



THE LION'S ROAR

October 2025

St. Mark's Church~ Joyfully & Unconditionally Welcoming Everyone

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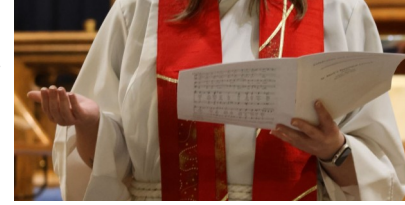
9:00—2:00 pm Monday – Friday

The Reverend Camie Dewey-Rector

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This is my favorite time of year. The change into fall always gets me thinking about cycles and seasons, which always gets me singing that classic song by The Byrds based on Ecclesiastes 3: “to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.” Our view of nature embodies the first purpose mentioned in the passage: “a time to be born and a time to die.” Every year, we see leaves change color as they stop making chlorophyll and fall from the branches. The grass turns brown for the same reason and a season of rest (death) is ushered in with the cooler weather.



The rest of the scripture (and the song) go on to essentially describe what life in the church is like: there is healing, planting, reaping, laughing, mourning, embracing, loss, gain, silence-keeping, a whole lot of talking, love, pain in relationship, and hopefully, peace. These things, like the stages of a grief cycle, do not come in a linear fashion, but seem to stitch themselves in and around the church tapestry like a quilting machine gone berserk. The hope is that those good things, like healing, planting, laughter, embracing, love, and peace are always at the forefront of our common life. We do not, however, live naïve to the fact that the other, less good things come along with what we hope for.

Grief, mourning, loss, pain...they are part of the human package and are part of the life of a community. But even in the midst of all this, we can take another lesson from nature: there is no darkness, death, or anguish that doesn't also hold hope within it. We know from experience that the trees will bloom and flourish again come spring and summer. We know, too, from the experience of our Lord Jesus Christ, that human death also comes with a promise of new life.

As our Stewardship campaign continues, we see the ways this church lives out its faith. As pledge cards come in and are counted, we see how our common life is nurtured so that, even in seasons of rest/hibernation/death, the flickers of hope are still kindled. We are in a season of growth right now and that is exciting. Our finances are getting healthier all the time, and we just might end this year balanced for the second time in a row. We live this life together with all its cycles and seasons so beautifully. Thank you for your continued support, tending to, and care for this church. It is a joy and an honor to pastor and lead you in all seasons of our shared life.

In Christ

This fall, we give thanks for the faithful Beverly Reese, who has served as our beloved Organist with steadfast dedication and a joyful spirit. After many years of enriching our worship with her music, we were able to celebrate her with delicious food, beverages, and hugs. We extend to her our deepest gratitude for the countless hours she has given and the beauty she has brought to our congregation.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Eric Unruh as our new Organist. Eric brings with him a wealth of musical experience and a passion for worship that will continue to inspire and uplift our community. We are also blessed to introduce Emily Sorensen as our new Choir Director. Emily's vision and leadership will guide our choir into a vibrant new chapter, carrying forward the strong tradition of sacred music at St. Mark's. **If you are interested in joining St. Mark's Choir, reach out to our office.**

In addition to these staff transitions, we celebrate the return of our students to school. This September, we once again held the Blessing of the Backpacks during Sunday worship—this moment was to surround our young learners with prayers of encouragement, wisdom, and joy for the school year ahead.

As the season of fall reminds us, change is both natural and necessary. With gratitude for what has been and anticipation for what is yet to come, we look forward to journeying together in faith, fellowship, and music.



reads us with grace, compassion, and a heart deeply rooted in Christ's love.

Rev. Camie has a way of making every person feel seen, heard, and cared for. Whether it's through her uplifting sermons, her presence during life's most difficult moments, or the joy she brings to our community gatherings, we are truly blessed to call her our priest.

We are grateful for the many ways she shares God's love with us and beyond our church walls. Thank you, Rev. Camie, for walking alongside us in faith, for guiding us with wisdom, and for showing us what it means to serve with kindness and humility.

Let us take a moment this month to show our appreciation through words, prayers, and acts of kindness for the gift of Rev. Camie Dewey's ministry among us.



FALL WORK DAY

Highway Cleanup

On Sunday, November 2nd, St. Mark's is teaming up with WyDot for a Highway Cleanup Extravaganza! Want to join the fun? Give our office a shout! Don't forget to wear your working clothes!

Contact Us  307-234-0381  <https://www.stmarkscasper.org/>



Please join us directly after service on November 2nd to help keep our community clean. We will car

Blessing of the Pets

On Sunday, October 5th at 9:00AM, during our regular service, we will be offering a special opportunity to give thanks for God's creatures who share our lives and bring us joy, comfort, and companionship. The Rev. Camie Dewey will lead a Service of Blessing for the Animals, inviting all parishioners to bring their pets to receive a prayer of blessing.

We encourage you to bring your pet—whether large or small, quiet or lively—to this meaningful service. For those unable to bring their animal in person, you are welcome to bring a photo or other representation to be included in the blessing.

Join us as we celebrate the presence of our animal friends and honor the Creator who entrusted them to our care.



