



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2024

Lent 2024 ~ Baptized Into Christ

Baptism is a gift of God, a gift of pure grace in which God claims us as God's own beloved children. The service of baptism in our hymnal says,

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Throughout the book of Acts, baptism with water is paired with the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the baptized person. When someone is baptized in our church, we pray for them to receive the gifts of the spirit of God, as spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

*Sustain this child with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. Amen.*

The theme for Lent this year will be **Baptized into Christ**. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with the invitation to return to the gracious and loving presence of God in your life. We will have worship at 7:00pm that day, and a simple spoken service at 10:00am. Then throughout the season, we are going to explore the gifts, promises and responsibilities of our baptism:

First Sunday of Lent – Baptized into New Life in Christ

Second Sunday of Lent – Baptized into Faith

Third Sunday of Lent – Baptized into Wisdom

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Baptized into Grace

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Baptized into Responsibility

Palm Sunday – Baptized into Joy

I hope you will join us in worship this season for a time of renewal in the gifts of God's grace and love offered in baptism.

In Christ,
Pastor Kristin





Worship

February 4—5th after Epiphany Amos 5:21-24 No Psalm - Romans 8 :31-39 Mark 1: 29-39	February 11—Transfiguration 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50 Mark 9:2-9	February 25—Lent 2 Romans 4:13-25 Psalm 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38
February 14—Ash Wednesday Psalm 51 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	February 18—Lent 1 1 Peter 3:18-22 Psalm 25:1-10 Mark 1: 9-15	

Reconciling in Christ Sunday is February 4

Ash Wednesday is February 14

Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

We will also have a simple spoken service at 10:00 am

Remember that you are dust; Remember that you are loved

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
February 4	Randine H	Patty F	Lee	Megan B	Brian H
February 11	Nicole A	Crish T	Meredyth J	Steve R	Marlee B
WED Feb 14 Ash Wed	Priscilla B	Gloria NO	Marlee B	Brian H	Steve R
February 18	Meredyth J	Rae V	Lee L	Megan B	Steve R
February 25	Kris E	Sue M	Megan B	Brian H	Lee L

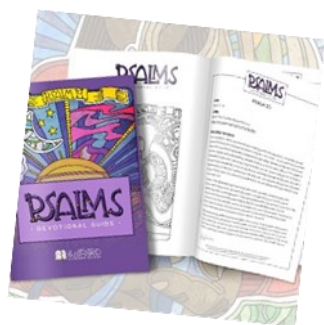
Congregational Meeting February 18, 2024

Immediately following worship, in the sanctuary and on Zoom.
Business on the agenda will include:

- Elect council members, Endowment committee members, and Synod Assembly delegates
- Pass the budget for 2024
- Hear about plans for Pastor Kristin's sabbatical and congregational renewal activities this summer



Wednesdays in Lent



Our midweek gatherings this season will focus on the Psalms. The psalms have been part of the worshipping life of God's people for over 3,000 years. They express the a wide range of human feelings and experiences, bringing these fully into our relationship with God.

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for soup supper at 5:30, and at 6:00 table discussion around the Psalms. At 6:30 we will gather for Compline worship, with Psalm reflections.

A Lenten devotional guide focusing on each week's psalm will also be available at church for you to use at home. The discussion guide and devotional are created by Illustrated Ministry, with fun coloring pages, links to musical settings of psalms, and contemporary poetry adaptations of psalms.



We've Gone Solar!

On January 11, 2024, the final connection to the solar panels was completed! Many thanks to Jim Kruger and Jim Perry for all their work shepherding this project to its completion.





Community Connection

Upcoming UNM musical performances involving our own Nathan Cleveland!

Feb 17, 6:00pm - Mahler Symphony No. 2 with NMPHil

Popejoy Hall -203 Cornell Drive, NE Albuquerque, 87106

Mar 7, 7:30pm - UNM Choir Concert - Keller Hall Address: Center for the Arts & Art Museum, 203 Cornell Dr, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Advocacy Days at the Roundhouse

New in 2024 will be in-person advocacy days in Santa Fe on Tuesdays, February 6 and 13. Come to the Roundhouse to join with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in attending committee hearings and visiting legislators. If you would like to participate please contact Kurt at lutheranadvocacy@yahoo.com You can find the Advocacy Agenda, with issues and bills we are supporting, on the web-site: <https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/issues/advocacy-agenda/>



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dylan Winn	02/04
Ellie Anderson	02/05
Susan Mather	02/05
Marjorie Lynn	02/08
Dylan Werner	02/08



Jonah Cellan	02/10
Rita Harris	02/15
Riley Hyde	02/15
Trevor Owens	02/15
Dawn Mace	02/16



Harriet Rothlisberger	02/16
Heather Jastram	02/17
Lee Liming	02/18
Meredyth Jones	02/25
Bibi Rosner	02/28



Sunday, February 4 is Reconciling in Christ Sunday.

