

The Contact

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A Joint Newsletter for:

SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and **SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Roswell NM

Carlsbad NM



Pictured: The pew Pastor Dan, Don Hubbard and Judy Borst "flipped" and made for the theme "Behold, I am making all things new".

It was auctioned off at Synod Assembly and raised \$275 for the Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in El Paso.

BIRTHDAYS: This Month

St. Mark's

June 1	Keith Odell
June 11	Tony Major
June 15	Anne Paschall
June 25	Sonny Odell
June 30	Barrett Coll

St. Peter

June 3	Susan Howard
June 17	James McCraw
June 19	James Hazle



June 19, 2022

Anniversaries: This Month

St. Mark's

June 1	James & Susan Montgomery
June 3	Pastor Larry & Sue Sydow
June 24	Henri & Amanda Ndaya
June 30	William & Candi Miller-Morris

St. Peter

June 11	Ken & Stephanie Harmon
June 19	Daryl & Sarah Hadfield

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)
6:00 pm: Cub Scouts, Hartman Hall (St. Mark's)
- Wednesday:** Pastor Dan in Office at St. Peter
7:00 pm: Word Fellowship, Fellowship Hall (St. Peter)
- 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
8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Pastor Dan's *Coffee House* Office Hours on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/586855517?pwd=Wk5Vd1JkZnB251LzlnbG9OajMwdz09>
- Saturday:** 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. *Beginning in June*
- 11:45 am: Fellowship Time

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Council Vice President: Candi Miller-Morris
Council Secretary: Amanda Ndaya
Council Treasurer: Tony Major
Council Financial Secretary: Sue Sydow

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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

PASTOR DAN'S MUSINGS

The Quality of Patience

Romans 12:12 *Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*

“Patience is a virtue.”

“Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.”

“Good things come to those who wait.”

As I write this, I am quarantining at home during my second stint of having Covid. I have been vaccinated and boosted and yet...here I am again. Sitting at home, trying to be patient as I wait until I show no symptoms. Or rather, until 24-48 hours after I show no symptoms. To be honest, while I don't mind being stuck at home, patience isn't something I am very good at. If you have ever heard of the enneagram personality test, I am a type seven, the joiner/enthusiast/participant...

It can be hard for me to sit back, I want to try all the things, do all the things, see all the things...so sitting at home and being patient is difficult for me.

I think one of the ways we will look back on the time of Covid is one of “forced patience”...because few of us have wanted to be patient but we had to wait. Wait to have the church open, to get vaccines, to get back into restaurants, etc. It was and is “forced patience” because so much of the patience we have been required to have during this time has been beyond our control.

What is patience really? For a person of faith we could say it is letting go of control and letting things happen in “God's Time”...At both St. Mark's and St. Peter I think this has been true. By being patient and faithful, opportunities have opened up that might not have happened if our two communities had rushed into decisions. I think both communities will continue to benefit along the way if we are patient and let God work in the process. We have to be careful to note that what patience is NOT is waiting forever and expecting things to change on their own. With patience, we usually still need to act, but the timing of our actions is what is so important.

Throughout scripture, when God's people were tested by all sorts of things, by war, famine, exile and more...God tells the people to be patient. Your time will come. God doesn't tell us that bad things won't happen. God tells us that when bad things happen, God will be with us and if

we are patient, the bad times will not last very long.

I am so excited for the future of both of these churches. We have all been so faithful and patient with God's timing. The verse above is from a bigger passage from Romans that is pretty incredible. (If you get a chance, read Romans 12: 9-21) It's basically a list or description of how we are supposed to live as Christians, and patience is just one small part. But despite this long list, I think being patient makes everything else work better. If we are patient, we have the peace and the energy to do what must be done when the time comes. If we are patient, then things seem to fall into place when they need to. The first step to being a person of faith is being patient and letting God be God.

