



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello to my beloved All Saints community!

I am back in the office after a wonderful time of travel, art and retreat time. The theme of creative exploration was carried throughout the summer. First in traveling with Lee in England, Wales and Ireland, with spiritual connections like participating in evensong service at St Paul's Cathedral in London, praying in the cell of Lady Julian of Norwich, and visiting sacred places in the Burren area of western Ireland. I was filled with awe at the beauty of God's creation, and came home with an increased awareness of the beauty all around us here in New Mexico.

I spent the month of July doing fused glass art with a professional artist in Corrales. I learned so much and tried so many new things in this art medium I've come to love. I was equipped with tools and knowledge to continue exploring and creating beautiful objects with glass.

Finally in August I went on retreat to Benet Hill monastery, where I prayed daily with the sisters and walked in the beautiful Black Forest outside of Colorado Springs. In those days I prayed with the words of Lady Julian and the 4th century Desert Mothers, and took time to re-focus on the ministry we do together at All Saints, and priorities for the fall.

I trust that you all had good experiences here at All Saints with the excellent speakers, variety of preachers, and continued fellowship of the community. There are two final renewal activities this month.

All Saints Mosaic project ~ Sunday, September 1

Following worship, you are invited to participate in placing tiles in the beautiful mosaic which will hang in front of the church. Artist Erica Hoverter will be with us to help complete the mosaic. The mosaic represents our ministry as a congregation which welcomes and serves others as we grow together in love, and it incorporates glass cabochons I created on sabbatical.

Brunch in Celebration of Renewal ~ Sunday, September 8

Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a catered brunch to enjoy fellowship time and hear about sabbatical and renewal activities. I will share slides and stories, and congregation members will share about the experiences here at All Saints over the summer months.

So glad to be back with you in community! See you Sundays

~ Pastor Kristin



Worship

Sept 1st- Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Sept 8th- Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37
Sept 15th- Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Sept 22nd- Jeremiah 11:18-20 Grace Notes James 3:13; 4:1-3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
Sept 29th- Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Sept 1st	Kris E	Larry S	Megan B	Marlee B	Lee L
Sept 8th	Nicole A.	Gloria N-O	Logan L	Meredyth J	Steve R
Sept 15th	Sue M.	Crish T	Meredyth J	Lee L	Steve R
Sept 22nd	Priscilla B	Karen C	Megan B	Steve R	Lee L
Sept 29th	Meredyth J	Rae V.	Logan L	Megan B	Steve R



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

You are invited to come and join our dedicated group of volunteers gathering to sing, ring, and play, growing in music skills and faith, and serving our church in leading our worship. Our ensembles help to lead worship on Sunday mornings and at special services on a rotational schedule. Our weekly rehearsals have begun, but it is never too late to join!!

ALL SAINTS CHOIR

Members are from high school age through adult. Rehearsals 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 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 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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



DEBBI DISGRAZZI

09/01

BRIAN DOLAN

09/02

BEVERLY HORN

09/10

BRYCE WILLMAN

09/15

TLISA GIRLAMO

09/19

NATALIE REIL

09/19

TODD KELLETT

09/21

SCOTT WILSON

09/24

KIM PETTIT

09/25

BRANDI RAEL

09/30



THANK YOU!

SIERRA VISTA FOOD COLLECTION



YOUR GENEROSITY IS OVERWHELMING!!

Reconciling in Christ – Spreading the word and Supporting the Community.

This ad was placed in PRIDE and Equality Magazine, and will be published in the quarterly publication for one year. It is one way we are trying to reach out to the LGBTQIA+ community to share our support and invite participation.



On June 1, Pastor Kristin, Lee Liming, Kris Ericson and Meredyth Jones attended the annual fundraiser for Equality-NM, a state-wide advocacy organization. We paid for the tickets individually, but attended proudly as members of All Saints. Then on June 8, All Saints members joined Lutheran Campus Ministry and First Congregational Church in the Pride parade. All of these are ways we show up to show love and support for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in our community.

