video or by going to the channel and subscribing by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP3VGVz0-l35LpAqOB6P3Uw>

NEWS & EVENTS (St. Mark's)



Spring has sprung at St. Mark's!

Thank you Bill Newman for planting our next crop of beautiful flowers to welcome everyone.



Holy Week Services

(April 3 - 7, 12:00 Noon)

Monday, April 3: St. Marks

Nate Bienhoff, Preaching

Tuesday, April 4: St. Andrews Episcopal

Dan Tisdell, Preaching

Wednesday, April 5: First Methodist

Randy Nolen, Preaching

Thursday, April 6: First Presbyterian

Maurice Geldert, Preaching

Friday, April 7: Church of the Nazarene

A Methodist Preaching

Volunteer Opportunities:

Saturday, April 1

11:00 am: Making Palm Crosses

12:00 pm: Wrapping potatoes and setting up
for Holy Week service (Monday, April 3)

Easter Lilies and/or Flowers

In Memory of
Family or Friends



Sign-up:
on the bulletin board in Hartman
Hall, or
by phone: 575-623-0519, or
by email: stmarksroswell@gmail.com)

Flowers should be delivered to St. Mark's on
Saturday, April 8th before 12:00 pm.



Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, April 9 at
9:00 am**

Sign-up to bring a main dish (breakfast
casserole), fruit, pastries, etc.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in
Hartman Hall, or
call (575-623-0519) or
email: (stmarksroswell@gmail.com)

NEWS & EVENTS (St. Mark's)

Holy Week Volunteers Needed:

On **Monday, April 3**, St. Mark's is hosting the first of the daily Holy Week Services.

We are expecting between 80 - 90 people.

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve the noon meal.

COOKIES!

The Fellowship Committee is requesting homemade cookies for the Holy Week service being held at St. Mark's

Let Dawn (575-910-7344) or Sandy (575-623-0519) know if you can help!



Bible Study Opportunities

Thursdays at 10:00 am

On Zoom

Sundays at 9:00 am

In person in Hartman Hall

Bible study grows our faith. It increases our knowledge of God. Deepens intimacy with Him. Bible study gives us wisdom and understanding.



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Coffee fellowship is an important part of our ministry. It is a great time for members to get acquainted, catchup, hear updates on events: at church and in the community. We invite our visitors to join us for coffee fellowship, so we can answer their questions about St. Mark's and we can get to know them better.

Please see the sign-up sheet in Hartman Hall



St. Mark's Yard Sale Fundraiser

May 27th



Start saving up all your spring cleaning items to bring to donate to the Yard Sale.

ALL PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO THE ROOF FUND.

If you have an empty garage or shed space, let us know so people can begin bringing things to store.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO REPLACE OUR FLAT ROOF

We are still working on our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to replace our flat roof.



We are making progress on the flat roof campaign but we still have a ways to go.

Please consider a special gift for the roof! If you give toward this campaign, please label your gifts for the roof.

Camera Operators and IT Technicians NEEDED!



If you are interested and are willing to learn our sound and video systems, please see Pastor Dan or a member of the council.

It's not hard, just takes a little practice!

Nursery

The nursery is available every Sunday by our loving Nursery Team.



In Our Prayers

Saint Mark's

In Our Prayers...

Pastor Dan, Sonny and Joyce Odell, Janine Major, Darlene Jones, Elizabeth McAlister, Carol Oberholtzer, Marlene and Duane Johnson, Nancy Stokes, Debbie Fallon, Evie Stoddard, Deanna Cheney, the grandson of Cindee Evanson, Barbara Gray, Glenn & Sandra Lembke, Randi Berry, Mary Hubbard, Sally Carver, Pastor Dan, Janine Major, Barbie Clements, John Fuss, Marge Newman, Gary and Judy Borst, John August Dietrich, IV, Barbara McClean, Tom and Gail Buck, Betty and Roy, Manny Pedraza, Helen and Harold Brooks, Susan Odell, Paul and Carol Oberholtzer, Dugan Holt, Paul Lembke, Janet Molstad, Ann Paschall, Frances Hartman, and the children of the world, and our leaders



Saint Peter

In Our Prayers...

Dawn Hanson, Isabelle Carrasco, Danielle Carrasco, Robert, Quincy Thomas, Nancy, Benny Jones, Pastor Dan, John Warren, Carl Vinka, Donna Harbaugh, Carol Worley, The Fuentes Family, Arturo Estrada, James Shipp, Jesus Estrada, Pamela Sumner, Joe Morales, Arthur Wright, Serge Sisler, Melonie Lynch, Carol Long, Dawn Duff, Tiffany, and Jeannie Patterson



In Loving Memory...

The 26 people killed in the tornado that struck Rolling Fork MS on March 24, 2023

Muriel Gossage, friend of Linda Stinson, March 26, 2023

The 6 victims killed in the school shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville TN, March 27, 2023.

