



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**JANUARY 2024**

## **2024 Legislative Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon January 23 9 am to 3 pm First Presbyterian Church Santa Fe**

“Lutheran Advocacy Ministry is a ministry of legislative advocacy, employing a full-time advocate who works throughout the year in support of laws that care for the most vulnerable people in our state. We are one of 18 states with such a ministry affiliated with the ELCA.

2024 is Lutheran Advocacy Ministry's 40<sup>th</sup> year. It will also be Bishop Jim Gonia's final Bishop's Luncheon. Bishop Jim has been unwavering in his support for public policy advocacy in our synod during his two terms as bishop, and his presentations are always a highlight of the day. If you've been to the luncheon before, I hope you can join us again; if you are unfamiliar with LAM, this is a great year to find out more about this important social justice ministry. The cost for the day is \$40. If you would like to attend the lunch and are interested in a car pool to Santa Fe, contact Rae VanDeMotte or Meredyth Jones.

All Saints is deeply involved with LAM. We were one of the first Advocating Congregations, and have often had members on the Policy Committee. The current Director, Kurt Rager, is a member here and Pastor Kristin and Diana Lewis are co-chairing the Policy Committee. Judy Messal is an advisory member of the committee, and has been involved in LAM almost from its beginning.

The briefing will be at First Presbyterian Church, 208 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe. Parking can be found at the Convention Center lot, \$1 for the first hour and \$2 for each hour after that, with a \$12 maximum charge. The Luncheon will be at La Posada Hotel, 330 E Palace Ave.

**Registration for the event is open on the Lutheran Advocacy Website –**  
<https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/>



## Advocacy Days at the Roundhouse

New in 2024 will be three in-person advocacy days in Santa Fe on Tuesdays, January 30, and February 6 and 13. Come to the Roundhouse to join with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in attending committee hearings and visiting legislators.

You can find the Advocacy Agenda, with issues and bills we are supporting, on the website: <https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/issues/advocacy-agenda/>

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Kristin

### Living Lutheran magazine will print its final issue in December 2023

Today we are announcing that *Living Lutheran* magazine will print its final issue in December 2023. The Churchwide Organization will not stop telling stories of this church when the printing of the magazine ends. This year, we will begin transitioning *Living Lutheran* to a full online storytelling engine featuring new ways of reaching people, providing a more economical and far-reaching approach for us to engage with a broader audience. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories, podcasts, live events, and more.

Link to the online magazine.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/>

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## SOLAR UPDATE

12-27-23

The system has passed the required inspection by the City of Albuquerque. PNM has made its initial review of the system. PPC Solar is in the process of obtaining the required placard to be placed on the transformer and plans to install the monitoring equipment this week. Upon receipt of the placard for the transformer and a final review by PNM we should be able to activate the system. Progress continues!

Any questions let me know.

Jim Kruger



# Worship

<p><b>January 7th—1st after Epiphany</b></p> <p>Isaiah 60:1-6          Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14          Matthew 2: 1-12</p>	<p><b>January 14th—2nd after Epiphany</b></p> <p>1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]          Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18          John 1:43-51</p>
<p><b>January 21st—3rd after Epiphany</b></p> <p>Jonah 3:1-5, 10          Psalm 62:5-12          Mark 1:14-20</p>	<p><b>January 28th—4th after Epiphany</b></p> <p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20          Psalm 111          Mark 1:21-28</p>

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
January 7 <i>bells</i>	Priscilla B	Rae V	Marlee B	Megan B	Steve R
January 14 <i>choir</i>	Nicole A	Gloria N.O.	Meredyth J	Brian H	Steve R
January 21 <i>grace notes</i>	Kris E	Larry S	Megan R	Marlee B	Lee L
January 28 <i>bells</i>	Sue M	Crish T	Lee L	Megan B	Patrick V



## Community Connection



The Martin Luther King Jr. March in Albuquerque will be Saturday, January 13, 2024. The march will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of University and Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Pastor Kristin would like to have a group from All Saints participating in the march. Interested? Contact her or the office at [aslc\\_aslc@comcast.net](mailto:aslc_aslc@comcast.net).

Sunday, January 14 we will recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. day. We will remember his legacy of working for justice and equity, and re-commit ourselves to the work of resisting racism and alleviating poverty and hunger.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

	Greg Rosner	01/01	
	Ava Montano	01/02	
	Jo White	01/05	
	Jon Jastram	01/07	
	Joshua Stolte	01/07	
	Frank Orton	01/11	
	Donna Storey	01/14	
	Diana Lewis	01/17	
	Aaron Werner	01/19	
	Carl Gervais	01/21	
	Cheryl Klenner	01/21	
	Cindy Shy	01/23	
	Karol Lavallo	01/25	
	Jonathan Hautz	01/27	
	Fabian Enriquez	01/29	



# Financial Update

## Development Committee

Let our gratitude overflow into generosity. Let your gifts to us overflow into gifts we give to others. As you children, made in your image, let us be creators of abundant life for all.

