



# LOS TIEMPOS

***JUNE 2026***

## **Our Purpose**

Jesus Christ calls us to be a joyful community that celebrates God's love, transforms lives, and is a force for justice in the world.

## **We Welcome All**

St. Mark's is a community of believers and seekers committed to being queer-affirming and anti-racist, reflecting the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We are a place where people of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities are welcomed, celebrated for their gifts, and invited to share in God's embrace.

## **Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday | 9am–12pm  
Office closed on Fridays



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# EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY TIME

No question about it. The name given to the church season we are about to enter sounds terribly uninspiring: Ordinary Time! The Christian calendar is broken into various liturgical “seasons”: Advent, Christmas and Christmastide, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Eastertide, etc. The long stretch of months ranging from Pentecost in late May or early June until Advent in December is given the very lackluster title of “Ordinary Time.”

But do not be misled! Ordinary Time can be a season rich in spiritual meaning, creative worship, congregational connections, and occasions for fun.

This year, St. Mark’s is celebrating “Extraordinary Ordinary Time.” And our celebration begins with taking a fresh look at the ordinary items of our lives which are used to do extraordinary things, bring extraordinary joy, or share extraordinary blessings.

The Worship Team plans to create a “sculpture” on the chancel from the ordinary items that are used in ways that enrich and bless our lives. But in order to create that sculpture, we are asking you to let us borrow something that represents an ordinary but extraordinary item in your life.

Consider the many possibilities: a basketball, a bike helmet, a kitchen spatula, a running shoe, a can of paint, a pair of knitting needles, a quilt, a cookbook, a beer stein, a dog leash, a book, a wrench, etc. We are open to almost (almost!) anything. Ask yourself: what ordinary item makes it possible for you to experience God’s blessings, to find fulfillment and meaning, to enjoy the gift of life, to share the gift of life and love with others?



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# EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY TIME

Please consider the following when sharing your item with our congregation:

- please bring your contributions to church by **Sunday, June 14.**
- please attach your name and phone number to your item so it can be returned to you after the sculpture is taken down.
- please plan to let us borrow your item for 6-8 weeks.
- please do not contribute anything so precious that if it were damaged, you would be devastated (no precious family heirlooms, please!).
- Ordinary does not mean “unimportant.” Each of us ordinary people are recipients of God’s extraordinary love and attention, and blessed with extraordinary gifts. This season, we hope to highlight the extraordinary that lies within the ordinary.

Blessings,

*Tracy*

(~~X~~tra)ordinary

# TAKE ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY

## June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month

Wear **Orange** on **Sunday**  
**June 7**

After worship, we will take a picture of St. Markans in orange to share with the local chapter of Moms Demand Action to support awareness of gun violence prevention efforts in Tucson and beyond!

**WHY ORANGE?**  
ORANGE IS MORE THAN A COLOR.  
IT'S A CALL TO END GUN VIOLENCE.

Orange is the national color for **Gun Violence Awareness**. It represents the value of human life and our commitment to a future free from gun violence.

**THE MEANING BEHIND ORANGE**

- HUMAN LIFE**  
Orange honors the value of every life and reminds us that every life matters.
- HOPE & CHANGE**  
It reflects hope for a safer tomorrow and the possibility of change through action.
- A VOICE FOR CHANGE**  
Wearing orange shows support for survivors, advocates, and everyone working to end gun violence.
- UNITY**  
It brings together communities, sparks conversations, and drives collective action.

**THE REALITY**

- MORE THAN 48,000 PEOPLE** die from gun violence in the U.S. every year. - CDC
- GUN VIOLENCE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS** in the U.S. - Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions
- COUNTLESS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE IMPACTED EVERY DAY.** Behind every number is a story.

**WEAR ORANGE. SHARE HOPE. TAKE ACTION.**  
Together, we can end gun violence.

**FOREVER OSHAUN FOUNDATION**

## Don't Forget to Vote!

St. Mark's Community and Global Engagement ministry team is encouraging everyone to vote both in the primary on July 21 and the general election on November 3. We will have a non-partisan voting information table where you can ask questions about the voting process in Pima County and Arizona. You can also register to vote if you need to do so. The last day to register before the primary is Monday, June 22. If you are already registered, learn about verifying your information so that you are ready to vote!

You can find your sample ballot for the July 21 primary at this link: [Sample Ballot Lookup - Ballotpedia.](#)



**Are You Ready to Vote?**  
Get more information  
on Sundays  
June 7 and 14

# ISKASHITAA UPDATES



Iskashitaa Refugee Network would like to express our infinite gratitude toward St. Mark's Presbyterian and their support of our work being done on the St. Mark's Campus.