As you get this newsletter, I will be starting my time in relationship with you good people of St. Peter. I am so excited about where that relationship may lead as we grow together. At the same time, I have seen so many wonderful things develop in the recent history at St. Mark's that honestly have happened partly due to people's faithful patience. In both cases our patience will guide us forward into a wonderful future.

I am going to spend a lot of my early time in Carlsbad getting to know you all and getting to know the community. It will take me time to get my bearings and I will probably mess up, forget names, and sometimes disappoint. Please be patient with me as we grow in faith together. For you all in Roswell, be patient with me as my brain begins to navigate two distinct and blessed communities.

The worship celebration on June 12th with the Bishop is going to be so wonderful! I hope we have a great turnout that day!

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan

NEWS FOR ALL

IMPORTANT DATES-

Mark Your Calendars!

Joint Worship Celebration with Holy Communion

June 12th at 10:30 am

Fellowship to immediately follow the worship service.

LOCATION: The 510 Building

510 W Main Street, Artesia NM

Bishop Gonia will be in New Mexico to recognize the important partnership between St. Mark's and St. Peter.

Zoom Bible Study

with Pastor Dan



Thursdays at 10:00 am:

All are welcome!

Use the link below to join each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834045201pwd=L1I3eTIGNINXRvQ5RzBzczFZS2dRUT09>

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5



PASTOR DAN'S COFFEE HOUSE



Office Hours on Zoom

Friday's 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

"Drop in" anytime - Coffee optional!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/586855517?pwd=Wk5Vd1lJakZnb251LzlnbG9OajMwdz09>



NEWS & EVENTS (St. Mark's)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our two graduates together! Molly and Billy Austin

St. Mark's Council Meeting:

JUNE 1, 2022, 5:30 pm



FATHER'S DAY POTLUCK

JUNE 19, 2022

Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Please check the sign-up sheet in Hartman Hall to see what other delicious items to provide.



CAR WASH for the Roswell Invaders

June 25th & July 16th

Please save up your dusty cars and come out to support Roswell's baseball team!!



St. Marks's Office Hours!

Tuesday - Friday,
8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Nursery

The nursery is available every Sunday.

We need substitute volunteers for the nursery in the event the regularly scheduled attendant is not available.

Please see Pastor Dan or Sandy if you can help out.



Sunday School

THIS IS A VITAL REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR TEACHERS for our Sunday School.



Educational material full of activities for children of all ages that mirrors the gospels and sermon for the day is available so there is no detailed preparation necessary.

Please see Candi Miller-Morris to schedule yourself for this opportunity!

Camera Operators:



We still need people to learn how to run the cameras for worship.

If you are interested, please see Pastor Dan or a member of the council.

USHER TEAM



We are in the process of putting together an usher procedure booklet and to schedule some emergency-type training.

We could always use more volunteers though. So if you are willing to be on the usher team, see Pastor Dan or a member of council.

IT'S A BREEZE!!!:

This is a great time to get connected on Breeze!

Members and Associate members who have email addresses have been sent an invite from breeze to log in and access their information.

If you have done so, please upload a picture when you get a chance!

<https://stmarksroswell.breezechms.com>

NEWS & EVENTS (St. Peter)

From the council president of St. Peter:

WHY WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST?

The Sunday that is seven weeks (50 days) after Easter day is the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the day on which we remember the story given to us in the second chapter of Acts

40 days after the resurrection (which we celebrate at Easter) Jesus ascends into heaven (Ascension Day).

But before he ascends, Jesus promises us that he will not leave us “comfortless”, but will send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide us, to guide the church.

Ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the people gathered. In the Book of Acts:

“And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because every man heard them speak in his own language.”

So...on The Day of Pentecost in the church year, fifty days of Easter and ten days after the Ascension, the clergy wear RED vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. The church paraments are RED. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear Red on that day as well. We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.

In addition, a congregation wearing RED is colorful! And perhaps, most of all, it is fun!