I hope you and your families' Christmas was enjoyable and allowed you an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we have all received.

A huge thank you to all that have responded to the "Abundant Life" campaign by making a financial commitment to the ministries of our church for '24. The Development Committee will be making additional contacts with members, as we complete our work on this year's campaign. As of December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we have received 49 (\$190,296) responses for 2024, which compares to 57 (\$192,370) for 2023. If you haven't made your commitment for 2024, you are encouraged to do so by returning your pledge to the church office or leaving it in the offering plate.

To help keep you apprised of ASLC financial position, the information in the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of November '23.

	YTD November '23	YTD November '22
General Giving	\$201,386	\$210,759
Other revenue	\$88,913	\$78,164
Expenses	\$302,702	\$289,014
NET (Operating)	(\$12,403)	\$(91)

During the month of November our expenses exceeded our revenue by \$9,931, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of 4.7%. At the same time, YTD General Giving is down \$9,373 (4.4%). For the year the preschool is operating with a gain of \$30,462. The preschool financial results are positively impacted by grant funds received.

Thank you for your support, not only financial, but in all the other ways you support the ministries of the church.

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me ([jkruger01@comcast.net](mailto:jkruger01@comcast.net)) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.



## Thoughts from the Border

Written by Rae VanDeMotte

I wrote these words the day after (12/11) we returned from the El Paso border area. I cannot get the faces of those standing outside in the wind and cold out of my thoughts; many without jackets, hats or gloves. At one point one of our volunteers, unzipped her jacket, took it off and handed it to the young man on the other side of the fence begging for something to keep him warm. I remember a young woman, sitting on the cold sidewalk with her seven-month-old baby swaddled in a meager blanket; the child seemed listless as I placed another blanket around him.

**Infant traveling with his mother wearing a hat made by the Mad Hatters, a quilt made by the quilters at All Saints, holding two tiny stuffed animals from his Christmas bag. This was the first time that the people of All Saints participated in this mission.**

In this border area there were no pan-handlers, no beggars – just people standing in line for the chance to get inside for a warm meal. Everyone on the street smiled and waved at us as we walked by. Every person that we met was polite -- thankful for *anything* they received. All of the shelters were filled to capacity.

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> we visited four different shelters. At 6:30 am we went to the Rescue Shelter to hand out knit hats and Christmas bags for the children. There were about 150 people waiting for a bus to take them to their destination city. They stood outside in a locked, fenced-in area, in freezing temperatures; many without jackets, gloves or hats. We

wish that we had brought more!!

We also visited the Welcome Center that was filled to capacity. What struck me the most at this shelter – they were all families – this could be my family!! They sat on the floor gathered in their family groups; children playing; babies sleeping on the floor. I was angry at this situation in our country but seeing it for myself has humbled me and has brought me to tears. Sacred Heart and St. Francis Xavier shelters were the last two stops on our trip. Sacred Heart was filled to capacity. Men were allowed in the building for meals and had to sleep on the sidewalk outside. There is no assistance with travel plans and many have lost their sponsors for one reason or another. Vicki and I met two young girls in the shelter and they wanted to learn English. So, we stood with them and practiced the months of the year and numbers. It was a shining moment in all of this chaos!

Our last stop was St. Francis Xavier where we met Father Peter. This shelter is open Monday thru Saturday morning, where the migrants are given new clothes and assistance with travel plans to meet up with their sponsors and families. The large gymnasium is filled with cots and clean linens, supplies for their trip, tables and chairs for meals. St. Francis also assists with transportation to the airport and bus station. What is amazing about this shelter is that they have 3 or 4 people who run this program every single week; and Father Peter is one of those volunteers!

I have included this picture – a simple trash can, filled to capacity in the ally at Sacred Heart. It made me stop to reflect on all that we were seeing and experiencing here in El Paso.

I'll leave you with this thought: **“Is this how we want to treat our neighbors?”**



The Mad Hatters were busy! 237 hats, headbands & scarves were divided up to be delivered to Lutheran Family Services, The Salvation Army & Haven House.



## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY COAT DONATION (Adult and Child)**

If you have a new or used coat, please consider donating to the OAR Committee Coat Collection.

