

The Contact

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A Newsletter for:

SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Carlsbad NM



Remember that
you are dust, and to
dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

BIRTHDAYS: This Month

March 9 Paul Thompson
March 14 Paula Sisler

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please contact Laura Dhenin at the St. Peter Church Office. Thank you!



spring *forward*

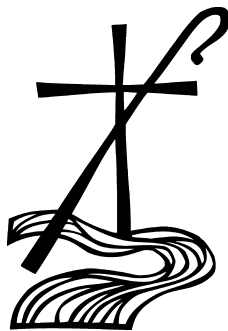
Remember to turn your
clocks FORWARD on
March 9th.

Worship:

Sunday at St. Peter:

10:30 am: Worship

11:45 am: Fellowship Time



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Council Vice President: LeVelta Jenkins

Council Secretary: Linda Servold

Council Treasurer: Susan Knight

Council Financial Secretary: Dianna Hutchison

Council Representative: Christine McCraw



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.

A Message from Bishop Johnston Aelabouni

Click on the link below to hear from Bishop Meghan regarding 5 important announcements.

[Friday Five! 2.7.25 on Vimeo](#)



You are Invited!

Farewell Reception for Pastor Stephanie and Ken

Saturday, March 1

6:00-7:00 pm

United Methodist Church

(401 S Alameda St.)

Please, no gifts. Cards are welcome.



St. Peter Tax Aide Site:

The St. Peter AARP Tax Aide Site is a FREE income tax preparation service available to the Carlsbad Community. This vital community ministry is coordinated by LeVelta Jenkins.

Income Tax filing will be done on an appointment-only basis. An Income Tax packet must be filled out prior to the appointment. Packets can be picked up from the St. Peter Fellowship Hall beginning in February.

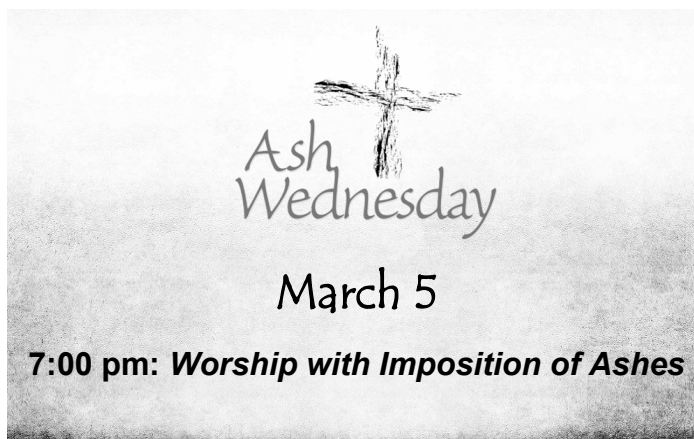
HELP NEEDED:

- **Hospitality:** Provide snacks and meals for the Tax Aide volunteers, specifically on the Saturdays when the site is open (February – April).

If you are available to help, please contact LeVelta.



NEWS & EVENTS



ELCA DAILY PRAYER VENTURES:

March Leaflets are available in the Narthex.

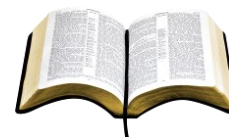
Join ELCA members from across the country in daily prayer petitions for global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

Lenten Devotional Materials Available

Please visit the resources table in the Narthex for your FREE at-home Lenten devotional materials for children, teens, and adults.

NEW Daily Devotional Available:

The January, February & March 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.

An update from Carlsbad Transitional Housing & Homeless Shelter, Inc.

The CTHHS staff has decided to offer shelter when the temperatures are below freezing.

They are passing out flyers and have posted it on Facebook.

They are organizing evening meals and would like to know if any churches would be interested in providing evening meals to the individuals staying at the shelter on those cold nights.

Estimated number of meals needs are probably 10 or less per day.

If interested in helping provide meals for the shelter, please contact LeVelta at CHTTS to be added to their schedule.

Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.



Prayer Requests

In Our Prayers...