Join us for an evening of:

- Community Connections
- A welcoming space for sharing stories, forging friendships, and deepening understanding across identities.

Why We're Doing This:

- Juntos Wyoming empowers immigrant and multicultural communities by fighting discrimination and building solidarity.

Multicultural Dinner is an Opportunity to:

- Celebrate our shared humanity
- Support immigrant voices and experience
- Foster unity through food and culture

**Next Multicultural Dinner
October 25th at 6:00PM**



Time for Baptism!

All Saints' Day is the perfect time to have your child or yourself baptized! We will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 2nd. Please speak with Rev. Camie for more information.



EfM: Nancy Engstrom



Heart to Hands: Kobe Roberts and Jamie Materi
Choir Director: Emily Sorensen

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Ministries. We wouldn't be able to do the Lord's work without all of our volunteers and your never ending support. If you were not able to make it to the Ministry Fair but are interested in volunteering, please give the St. Mark's office a call.

downstairs, please note that some assignments have been updated and you may have a new location. We invite you to stop by and check your mailbox—there may even be a small surprise waiting for you!

Vestry Members are now organized alphabetically by first name. Ministry Leaders and outside organizations have also been arranged as closely to alphabetical order as possible, though a few exceptions were necessary. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office for assistance.



Theology Class Schedule for This Fall

Continuing October 7th at 10:00AM in the Guild Room- Can't wait to see you there!

October 7th: The Omnipotence of God

October 14th: The Immutability of God

October 21st: The Omniscience of God

October 28th: The Omnipresence of God

COMMUNITY RESOURCE BOARD

If you haven't seen it yet, we now have a Community Resource Board filled with helpful information about organizations and non-profits right here in Casper.

We invite you to come by, take a look, and see what resources might be helpful for you or someone you know.

If you have resources, flyers, or information, please bring them to the church office.



6:00PM - 7:30PM

701 S. Wolcott St.
Casper, WY 82601

We hope to see you
there!

**CONFIDENTIALITY
WAIVERS WILL BE
REQUIRED**

Partnering with Central Wyoming Counseling Center, St. Mark's Episcopal Church strives to bring dignity to those about to leave residential rehab by teaching them skills and giving them an opportunity to reconnect with their families, friends, and the community! Join us for a free meal once a month and see how much joy and pride goes into its creation from these newly sober residents.

- ♦ **Saturday, October 4th**
- ♦ **Saturday, November 15th**
- ♦ **Saturday, December 14th**



Confirmation Classes Start Soon!

Interested in learning more about the church and affirming your commitment to your baptismal covenant?

Confirmation is a sacramental rite for those who wish to take those baptismal vows one step further!

We will be using a new

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the Rev. Camie Dewey in Confirmation Classes, please sign up on the form in the Parish Hall at St. Mark's. It will ask for your name, phone number, and email in order for Camie to

Neil Zepky

Dustin Roberts
Ann Rochelle

Peter Nicolaysen
Ginger Terry

Tom Reese— Treasurer

October Birthdays

2nd– Elizabeth Jennings
3rd– Dale Hyer
4th– Tony Doane
5th– Maren Nicolaysen
5th– Janet Mills
9th– Wendy Worlins
9th– Jessica Reynolds
10th– Amber French
12th– Susan Pickett
13th– Hal Williamson
14th– Jackie Watters
15th– Dave Nickerson
16th– Jacob Hernandez
17th– Ann Rochelle
18th– Tom Jones
19th– Carrie Reese
20th– Margie Roberts
20th– Sharon Hargraves
21st– Katine Galumb
24th– Brad Bell
26th– Lena Hernandez
27th– Sandy DeFry
27th– Mark Mathern
28th– Lindie Zespy
30th– Kathy Robinson



Fall/Winter Diaper Days 2025

October 7th
October 21st
November 4th
November 18th
December 2nd
December 16th

October Anniversaries

8th– Bud & Ruth Miller
14th– Frank & Petsie Neville
15th– Kendall & Ginger Terry
17th– Chuck & Nancy Engstrom
18th– Forest & Sally Irons



If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, or if you would prefer to ****not**** have your birthday or anniversary published in our newsletter or weekly email, please contact the church office at stmarkscasper5@gmail.com or at 307-234-0831



Tell Out My Soul

the mother of Jesus, and this scripture from Luke: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"

To recognize God's movements and acknowledge the love of God by returning our treasure to the work of church is to be a shining reflection of God in the world.

Here are some questions to consider as you discern and pray about your gift to St. Mark's for 2026:

How have I experienced the glory and greatness of the Lord in my life?

When and how have I seen the church move in the world in a way it reflects God's love, mercy, justice, or grace?

Where might the Spirit be calling me next?

How can I respond to the work and the future of the church with my time, my talents, and my treasure?

What do I hope for the future of St. Mark's?



Thank you

♥ TO THE ST. MARK'S
STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE:



DID YOU KNOW?