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you

Not surprisingly, I returned from Sabbatical to a stack of mail. But it was delightful to see that so much of it was thank-you notes to our community for our generous outreach work. Friends, we are making a difference to people in our community and beyond!

Among the notes received are:

- Thank you from Roadrunner Food Bank for a gift of \$290
- Thank you from Lutheran Campus Ministry to Men's group for facilitating a sprinkler repair at LutherHouse
- Thank you from Equality NM for our presence and support at their annual Resilience fundraiser in June
- Thank you from the Girl Scouts for use of the building for their camp in June
- And 3 different thank-you letters from Lutheran World Relief for a total of \$255 donated to their Quilt and Kit ministries

Thanks be to God for all these ways we share our blessings!

ELCA Truth-seeking and Truth-telling Initiative – Upcoming Events

Watch these webinars with Pastor Kristin in the church library

Indian Boarding Schools

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.



Photo Credit: Dickinson College

The U.S. federal government has identified over 400 Indian boarding schools that operated from 1819 to 1969, nearly half of which were affiliated with or received support from a religious institution. Native American leaders have called on the respective denominations to do the work of finding all records of their involvement with Indian boarding schools and to share them with impacted individuals, families, communities and Tribal Nations. The ELCA began these efforts in earnest in fall 2022. Over 150 people are participating across the initial 10-state, 27-synod area. Come to this session to hear from leaders in this work. What have they found? What are they doing with the ELCA Archives? What are we learning about our ancestors who ran a Lutheran Indian boarding school in Wisconsin? How do we educate and engage others in our congregations and synods for this truth-seeking and truth-telling work toward healing, for Native Americans and for us all?

Indigenous Thought & Theology

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Indian people have unique and beautiful ways of understanding the world. Indigenous wisdom – as it relates to living in relationship with the Creator, Mother Earth and other created beings – should be centered if we want to provide better care for our home and all our relatives. Indigenous Thought & Theology introduces participants to this wisdom and examines Indigenous ways of understanding, respecting and interacting with this wondrous world we inhabit.

You can also watch both webinars from your home with the link at:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ministries-of-Diverse-Cultures-and-Communities/Indigenous-Ministries-and-Tribal-Relations/Truth-and-Healing-Movement>



BREAD FOR THE WORLD-NM EVENT @ ALL SAINTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Join us in welcoming Bread's new regional organizer, Ken Fujimoto, to New Mexico as we prepare for the 2025 Offering of Letters.

Date and Time: Saturday, **September 21**, from **8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. (Program starts at 9:00 a.m.)

Place: **All Saints Lutheran Church-** 4800 All Saints Road NW, ABQ.

Program: **Nourish Our Future:** Addressing Child Hunger at Home and Abroad.

Speakers:

Kenneth Fujimoto-Bread for the World Regional Organizer (AZ, NM, TX, and OK).

Carlos Navarro-New Mexico's volunteer Bread coordinator for 30 years.

Emily Wildau-New Mexico Voices for Children, Senior Research/Policy Analyst.

Sarita Cargas-University of New Mexico Honors College, Associate Professor.

Topics: **The Child Tax Credit**

WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

Hunger/Basic Needs Among College Students in New Mexico

The Children's Jubilee (Debt Relief for the World's Poorest Countries)

Registration: Registration is free. To preregister-

For In-Person Attendance:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/nourish-our-future-a-bread-for-the-world-workshop/>

For Virtual Attendance via Zoom:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/nourish-our-future-a-bread-for-the-world-workshop-virtual-registration/>

Questions: Contact Judy Messal

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OAR COMMITTEE UPDATE



OUTREACH

ADVOCACY

There have been so many exciting things happening with the OAR Committee this summer. We have two new members who have joined our team. Amy Enriquez has joined us and immediately took care of our annual Sierra Vista collection. Paula Donovan has signed up to become member of OAR also! If you are interested in hearing more about joining the OAR committee, use the sign-up sheet in the lobby. **OR ASK ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WEARING AND OUT-REACH/ADVOCACY NAME BADGE AT CHURCH.**

The OAR Committee has made a change in our meeting times. Our monthly meetings will switch from every Tuesday afternoon. Instead, we will be meeting Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 and in October we will meet on Tuesday the 1st at 1:00 pm. We have decided to switch our meeting times so that others who work during the week will have a chance to participate.