Coats can be used -- but must be CLEAN!

We are also collecting new hats, scarves and gloves!

There will be a drop off area in the front lobby/narthex.

Let justice flow like a river,  
and righteousness flow like an unfailing stream.  
-Amos 5:24

Waterfalls represent the waters of our baptism: ever-flowing, never-ceasing streams of holy water. Waterfalls also represent justice flowing down into the places where justice is needed, a mighty river that refreshes and restores us to God's love for all people.

On February 4, All Saints will celebrate Reconciling in Christ Sunday. The theme for worship that day will be "Roll Down Justice," and will focus on God's radical welcome for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, and cultures. The service recognizes the 50th anniversary of the work of inclusion by Reconciling Works and Reconciling in Christ churches.



During the worship services leading up to RIC Sunday, we will contribute to the waters of justice each week by writing words on strips of cloth that will be added to our ever-flowing stream. Beginning January 14, we invite you to write hopes, dreams, and prayers for your community, our nation, and the world as we embark on another 50 years of justice and healing work in the church.





## Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

### January's Dawn *By Patricia L. Cisco*

Deep in this dark, cold, last night of December,  
is one tiny flame of a flickering ember.

like so many memories of Decembers gone by,  
tucked in our hearts, memories safely reside,

reminiscing our blessings through all the past years,  
of those we have loved, our regrets, and our tears.

As December surrenders to January's dawn,  
that one tiny ember still flickers on,

sparkling the flame to new memories born  
on the horizon of this New Year's morn!



### Grief Support

Fourth Monday of  
each month

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A monthly gathering for folks who are grieving and would like to share prayers, stories and support for one another. Whatever your grief and wherever you are in the journey, you are invited to participate.



The group  
meets on the first and  
third Tuesdays of each month,  
5:30 p.m., for fellowship and  
discussion.



# Prayer Requests

<p><b>Virginia Antonetty:</b> Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian,</p> <p><b>Lucy Archambault:</b> Tom Anderson, Apodaca Family, Gina Tena &amp; Family, Lynn, Jeannie &amp; their families, Sam Moore &amp; Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Katy Harris</p> <p><b>Nicole Arguello:</b> Liz Rodriguez &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Karen Cellan:</b> Kevin &amp; Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Kathy &amp; Frank, Kris Braun and Mark</p> <p><b>Vicki Easson:</b> Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p><b>Kathy Ferdig:</b> Barbara McLain &amp; Janet Franklin</p> <p><b>Randine and Brian Hughes:</b> Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</p>	<p><b>Bob and Cheryl Klenner:</b> Lisa Helsom</p> <p><b>Karol Lavallo:</b> Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena</p> <p><b>Jon &amp; Jan Jastram:</b> Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel &amp; David, Patty</p> <p><b>Krugers:</b> Jim &amp; Joanne, Bob &amp; Pat, Jon &amp; Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave &amp; Liz</p> <p><b>Reils:</b> Will Larson</p> <p><b>Kristin Schultz:</b> Lynne Morrow</p> <p><b>Shelley Tackeuchi:</b> Tammy, Kirk</p> <p><b>Bob &amp; Lucy Welch:</b> Kim Welch</p> <p><b>Mark &amp; Denise Winn:</b> Ashton Raley, Nigel Jones</p> <p><b>VanDeMotters:</b> Bud (Charles)</p>
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## All Saints Congregation Members

Jean Bernabo  
 Karen Cellan  
 Jerry Ferdig  
 Karen Hyde  
 Jon Jastram

Bob Klenner  
 Julie LaHam  
 Dawn Mace  
 Betsy Mahoney  
 Harriett Rothlisberger

Walter Stolte  
 Dave Thompson  
 Rae VanDeMottter  
 Bryce Willman

We pray for Beth Anderson and family at the passing of Robert Anderson.

We pray for Gabi and Megan Ailabouni who work in Global Mission in the Holy Land.

For requests, updates and changes contact the office at 505-898-3932 or [office@allsaintsabq.org](mailto:office@allsaintsabq.org)

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## MISSION STATEMENT

As God's forgiven people:

- + We welcome all in Christ's love.
- + We grow together in faith and life.
- + We go out to love and serve others.



All Saints is a Reconciling in Christ community, which means we intentionally welcome people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex.



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In case of emergency:  
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**Deadline for Submitting Articles:**  
Items for the weekly announcements - 1:00 pm Wednesday  
Articles for the monthly Newsletter - 20th of each month.

Please send your articles to the All Saints Church office at [office@allsaintsabq.org](mailto:office@allsaintsabq.org)