

The Messenger of St. Mark's

1908 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001



September 2020

Vision

A Growing Community of Love, Joy, and Hope.

G.R.A.C.E Core Values

God Rely on Each Other Accepting of All People Compassion for All Creation Excellence

St. Mark's Opens The Doors Again

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' – Psalm 122

As of July 19, St. Mark's is now live streaming online through YouTube AND open for in-person worship each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. The children's moment at 9:15 a.m. is still live streamed only on Facebook. We have also had two Eucharists outdoors in the newly renovated bell garden. We have literally rung the old historic bell to start and finish, and our prelude and postlude music has been from the bells in the tower. If groups want to meet, the parish hall is the venue with room for physical distancing. People can schedule it through the church office. We are living into our new normal. Praise be to God for our church and for the internet!!

Bishop Search Walk-A-Bout **Monday, August 24**

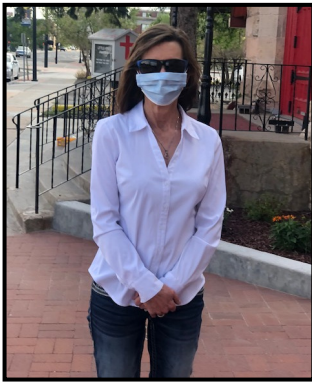
We are blessed again to be the starting point for the Bishop Search Walk-A-Bout in the Diocese of Wyoming. On Monday, August 24, at 10:30 a.m., everyone is welcome to attend the live bishop interviews at St. Mark's Church in Cheyenne. We will have seating in the sanctuary and overflow in the parish hall, all physically distanced. We require people to wear masks as we do on Sunday mornings. Come meet all three bishop candidates, The Rev. David Dupree, The Rev. Mary Erickson, and The Rev. Canon Paul Gordon-Chandler. From Cheyenne they will continue throughout the state for a week of presentations, ending in Cheyenne again. This will be live streamed through the Diocese of Wyoming website and through St. Mark's on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCreTha5Tjk9Ya0fory_Gr3g. The Diocesan Convention will elect the new bishop in Casper on Saturday, September 19th.

St. Mark's Welcomes Back **The Rev. Bernadine Craft**

Rev. Craft, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Communion Episcopal Church in Rock Springs, will be the preacher and celebrant, with Fr. Rick assisting, on Sunday, August 23, at both the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Eucharists. As you may remember, Rev. Craft served in the Wyoming legislature for many years and would frequently join us for worship. She will be in town for the Bishop Walk-A-Bout at St. Mark's on Monday, August 24. Join us in person or online as we welcome Bernadine!

New Treasurer

Thank you to Jimmie Richmond who has been serving as treasurer these past few years. He has done an excellent job keeping us on track financially. He will continue in his role on the vestry. As of August 1, Ryan Lance began as our new treasurer. Thank you, Ryan, for committing your time and effort to St. Mark's!



Thank you Trudy Soland

Thank you for the inspiration and hard work from Trudy in our gardens around the church. They look beautiful. She worked with a number of other volunteers to make our holy space more holy. Praise God and cheers to Trudy and her team!!

New Members and Transfers

Transfers in:

Transfers out:

Baptism:

Confirmation:

Reception:

Reaffirmation:

If you have come to St. Mark's recently and are interested in officially becoming a member please contact the church office at 634-7709.



Special Services have been held in our newly landscaped Bell Garden. We are blessed to have this beautiful outdoor area during this pandemic time.





We are looking for volunteers to help with our children and youth ministry. (Do not fear, it is not a full time commitment, we will work with your schedule!) We need volunteers to help with Children's Chapel, youth ministry and even just support to volunteers with prayer. Could you spare a 2 hours on a Sunday evening now and then, or an hour on a Sunday morning every couple months? Then we have a place for you! Please contact Candy Snead with questions: candymurphysnead@mail.com or join us downstairs in the Children's Chapel on August 30th at 12:00 for an informational meet and greet... socially distant of course.



Mark your calendars and get excited! Children's Chapel and the nursery will open on September 13th 2020!! The reopening of our Children and youth ministry was considered with prayer, thought, and research. The safety of our children and families is of the utmost importance and we will treat our reopening in the same way. Our ministry has been and will continue to be focused on sharing the love of Jesus. We are blessed to work with each of you! The following is important information that needs to be known about our reopening:

All ministry volunteers and staff are required to wear a mask as well as children ages 3 and older.

In Children's Chapel we will have stations set up for children to encourage social distancing in fun and creative ways.

Family units/siblings are allowed to be together.

All areas and toys will be sanitized after each use.

We will perform no-contact temperature checks and screening at check in for all children and volunteers/staff.

We want to still have fun and be able to remain open, so please opt to remain home if your family has had someone ill or has been around anyone whom may be symptomatic of Covid-19 or other illnesses.