We'd like to take this opportunity to share a link to a recent short video featuring our Resident Artisan, Katrina Kerstetter and one of Iskashitaa's four main programs, the weekly Wednesday Refugee Garden Art Program for which we would like to offer an open invitation to all of St. Mark's congregation members- any Wednesday between 8-11am.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHnGVmScuAg>



# FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

## What Happens to the Red Wagon after Worship?

Ever wonder what happens to food donations that we bring on Sundays? After worship, volunteers (often Charlie Ambrose!) pull the wagon full of foods to the Pantry in the church office. On Monday and Wednesday mornings, Chris Maddux (lead volunteer) sorts and inventories requested items – shelf stable foods go to the labeled shelves, hygiene items in their baskets, and cooking/household items to Iskashitaa Refugee Network. Volunteers from Kaleidoscope Humanitarian Aid also work with Chris to pack food bags so they are ready for distribution.



Along with answering the phone and fielding a variety of requests from church members and the public, one of our church office volunteers (Audrey Harding, Pat Turnbull, Margaret Wilkie, Carol Tribble, Tricia Heller, Sue Hunter, and Ellen Kyuper) greet guests and distribute food bags during their 9-Noon shifts Monday-Thursday. The office is a busy place! Last week, 19 requests for food and 10 requests for hygiene items were fulfilled.

Thank you for your continuing generosity of food and hygiene items as well as specified monetary donations for the pantry.



# ADDITIONS TO THE ST MARK'S LIBRARY

**We have purchased some new books and received some donations as resources for the Living with Loss group. They are all on the library cart which is in the courtyard after worship services every Sunday.**

- Diana Butler Bass. *A beautiful year: 52 meditations on faith, wisdom and perseverance*. St. Martin's, 2025
- Walter Brueggemann and Brent Strawn. *Unwavering faithfulness; Pivotal moments in the book of Isaiah*. WJK Press, 2025
- Megan Divine. *It's OK that you're not OK; Meeting grief and loss in a culture that doesn't understand*. Sounds True, 2017
- Elisa Everts. *I should wake before I die; Field notes from the valley of the shadow*. Quill Hawk Publishing, 2026
- Carla Fine. *No time to say goodbye; Surviving the suicide of a loved one*. Broadway Books, 1997
- Therese A. Rando. *How to go on living when someone you love dies*. Bantam Books, 1988
- Richard Rohr. *The tears of things: Prophetic wisdom for an age of outrage*. Convergent Books, 2025
- Sojourners Editors. *Light for the way: Seeking simplicity, connection and repair in a broken world*. Broadleaf Books, 2026
- Kimberly Pittman-Schulz. *Grieving Us; A field guide for living with loss without losing yourself*. Self-published, 2021
- Isaac Villegas. *Migrant God: A Christian vision for immigrant justice*. Eerdmans Publishing, 2025

## **For children:**

- Sharmila Collins. *Binkle's time to fly*. Flyaway Books, 2019
- Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner. *What is the Bible?* Convergent Books, 2025
- Cheryl Willis Hudson. *When I hear spirituals*. Holiday House, 2025



# WORLD REFUGEE DAY

## What is World Refugee Day (WRD)?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It honors the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

## Why is World Refugee Day, June 20th, important?

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution.



**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

maintaining cultural pride and heritable courage while navigating a new environment

Join us at **RGAP** this June 17<sup>th</sup> as we honor and support our refugee neighbors

food, music, dancing, community

**ISKASHITAA** refugee network  
6/17/2026, 8-11 am  
3736 E 2<sup>nd</sup> ST

**AAW** ARTISTS AT WORK

Area Library

## When is World Refugee Day and when did it start?

World Refugee Day falls each year on 20 June and is dedicated to refugees around the globe. World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on 20 June 2001 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

# MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

**Clerk's Report:** Rev. Tracy Daub, Rachael Eggebeen, Gale Griffirin, and Margaret Wilkie attended the combined meeting of Presbyteries de Cristo and Grand Canyon at Trinity Presbyterian Church on May 2nd. The Sermon was given by the Co-Moderator of the General Assembly Rev. Anthony L. Larson. Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado were commissioned to Frontera de Cristo as mission co-workers.

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Tracy presented a summary her time as our Interim Pastor, October 2023 through May 2026. She undertook and accomplished many difficult tasks during this time.

