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Easter Gratitude



What a spectacular Easter we celebrated together! I was filled with joy and gratitude at my first of many Easters with you all. Please join me in thanking the Altar Guild, Hospitality Team, Staff, Choir, and all those involved with making worship happen (acolytes, lectors, MCs, chalice bearers, vergers, ushers) - so many people contributed to making this Holy Week so special and it is a true gift to serve along so many dedicated people.

Gratefully, Father Robert

Adult Formation

We have some thought provoking Adult Formation offerings coming up in the next few months!

Wednesday Nights, 6-7pm

- April 15: Easter Iconography with Fr. Robert
- April 22: Military Chaplaincy and Just War with Rev. Katie
- April 29, May 6, 13 & 20: Exploring the Sunday Liturgy with Fr. Robert

Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am

- April 12 & 19: Environmental Spirituality with Sr. Marcella
- April 26: How the Church can support Individuals & Families with Special Needs with Nicole Hensel
- May 3: Anglican Identity: History with Fr. Robert
- May 10: Anglican Identity: The Prayer Book Tradition with Fr. Robert
- May 17: Anglican Identity: Theological Foundations with Fr. Robert

Environmental Spirituality

Environmental Spirituality with Sr. Marcella



Sundays, April 12 & 19, 9:15am, Rm 211

“Christianity, as well as many other faiths, is steeped in understanding the Divine in an through nature. The Scriptures are filled with examples in which God makes God’s self known through the natural world. Through the ages, people of many faiths have come to understand that nature offers its own wisdom, if we take the time to notice and explore it.”

In this two part series we will explore ideas and practices aimed to nurture our relationship with God through God’s creation.

Graduating Seniors

If you have a graduating senior (high school, trade school, or college) in your household, please send that information to **Father Robert** by April 23 so that they can be celebrated on Youth Sunday (May 3). Even if they are not able to be present that day, we want to celebrate their accomplishments.



Sexton Position



We are seeking a detail-oriented, reliable and hardworking individual with experience in facilities maintenance and security to lead a ministry of care at our historic church in downtown Colorado Springs. This role is ideal for someone who takes pride in stewardship, enjoys serving others, and can manage both the practical and relational aspects of church life.


If you know someone who might be interested, please refer them to the position description posted on our [website](#) for more details. Thank you!



Daughters of the King



Daughters of the King is a lay religious Order for women dedicated to a lifetime of Prayer, Evangelism and Service, aiming to strengthen their spiritual lives and support their church and community. For more information regarding this order, please email: **Marti O'Dell**, **Linda Rowe**, **Linda Thompson**, or **Tere Arana**.

Life Line Screening



**You're invited to a
Life Line Screening event!**

Where: Grace and St. Stephens Episcopal Church
601 N Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903
When: Thursday April 23, 2026

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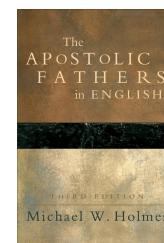
These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Men's Book Club

Apostolic Fathers

**Wednesdays at 6pm, April 15 to June 3
Weir Conference Rm**

As a complement to Men's Bible Study (which meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays), we are pleased to offer an eight-week Men's Book Club on Wednesdays. We will focus on Apostolic Fathers of the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. The Fathers either personally knew the first Apostles or their immediate successors and include Pope Saint Clement I, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, and Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. All provide essential insights into early Christianity. Many of us will read in English, but if inspired by Father Robert's Lenten exhortation to "friction max," you are most welcome to read in Greek.



To join and receive details on the specific book we are reading, please contact [Phil Hensel](#) or [Josh Vandiver](#) by April 8.

National Faith + Climate Forum



Join us at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the 2026 National Faith + Climate Forum—registration is now open!

We're honored to serve as a host site on Saturday, April 25, in partnership with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. As the only host site in Colorado Springs, we

welcome participants of all faiths to this inspiring day of learning and connection.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, author of *What If We Get It Right?* and a leading voice in climate action, justice, and community engagement.

With the theme "The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow," the forum invites us to explore how faith communities can lead with courage, compassion, and hope. Through workshops, conversations, and storytelling, we'll learn, connect, and spark meaningful action for a more sustainable and equitable world—whether you're new to this work or deeply engaged.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 601 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
- Light lunch, snacks, and beverages provided

Registration is free and easy:

Visit <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>, choose "Attend in person at a designated host location," and select Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful and transformative day!

Summer Camps at Cathedral Ridge

Theme This Summer: Odyssey
An Epic Adventure with Jesus

"Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me" Luke 9:23

Register [Here](#)



YOUTH CAMPS

- **Elementary School Youth Camp** (July 5th-10th 2026)
- **Middle School Youth Camp** (July 12th-17th 2026)
- **High School Youth Camp** (July 19th-24th 2026)
- **Creatives Youth Camp** (July 26th-30th 2026)



July 4th Family Camp

July 3rd-5th 2026

Fourth of July Family Camp is a special two-night getaway designed for families to celebrate the holiday together in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. This festive weekend blends classic camp fun with meaningful time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy God's creation. Families can look forward to summer activities like hiking, fishing, kayaking, arts and crafts, archery, and time on the ropes course—along with patriotic touches that make the holiday feel extra special. Evenings bring campfires, worship, and unhurried time to simply be together as a family. It's a joyful, memory-making retreat where community, faith, and the magic of summer come together in an unforgettable way.