Carolyn Olson

(posted in announcements, Blog from a 21st century mission, News Flash, Spiritual Foundation, June 5, 2014)



NEWS & EVENTS (St. Peter)

Pentecost Sunday

Worship

June 5 at 10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Christian church

Remember to wear something RED!



Daily Devotional Available:

The April, May and 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.



Join us every Wednesday

Word Fellowship Group



Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Lead by Gene Harbaugh

ELCA DAILY PRAYER VENTURES:

June 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.



PRAYERS

Saint Mark's

In Our Prayers...

Nancy Stokes, Eddie Janssen, Gary and Judy Borst, John August Dietrich, Marge Newman, Gennean Hendricks, the McCloud Family and the Brethren, Alma Chambers, John and Alma Dietrich, Barbara McClean, Tom and Gail Buck, Betty and Roy, father of Janine Major, Manny Pedraza, Helen and Harold Brooks, Susan Odell, Paul and Carol Oberholtzer, Scott Early, Dugan Holt, Paul Lembke, Julie Marrow, Pastor Dan, Janet Molstad, Anne Paschall, Frances Hartman, Dave Winslow, Sandra Lembke, the children of the world, and our leaders

In Loving Memory...

Donald Flores, neighbor of Coletta Tipps
 Jeff Jackson, son of Anne Paschall
 Mr. Matthews, teacher at Goddard High School
 ToveAnn Kjeseth, 16 months old
 Carmen DeMatteo



Saint Peter

In Our Prayers...

Carl Vinka, Donna Harbaugh, Carol Worley, The Fuentes Family, Arturo Estrada, James Shipp, Jesus Estrada, Dawn Hanson, Pamela Sumner, Joe Morales, Tammy Mitchell Huie, Arthur Wright, Serge Sisler, Melonie Lynch, Carol Long, Dawn Duff, Donnie Yielding, Tiffany, and Jeannie Patterson

In Loving Memory...

The 10 victims of the mass-shooting in Buffalo NY, May 14, 2022

Dr. John Cheng, killed in a church shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods CA, May 15, 2022

The 19 children and 2 teachers killed in the mass-shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX, May 24, 2022.

All those who are victims of the war in Ukraine

All who have lost their lives because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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.

Better Together

ONLINE ZOOM EVENT

Feeling overwhelmed?

Join us for learning, conversation, and support

For more than two years, many people have used the term "overwhelmed" to describe how they're feeling. We've struggled with a pandemic, including deaths and severe illnesses in our families and communities, social division, economic disruption, and more. There's a clinical word that can be used to describe this feeling: trauma.

Join us as we find paths to understanding what we're coping with, and ways to support one another through these unusual times. The facilitator, Dr. Edward Mooney, an ELCA pastoral ministry candidate in Colorado, is a researcher and educator who has spent years studying the effects of trauma in schools.

Join us for one of these three Zoom opportunities for learning and conversation:

Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, June 11 from 9:00-11:30 am

[Register here for Overwhelmed](#)

Overwhelmed?
traveling together through traumatic times

FROM VICKY DAUB, VSCP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

" We Are All Here"



²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

Acts 16:25-28

"Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." Yesterday, I read these words as part of the reading for the 7th Sunday of Easter during worship. In the past few days, I kept re-reading these words as I practiced for this reading.

In my role as the Executive Director of the Veteran Servant Corps Project (VSCP), a ministry of the Rocky Mountain Synod, I have been thinking about the phrase "we are all here", especially in terms of the 18+ Veterans who complete suicide in our nation daily. Raising awareness around this issue is one the VSCP tenets.

Are you and your congregation interested in joining me in conversation around this important issue? Contact me, Vicky Daub, at Director@veteranservantcorps.org.

Are you interested in being part of this "we are all here" initiative by donating? Click the button below to make a donation to the VSCP. Select the General Fund Gift option and enter "Veteran Servant Corps Project" in the note/memo line.

[Give to the Veterans Servant Corps Project](#)

If you prefer to **mail** your donation, send it to the Rocky Mountain Synod, 7375 Samuel Drive, Denver, CO 80221, adding Veteran Servant Corps Project to the note portion of the check.

