



# MESSENGER

of St. Mark's



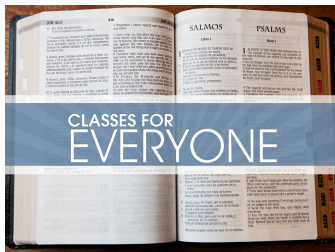
Jan. 9, 2025



This Sunday we look forward to remembering the Baptism of Jesus and celebrating the Baptism of the newest member of the Body of Christ: baby Owen Smith. We hope you'll hold in prayer Owen and his family (Mom Alex, Dad Sean, and Big Brother Cade) and join us in celebration on Sunday.

With each new Baptism we each, as individuals in community, renew our personal commitment to orient our lives according to [our baptismal vows](#) and to continue to grow in worship, fellowship, learning, and service together. Our baptismal vows help orient our lives 24/7. The practice of gathering together each Sunday morning at St. Mark's to worship, connect, learn, and serve together in community can help anchor us to our core vows and values throughout the week.

This week we will also resume our regular Sunday schedule of small groups and classes for all ages beginning at 11:15am, following worship and coffee hour. If you're not already involved in a small group or class on Sundays, please join Father Christopher in Stoney Chapel for our ongoing (*Not Just For*) *Newcomers Class*. Whether you are brand new to the church, or you have been worshipping at St. Mark's for decades, there's *always something new* to learn!



## Not Just for Newcomers Class with Fr. Christopher

Welcome to Sunday:  
A Deep Dive into our Worship  
and Life Together

Sundays 11:15-12:15 in Stoney Chapel  
Resumes January 12<sup>th</sup>

Whether you are new to St. Mark's or the Episcopal Church or a long-time Episcopalian, you will enjoy this discussion-oriented class. We will be exploring our Episcopal Beliefs and Practices from a variety of perspectives, building community, and connecting more deeply to our liturgical practices and traditions. Each class will stand on its own and some out of class reading will be encouraged but not required. All are welcome to attend whenever they are available.

January 12 – The Liturgical Year and Sacred Time  
January 19 – Exploring The Book of Common Prayer  
January 26 – Annual Meeting Sunday – No Classes, Pancake Breakfast.  
Please let Fr. Christopher know that you plan to attend, [via email](#).

### Books you might want to explore during this class:

The Way of Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe

## Parenting Group & Playdate January 11th at 9:00 am

Parenting brings unique challenges at every stage. If you are doing the work of “parenting” a child of any age, or if you are simply eager to listen with curiosity and compassion to support others who are doing this important work, please join us for 90 minutes of supportive conversation and connection around the challenges of parenting.



Kids enjoy supervised play on the playground (or a movie in the youth room, if weather is bad).

For more info. contact [Mother Sylvia](#).

## Thank you from SMMS!



Thank you to those who participated in our Christmas Basket Raffle (and congratulations to those lucky winners!). We made enough to install a new security door handle on our playground door!

We hope to continue to fundraise to install a new sunshade over the sand playground!



Thanks to the generous donations, we have exceeded our goal of providing Speech & Language and Hearing screenings for our students and have made enough to acquire tools to screen our children in the future!



## The Chosen Season 4

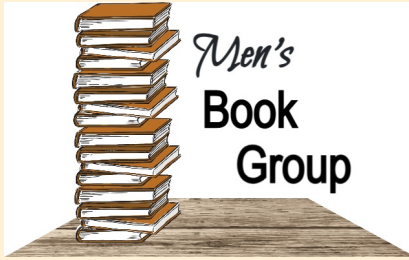
January 12 at 6:00 pm

Join us on Sunday evenings in the library to watch Season 4 of “The Chosen.”

Feel free to bring snacks to share! All are welcome.

January 12: [S4 E2 · Confessions](#)

Jesus founds his church on unholy ground and Simon goes public with Jesus' true identity, getting a new name in the process. But can the new "Peter" forgive old wrongs?



## The Men's Book Group

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 - 10:35 am

We will meet in the library. In preparation we will read and discuss the short story "The Feminist" by Tony Tulathimutte from the magazine *n+1*. It is available online at [https://www.nplusonemag.com/issue-](https://www.nplusonemag.com/issue-35/fiction-drama/the-feminist/)

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We will also talk about where we go from here in our future reading. For more information, email [Michael Jupin](mailto:Michael.Jupin@nplusonemag.com).

