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JULY 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



Find @StMarksAZ on social media!



REFLECTIONS ON THE 4TH OF JULY

For many of us, celebrating the Fourth of July this year feels especially challenging. The direction our nation has taken regarding a whole range of domestic and international issues is extremely distressing, leaving some to wonder, “What is there to celebrate?”

Recently, I have been watching videos posted by international visitors to the FIFA WorldCup Soccer tournament held here in the USA. In many of these videos, the international visitors praise some aspect of the United States they have experienced. For some it's a new found love of Ranch dressing! Apparently, this is a uniquely American food! For others it is the magnificence of America's national parks. And many voiced their admiration for Americans' prevailing cultural trait of friendliness to strangers. These videos from the perspective of outsiders have given me a fresh appreciation for some aspects of my own country I had not fully considered.

A true sign of love involves not only praise but also commitment to someone or something. This Fourth of July, I celebrate those people throughout our nation's history and those currently living, who demonstrate a deep commitment to our nation through their concern for the vulnerable, through their welcome of the stranger, through their insistence on fairness, through their courage to confront injustices of all kinds.

This is something to celebrate for sure!



Rev. Tracy Daub
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Tracy

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT UPDATES



An opportunity to help provide dinner at Sister Jose Supper Club August 15th is now available. We will not be cooking this meal but buying pizza (Costco) fruit and cookies. Please sign up at the opportunities table during July if you can help with this meal. Our needs will be someone to purchase the food and at least 4 people to serve the supper and clean up after the meal.

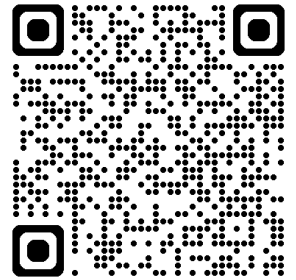
Sign up at the Opportunity Table or text Jan Prinz 816-383-4423.

In case you missed it, St. Mark's collected \$1575 for Sister Jose Women's Center with our Pentecost offering. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!
Together we can help make a difference.



**Voting is your voice for social justice and
an act of faith.
Let's raise our voices!**

Primary Election date is July 21



- **June 24** Early ballots mailed/Early voting begins
- **July 10** Last day to request an early ballot.
- **July 14** Recommended last day to mail back your early ballot.
- **July 17** Early voting sites close. Ballot drop boxes available through Election Day.
- **July 21** Election Day – vote at the polls or drop off your ballot.

Visit the [Pima County Recorder's website](#) for where to drop off your ballot, where to vote, Votemobile locations and required identifications. If you are voting in person, you must have a sufficient photo ID or two IDs which include your name and address.



SNAPSHOTS OF JUNE



**Have photos of St. Mark's events?
Send them to churchadmin@stmarksaz.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Mark your calendar for another
St. Mark's Pop-Up Pot Luck
in the air-conditioned Geneva Hall.
Wednesday, July 8th from 5 to 7 PM**

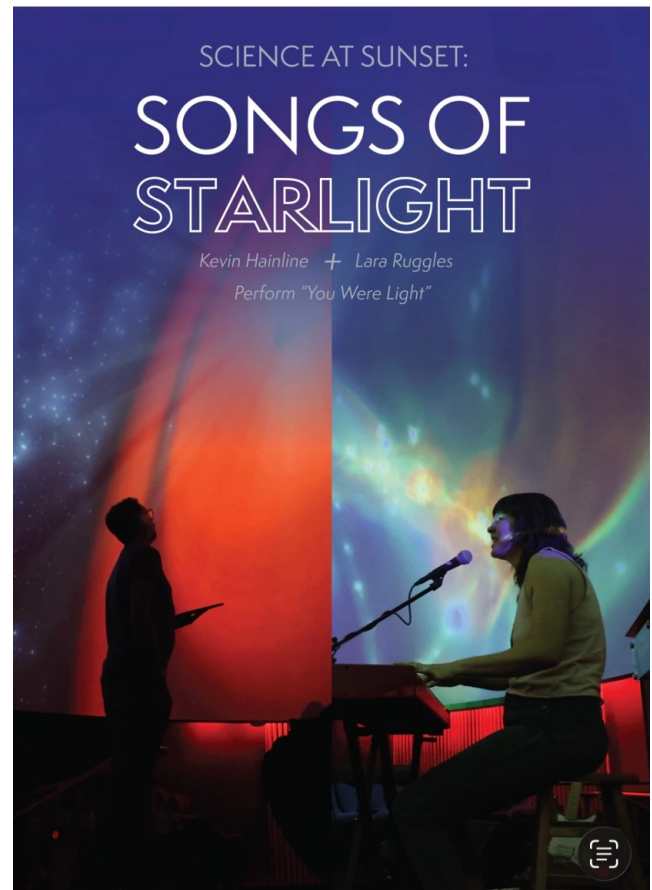
Bring a dish to share if you are able.

"Surprises" are what we'll look forward to for dinner. Think of this as a wonderful Big Coffee with all the trimmings: air conditioning and a place to sit at a table to eat and visit with old and new friends! The goal is for all ages to enjoy themselves.