On this day, we focus attention on our commitment to inclusion of all people, regardless of race or nationality, sexual orientation or gender identity. The liturgy is provided by ReconcilingWorks in celebration of 50 years of work for inclusion and justice. The preacher will be Pastor Meredyth Jones. All are invited to wear your ASLC Pride shirt.

Following the service, please join us for a special fellowship time provided by the Reconciling in Christ task force. At 11:30 we will begin a panel discussion with Meredyth Jones, Kris Ericson, and Emerson Corley (front man for Entourage Jazz and member of St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church), speaking about how their faith guided them to be who they are today in relation to sexuality/gender identity and the importance of experiencing affirmation in their church congregations.



Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13
5:30 – 7:00



Join us for pancakes, sausage & bacon and for fellowship with friends. The supper this year will be hosted by the Mens' Group alongside our Youth Group, and we will raise funds for a local charity which feeds people who are hungry.

Update Project– All Saints Lutheran Church Office is updating its database information. We printed off packets with the personal information we currently have for you. Please update if needed and then return to the office by Feb 23rd-even if nothing needs to be updated. Please pick up your Household Information Packets in the narthex(front lobby) of the church. If you would like it mailed to you please contact the front office at (505) 898-3932.

Contribution Statements are ready and can be picked up at the church in the Narthex (front lobby). If you would like it mailed to you please contact the front office at (505) 898-3932.
(Contribution Statements and Household Information Packets will be in the same envelope.)



LOVE GOD LOVE NEIGHBOR

ABQ YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Jan 14 ST. PAUL - 1100 Indian School Rd NE Therapy Dogs & Conversations with folks living at Beehive Homes 🐕🐶🐕 (We'll get to see some of the same therapy dogs we met last fall in action, and accompany them with short conversations with the Beehive residents)

grade 6 and up

Feb. 11 ALL SAINTS - 4800 All Saints Rd NW Quilts!



March 10 CROSS of HOPE - Taylor Ranch Rd, NW (and Loving Thunder Horse Therapy)

April 14 TBA



adult mentors encouraged

2nd. Sundays (Jan-April) After church (noonish) - 4pm (usually we end earlier)

Contact pastorchristaabq@gmail.com for any question

Re-keying Project

On Friday, February 2nd ALL OUTSIDE doors into the All Saints Lutheran Church will be re-keyed. Copies of the new keys will be given to Krysta in the office. You will need to get a new one from her.

Office hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Questions? Please call (505) 898-3932
Thanks :)



ASYLUM SEEKER UPDATE

Submitted by Rae VanDeMotter

Although Asylum Seeker Welcome buses to Albuquerque have come to a halt for now, there are other ways to help. Our coat, hat, glove drive continues through the end of February. Items are being taken to the border on an “on-going” basis by the Dignity Mission volunteers.

A team of 35 volunteers gathered at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on January 13th and assembled a record number (2,150) of Dignity Kits, which another team of unbelievable volunteers loaded onto a 15’ box truck on Friday, January 19th. They filled the truck to capacity with your donations which included the Dignity Kits, 240 Children’s Kits, 304 blankets, 336 cases of food, 290 pounds of pinto beans, and 180 pounds of rice. They also loaded items designed to combat the cold temperatures at the border, including 144 winter hats, 116 pairs of gloves, and 12 scarves, many of which were donated and, in some cases, hand-made by members of All Saints Lutheran Church Albuquerque. Additionally, we collected 66 jackets/coats, 3 bags of hoodies and sweaters, and dozens of pairs of socks and underwear, as well as 125 Days for Girls (DfG) feminine hygiene kits provided by the Longmont and Las Cruces DfG chapters. Other donations included baby blankets, quilts, sheets, diapers, shoes, belts, backpacks, toys, baby food, medical supplies, ice chests, and cleaning supplies. A big thank you goes out to Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church for their generosity.

A group of Dignity Mission volunteers drove this 6,000-pound load to El Paso on Saturday and were met by Dr. Moya’s team of twenty-two people eager to unload the truck and immediately transport as much as possible in their private vehicles to shelters in El Paso and Juárez.

Despite all the noise generated by the current political debates, let’s not forget the human side of migration. During the current legislative negotiations on immigration policy going on in Washington, it’s important we do not lose sight of the impact these policies may have on individuals fleeing danger with dreams and hopes for a secure life for themselves and their families.