## St. Mark's Eldering Group

Saturday, January 18th 9:30 - 11:00 am

This group offers a space for honest, supportive conversation and sharing for *anyone* who is engaged in (or curious about) the challenging physical/mental/spiritual work of "Eldering".



## Remember to please return your wire Advent Wreath frames

Place them in the collection bin in the Narthex. We will use them again next year. Thank you.

Please contact [Deacon David](mailto:Deacon.David@nplusonemag.com) if you have any questions.



## Church Unbound

We begin our 2025 ministry with *Church Unbound* this Saturday and Sunday, **January 11 & 12**. On Saturday we gather in the kitchen at 11 a.m. to make sandwiches and fill paper bags with three food items. The first two are tangerines and a small bag of chips.

The third item is our baked cookies!

[Click here to read the rest of the article](#)



# Organ Program by John Garlisch

Sun. Jan 12, 2025 at 3pm  
St Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Menaul NE, ABQ 87112

Featuring works by Krebs, Dupre, Buxtehude, Frahm, Heron, Pepping, and Bach

CAP Quarterly Convening: Q1 2025

# ADVOCACY

# WITH OUR

# COMMUNITY



January 13, 2025  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon



Central to Life  
201 University Blvd. NE, 87106



Join community partners to collaborate, advocate, and grow in service to our community. View the agenda [here](#).



Limited to **125** attendees.



Register [here](#):



A collaboration by:  
ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative  
APS McKinney-Vento Program  
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Las Cumbres Community Services



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Important Dates:

- Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am - Parenting Group & Playdate
- Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 am - Church Unbound Sandwich Making
- Sunday, January 12 at 11:15 am - Not Just for Newcomers Class
- Sunday, January 12 at 1:00 - Volunteers Church Unbound Service
- Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 am - Feast of Baptism with Holy Baptism
- Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 pm - LGBTQ+ Movie Night & Pizza at St. Mark's
- Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 am - The Men's Book Group
- Saturday, January 18, at 9:30 am - St. Mark's Eldering Group
- Sunday, January 26 at 9:30 am - Vestry & Delegate Annual Meeting

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Vestry & Delegate Members Wanted

Three vestry positions open up each January at St. Mark's, as well as one delegate position for the Diocese Convention. Ty Camp, Diane Ball, Blythe Clark and Lucy Sinkular, Sr. Warden have ably served as St. Mark's vestry members for the past three years (2022-2024), and Laurel Leisher-Cabral has served as one of our two delegates to convention the past two years (2023-2024). We owe them much gratitude.

### Positions Open:

3 Vestry Positions

1 Delegate to Diocesan Convention and Deanery Representative

**See Nomination Form Links below for more information.**

Please prayerfully consider whether your time and talent could be best used in the guiding, collaborative spirit of our Vestry or as our representative to the Diocese of the Rio Grande at Convention. Forms can be found here:

- [Nomination for Vestry Form](#)
- [Nomination for Delegate to Convention Form](#)

You may also find these forms in the church office upon request. Please return the form, with an electronic photo, to the office by January 15th. If you would like to discuss anything regarding nomination, please contact [Fr. Christopher McLaren](#).

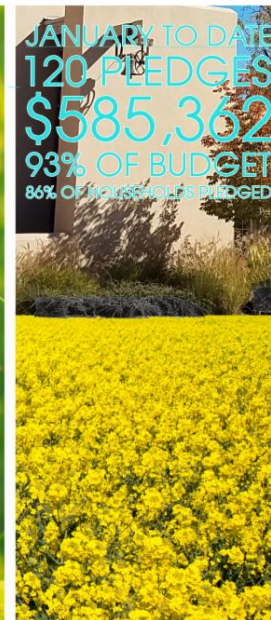
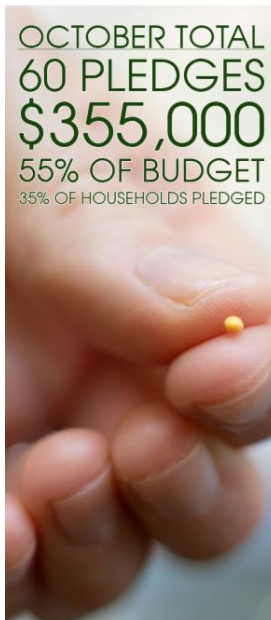
**Also, all ministry Annual Report information needs to be submitted to Parish Administrator, Jennifer Lind [via email](#) by Thursday, January 16th. Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th.**

# STEWARDSHIP 2025

We continue to receive Annual Giving Pledges to fund our 2025 Budget. Current results are below. Please visit the [Stewardship page](#) or [Click here for the Pledge Card](#).