**Administration Team:** A Motion was presented and passed to hire Bruce's Lock Shop to update church gate keys and install a closer on the front gate for up to \$4,500. This team, with the help of volunteers, have worked hard to get our Mt. Lemmon Lodge ready for summer. There is now a fabulous trail down to the outhouse! Make your reservations now to spend some time in the cool pines.

**Congregational Care Team:** There will be an intergenerational Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 29th to celebrate the end of summer!

**Community and Global Engagement Team:** Food Pantry has been busy. Thank you to the congregation for continuing to donate needed items. The Special Offering in May was in support of Sister Jose. The next Supper Club will be held on August 15th .

**Faith Formation Team:** During the May 17th service gifts were presented to all our graduates from kindergarten to college.

Dr. Ken McAllister presented two programs on AI (additional class added due to interest), covering the basics of AI and theological and ethical concerns. Small groups are taking a break this summer but will continue in the fall.

**Personnel Team:** In June they will advertise our position for a Pianist Accompanist. The choir will be off for the summer. David will continue to provide music for services. Gale Griffin will continue as director for the Handbells Choir.

**Worship Team:** Communion bread making was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Extraordinary Ordinary Time will begin on June 14th .

# SNAPSHOTS OF MAY



**Have photos of St. Mark's events?  
Send them to [churchadmin@stmarksaz.org](mailto:churchadmin@stmarksaz.org)**

# WARD 6 CHILL SPACE

The new Ward 6 Chill Space is open Sunday – Thursday, 11am-5pm and operating as long as November, weather requiring. The Chill Space is operating out of the Ward 6 office's private back entrance.

In addition to relief from summer heat, the Chill Space offers a rotating slate of resources and services from community partners. On-site resources include housing questionnaires (formerly known as VI-SPADT intakes), supportive service referrals, medical enrollment and immediate assistance, HCV antibody testing, detox and recovery referrals, and more.



**We're Open!**

**Need to cool off?**  
**Wanna check out some resources?**

**Enter the Chill Space  
on Anderson Blvd.**

**Through the gate in the back**



If you are interested in supporting the Chill Space and its guests, they are collecting items and gift cards at the Ward 6 office. Items can be dropped off during the Ward 6 Office walk-in hours (9am-1pm, Monday-Friday at 3202 E 1st St.) Most needed items include:

- Travel-size hygiene items
- New socks
- Baseball caps
- Sunscreen
- Water bottles
- Cooling towels
- Gift cards (particularly for grocery/dollar/general stores)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>June 1   1:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Faith Formation Team.</b> Office Conference Room</p>	<p><b>June 10   8:30AM</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Manna.</b> Office Conference Room</p>
<p><b>June 1   9:30AM</b></p> <p><b>Personnel Team.</b> Office Conference Room</p>	<p><b>June 14   After Worship</b></p> <p><b>Big Coffee.</b> South Courtyard</p>
<p><b>June 2   1:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Bridge Group.</b> Calvin Hall</p>	<p><b>June 16   1:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Bridge Group.</b> Calvin Hall</p>
<p><b>June 2   3:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Community and Global Engagement.</b> Office Conference Room</p>	<p><b>June 16   7:00PM</b></p> <p><b>The Session.</b> Office Conference Room</p>
<p><b>June 3   8:30AM</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Manna.</b> Office Conference Room</p>	<p><b>June 17   8:30AM</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Manna.</b> Office Conference Room</p>
<p><b>June 6   10:00AM</b></p> <p><b>Pat Williams' Memorial Service.</b> Sanctuary and Geneva Hall</p>	<p><b>June 23   1:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Bridge Group.</b> Calvin Hall</p>
<p><b>June 8   10:00AM</b></p> <p><b>Administration Team.</b> Office Conference Room</p>	<p><b>June 23   3:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Living with Loss.</b> Office Conference Room</p>
<p><b>June 9   1:00PM</b></p> <p><b>Bridge Group.</b> Calvin Hall</p>	<p><b>June 24   8:30AM</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Manna.</b> Office Conference Room</p>

**Big Coffee:** Social Sunday at St. Mark's! Join for treats, coffee, and conversation.

**Living With Loss:** a group to work through losses of loved ones and share experiences about living with loss.

**Midweek Manna:** a gathering for prayer and Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's preaching text, held in the office conference room (2nd Street side). All are welcome.

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## Sunday Schedule

**In-Person Worship: 10:30am Livestream:**  
[www.YouTube.com/StMarksAZ](http://www.YouTube.com/StMarksAZ)

## Find Us Online!

[www.stmarksaz.org](http://www.stmarksaz.org)

[Facebook.com/StMarksAZ](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksAZ)

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