The 40 migrants killed in a fire at the National Immigration Institution near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, March 27, 2023

Robert Reason, friend of Carolyn Olson, March 28, 2023

All those who are victims of the war in Ukraine

Please help us keep our prayer lists up to date. If you would like to be added to our prayer list or have family or friends in need of prayers, please share those names with us. Also, please notify us when you, or your friend or family member can be removed the list. Thank you.

NEWS & EVENTS (St. Peter)

*“They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
but God raised him on the third day”*

Acts 10:39-40

Your love is stronger than death. Your divine love breaks through the prison of death and destruction and becomes manifest again your risen body. O Lord, who will ever be able to understand the heart in which your divine love became flesh! Again, I look at you. You rose from the dead, and now you appear to me. You say to me, “Peace be with you.” and you show me your wounded hands and your wounded side. Yes, the wounds of your cross are visible on your wounded body. I look up at you and know that the marks of your totally self-giving love have found forever a place in the glorified body with which you are ascending to your Father and mine.

Praise God, He has risen!

(Henri J.M. Nouwen, “God’s Abiding Love”)

Easter Sunrise Service Set-up:

Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 am.

We need a few people to help move chairs and other equipment to the courtyard.

Please help if you can

Easter Breakfast:

Sunday, April 9,
immediately after our
Sunrise worship.



This will be potluck style, bring your prepared breakfast dish, pastries, fruit, juice, etc. to share.

In-Person Bible Study:

Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 am.

Bible Study led by Pastor Dan and will meet in the Narthex.

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday:

If you would like to donate Easter Lilies to beautify our Easter morning worship, please bring your plants to St. Peter **by Saturday morning, April 8.**



If your plant is being given in memory or in honor of a loved one, please leave a note in the church office or email: stpeter@splcnm.com **no later than Wednesday, April 5.**

Pastor Office Hours:

Pastor Dan will be in Carlsbad on Wednesdays.

Walk-ins welcome.

If you would like to schedule a home visit, please leave a message with the church office.

Lunch with Pastor Dan:

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm

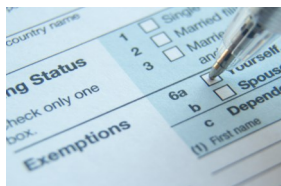
ALL are invited to drop in and spend their lunch hour with Pastor Dan.



NEWS & EVENTS (St. Peter)

St. Peter Tax Aide Site:

The St. Peter Tax Aide Site is a FREE income tax preparation service available to the Carlsbad Community. This vital community ministry is coordinated by LeVelta Jenkins.



The site will be open through April 18th.

Income Tax filing will be done on an appointment-only basis. An Income Tax packet must be filled out prior to the appointment. Packets can be picked up from the St. Peter Fellowship Hall.

Packets can be picked up:

Tuesdays, and Thursdays 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

*The St. Peter AARP Tax Aide Site will be
CLOSED, Thursday, April 6
 in observance of Maundy Thursday*

Daily Devotional Available:

The April, May, June edition of *Christ in Our Home* daily devotional are available in the Narthex.

Pick up your FREE copy today and some to share with family and friends.



ELCA DAILY PRAYER VENTURES:

April Leaflets are available in the Narthex.

Join ELCA members from across the country in daily prayer petitions for global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.



God's Work, Our Hands

The things we do and ways YOU can HELP...

- ♦ **Noisy Offering Collection for ELCA WORLD HUNGER:** Bring your spare change every week. Look for the milk can in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Food Drive for JONAH'S HOUSE:** Jonah's House needs canned goods and other non-perishable food items. A collection box is next to the Pastor's office.
- ♦ **Can Tabs for RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:** A collection jar is in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **PACKS FOR HUNGER:** Feeding **nearly 300 Carlsbad-area children PER WEEK!** Please consider making a monetary or food donation. Lists of suggested food items and a collection container are in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Sock Drive:** Donations of (new) socks and undergarments for boys and girls, pre-K-12th grade can be made throughout the year by placing them in the Packs for Hunger collection box in the Narthex.

Better Together

A Milestone for Women Leaders in the Holy Land



International Women's Day, March 8, gives us an opportunity to honor past, present and future women leaders throughout our global community. One of those leaders is the Rev. Sally Azar, who recently became the Holy Land's first female pastor. The Rev. Azar pursued her Master of Arts degree at Near East School of Theology with the support of an ELCA International Leaders Program scholarship. On Jan. 22 she became the first woman ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

The Rev. Azar's siblings in Christ journeyed from around the world to celebrate this joyous event with the ELCJHL.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton attended the ordination service, along with the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) participants serving in Jordan and the West Bank.

"Over 100 clergy, including my mom, attended from all over the world and across denominations," said Harper Bolz-Weber, a YAGM volunteer. "In total, more than 500 people attended the service at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem. ... I felt honored to have been able to attend and participate in such a historic event, and I'm sure I will never forget it." YAGM volunteer Sophie Caesar also knew she was taking part in something special: "I could feel the holy spirit moving while assisting in such a monumental service."

