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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

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The Day After

The disciples, hearing of the Resurrection, were troubled and astonished; and even when they saw Him, they were not immediately freed from doubt. For great events are not comprehended at once.

-John Chrysostom, fourth century church father

I've often wondered what it must have been like for the disciples the day after the Resurrection, on what otherwise would have been just an ordinary Monday. The days leading up to the resurrection had likely been a whiplash of emotions, seeing the crowds jubilant and cheering for Jesus on Palm Sunday, but then followed by devastation when Jesus is arrested and taken away on the day we know as Maundy Thursday.

And then, Good Friday. Jesus is brought to stand before Pontius Pilate. The crowd who just a week earlier had been shouting "Hosanna!" is now yelling "Crucify Him!" On the cross at Golgotha the Savior of the world is crucified and the world is plunged into darkness. Scripture records that the earth shook and the graves burst open. A



Roman centurion standing nearby uttered these words, "Surely this Man was the Son of God!" Jesus' body is taken away by Joseph of Arimathea and placed into a tomb. A large stone is rolled across.

And then there was Holy Saturday, undoubtedly a day of profound grief and confusion. The disciples were terrified and hiding, perhaps questioning their life decisions and wondering if it was all for nought. They still didn't understand the words Jesus had spoken to them.

But finally, Resurrection Sunday. The women visit the tomb and find Jesus is gone. He later appears to Mary Magdalene and the other women and of course, the Road to Emmaus encounter. Scripture records at least 10 post-Resurrection appearances by Jesus.

And then the day after. Just like Holy Saturday, Scripture doesn't record the events of Monday. The disciples almost certainly spent hours dissecting and replaying every word Jesus ever spoke like Matthew 16:21. The prophecies of Isaiah 53 and Psalm 2 were undoubtedly analyzed with awe and fresh clarity.

And ... perhaps their hearts weren't quite as fearful anymore. Their Lord and Teacher had risen from the dead! Could there be any greater encouragement than that? Unlike other "messiahs" that had popped onto the scene over the years and then died, Jesus' death didn't mark the end of their faith. They didn't quite understand what it all meant right then and what lay ahead, but with His resurrection they knew one thing: it wasn't the end but rather just the beginning.

St. Augustine observed,

"They saw, and yet they did not see; they touched, and yet they did not grasp. The sight was before their eyes, but the truth was still unfolding in their hearts. What they saw was one thing; what they understood was another. Understanding came by degrees, as light dawns little by little."

Over the days that unfolded many of Jesus's words came into greater clarity for the disciples, but of them all there was one lesson that was now crystal clear.

As Chrysostom would later teach in his Paschal homily each year,

*Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.
He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it...
Oh death, where is your sting? Oh Hades, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!*

We can live each day with that same encouragement. Christ rising from the dead annihilated the fear that plagued mankind's hearts from time immemorial. For as He rose, so will we. Alleluia!

Blessings,
Holly Klein
Director of Communications



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12
"The Disciples Meet Jesus" (Luke 24:36-49)

Shortly after Jesus meets with two of His followers on the road to Emmaus, He makes another appearance with His disciples. It is another surprising encounter where Jesus reveals more about Himself and the significance of the fact that not only is He risen from the dead, but He has a new resurrected body unlike anything they have seen before. Jesus then begins to further reveal the mystery of His resurrection.



HOLY COMMUNION
THIS SUNDAY

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MEN'S KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

The Communion offering for April is for Men's Kairos Prison Ministry, a ministry whose mission it is to develop a Christian community inside prisons. The Kairos Inside program brings leaders together, in both male and female institutions, for a 3 ½ day Weekend led by same gender Kairos volunteers. The next Men's Kairos Weekend is April 30 - May 3.

The Weekend is based on:

- A series of talks,
- Discussions,
- Chapel meditations, and
- Creating a Christian community.

For many participants, the Kairos Weekend creates the desire to become a Christian, and for others the desire to continue his/her spiritual growth.

Learn more about Kairos Prison Ministries [here](#).

Donations can be made at church or on our website here:

<https://sanddiagmc.org/how-to-give>



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Kairos Men's Weekend #26 is coming up April 30-May 3 at Guadeloupe County Correctional Facility. A sign-up table will be available with opportunities to participate before and after worship with a volunteer present to answer any questions.



AN EXCITING WAY TO HELP EQUIP OUR NEW BUILDING!

Hello Church! We have a 'building update' of sorts for you.

For all of you who are looking past the construction aspect and for whom the thoughts of drywall, carpet and bathroom fixtures are just not your cup of tea.....we have an opportunity for you!

We are equipping the building to be used for worship services and invite you to help in the following way. Like we did last Sunday, we will again have a table set up in the hallway with sign-up sheets for you to explore. There will be lists of specific items needed for the building. You can sign up for an item or two (or more) that you would like to purchase and bring it to us by the end of the month.

So, if you want to buy crib sheets, dish soap, kitchen scissors, or children's Bible story books, (and oh so much more!) this is a great opportunity to participate. We are grateful that so many of you have asked about how you can be a part of this exciting time for our congregation. Look for the table Sunday morning.



BUILDING UPDATE

Due to the advance preparation of this newsletter, we won't have an update until April 16. Until then, please keep our building renovations and permit adjustment approvals in your prayers.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Would you like to have the chance to play golf with others from Sandia Fellowship? We are starting to organize a group to gather for a yet-to-be determined time for a round of 9 holes at one of the public courses in town. Grant Claycomb is going to be our point person, and if you are interested in

participating, click [here](#) and provide us your contact information and we will work on organizing this great time of fun and fellowship.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd NE). All are welcome!

Visit our LIFE Groups page to learn more about the various LIFE Groups Sandia Fellowship offers: www.sandiagmc.org/life-groups



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, April 14 at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd NE). Reservations are helpful but not required. Please email Linda Hess [here](#).

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THERE'S A LIFE GROUP FOR YOU!

Sandia Fellowship has several LIFE Groups regularly meeting in homes throughout Albuquerque, as well as two that meet in local restaurants:

Tramway Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Northeast Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Tim Ownbey**

Women's Group: This LIFE Group meets every second and fourth Saturday at 10:00 AM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Lindy Rech**

Foothills Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM. Contact: **Jim Turner**

“The Story” Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Monday from 12:00-1:00 PM at the church offices. Contact: **Pastor John**

“The Chosen” Interactive Bible Study Group: This LIFE Group meets seasonally using an interactive guide that follows along with the popular TV series. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Gina Rivera**

Men's Breakfast: This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd). Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Women's Breakfast: This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd). Contact: **Linda**

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All of these groups welcome new members! If you're interested in information about any of these, please contact the person listed or send an email to the church [here](#).

Visit our [LIFE Groups page](#) on our website to learn more!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: [announcements](#) and church news, current [sermons](#) as well as [past sermon series](#), weekly [newsletters](#), and more.

You can also [submit a prayer request](#), learn about our various [Life Groups](#), read about the [missionaries and outreaches](#) we support, set up [online giving](#), learn more about the [mission and vision](#) of Sandia Fellowship as well as the [Global Methodist Church](#), and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

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SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God**. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways:

- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiagmc.org**.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at **hklein@sandiagmc.org**.

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know you can subscribe to the Sandia Fellowship YouTube channel? All of our weekly sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel **here** as well as on our **website**.



This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

Click [HERE](#) to give safely and securely online.

NOTE: Donations can be made to either the **General Budget** or the **Building Fund** by choosing from the dropdown menu. You can also make a donation to our monthly **Communion Offerings** via the dropdown.

Checks can also be mailed to:

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