One potential sign of progress in the Senate border negotiations is the inclusion of work permits for asylum-seekers. According to *Politico*, as more and more cities receive busloads of people seeking asylum, local officials are calling for work permit expansions that would allow migrants, who are barred from legally working, to fill open jobs and become independent, and thus reduce the strain on city budgets. Under current law, migrants are required to wait 150 days after applying for asylum before they can seek a work permit.

USA Today ran an article last week entitled “Can the US handle more immigration? History and the Census suggest the answer is yes.” According to the article, immigrants are

contributing heavily to the United States economy by addressing the labor shortage in industries such as agriculture, healthcare, and hospitality. Allowing people who are not looking for a handout and want to work, the opportunity to fill vacant job openings makes sense to us.



DIGNITY KIT ASSEMBLY LINE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DIGNITY MISSION PLEASE CONTACT PATRICK OR RAE VAN DE MOTTER.



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.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ministry Lead: Patty Ferdig (505) 892-5361

SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL

SUNDAY BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

This February ASLC and Sierra Vista Elementary School is starting its backpack food collection project.

For many years, the All Saints Community Outreach Committee has sponsored this program twice a year, which provides children from low-income families to take food home on Fridays for the weekend. The drive provides nutritional food and snacks for many families at Sierra Vista Elementary School in Paradise Hills. At one time, over 20 backpacks were being filled each week to be taken home by needy students on Friday for weekend meals.

At this time, Sierra Vista has no sponsors providing food, so staff and some community members supply food as they are able. We at All Saints are pleased to resume this Outreach project once again and sponsor a food drive through February.

SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

Refrigeration space is almost non-existent so no fresh and no frozen food will be accepted. Also, no glass containers since food is being carried home in backpacks.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pasta – Various types ▪ Spaghetti Sauce – Cans only ▪ Fruit Cups ▪ Macaroni and Cheese ▪ Canned Vegetables and Fruit ▪ Juice & Chocolate Milk Boxes ▪ Cheese and Cracker Snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drink Mixes (Cocoa, Cider, Fruit) ▪ Peanut Butter (Plastic Jars) ▪ Powdered or Long Life Boxed Milk ▪ Tuna ▪ Rice/Beans – dried ▪ Tomato Sauce – Cans only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soups ▪ Jell-O/Pudding Mix ▪ Muffin/Biscuit Mix ▪ Canned Ham or Chicken ▪ Granola Bars ▪ Packages of Nuts ▪ Jelly (Plastic Jars) ▪ Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
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This is a wonderful opportunity to help those in need in our community and neighborhood and to work toward the mission of ending childhood hunger.

Thank you for your participation and generosity.



Sierra Vista
Elementary School



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

How is it with your soul?

The holidays are done, decorations (for the most part, maybe) are put away and we are a full month into 2024. Time moves quickly! Just when we feel like our busyness is settled, it starts back up again. Our lives are full of meetings, appointments, obligations, and hopefully a bit of fun and relaxation mixed in. What do you do to calm your heart when you are so busy? From the book, “Care of the Soul” by Thomas Moore: “Simple gestures, taking place on the surface of life, can be of central importance to the soul.”

As we travel from the light of the Epiphany Season, into all that Lent has in store for our hearts and minds, take time for your soul. Listen to your favorite music, read something to learn or let go, breathe the brisk fresh air of winter.

Think on these words from the hymn # 614 in the ELW – There is a Balm in Gilead:

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Peace to you all - Erin



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.

February 6th at 5:30 pm,
meeting at M'tuccis.

The group will help with the
Pancake Supper on February 13
at 5:30 p.m.



Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian,</p> <p>Lucy Archambault: Tom Anderson, Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye</p> <p>Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family</p> <p>Karen Cellan: Kevin & Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Kathy & Frank, Kris Braun and Mark</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Barbara McLain & Janet Franklin</p> <p>Randine and Brian Hughes: Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</p>	<p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Lisa Helsom</p> <p>Karol Lavallo: Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena</p> <p>Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel & David, Patty</p> <p>Krugers: Jim & Joanne, Bob & Pat, Jon & Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave & Liz</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Kristin Schultz: Lynne Morrow</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p> <p>Nanette Morton: Sandie Chapin</p>
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Jerry Ferdig	Dawn Mace	Rae VanDeMotter
Karen Hyde	Betsy Mahoney	Bryce Willman
Jon Jastram	Harriett Rothlisberger	

We pray for Shelley Takeuchi and family at the passing of Kirk Takeuchi.

We pray for the Rocky Mountain Synod as we prepare to elect a new bishop in the midst of financial challenges; and for Bishop Jim Gonia as he prepares to retire after 12 years of faithful and vibrant leadership.

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

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