[Learn more about the Rev. Azar's ordination in *Living Lutheran*.](#)

RMS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Views from the Rockies - March 2023

Download Views from the Rockies, which contains a note from President Anna Thompson and her reflections on Lent; info about Bold Women's Day, the RMSWO Fall Gathering, the Southeast Colorado Cluster Retreat, and more!



[Views from the Rockies - March 2023](#)

Better Together



BREADITATION

IN-PERSON and ZOOM WORKSHOP

BREADITATION: a bread baking workshop at Messiah Mountain and online

Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

plus **FRIDAY PREP for ZOOM participants:** required the day before

IN PERSON is at Messiah Mountain Retreat Center: no prep needed the day before

COST: \$20 for Zoom participant (providing your own ingredients); **\$40 in person** (includes all ingredients and lunch)

Bread is beautiful because it is simple and nourishing. It nourishes our body. It unites us in community. Join us in person or online to meditate on the beauty and mystery of bread while gaining experience, confidence, and know-how. We'll bake together **fougasse**, which is a light, open textured bread typically associated with the Provence region of France. While the fougasse is rising, we'll bake a nicely textured flat **gluten free communion bread**—a taste of the Bread of Heaven with honey, molasses, and more. Your workshop leaders are **Pastor Ron Glusenkamp** and **Pastor Kent Mueller**.

May 1 registration deadline. Limited to 12 participants in person.

Zoom registrants will receive ingredient list, instructions, and Zoom link several weeks before the event.

[BREADITATION info and registration here](#)

Better Together

Support the Wolf Creek Foundation



For over a decade the Wolf Creek Foundation, a 501C3 nonprofit organization, has been supporting military families through the generosity of our community. Whether being deployed or returning from deployment, separation brings stress and anxiety to a military family which is often difficult to overcome.

We sponsor and facilitate weekend retreats twice a year where our military families relax, reconnect and develop much needed skills that help the entire family cope with deployments. Meals, lodging and entertainment along with dedicated programming for adults and children are offered at no cost to the family.

Military families sacrifice each day to allow us to have the freedoms we all enjoy. Become a part of something amazing. Join us today! wolfcreekfoundation.com.



Western States Youth Gathering '23 July 6-9, 2023



The [Western States Youth Gathering \(WSYG\)](http://wsyg.com) and Western States Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (WYLE) is back! Coming to California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA from July 4-9, 2023, the Western States Youth Gathering is open to high school aged youth in Regions 1-4 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Western States Multicultural Youth Leadership Pre-Event (WYLE) will be held July 4-6, 2023.

WSYG and WYLE will gather around the theme, “Revive, Reunite, Rejoice”, grounded in Acts 2:1 “When the day [of WSYG] came, they were all together in one place.”

Registration for the Western States Youth Gathering is now OPEN!

Learn more and register your group for the lowest possible prices at wsyg.com/registration!

Better Together

A DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

A Water Prayer

From the cold of winter to daylight savings time change to the first day of spring; from the season of Lent to the season of Easter; from Easter to Earth Day—we are always thinking about water. From “we need the moisture” (still shoveling snow in March) to April showers, we think about water and whether we will be irrigating our lawns and gardens this summer.

The Colorado River supplies water to Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and California. Forty million people rely on it. Glen Canyon Dam and Hoover Dam hold most of the water. Imperial Dam holds water for agriculture in the Imperial Valley of California. The last dam is Morelos which irrigates Mexico’s Mexicali Valley. Below that the river is mostly dry.

In Colorado, 24 tunnels move river water from west to east. Some of the biggest are Moffat Tunnel—Winter Park to Rollinsville for rail (since 1928) and water (since 1936); Bosted Tunnel—Arkansas/Frying Pan Project water to Turquoise Lake near Leadville; Roberts Tunnel—Lake Dillon water to Denver since 1962 (took 16 years to complete and supplies 40% of Denver’s water); Hoosier Pass Tunnel—diverts So. Platte River and Blue River water to the Montgomery Reservoir near Alma from which water is piped 70 miles to Colorado Springs by way of the Blue River Pipeline (since 1957); Straight Creek Tunnel—the Eisenhower-Johnson tunnels are also water tunnels delivering 300 acre feet of water per year to Clear Creek; Adams Tunnel from Lake Granby to Shadow Mountain to Grand Lake under Rocky Mt. Nat. Park to the Big Thompson River to the Horsetooth Reservoir, to Carter Lake, and to the Boulder Reservoir. WOW—and that is just a small part of this interesting story!

Prayer: Dear Lord, water sustains us. Every creature needs it for life. Our watery baptism sustains us. Water reminds us each day of our baptism. Christ’s love surrounds us as we move about in our daily activities in our families, in our workplaces, and in our communities. We need water; it flows in us and makes us whole. Help us to appreciate and conserve the gift of water.

Suggested reading: [Exodus 17:1-7](#).

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