

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

AUGUST 2024

ATTENTION ALL SAINTS

You are invited to come and join our dedicated group of volunteers gathering to sing, ring, and play! Our weekly rehearsals will begin soon, growing in music skills and faith, and serving our church in leading our worship.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR


Members are from high school age through adult. The Choir helps to lead worship on Sunday mornings and at special services. Rehearsals begin August 28th and are held most Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary. **Low voices are dearly needed!**

GRACE NOTES PRAISE BAND

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument in a fun, informal setting, this is the group for you! A working knowledge of the instrument played as well as reading chords/tab/music is preferred. Rehearsals begin September 1st and are held most Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

HALLELUJAH RINGERS

All are welcome to join us - No experience is necessary – we will show you what to do! We will be ringing during worship at various times throughout the year. Rehearsals begin September 1st and are held most Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

 If you would like to join one, or more of these ensembles, please let our Music Ministry Coordinator, Erin, know so she can make sure to have music prepared for you!

Send Erin an email to ereil4@comcast.net



Music Ministry Notes
Erin Reil



Worship

Aug 4th- Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Aug 11th- 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
Aug 18th- Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Aug 25th- Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

In-Kind Donations

Have you recently provided something for the Church as an in-kind donation? If so, thank you! The Church Council would like to ask you to take one more step by providing a receipt Krysta in the Church Office. Why? To track items for budgetary reasons! What may seem like small contributions on your part may add up over time. Of course, you may remain anonymous or if you would like, we can track it on your giving statement. Please indicate on your receipt if you would like to have it included on your giving statement. If you have any questions, please see Krysta or Lyndi. And again, thank you!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Aug 4th	Sue M	Patty F	Megan B	Marlee B	Steve R
Aug 11th	Nicole A	Gloria N	Marlee B	Megan B	Lee L
Aug 18th	Priscilla B	Karen C.	Meredyith J	Megan B	Steve R
Aug 25th	Rae V	Crish T	Logan L	Patrick V	Lee L

Upcoming Events

August 11-Back to School Blessing -during Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

September 1-Congregation glass art project following worship. Working with a local artist, the congregation will help create a large mosaic that represents the spirit of All Saints that when complete will be mounted on the building.

September 8-Congregational Lunch -A catered lunch will be provided to enjoy fellowship time and the opportunity to hear from Pastor Kristin about her sabbatical and from lay leaders about the renewal activities of the congregation.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mary Boldine 08/03

Katy Anderson 08/04

Brenda Culbertson 08/04

Kim Welch 08/05

Betsy Mahoney 08/07

Bob Welch 08/07

Bill Anderson 08/08

Sharon Olson 08/11

Denise Winn 08/11

Kris Bailey 08/14

Tiffani Arguello 08/15

Seth Jastram 08/15

Henry Hautz 08/17

Charlie Anderson 08/20

Kurt Rager 08/22

Karol Werner 08/23

Rhonda Bentz 08/25

Bob Klenner Jr. 08/25

Rochelle Anderson 08/28



Treasury Update:

"Be the moon...Reflect the Son."

Did you hear that **our support of community organizations increased by 15%** so far this year compared to last year? Or, did you know that **our billings from PNM decreased by \$3,146** from January through June this year compared to last year thanks to the installation of our solar equipment? Or, have you considered that **our mortgage liabilities have been reduced by \$6,797** due to our prompt payment of amounts due? These, as well as other accomplishments, were made possible by **your generous support**.

For the first six months of 2024, the church's cash balance decreased by \$34,325 from \$261,901 at the end of 2023 to \$227,576 currently. Combined church and Preschool operations resulted in a cash surplus of \$8,052. Major outlays of cash were used to pay for expenses related to Pastor's sabbatical (\$27,768) and for the reduction of mortgage debt (\$6,797). Also, funds were spent to complete the solar equipment project (\$3,550) and to purchase audio/visual equipment (\$2,396).

Cash requirements for the balance of this year total some \$286,000. Cash will be needed to fund expected operating expenses, pay for remaining sabbatical expenses, and to reduce current liabilities. Funds needed to pay for Pastor's sabbatical expenses have already been received.

Revenues expected through the end of the year will be insufficient to cover cash needs, falling short by about \$3,000. This shortfall will need to be made up from cash reserves.

Thank you all for your continuing support. Please reach out to me with any questions.- Dan

Development Committee

Many I am sure are thinking about the start of the new school year, as you review this report. I hope your summer has met your expectations and allowed extra time to be shared with your families. The financial summary below shows a positive result for the first six months of the year, which we are all thankful for. As the summer comes to a close, please be reminded to give thanks for your many blessings and continue your giving, financial and otherwise to the church.

The following table is a summary of the church's financial results for the first six months of the year, which is provided for your review and to keep you up to date about the church's financial position. As of the end of June the preschool showed a "loss" of \$4,057.