See you all on Wednesday the 8th of July

**Science at Sunset: Songs of Starlight –
You Were Light
Friday, July 10 and Saturday July 11,
6pm-10pm
1601 E University Blvd**

Experience the updated return of this special program, Science at Sunset: Songs of Starlight, a special evening of music, astronomy, and stargazing at Flandrau. The night begins with "You Were Light", a live planetarium performance blending science storytelling by University of Arizona Astronomy Professor Kevin Hainline with original music by Tucson musician Lara Ruggles, tracing the cosmic journey of your atoms from the Big Bang to today. Then, enjoy a stunning planetarium film followed by telescope viewing (weather permitting) on the UA Mall and hands-on science exhibits throughout the evening. Two nights only — don't miss your chance! Learn more at <https://flandrau.org/events/science-sunset-songs-starlight-you-were-light>



SESSION UPDATE

Pastor's Report: Rev. Tracy led the Memorial Service for Pat Williams on June 6th, 2026, at St. Mark's. On June 10th, she officiated at the wedding ceremony of St. Mark's members Andie Sweetman and Chris LaRoche at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. And of course, attended meetings of all kinds.

Old Business: The August Session meeting will be held in conjunction with Session retreat on August 5th. The Good Futures team will present an update on their work and their guidance to where we are going regarding our property.

Administration: Work on various air conditioning unit upgrades and replacements continues. Bruce's Lock Shop will begin work on lock replacements, date to be determined. Updated the facility guidelines for room rentals. Continued work on the Mt. Lemmon cabin.

Community and Global Engagement: On August 15th St. Mark's will provide a meal for Sister Jose Supper Club. If interested in volunteering contact Martha Osborne. This year's TIHAN POZ Café will be held on August 20th at Our Savior's Luthern Church. Volunteers are needed to help assemble care packages and serve lunch. Donations are also appreciated. Contact Stephanie Mitchell. This committee could use new members, please contact Martha Osborne or Jan Prinz if interested.

Congregational Care: Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 29th.

Faith Formation: Working on confirmation and subject matters for fall programs. Small groups are on hiatus until the fall. Children's Church will resume on the second and fourth Sundays in August.

Personnel: Lori Block attended the Presbyterian Church Board of Pensions meeting in Phoenix. Continuing the search for pianist accompanist.

Worship: St. Mark's Extraordinary Ordinary Time began on June 14th with a new chair setup, special music, display of ordinary and extraordinary objects, and more. Rachel Eggebeen and Dexter Mitchell will discuss their experiences at General Assembly.

St. Mark's Pop-Up Potluck on Wednesday, July 8th, 5-7pm, in air-conditioned Geneva Hall. Bring a dish to share if you are able. Come and enjoy a good meal and enjoy the company!

There will be no Session meeting in July.



TIHAN UPDATES

Leadership Transition and Poz Cafe in August! Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

St. Mark's! Let's get ready for
TIHAN POZ CAFE
AUGUST 20
at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church



VOLUNTEER!

Assemble Care Packages
8 - 9:30 a.m.

Lunch and Kitchen Volunteers
9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

SIGN UP ONLINE!



Advance sign up REQUIRED. Most duties involve a good amount of standing and walking. Closed toe shoes required.

DONATE!

- Kleenex (square boxes only)
- All purpose spray cleaner (18-32 oz only)
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- \$15 gift cards* (Fry's, Safeway, Walmart, or Target)

Or purchase via Amazon Wishlist



*Please give these directly to Stephanie or Cameron.

Contact Stephanie Mitchell
thundermitchell@gmail.com 520.271.4990 (text preferred)

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 20! St. Mark's will once again be hosting Poz Cafe at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and we need many hands to help set up, serve lunch, and make the day special for TIHAN's Care Partners living with HIV. **There are two important ways you can help:**

- **Volunteer at the event August 20.** We need volunteers to assemble care packages and also to serve the meal and clean up. You can sign up ONLINE by clicking here. Note that volunteers must sign up ahead of time per TIHAN policy.



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- **Donate items for care packages.** Every month, TIHAN provides their Care Partners with a bag full of hygiene and household items that cannot be purchased with public benefits. In August, we expect to give out just over 200 care packages so we need your help getting the goodies to fill them. Drop off your donations in the designated blue cart in the narthex or [click here to purchase bulk items from our Amazon wishlist.](#)

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TIHAN has recently undergone a major transition with the retirement of TIHAN's founder and Director, Scott Blades. Kristen Quinnan has been appointed Interim Director while the TIHAN Transition Committee determines the best path forward for the organization. You can read the latest transition update here: <https://tihan.org/e-newsletter-june-2026/> There were many heartfelt celebrations and goodbyes for Scott, including a proclamation by the City of Tucson. KOVA coverage of the ceremony can be seen here:

https://www.kvoa.com/news/good-news/tucson-hiv-aids-advocate-honored-for-decades-of-service/article_9b7c28bf-d684-4fd4-bb4d-fa686fdd2483.html

Finally, our TIHAN Faith Community Liaison for St. Mark's (Stephanie Mitchell) would love to have a partner in this important work! The time commitment is minimal, even more so if we can share the communications and Poz Cafe duties. Please email Stephanie if you are interested!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 8:30AM Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room	July 15 8:30AM Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room
July 7 1:00PM Bridge Group. Calvin Hall	July 21 1:00PM Bridge Club. Office Conference Room
July 8 8:30AM Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room	July 22 8:30AM Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room
July 8 5:00PM Pop Up Potluck. Geneva Hall	July 23 11:00AM Book Club. Office Conference Room
July 9 11:00AM Book Club. Office Conference Room	July 28 1:00PM Bridge Group. Calvin Hall
July 12 After Worship Big Coffee. South Courtyard	July 28 3:00PM Living with Loss. Office Conference Room
July 14 1:00PM Bridge Group. Calvin Hall	July 29 8:30AM Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room

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

Find Us Online!

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[Instagram.com/StMarksAZ](https://www.instagram.com/StMarksAZ)

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