Janae Thompson, Ty Dean Thompson, Marissa Shoemaker, Dawn Hanson, Susan Knight, Kay Gunning, Lyn Adair, Jim Sumner, Sarah Marie Canberg & Family, Ron & Linda Stinson, Eric Haggerton, Joanne Smith, Sharon Ricketts, Marge Sumner, Joyce Sumner, Sarah Greenwood, Harley Sargent, Isabelle Carrasco, Jane Harrington, Ella and Family, Rev. Marty Singleterry, Robert, Benny Jones, Donna Harbaugh, Jesus Estrada, Arthur Wright, Serge Sisler, Carol Long, and Tiffany.



In Loving Memory...

Larry Henderson, friend of Carolyn Olson, February 21, 2025

Melonie Lynch: grandmother of Kaleigh and Kensley James, February 5, 2025

Rev, Frank Willis Hodnett, father-in-law of Carrie Hodnett, January 31, 2025

Beverly Florez, friend of Jean Vinka, January 30, 2025

All those who are victims of the conflict in Gaza

All those who are victims of the war in Ukraine

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

Save the Date: Livestream Event

20th Annual Thomas H. Lake Lecture

Featuring Dr. Willie James Jennings

Join us for the 20th Annual Thomas H. Lake Lecture on **Friday, April 11, 2025, at 4:00 PM ET** featuring renowned theologian [Dr. Willie James Jennings](#) from Yale University.

Dr. Jennings will offer deep insights on faith, race, and philanthropy, drawing from his influential work, [The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race](#).

Join us via livestream - [RSVP HERE](#) - by April 1.

The Lake Institute on Faith and Giving.

Better Together

Key updates from the Office of the Bishop: 5 Important Announcements from RMS

1. **Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson is our new Synod Minister for Rostered and Lay Leadership**

Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson began serving as the Assistant to the Bishop for Rostered Ministers in the Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) in January 2022. In this role she worked with candidacy, first call leaders, and served as the staff liaison to the Global Church Network, and Campus Ministry Committee. In addition...



[Read more](#)

2. **Position for Director of Evangelical Mission (North) and Synod Minister for Generosity (RMS)**

The position of Director for Evangelical Mission (North) and Synod Minister for Generosity for the Rocky Mountain Synod is live. All interested candidates can learn more and apply [here](#). Candidates can be rostered ministers or laypeople.

[Apply here](#)

3. **Synod Assembly Registration Info**

Dios está aquí. God is Here.

The 2025 Synod Assembly registration is live!

May 22-24, 2025

Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rostered ministers, voting members, and guests: please register [here](#).

Note: For those who wish to apply for scholarships, *please wait to register* until you submit a scholarship application and receive a reply with more information.



Retired clergy wishing to attend as voting members, please apply [here](#).

Hotel information and reservation link, and other information, coming soon!

Better Together

4. Decision to sell the Lutheran Center and relocate the Office of the Bishop

Please click here to read a letter from Bishop Meghan and Synod Vice-President Ruth Hoffman about this decision.

[Synod Council decision](#)

5. Updates from Border Servant Corps and Lutheran Family Services

Loss of federal funding has greatly impacted the work of Border Servant Corps and Lutheran Family Services. As we wait to hear more about the extent of services impacted, please consider signing this New Mexico state level economic support: **URGENT: Sign-On* to Support the Border Resiliency & Contingency Fund Act**

[Sign here](#)

Deepening Your Understanding of Dementia: A Workshop for Caregivers

Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder, CO
March 15 | 9am- 4pm

This informative and “interactive” session is designed to help caregivers navigate the challenges of caring for loved ones with dementia. This workshop will give an overview of Dementia, and cover communication, behaviors, activities of daily living (ADLs). We will also discuss when to seek help, activities, and care for the caregiver. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other caregivers and enhance your understanding of dementia.

For more information reach out to Alan Johnson at revalan2004@comcast.net

National Faith + Climate Forum

March 27 | 10am-3:30pm

A live-streamed event featuring esteemed faith leaders to in-person gatherings at locations around the US. Gather with people of faith in your local community for a day of interactive sessions on creation care topics. The event will inspire and guide you to weave climate action authentically into your congregation and community. Whether you are just getting started on care for creation, or engaging in climate action for some time, this event is for you! **Free!** Stipends are available for others who would like to host this event in their own community. It would be great to have it throughout the RMS!!

Email for additional information: rmscreationcareteam@gmail.com



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