	YTD June '24	YTD June '23
General Giving	\$122,915	\$119,760
Other revenue	\$37,666	\$33,119
Expenses	\$152,013	\$153,063
NET (Operating)	\$7,848	(\$184)

On a year-to-date basis, expenses show no increase when compared to last year. YTD General Giving is up \$2,435 (2.03%). During the month of June our revenue exceeded our expenses by \$5,480. As a result of our solar system, our bills to PNM are down approximately \$5,000, through mid-July, when compared to last year. We are all thankful for these results and offer an enormous **thank you** to each of you for your financial support as well as your assistance with the ministries and programs of the church.

The Development committee is preparing for the Fall Appeal as well as considering the financial and other needs of the church beyond 2025, and the development of a plan on how best to meet the future needs of the church.

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkruiger01@comcast.net) or Pastor Patrick.
-Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Living Your Baptismal Promise
with Tammy Devine



How Lutherans Interpret The Bible
with Reverend Dr. Mark Allan Powell



**Girl Scouts-
Camp Smitty
2024 at All
Saints. The girl
scouts did a
quilting project
with the
quilting group.**



Pride Parade 2024

Glass Mosaic Project

If you've visited the narthex over the past few weeks, you may have noticed pictures showing the progress of the glass mosaic project that is currently in the works. A few questions have arisen, so this is my attempt at answering them.

1. How was the project paid for?

This is a gift to our congregation from Pastor Kristin using funds from a grant she acquired to help fund her sabbatical. She has made several of the glass symbols present in the mosaic. Since the final cost for the project was more than our funds, the artist offered to donate her time so that funds could be put toward materials.

2. Who decided what was to go on the mosaic?

Back in January, there were announcements at service and in subsequent newsletters & emails asking for volunteers from the congregation to join a committee to plan this project. A variety of members met over the months before Pastor Kristin left for sabbatical and came up with a design. Pastor met with a local mosaic artist, Erica Hoverter. The design and received and modified, allowing for the mosaic medium and a quote for the cost was given.

3. How did the design come about?

The idea for a "Tree of Life" design was formed and based upon our mission statement, "As God's forgiven people, we welcome, we grow, we serve." as well as Psalm 1, vs 3: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Various symbols were discussed to resemble the congregation, as a whole, and the various works that All Saints performs within our church, our community, our nation and our world.

4. What do the symbols represent?

Note: Symbols are meant to be a representation of our congregation as a whole and not specific groups or committees within All Saints. Per Psalm 1, we are a congregation that grows like a tree from the land and the waters, each God's gift. As a congregation we bring forth and share fruit, of various forms so that our congregation, our community, our state, our nation and our world can prosper. The rainbow banner comes up through the land and water (God's gifts), through the trunk of the tree (our congregation) up the branches (the fruit) and out into the world (our service and outreach).

Heart & cross: Our congregation & our love of God & each other (Advocacy, Bread for Life), it is centrally located in the trunk of the tree also the center of the Lutheran Rose.

Bible: God's word. The foundation of our beliefs & actions as well as a sign of our dedication to lifelong learning.

Music notes: We're a musical congregation with a variety of musical talents

Challis & paten: We serve, we feed (Project Backpack, Family Promise) It is also a symbol of Communion, an important part of our worship service.

Blanket: We comfort (quilts & blankets for the border, quilts for our graduating seniors, quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief & Project Comfort, Dignity Mission, health kits sent overseas for disaster relief, Lutheran Family Services).

Hat: We clothe (hats, scarves & gloves for the homeless, domestic violence shelters, hat & glove tree project that the preschool sponsors every year, hats & scarves for asylum seekers).

Crayon: We serve our youth via our Pre-school, youth groups, Rainbow Trails.

Butterflies: God's transformation & resurrection.

Dove: Peace & love that we strive to spread as Christians.

Dragonfly: Spiritual growth, strength, courage, joy, grace & abundance. It is also a reminder that the work we do today has a lasting effect after we're gone.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 1st. Erica will be in the Fellowship Hall after service so that members of the congregation can add pieces of glass to the mosaic project. After September 1st, the piece will be grouted and installed in front of the church entrance, on the bell tower wall. It will be ready for all to enjoy at the Welcome Back/Sabbatical Review Pot Luck on Sunday, September 8th.



If you have any other question, please don't hesitate to ask me, Denise Winn.

Side note: Please keep Erica & her family in your prayers. As she was starting on this project, at the beginning of June, her mother passed away. Even through all the planning and grief, she continued her volunteer work on this project and we are so grateful.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ministry Lead: Amy Enriquez (505) 699-1053
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SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

School is back in session, and Sierra Vista Elementary School is again 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.

SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

<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 ▪ Jello/Pudding Mix ▪ Muffin/Bisquit Mix ▪ Canned Ham or Chicken ▪ Granola Bars ▪ Packages of Nuts ▪ Jelly (Plastic Jars) ▪ Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
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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.