We will continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for children and adults whilst still sharing the love of Jesus. We know this is a difficult time for all. Your decision as parents/guardians are not easy ones, but we hope this plan provides some answers and comfort. Please know we respect any decision you make. Know that we are and will continue to pray for each and every one of you. We miss and love our families very much. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Director of Children and Youth Ministry Candy Snead candymurphysnead@mail.com

Services Online

The 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services are streamed live on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCreTha5Tjk9Ya0fory_Gr3g. You can also view them later if you missed the live stream. All the printed liturgies, scriptures and music/hymns can be found on our web site (stmarkscheyenne.org). Click Media, then Resources. You can use your Book of Common Prayer (Rite I / p. 323 or Rite II / p. 355) or go to bcponline.org and click on The Holy Eucharist. Then click on either Holy Eucharist, Rite I or Rite II.

Children's time is streamed live Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarkscheyenne/>. You can watch it later on the YouTube channel.

Outreach

Outreach meets every two months on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 7 at 7 p.m.. There are many opportunities to get involved. If you would like to attend please email the church office and give your current email address.

While the pandemic continues on, Outreach continues to provide for our community. The Brown Bags normally distributed to folks coming to St Marks asking for food have been placed in the Free Pantry. Please continue to place nonperishable items in the Free Pantry--it has been utilized frequently. We delivered \$100 worth of peanut butter to NEEDS. Dinners continue to be served at the COMEA Shelter, and laundry fees paid for COMEA residents. Monies from Albertsons gift cards are distributed to Unaccompanied Student Initiative. We will continue to support Friday Food Bags with monetary donations as well as in person filling food bags. We appreciate all the support given to the Outreach Committee and welcome any input and suggestions you may have for us.

Family Promise

Presently Family Promise is housing families in a motel in order to reduce human contact and reduce the chance of COVID exposure. Our congregation prepared and delivered dinner to the family staying in the hotel in July. We would like to thank Fran & Dan Foster, Peggy Coffman, Swede Nelson/Trudy Soland and Mike Still for volunteering their time to provide dinners.

We will be hosting families September 27th through October 4th. The families will continue to be housed in motels and it appears that families will continue to be housed in motels through the end of the year. If you are interested in preparing and delivering dinners to families you can contact Eric Nelson at nelsonhams19@gmail.com or on the sign up sheet that will be sent out one month before we serve.

The continued sheltering in motels is something the program did not normally budget. Family Promise received a number of grants and donations to help cover this expense, however, it is not enough to cover the remainder of the year. Because of the added and unforeseen expense of housing families in motels Family Promise is asking congregations, groups, family/friends to conduct donation drives. They are asking for donations of hygiene products, cleaning supplies and paper products, bus tokens, gas cards and Walmart gift cards in order to defer these expenses and use the funds to house the families.

If you are interested in making such a donation you can contact Family Promise located at 2950 Spruce Dr, Cheyenne, WY 82001 and their phone number is (307) 772-8770. If you decide to drop off a donation for Family Promise, please call the office at the number provided and they will arrange to have someone present in the parking lot at Spruce Dr. to pick up your donation.

Family Promise Virtual Box City: A Night Without a Bed, Evening of September 26th

Our purpose is to build awareness of Family Homelessness by having families build a shelter of their own to sleep in.

In the past, we have built cardboard shelters at the depot and camped outside, this year we are happy to host our first virtual event on Facebook or by word of mouth with friends. Participants will build a fort at their own location, and share their wonderful creations via our Facebook page, where we will also host a live event. Not only is this a fun family event, but it also provides Family Promise an opportunity to gather funds to help families of our community in need.

This event is scheduled for 9/26/2020, so save this date. We will be sending out registration forms and flyers soon! If you have any questions you can contact Morgan at 307-772-8770.



In Christ's love, we seek, welcome, embrace and serve the human family.



With the churches closed, we are self quarantining. More time for Prayers! If interested in joining Contact Como Boyle, Candy Snead, Mara Funk or Patti Jones.

Do you know United Thank Offering (UTO)?

"I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"- Genesis 4

United Thank Offering - known the world over as UTO

The offerings gathered by UTO go through out the world. This ingathering for the coming advent season will be used to fight the covid19 pandemic. Some will be used in our own county especially in the Navajo land in AZ. As a bonus, the Episcopal Church pays all of the administrative costs. 100% of donations go to the cause. Tax deductible. Open our hearts, Oh LORD. Let us be our brothers keepers. Contact Patti Jones at hanevfolk@aol.com.



August Birthdays

The August birthdays were missed in the last July/August Messenger.