Your pledge helps support staff, ministry, utilities, and formation

11% of your pledge goes directly to Outreach

Your Vestry relies on your pledge

We ended 2024 with a positive balance for the first time in 80



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
B-Basement CR-Basement conf. room GR-Guild Room K-Kitchen OL-Online PH-Parish Hall S-Sanctuary Z-Zoom	WORSHIP ST. MARK'S GROUPS 12-STEP GROUPS OUTSIDE GROUPS WEEKLY EVENTS SPECIAL EVENTS	Please contact the church office to get your event scheduled!	1 Jamie on Va 7:30 am Morning P 6:45 pm Choir Rehe 8:00 pm Compline-
5 9:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Pet Blessing 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee	6 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 12:00 pm AI-Anon-GR 6:00 pm EfM 6:30 pm Barbershop-S 7:00pm pm Building Committee 8:00 pm Compline-OL	7 Diaper Day 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Theology Class 12:00 pm Soul Knitters-GR 1:15 pm Preschool Chapel 4:30 pm Children's Chorale 6:30 pm Boy Scouts-B 8:00 pm Compline-OL	8 7:30 am Morning P 6:45 pm Choir Rehe 8:00 pm Compline-
12 Diocesan Convention 9:00 am Sunday Worship	13 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 12:00 pm AI-Anon-GR 6:00 pm EfM 6:30 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	14 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Theology Class 12:00 pm Soul Knitters-GR 1:15 pm Preschool Chapel 4:30 pm Children's Chorale 6:30 pm Boy Scouts-B 8:00 pm Compline-OL	15 7:30 am Morning P 6:45 pm Choir Rehe 8:00 pm Compline-
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26 9:00 am Sunday Worship	27 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL	28 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL	29 7:30 am Morning P

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Morning Prayer –OL Rehearsal– S line-OL	9 Diocesan Convention 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 8:00 pm Compline-OL	10 Diocesan Convention 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	11 Diocesan Convention 8:00 am Casper Music Teachers Association
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Camie Gone Morning Prayer –OL Rehearsal– S line-OL	23 Rev. Camie Gone 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 8:00 pm Compline-OL	24 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	25 9:00 am Sorority Luncheon 6:00 pm Juntos Multicultural Dinner
Morning Prayer –OL	30 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL	31 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL	

Acolytes: Sylas Sterner and Exaiden Wolfskill
Altar Guild: Kim McAtee and Cheryl Gillum
Lectors: Cindy King
Worship Leaders: Kim McAtee- First Lesson/Wine at Altar
Pat Patton- Epistle/Wine at Altar
John Kerns- Prayers/Shrine Altar
Verger: Nancy Johnson
Healing Prayers: Claudia Wilson
Tellers: Peter Nicolaysen and Jane Cassel
Ushers: Lyn and Gary George
Coffee Hosts: Meals and Receptions
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Eric Unruh
Choir Director: Emily Sorensen
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Pat Hrnicek and Victoria Alaniz
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones Kurt Gilbert, and Steve Schicketanz

October 12th, 2025

Rector: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner and Exaiden Wolfskill
Altar Guild: Claudia Wilson and Dyann Durst
Lectors: Lyn George
Worship Leaders: Helen Byrd- First Lesson/Wine at Altar
Claudia Wilson- Epistle/Shrine Altar
Traute Gilbert- Prayers/Wine at Altar
Verger: Nancy Johnson
Healing Prayers: Traute Gilbert
Tellers: Helen Byrd and Ginger Terry
Ushers: Ann Rochelle
Coffee Hosts: Vestry
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Eric Unruh
Choir Director: Emily Sorensen
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Pat Hrnicek and Victoria Alaniz
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, Kurt Gilbert, and Steve Schicketanz

Acolytes: Sylas Sterner and Exaiden Wolfskill
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Jennings, Jessica and Liam Reynolds
Lectors: Neil Zespy
Worship Leaders: Kathy Morton- First Lesson/Wine at Altar
Kim McAtee- Epistle/Wine at Altar
Pat Patton- Prayers/Shrine Altar
Verger: Clint Hernandez
Healing Prayers: Steve Johnson
Tellers: Neil Zespy and Donna Mathern
Ushers: Nancy Engstrom and Margie Roberts
Coffee Hosts: Parishioners
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Eric Unruh
Choir Director: Emily Sorensen
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Pat Hrnicek and Victoria Alaniz
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, Kurt Gilbert, and Steve Schicketanz

October 26th, 2025

Rector: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner and Exaiden Wolfskill
Altar Guild: Jane Cassel and Claudia Wilson
Lectors: Amy Adwalpalker
Worship Leaders: Pam Brondos- First Lesson/wine at Altar
Helen Byrd- Epistle/Wine Altar
Nancy Engstrom- Prayers/Shrine Altar
Verger: Clint Hernandez
Healing Prayers: Donna Mathern
Tellers: Peter Nicolaysen and Dustin Roberts
Ushers: Ginger Terry and Kennedy Terry
Coffee Hosts: Foundation
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Eric Unruh
Choir Director: Emily Sorensen
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Pat Hrnicek and Victoria Alaniz
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, Kurt Gilbert, and Steve Schicketanz