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

The food drive goes from August 4th 2024 to the end of the month. Donations can be left in the office or on the donation table-in the hallway across from the office.



SHOPPING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

Think about the 200 Christmas Stockings that All Saints will be taking to the border in December.

DIGNITY MISSION SHOPPING LIST

- Colored Pencils · Coloring books · Tooth brush · Tooth paste (small)



The group will meet on August 6th and 20th at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and discussion.



Grief Support

August 26th

1:00 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.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER August 2024

PRESCHOOL KORNER

The Preschool year 2024-2025 is about to start. This year's theme will be "Across the United States on Route 66". Teachers for the year are Infant Room – Jamie Moryosef, 2/3's Room – Priscilla Martinez, 3/4/5's Room – Kameron Kelsay, Assistant – Liana Nichols and Director – Marleta Anderson. Exciting times are ahead of us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 12 | Open House – Meet the Teacher – 3:00 – 6:00 pm |
| August 13 | First day 7:30 – 5:00 |
| August 21 | The Teddy Bear Picnic |
| August 28 | First Chapel & Birthday celebrations |



FINANCIAL DATA January – June

Income = \$92,147 Expenses = \$91,943 Balance + \$204

COME VISIT! SEE YOUR PRESCHOOL IN ACTION!

Ms. Marleta

ADVOCACY: GLOBAL REFUGE (formerly Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service) – Part 6 Searching for the Causes of Some of Today’s Global Migration

As Lutherans, we answer the prophetic call to work for justice. In doing so, we respond to immediate human needs, but we also address the systemic problems that create those needs. The breadth of our work is expressed in the advocate’s parable:

One day, a group of people noticed a child in distress floating down the river near their town. One person dived into the water to rescue the child and rallied the town to provide him food and shelter. No sooner had that child been cared for than a second one was seen floating downstream. Someone saved her, and others pitched in to rescue more children who followed. Finally, the group met and resolved to send a delegation upstream to find out why so many children were falling into the water. They wanted to see the bigger picture in order to help solve a problem that was endangering lives.

Applying the parable today, we see millions of people worldwide entering the stream of migration as refugees, asylum seekers, and economic migrants. To understand what compels people to leave their homelands, we go upstream to see the bigger picture.

Centuries of Globalization: Shakespeare wrote that the past is the prologue of the present. Using his insight, we find clues in history that help us understand today’s massive migration. Looking back half a millennium, we see that globalization was moving into high gear by the 1400s. In the ensuing centuries, part of the human family colonized their siblings in many regions of the world, mining natural resources, appropriating land for large-scale agriculture, and trafficking people for labor. Generations later, many of those regions still struggle from long-disrupted economies. The loss of lands for farming and foraging meant the loss of a healthy, reliable food supply and more. Some people have had to move to survive.

Taking an example from our hemisphere, in the late 1800s, North Americans became avid consumers of bananas and other tropical fruits. The United Fruit Company is one of the U.S./European firms that responded to this growing market. Such companies created plantations in Central America to produce bananas at low cost and high profits. Soluri (2005), a professor of history at Carnegie Mellon, studied U.S. banana production in Honduras from the 1870s to the 1970s, noting that wetlands were drained and forests cut down to accommodate plantations. The environment changed; workers were not paid sustainable incomes, and ultimately, the poor of Honduras began to migrate internationally.

The Doctrine of Discovery: Such stories of land and labor help explain the last few centuries in Latin America. Coffee-growing dominated in El Salvador; sugarcane defined Haiti and Cuba, etc. To learn more about the effects of globalization, the ELCA is studying the Doctrine of Discovery. Europe’s Christian leaders and monarchs in the 15th and 16th centuries proclaimed the Doctrine to justify colonizing the Western Hemisphere and Africa. It still supports property rights laws in many places but not always to the benefit of indigenous people. The past is not disconnected from today’s migration.

Humbly, we acknowledge that some of us have benefited from 500 years of the Doctrine of Discovery and that many of our global siblings have not. Through **ELCA World Hunger** and **Bread for the World**, we now invest in restoring some of what has been lost in formerly colonized regions so that people can remain in their homelands rather than migrate. Through **Global Refuge**, we welcome those who do relocate. In study, prayer, and action, we can support and advocate--topics for next month’s note.

-Judy Messal

Soluri, J. (2005). *Banana cultures: Agriculture, consumption, and environmental change in Honduras and the United States*. Austin: the University of Texas Press.



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, Kathy Braun and Mark and Dave Walker</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Donn & Janet Franklin</p> <p>Karen Hyde: Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</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, Fran Meitzen, Diane Mulder, Susan Wiederspan, Patty</p> <p>Kristin Schultz: Lynne Morrow</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch, Family of Preston Lard</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p>
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All Saints Congregation Members

Jon Jastram
 Jean Bernabo
 Bryce Willman
 Jerry Ferdig
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Council Meeting Minutes and Financial Information can be found on the Council Bulletin Board

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