Pride Family Camp

June 18th-21st 2026

Pride Camp offers an intergenerational, affirming space for LGBTQ+ individuals and families to experience the joy of summer camp together. Enjoy classic camp fun (see some of our activities below), build meaningful connections, and celebrate being beloved members of God's big and diverse family. Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, reconnecting with spirituality, or deepening your journey, Pride Camp creates space for everyone to grow, rest, and belong.



Latino Family Camp

September 4th-7th 2026

At Latino Family Camp, we will gather to be nourished on our spiritual journey, reflecting on the ways God is working in our lives - both as individuals and in our families. We will spend time growing in community through shared meals, group outdoor adventures, and welcoming conversations around the campfire. Join us for an amazing camp that celebrates culture and the joy of community and faith!

April Southwest Social Group



April Southwest Social Group Monday, April 13th at 6pm

We will be having our April Southwest Group gathering at the home of Lisa Jenks. Please contact [Anne Cook](#) for location and with any questions!

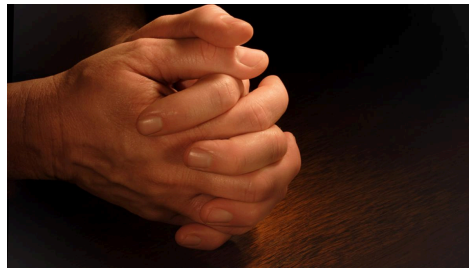
For the evening, we will be having spaghetti. To add to our yummy dinner please plan to bring a salad, dessert

and/or wine. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 9th so I can let Lisa know how many people to plan for on that evening. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Quarterly Prayer Workshop Gathering

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 1-4 PM
Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
Room 211



Are you called to pray with parishioners on Sunday morning? You may have noticed, or even stopped to pray with, a member of the Sunday Prayer Team in the St. Stephen Chapel, or by the Tower Door on your way back from taking communion. Praying with parishioners on Sunday during Communion is part of Pastoral Care at Grace and St. Stephen's. It's a ministry of the congregation, and you are invited to prayerfully consider joining us.

Father Robert describes this ministry as "a call and a gift". Ask anyone on the team and they will tell you that it is a joy to pray with and for others, and we are mutually blessed. We would like to offer this prayer ministry every Sunday during communion. Members of The Community of Hope, our pastoral care training & support program, are hosting a prayer workshop on **Saturday, April 11th from 1-4pm**. This is an opportunity to gather, learn more about this ministry, learn a bit about spontaneous prayer, and to discern if this is a ministry to which you are called. We'll have light snacks, drinks and fellowship. Please let us know if you will be joining us – even if you are not entirely sure that this is for you. We'd love to spend some time with you.

Please RSVP so that we can plan for refreshments, and also contact you in case of cancellation by emailing: [Cindy Page](#).

Prayer List



Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Staci Fox, Barb Good, Maggi Johnson, Fr. Rich Munsell, Piper

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Nick H., John Hough, Annika Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Br. William Marion Page, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Kitty Taylor, Carol Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Pam White, Susan Willet, Henry Velandia, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Oliver & Family, Wes

Those in harm's way: Mark Jaskot, Frederich Jones, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Thomas Ward, Nicholas Wolf

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday 4/8

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **No Bible Study, St. Nicholas Choir or Supper this evening**

Thursday 4/9

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook



- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Weir Conference Room

Friday 4/10

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Saturday 4/11

- **Prayer Workshop Gathering**, 1pm, Rm 211

Sunday 4/12

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Environmental Spirituality w/Sr. Marcella**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Little Pantry Collections**, 9:15am, Parish Hall
- **Sunday School, 10:15am, Lower Level**
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Youth Group**, 12pm, Youth Rm 2nd Floor

Monday 4/13

- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Outreach Meeting**, 5:30pm, Taft Hall

Tuesday 4/14

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library

Have Something to Share?



Grace Notes, our weekly parish newsletter, is one of the ways we stay connected, share stories, and celebrate the life of Grace & St. Stephen's—and we'd love your help shaping it.

If you have something on your heart or a story you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Submissions of all kinds are welcome, whether polished or still taking shape. Please send your contributions to our [newsletter email](#) by 5pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the newsletter the following day. Thank you for being part of what makes this parish so vibrant and alive!

Ways to Give

Grace and St. Stephen's offers several easy ways to contribute.

- The ushers pass the plate at each service for your convenience.
- You can also donate on the website [here](#).
- **Text GSS to 73256**, followed by your gift amount, e.g. GSS 25 (e.g. to give \$25). You will receive a return link from the system. Follow the instructions from there.

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