Take a look at our bulletin board in the lobby. We have changed things up and have adopted two new logos to be used by our members. We hope to keep things fresh, new and different on the bulletin board each month.

New Mexico Bread for the World advocates will meet with the new regional organizer, Ken Fujimoto on September 21 at 9:00 to Noon. All are welcome to join this event. Look for the details in this newsletter.

The Dignity Mission is still working hard to deliver items to asylum seekers on both sides of the border: 2,048 Dignity Kits, 2,143 pounds of beans and rice, along with another 1,800 pounds of other items including blankets, tables, children's chairs, 202 backpacks filled with school supplies from United Church of Los Alamos, wheelchairs, toys, clothing, and shoes all were loaded onto a truck and delivered in mid-August.

Christmas bags will once again be filled this year. The rumor is revealed and many of you have already started shopping for items to include in the bags. We have already begun to accept coats, hats and gloves too! But we don't need size XL or larger. More information will be announced in the next couple of weeks. PLEASE NO "SIZE XL" OR GREATER CLOTHING.

Supporting a Young Adult in Global Mission has been a long tradition in this congregation. This year, we are supporting Maggie Nieberger from Colorado who will be traveling to Argentina to begin her mission year.

The Family Promise "Night Without a Bed" Fundraiser is scheduled for October 19th from 5:00 PM to 7:00AM at Montgomery Church of Christ. More details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE: The Fall Advocacy Conference is tentatively set for November 16. Topics will include LAM's top priorities for the upcoming session of the New Mexico Legislature.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We're BBback !!!!!!!!

As of August 13th the Preschool opened for 2024/2025 year. Once again the rooms were transformed into a magical world. The 3-5's classroom are the Hopping Frogs, the 2/3's are the Precious Panda's and the Infants room are the Baby Bees. The theme for the year is "Across the United States on Rt 66".

Once the summer session ended the week of August 2 the staff began to put everything away and clean rooms, sort out old toys and materials, and then we scrubbed and scoured to make the whole Preschool bright and clean. Floors were washed and waxed by the teachers, carpet cleaned and the playground was cleaned by Red Shovel.

Next on the agenda was planning activities and instructional material with extra outside time. The classroom structure is more educational during the school year. The Pre-K class will work on Kindergarten Readiness along with basic skills of letters, numbers, and shapes. Art is important in learning how to use scissors and how to hold pencils, crayons and markers. Science will have us making snow in September and how colors mix to make new colors. In Geography we will be using globes to identify where we live in this big world.

COMING EVENTS:

- 9/2 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 9/9 Grandparents/Special person Day (Snacks & Chapel)10:00am
- 9/17 Fall Trike-a-thon (9-12)

FINANCIAL DATA: thru June Income = \$92,150 Expenses= \$91,500 \$650 YTD

Continue to pray for the preschool and if you are looking for a worthwhile program to donate to remember the Preschool. For 35 years this ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church has answered the call of providing quality care and loving relationships with children and families throughout the west side of Albuquerque.

Marleta M. Anderson, Director
(22 years and counting)



**All Saints Lutheran
Preschool is currently
accepting new students!**

Availability in all classes from
ages 8 weeks old to Pre-K :)

Contact Director Marleta A. for
a tour :)

preschool_aslc@comcast.net



MEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on September 3rd and 17th at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and discussion.

Grief Support September 23rd

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.

Entourage Jazz presents– ALL FOR THE DOGS!

Come enjoy a fun afternoon in the park to support a new local dog training business, Run-It Agility, in the heart of Corrales!