Aug 3	Sue Miller		
Aug 4	Linda Wilson	Aug 30	Eric Nelson
Aug 5	David McElwain		Linda McElwain
Aug 9	Elaina Veit		Sean Stewart
Aug 10	Chelsea Turner		Steve Rotroff
Aug 12	Tiffany Smith	Aug 31	Fran Keane-
Aug 14	Lawrence		Foster
	O'Holleran		
	Rick Veit		
Aug 16	Landon McDonald		
Aug 17	Gayle Langmo		
Aug 18	Brandy James		
Aug 18	Patty Barlow		
Aug 20	Joan Pryce		
	Julia Wells		
Aug 23	Francesca Hinkle		
Aug 25	George Urbanek		
Aug 27	Bobbie Parrish		
	Ron Weickum		



Stewardship Corner Ministry Highlights

Total monthly June income: 32,626.18
(includes \$11,740 Foundation Grant)
Total monthly June expense: 37,760.83

Acolytes

This group helps lead our liturgies on Sunday morning. It includes but is not limited to carrying the cross and torches, and assisting with communion.

Altar Guild

This group helps to care for our altar, the Communion, the cleaning of altar linens, and Communion vessels.

Altar Flower Ministry

September Birthdays

Sept 1	Laraine Hutchison		
	Marie Replogle		
Sept 3	Susan Keenan		
Sept 4	Lori Garrison		
	Jacob Wells	Sept 24	Martha Benedict
Sept 8	Lynne Swanson		Greg Sneesby
	Judy Dray	Sept 25	Nancy Abraham
Sept 9	Beverly Swistowicz	Sept 26	Mrs. Roene Larsen
	Gilbert Tremblay		Ava Taylor
	Cindy Rankin		Gretchen Tishammer
Sept 11	Dick Torkelson	Sept 27	Joshua Keefe
Sept 13	Bill Teter		Kristin Voycheske
Sept 14	Chuck Hayes	Sept 28	Scott McDonald
Sept 15	Bill Delo	Sept 30	Erik Smith
	Barbara Rogers		Kelly Wilcox
	Dick Shanor		
Sept 16	Gary Brown		
	Emily Barlow		
Sept 18	Camille Shanor		
Sept 20	Perry Dray		
	Natasha Smith		
Sept 22	Cheryl Brown		
	Bill Keenan		
	Jeff O'Holleran		
Sept 23	Debra Rotroff		

If your birthday was missed please notify the church office at 634-7709.



Centennial Foundation Giving

Centennial Foundation desires is to grow the endowment for the church to help St. Mark's last many more years as a mission in Cheyenne. Please remember the Foundation in your estate planning as well as any other discernment of giving. If checks are written to the church, please identify in the memo line that it is for the Centennial Foundation.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited is St. Mark's women's ministry dedicated to the philosophy of befriending, belonging, believing and becoming.

"For where two or three have gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

"All groups, except Fall Reflections and Lit 'n' Latte book club on Zoom, are on hold until further notice."

Watch your email for details on Fall Reflections!

Fall Reflections will begin in late September and will be on Zoom. The GAB team is in the process of reviewing several wonderful suggestions and selecting a book for our fall discussions. If you have questions, please contact one of the GAB team: Margie Hayes, Sharon Gostovich, Karine Sneesby, Pam Snell, Barb Brower

Lit 'n' Latte for Book Lovers and a Fun Time!

Whether you've read the book or not!

Please join us on Zoom

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

If you have questions, contact any GAB team member:

Margie Hayes, Pam Snell, Karine Sneesby,

Barb Brower, Sharon Gostovich

Lit 'n' Latte Current Reading List And Meeting Dates

August 10 – Camino Island by John Grisham

August 24 and September 14 – The Island of the Sea Women
by Lisa See

September 28 and October 12 – The Woman in the Window
by A. J. Finn

Lit 'n' Latte is presently meeting on Zoom. If you'd like to join us for fun book discussions, please contact one of the GAB team: Margie Hayes, Barb Brower, Pam Snell, Karine Sneesby and Sharon Gostovich.

Girlfriends, watch this space for news of fall activities!

Girlfriends Unlimited Fun Groups Have Fun & Get Connected

Listed below are our current FUN groups and the Funiculator-- a facilitator who likes to have fun with her girlfriends.

Sew & Sews:

Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison, Funiculators

The Sew & Sews Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to work on Blankets for Laramie County Kids, personal projects, group projects, and some just come for the fellowship.