Better Together

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS!

The Rhythm of the Saints, gathered together!



2022 Synod Assembly May 9-11, 2022

We gathered together and reveled in the joy of being together for the first time in three years for a live synod assembly! With beating drums and lively marimbas. With poignant stories and passionate sermons. With food and fellowship and fun. We were reminded that we are truly *better together* as the Rocky Mountain Synod!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Adopted the resolution to encourage support for the ELCA World Hunger Fund. [View the resolution.](#)
- Adopted the budget. [View the financial packet.](#)
- Elected people to boards and committees. [View election results.](#)
- Heard stories from those affected by the Boulder County fire and the ministry that continues in two poignant videos. See video links, below.
- Heard from those who are often without a voice in the church or in the world. (Video will be posted).
- Experienced presentations on five RMS key ministries/strategies. (Videos will be posted)
- Received offerings totaling \$3731 (Betela \$1467.50, RMS Disaster Relief Fund \$1742.50, Concordia Bell Choir \$521)
- Raised \$7000 through the pew flip auction and extravaganza in support of 14 ministries and programs!
- Enjoyed a lively performance of the Kutandara Marimba Band from Boulder.

ASSEMBLY VIDEOS:

[Opening Worship Sermon: Pastor Stephanie Lord](#)
[Bishop Gonia - Introductory Reflections](#)
[Financial Report](#)
[Plenary: "Church Becoming"](#)
[Plenary: "Normalizing the Unexpected"](#)
[Bishop's Report](#)
[Plenary: "Vital Right-Shaped Ministry"](#)
[Plenary: Generosity and a Mindset of Abundance"](#)
[Plenary: Rhythm of the Saints](#)
[Marshall Fire: Perspectives](#)
[Marshall Fire: Chrysalis Initiative](#)
[Closing Worship Sermon: Pastor Brigitte Weier](#)

Better Together

Our Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence

As we bear witness to the pain of those who have suffered from the recent episodes of gun violence, including the families of those killed in Uvalde TX this past week, we also give thanks for ministry of so many who provide care and comfort, including Pastor Stephani Shumaker. Pastor Stephani served for two years at First Presbyterian Church in Uvalde prior to her recent ordination and call as Associate Pastor with Atonement Lutheran in Boulder. She returned to Uvalde last week with the blessings of her new congregation in order to assist with trauma recovery. She has been working with children who were at Robb Elementary or in lock down at other nearby schools. Last Friday she shared with Bishop Jim Gonja: today we did chalk prayer in the church parking lot as well as tie ribbons with prayers (a modern day wailing wall) on the fence around our playground.



For those who want to move from prayer to meaningful action in addressing gun violence in our society, consider using the ELCA Resource: **A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence**. Created in 2019, this resource offers some tangible ways for communities of faith to engage in conversation and action toward the prevention of gun violence as people of God who strive for justice and peace in all the world. [Resources can be found here.](#)



Today We Remember

*those who have died by gun violence,
those who have survived gun violence,
those who mourn deaths of family and friends by gun violence.*

Aching with sorrow

we grieve this pain and death that surrounds and fills us.

Today we remember

mass killings in places of prayer and ordinary life, in schools, churches and grocery stores — especially in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo and Laguna Beach.

Rejecting the viciousness

we give ourselves to one another in love and care.

Today we remember deaths and fears of death

rampant in schools, homes, and workplaces.

Listening at last

we rise up to face the horror; we confess ourselves complicit.

Let us pray together.

*Forgive, O God, our wrongful action and our inaction.
Forgive our silence and indifference.
Lead us in love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

May God who is our hope

inscribe our hearts with justice and guide us in the ways of peace. Amen

(Adapted from "Gun Violence Litany" by Rev. Joanne Engquist)

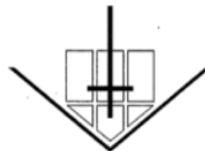
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