You'll enjoy vendors, food trucks, drawings, face painters and dog agility demos while listening to Entourage Jazz and new student jazzers, Sol Flower Jazz! Bring a lawn chair or blanket :)



Sunday, September 22nd
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Corrales Soccer Field
500 Jones Rd.

Accepting donations of agility and training equipment of All Sizes for Dogs of All Sizes.



New to All Saints?

Welcome! Be assured that by virtue of your presence at worship, quilting, Bible study or any of our activities, you are part of our community. We are gladdened by your presence and participation.

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, or would like to talk more about what that means, please contact Pastor Kristin at 505-898-3932 or pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org. We plan to receive new members in October, and will have educational and fellowship events in preparation for that reception.



Food Is Free ABQ

A non-profit organization that will harvest your fruit trees and /or excess vegetables. This produce is then given to community partners who distribute it to New Mexican's experiencing hunger.

Don't let your backyard food go to waste! Any amount is fine!

Call or book online to schedule your harvest and tell your neighbors :)

fifabq.org/book-online

(505) 570-2670

Questions? Contact Martha Debelak at mdebelak@yahoo.com



ADVOCACY for the Most Vulnerable Around the World—Part 7

Since 1918, Lutherans in the U.S. have organized to care for migrating people. Today, over 100 million people have been forced to move within their countries or to cross borders as refugees, asylum seekers, and economic migrants. No matter where they are and how they are classified, we've not stopped caring. When migrants pass through our city, we serve with our hands, making hygiene kits, dishing up meals. When we see systemic problems that push people to move, we serve with our voices, advocating with Global Refuge and Bread for the World.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: Lutheran Pastor Art Simon and his Catholic and Protestant friends founded Bread for the World in 1974. Their idea was to address hunger at home and abroad through advocacy with Congress. Now, Bread is organizing the 2025 Offering of Letters campaign, Nourish Our Future, which focuses on children in the U.S. and in the world's poorest countries. For those children abroad who live in extreme poverty, Bread is calling for a Children's Jubilee based on the Biblical principle of debt forgiveness.

In 2023, World Bank economists Indermit Gill and M. Ayhan Kose wrote that “[t]he poorest countries are in desperate straits, and the rest of the world is looking the other way.” They were speaking of 28 countries—home to 700 million people—that need debt restructuring and other assistance. Most of the countries are in Africa; a few are in Asia, and, Haiti is on the list in our hemisphere. The economists point out that people are taking huge risks to leave these countries and seek lives elsewhere. As a result,

[t]oday, wealthier countries are redirecting more of their foreign aid budgets to meet the surge of refugees arriving on their own shores. . . . Even as they remain generous to arriving refugees, wealthier countries should redouble their efforts to end the misery at the source.

To act at the source, let's advocate. Advocacy for good policy invites us to exercise our best: our faith, love, critical thinking, patience, and imagination. Imagine the results of a Children's Jubilee—debt relief for poor countries still emerging from colonialism, giving them the means to spend more on children's education and health. **Join us** on September 21 at All Saints, when Bread's Regional Organizer Kenneth Fujimoto will discuss the campaign to Nourish Our Future.

GLOBAL REFUGE (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service): When migrating people arrive in our country seeking safety and opportunity, Global Refuge is there to help. Like Bread for the World, Global Refuge invites us to use our voices to advocate with Congress. The goals for 2024 are 1) Build the Refugee Resettlement System, 2) Lift Up Newcomers' Economic and Civic Integration, 3) Protect Unaccompanied Children, and 4) Provide Protection Pathways for Vulnerable Populations. **To act, visit [Advocate with Us | Global Refuge](#)**

We are not looking away from global poverty, and like our Lutheran and ecumenical predecessors who organized advocacy groups decades ago, we care.

-Judy Messal

Quotes from- [A tragedy is unfolding in the poorest countries \(worldbank.org\)](#)



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>Kris: Gracie Mast, her parents Zach and Brandi, and all of the Mast, Roebuck, and Chrisman families</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Nicholas: Julie Shy and family</p>	<p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale Halsom</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: Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p>
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