# Annual Giving 2025

## Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary



## DIOCESE & BEYOND



Join the LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande for movie night **THIS Sunday, January 12, at 5:00 pm at St. Mark's.**

We will watch **“1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.”** What if the word “homosexual” was never meant to be in the

Bible? This movie is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. *Trigger warning: Some people may find the depiction of Christian-backed hatred against the queer community difficult to watch.*

Pizza, salad, and conversation will follow the movie. The food will be provided. We ask that you bring the conversation.

[Watch movie trailer here.](#)



Camp Stoney  
Summer Camp 2025  
Registration is Here!

Session 1 (both Tracks): June 15-21  
Session 2 (both Tracks): June 22-June 28  
Track 1: (grades 3-6)  
Track 2: (grades 7-10)  
Ages 15 and up are eligible to be Counselors in Training

[REGISTER NOW](#)



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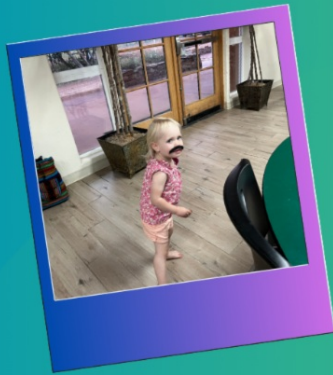
[Camp Stoney- Diocese  
of the Rio Grande](#)

# FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp is Back!!!  
We are so excited to offer two sessions again this  
summer with an extra day!

June 12-15

JUNE 29-JULY 2



## Camp Stoney- DRG Info

Contact Rev. Le Anna Brun for more information  
or any questions you might have @  
lbrun@dioceserg.org or (575) 741-6424



THE DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE  
PRESENTS:

# SNOW SLAM

**JANUARY 17-19 2025**

**WE ARE HEADING OUT ON A ROAD TRIP!!!!**

**THE DRG YOUTH WILL BE STAYING AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S IN EL PASO  
ENJOYING SNOW TUBING AT SKI CLOUDCROFT  
AND ENJOYING SOME TIME IN FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE: [HTTPS://DIOCESERG.ORG/YOUTH-EVENTS](https://dioceserg.org/youth-events)**

**EMAIL: [LBRUN@DIOCESERG.ORG](mailto:LBRUN@DIOCESERG.ORG)**



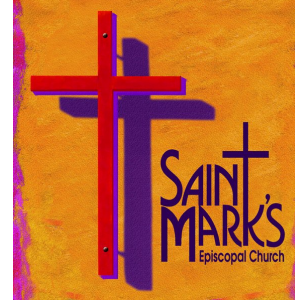
**Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#)  
and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).**

## WORSHIP CORNER

**For your thought:**

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he*

might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

[Click here to study this Sunday's Readings.](#)



Worship on Sunday is both in person and virtually, every week at 9:30 a.m. We live stream Sunday liturgies on our [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) channels.

Also, we offer a Midweek Eucharist every Thursday at 11 a.m. that is both in person and on our live-streaming platforms.

[Orders of Worship](#)

## GIVE TO ST. MARK'S



**Give by mail** (St. Mark's has a secure mailbox and is checked regularly). Send to: 431 Richmond Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.



**Give electronically by [PayPal®](#).** Please consider checking the box that reads, "I'd like to add to my donation to help offset the cost of processing."



**Give electronically through the [Diocese of the Rio Grande Parish Donation site](#) and check the box next to "Albuquerque-St. Mark's".** Just fill out the rest of the information and **click the Next button at the bottom of the page.** Please make sure fill out "special instructions or comment" to let us know how to apply your gift (e.g., pledge, congregational relief fund, etc.)

## USEFUL LINKS

- Saint Mark's [Home Page](#).
- To join an even of service, visit the [Offerings Page](#).
- [Call](#) or [email](#) the church office.
- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!

- Access the [Member Directory](#).
- To read or view [previous sermons](#).
- Schedule a meeting with Mother Sylvia [by clicking here](#).

## **All are welcome! Come as you are!**

Join us for worship during our Thursday 11 a.m. midweek Holy Eucharists and our Sunday Holy Eucharists at 9:30 a.m. You may join us in person or on Facebook & YouTube.

**Email submissions must be sent ([via email](#)) by 9:00 am Wednesday for inclusion on end-of-the-week's e-news.**

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