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

Letter From The Rector

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

I greet you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and I challenge all of us to provoke one another to love and good deeds. Because of the internet, the Spirit-filled internet, we have been able to not neglect meeting together and encouraging one another at St. Mark’s Church.

Many of us are hungering to see each other again, and on Sunday, July 19, God-willing, we will be opening our doors for worship in the sanctuary at both 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. We will be returning to Eucharist on that day as well, bread only, by order of the Bishop. We will also have other protocols in place for the safety of everyone. There will be limited seating in the sanctuary and in the parish hall (live-streamed) to allow for 6 ft. physical distancing. Couples and families will be able to sit with each other. Masks will be required. We will have some available for anyone who does not have one. We will be asking people about any Corona Virus-related symptoms and we will be cleaning the church after each service. The restrictions regarding people over the age of 65 in attendance have been relaxed. However, people with any compromised health issues are asked to stay at home. There will be no Children’s Chapel currently, but the worship team will be making the service even more kid-friendly for attendees. Online worship will continue on Facebook and YouTube after we open the doors!

There is one other liturgy planned as well. Wednesday evening, July 15th, at 6 p.m., in the bell garden in front of the church, there will be a short and simple Rite 3 Eucharist that will last no longer than 20 minutes. Physical distancing sidewalk chalk markings will help people identify where to stand. The historic bell will be rung!!

I do believe that God is in all of the details, and that gives me hope. I believe that God is in all of our emotions and joys and frustrations. God is in life and God is in death and God is in eternal life after death because of our Messiah, Jesus. Therefore, we can praise God in everything.

I am still available by phone and I look forward to seeing you in person…or on the internet!!

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Rick
St. Mark’s Helps
Three Partnership Charities

We were blessed this past week as St. Mark’s partnered with The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming to get a grant for needed agencies in town that we work with closely. Grace For 2 Brothers (Suicide Prevention), Unaccompanied Student Initiative (Housing, Food and Support for Teenagers who are Homeless), and Family Promise (Housing, Food and Support for Families who are Homeless) received funding from the $11,740.00 grant.

A Great Big Thank You!

Towards the beginning of the pandemic, Corey and Kent Rutledge were inspired to donate the new tabernacle lamp in the sanctuary. It happened without fanfare or public blessings because of the quarantine. However, we at St. Mark’s are blessed by their donation that now lights the sacrament that sits inside the tabernacle. Thank you, Corey and Kent, and thank you to all of those people who continue to give to the church each week. We are blessed by your giving.

Coffee with the Rector

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Zoom.us for Coffee with the Rector. It is a chance for people to interact with each other, pray, laugh, and connect with each other. Invitations will be sent via the egroup.

Liturgy and Ministry
Continue Online

To continue worshipping together, you can live stream through Facebook (FB) on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. at https://www.facebook.com/stmarkscheyenne/. There is also a children’s time at 9:15 a.m. If you are not on Facebook, you can watch the liturgies once they are uploaded on Sunday afternoon on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCreTha5Tjk9Ya0fory_Gr3g. 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.

Ministries also continue to happen, mostly through Zoom.us. The interactive Coffee With The Rector continues on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. It is a chance for people to pray, connect, laugh, share struggles, and just enjoy the company of each other. Watch your emails for invitations. The vestry and youth ministries continue to meet online, as well as other ministries. The women’s ministry, Girlfriends Unlimited, is preparing for their online Reflections.

Re-opening the Church
and Internet Liturgies

There is a small team of people beginning to look at how we can reopen the church in the future. The diocese has given us guidelines to begin the discussions and begin making plans to reopen. Considering that there are still a great deal of Corona Virus cases, we are in no rush. If we were able to open today, anyone with any illnesses and anyone over the age of 65 could not attend. Good news though. Internet liturgies will continue even after we reopen our doors! Thank you for your patience everyone, and stay safe!
Lector and Acolyte July Schedule

During the quarantine time one lector serves for the 8 a.m. service and one for the 10:30 service each Sunday. The lectors will read all scriptures. When the church opens to the public we will have both one lector and one acolyte for each service. Below is the schedule for July and August. If you cannot serve that Sunday, please contact the church at stmark307.adl@gmail.com.

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Important Information About Children and Youth Ministry

We have spent much time in prayer and discussion about VBS and other ministries. I do need to inform you that at this time they will all be postponed. We will still have a “fin-tastic” time at VBS, just not until summer of 2021.