Stitch 'n' Chatter (small crafts group):

Margie Hayes and Barb Brower, Funiculators

Stitch 'n' Chatter meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Margie will host the Stitch 'n' Chatter the 1st Monday at her home: 1530 Dorothy Ln, Apt B206 630-1894

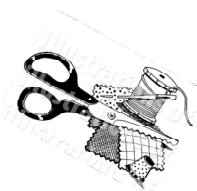
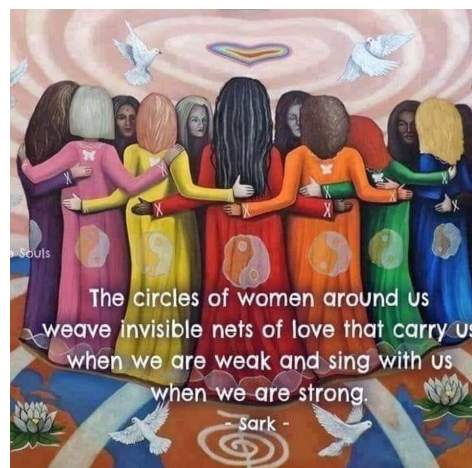
Barb will host the 3rd Monday at her home:

5121 Hickory Place 635-2836

Lit 'n' Latte (book group): Sharon Gostovich, Funiculator. Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays on Zoom at 6:15 p.m. For more information contact Sharon at 630-5356.

If you are interested in joining any of these FUN groups or starting a new shared-interest group, please contact the church office (634-7709) for more information.

***Changing Hearts. Changing Lives.
One Girlfriend at a time.***



Sew and Sews

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

We make quilts and blankets to comfort children in Laramie County who have experienced trauma through no fault of their own.

Due to "Social distancing" we will NOT meet until further notice. Please stay home, stay safe and enjoy working on your blankets at home.

THE MINISTERS

Lay persons, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

VESTRY

Ted Dunn

Sue Garrett - Secretary

Angelene Kelley

Beth Lance

Linda McElwain

Swede Nelson

Jimmie Richmond

Corey Rutledge - Senior Warden

Olivia Smith - Youth Representative

Norm Snead - Junior Warden

The Rev. Rick Veit – Rector/Board Chairman

VESTRY LIAISONS

Property (Norm Snead)

Finance (Treasurer / Ryan Lance)

Christian Ed/ Spiritual Dev.

(Linda McElwain, Olivia Smith)

Community Ed (Ted Dunn, Linda McElwain)

Outreach (Ted Dunn)

Worship (Rick Veit)

CENTENNIAL FOUNDATION

Chris Barlow – Treasurer

Peggy Coffman—Secretary

Kelly Rankin - President

John Rogers - Vice President

Corey Rutledge - Senior Warden

Kent Rutledge

Norm Snead - Junior Warden

Erin Taylor

The Rev. Rick Veit - Rector

STAFF AND CONTRACT WORKERS

Danielle Glowacki – Nursery

Wanda Hughes – Secretary

Norm Snead – Sexton

The Rev. David McElwain – Assisting Priest

Ann Segrave – Bookkeeper

Candice Snead – Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Betsy Taggart – Director of Music

The Rev. Rick Veit – Rector

Thane Yennie - Assistant Choir Director

BISHOP OF WYOMING

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie

Small Groups

All groups are on hold for now, or are in transition to online platforms.

Contact the church office for more details on any of these groups. For the Girlfriends Unlimited groups, women's ministry, contact Karine Sneesby at karinesneesby@gmail.com for more details.

Sunday

Adult Forums

9:30 a.m. in the parish hall

Monday

Girlfriends Unlimited Stitch 'n' Chatter

6:30 p.m. (1st Monday) Margie Hayes' House

6:30 p.m. (3rd Monday) Barb Brower's House

Girlfriends Unlimited Lit 'n' Latte on Zoom,

6:15 p.m. (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Wednesday

Men's Coffee- 11 a.m. at Dazbog's Coffee

Baby and Me

10:15-11:45 a.m. in Guild Room

Girlfriends Unlimited Sew and Sews Group

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Read Hall

(1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

Thursday

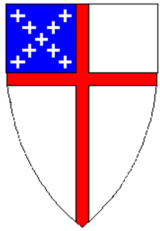
Dolby Bible Study/Sharing Group

- 10 a.m. at Jim Dolby's house



Columbarium

The St. Mark's Columbarium offers church members and others an opportunity to have their cremains inurned at the church as a memorial to their membership and service at St. Mark's. If you would like to request a niche, contact the church office at 634-7709.



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Little Free Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has made the LFP so successful!
Examples of items that can be placed into the Little Free Pantry:

Power bars	staples	dried milk
crackers	toothbrushes	toothpaste
peanut butter	Bisquick	paper goods
dried fruit	Ramen soup	Fruit rollups
toiletries	diapers	
individual boxes of cereal		
kid-friendly items, such as crayons and coloring books		

(Please, no homemade food or clothing.)

**If You Desire Baptism or Confirmation
or Are New To Saint Mark's, Be Sure
To Contact The Church Office
To Learn About The Class.
It is lead by The Rev. Rick Veit.**

Newsletter Articles are due the 2nd Monday of every month. The articles should be no larger than 1/8—1/4 page long.
Please email them to the office at stmark307.ad@gmail.com.