Additionally, we will postpone Children’s Chapel, Youth Group and the Nursery until a later date. We need to make sure we can open these ministries in a safe way for all families. Our goal is to open these ministries by August/September. This is all in line with the requirements of our Bishop and Diocese of Wyoming as well as our reopening committee. We appreciate all their hard work in keeping us healthy and safe. We will continue to have “Children’s Moment” every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. live on our Facebook page, and posted to YouTube later that day. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our Director of Children and Youth Ministry, Candy Snead at candymurphysnead@mail.com.
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 throughout the world. This ingathering for the coming advent season will be used to fight the COVID-19 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, also "Open our hearts, Oh LORD." Let us be our brothers keepers.

Contact Patti Jones at haneyfolk@aol.com.

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.

Outreach

Outreach meets every two months on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for August 5 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.

Albertsons Gift Cards

Thanks to everyone using the gift cards to purchase groceries at Albertson’s and/or Safeway. St. Mark’s receives a rebate for every dollar added to the gift card. The Outreach Committee has chosen to designate any rebate received to go to Unaccompanied Student Initiative (USI). If you received a gift card and are unable to use it, please return to the office via mail or dropped in the slot in the Central Ave. door. These cards are connected to a special account for St. Mark’s, so please don’t throw them away. OR you can add funds to the card at the register or customer service desk and simply swipe the card to pay for your groceries. The more we add to the cards the more given to USI. Thanks for all your generosity.

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.

In Christ’s love, we seek, welcome, embrace and serve the human family.
July Birthdays

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

Long time St. Mark’s member, Joann McConnaughey, celebrated her 90th birthday at Life Care Center. People stopped by and wished her a happy birthday from the window.

Daughter, Janet McConnaughey, celebrates with her mom through the window.

We Are Here For You!

St. Mark’s vestry members and other leaders of the parish have been making calls to members to see if there is a need. If you have not received a call and have a need, please either email the church (stmark307.ad@gmail.com) or call the office (307-634-7709) and leave a message. Emails and phone messages are checked throughout the week.

Continuing to Give at St. Mark’s

St. Mark’s welcomes your continued giving in time, talent, and treasure. We continue to pay our employees, ministries continue to function in amended ways, and utilities still need to be covered to keep our mission alive and keep our holy structure in good working order. While it is currently impossible to give through the offering plates at church, we welcome online gifts through our web site (stmarkscheyenne.org). Click on the Giving tab to give via credit/debit or through bank ACH transfers. You can also set up automatic recurring gifts through the St. Mark’s Web site. Gifts can be sent by mail or drop them off in the mail slot at the church through the single door on the Central Ave. side.

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.

Stewardship Corner
Ministry Highlights

Total monthly April income: 74,362.13
(includes $38,000 PPP and $10,000 Foundation Grant).
Total monthly April expense: 40,771.84

Audit Team
This group helps to complete our annual audit.

Centennial Foundation
This group meets every other month and helps to manage our church endowment.

Counters
This group helps to count the church income each week. People serve about once a month.
All groups, except Spring Reflections on Zoom, are on hold until further notice.

**Lit ‘n’ Latte for Book Lovers and a Fun Time!**

Whether you’ve read the book or not!
Please join us at Barnes & Noble
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**

June: The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
July: Camino Island by John Grisham

**Spring Reflections on Zoom!**

We missed meeting in Bobbie Parrish’s living room, but it was wonderful to see each other on Zoom. We even had Girlfriends in Lander and Oregon participate! We shared some good laughs and had great discussions. With chapters, such as “Down with Walls of Division and Up with the Dream of God” and “When Upside Down Is Really Right Side Up,” we found Crazy Christians by Bishop Curry to be very timely indeed.

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 Funcilitator—a facilitator who likes to have fun with her girlfriends.

**Sew & Sews:**

Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison, Funcilitators
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, Funcilitators
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

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at Barnes & Noble 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**

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.
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.

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

Living Compass (Mondays during Lent) 12:10-12:50 pm in the Guild room
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 at Barnes and Noble, 6:15 p.m. (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Tuesday

JustFaith Study
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Guild room

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
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
- crackers
- peanut butter
- dried fruit
- toiletries
- individual boxes of cereal

- staples
- toothbrushes
- Bisquick
- Ramen soup
- diapers

- dried milk
- toothpaste
- paper goods
- Fruit rollups

(Please, no homemade food or clothing.)