



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER 2024

God Has Been Faithful

Looking Back with Gratitude - Looking Forward in Hope

In December, All Saints Lutheran Church will complete our 60th year in ministry on Albuquerque's west side. For all of these years, we have been a dynamic community where followers of Jesus gather for worship and service, make joyful music for the Lord, and baptize and nurture our children. The congregation has supported generous outreach in the community and advocacy in the roundhouse. We opened a preschool which is now in its 35th year. Through all the years God has been faithful, and we have responded with gratitude.

All Saints has thrived through many changes. Pastors, interns, and staff have come and gone. We've made additions, repairs, and upgrades to the physical property. Worship styles have changed. We continued ministry through a pandemic and came out on the other side with new digital capabilities. Through all the changes God has been faithful, and we have responded with love.

Even as we look back at what has been, we look forward to worshipping and growing in faith together. We look forward to serving our community and wider world. We look forward to exploring ways to deepen our invitation and welcome to anyone who needs a place to hear about God's love and faithfulness and experience grace-filled community. We trust in God's continuing faithfulness and look to the future with hope.

Relying on God's faithfulness to us, we ask for you to make a commitment of financial support for 2025. Even as we prepare to raise money for building expenses in a spring capital campaign, we need to maintain the everyday support that pays for our staff, our ministries, our mortgage and utilities, and our generous giving to people beyond ourselves.

Please pray about your ability to support All Saints financially in 2025. If you have not pledged before, please consider a pledge, which helps us plan for the coming year, and makes a statement about your personal intention for generosity.

On Reformation Sunday, October 27, we will gather after worship for a potluck lunch and discussion of how On Commitment Sunday, November 17, we will collect commitment cards during worship.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin and the Development Team – Jim Kruger, Steve Reil and Kurt Rager





Worship

<p>Oct 6th- Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Oct 13th- Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm 90 N/A Mark 10:17-31</p>
<p>Oct 20th- Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p>Oct 27th- Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52</p>



The group will meet on Oct 1st at the Ironwood Restaurant, at 5:30 p.m. and Oct 15th at 5:30 p.m. –details to come.

**Grief Support
 October 28th**
 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Oct 6th-	Rhonda B.	Patty F.	Lee L.	Meredyth J.	Patrick V.
Oct 13th-	Kris E.	Gloria N-O.	Megan B.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Oct 20th-	Nicole A.	Rae V.	Marlee B.	Meredyth J.	Patrick V.
Oct 27th-	Sue M.	Meredyth J.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Lee L.



Donations can be put in the Narthex or the office :)

WINTER COATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES- Collection for Newcomers at the Border



Please, no coats XL or greater and only items that are clean and in good condition :)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Brendt Lux	10/03
Don Debelak	10/06
Patty Ferdig	10/06
Benjamin Giralmo	10/08
Debra Ashoo	10/09
Neal Mather	10/09
Kris Ericson	10/10
Leah Dolan	10/12
Charles Boldine	10/18
Rae Van De Motter	10/19
Waleed Ashoo	10/22
Tom Baily	10/27
Robina Sandoval	10/27
Linda Gray	10/29
Christina Rael	10/29



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 (jkrugero1@comcast.net) or Pastor Patrick.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

Balloon Fiesta Breakfast ~ Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 a.m.

Come for breakfast burritos and watch the mass ascension from our quiet mesa view! Proceeds from breakfast will be donated to Family Promise.



Discover All Saints~ Learning and Lunch for Newcomers

October 19th, 11:30 a.m. in the Library

If you are new to All Saints, we invite you to join us for brunch and conversation with Pastor Kristin and church leaders. We will share a brief overview of Lutheran theology, our national church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and our mission and ministry here at All Saints. Everyone is welcome - if you are a current member and want to brush up on all things ELCA and ASLC, or if you are interested but not planning to join at this time. RSVP to the church office (505) 898-3932.

Reception of New Members ~ October 27

If you would like to become a member of All Saints, or would like to have a conversation about membership, please contact Pastor Kristin and plan to participate in the reception of new members during worship on October 27.

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 watch this webinar with Pastor Kristin in the church Library or you can also watch 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>



Reformation Sunday, October 27

Worship at 10:00 a.m. with reception of new members, accompanied by all our delightful music ensembles.

Potluck and Discussion following worship

We will gather in the fellowship hall following worship to share a meal and have conversation around what gives us joy at All Saints, and how we see God's faithfulness at work in our community. All are welcome!



Enjoy a healthy and relaxing one hour soak at Jemez Hot Springs

When: Friday October 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Where : Jemez Hot Springs-040 Abousleman Loop, Jemez Springs.

Cost: \$25 per person

What to bring : Water bottle, swim suit and towel.

Please do not apply sunscreen, oils or lotions before soaking. Sunscreen on the face is fine. No pets allowed.

Option of going to a local restaurant for dinner afterwards.



SUMUD - Updates from the Ground

Last month thousands took to the streets in Israel after 6 hostages were found dead to protest Benjamin Netanyahu and his governments lack of action to move forward with a cease fire or negotiations for the hostages.



The conditions in the Holy Land are boiling at an all time high. The attacks by settlers on Palestinians and their lands have increased significantly in the last few months. The Palestinian people are hurting because of these extremist groups. There is no plan or strategy by the Israeli governments to stop these settlers or prevent them from harming the Palestinian farmers and their families. There is hope for all of us here in the U.S. to speak truth and justice to the suffering of the Palestinian people. Your voice and action truly matters and makes a difference.

Also, the situations in the refugee camps in Northern West Bank is really terrible. Just last week 10 more young people were murdered in one day. **One way we are stepping in is through Lutheran Disaster Relief.** We have been able to donate \$250,000 to go toward children and schools. Additional funds went to fund the psycho-social support efforts for the children in the Holy Land. You can also give by clicking on the link below and choosing the “Crisis in the Middle East” option.

Thank you for your voice and advocacy. It makes all the difference in the world!

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Middle-East-Crisis>

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a fund Pastor Kristin uses to help people with emergency expenses. Sometimes it is used for church members facing expected expenses, such as medical bills. Often it is used for people who come needing assistance because they are food insecure or shelter insecure and need just a bit to help them out. Pastor Kristin tries to use it to purchase a gift card, a night in a hotel, a train ticket as opposed to giving anyone cash.

The fund is getting very low. If you are able to make a donation, write a check with "Pastor Discretionary Fund" in the memo, or give cash in an envelope marked "Pastor Discretionary Fund." Thank you!



I sometimes listen to SALT's Strange New World podcast, and the current six-part miniseries is on Understanding Jesus. The first two parts have been about following Jesus and what that might look like. Matthew Myer Boulton, of SALT Project says that when we follow Jesus, we take up our own cross and suffer for the sake of the gospel of love. This does not mean that we are actively seeking out suffering but acknowledging that our lives include suffering. So, what do we do with this information and how do we go about living with it? We must remember what is truly important is driven by love and humility and generosity. These are the strongest things in this world!

In Mark, chapter 9, Jesus teaches us what strength and greatness is... kindness and love and service. To follow Jesus, we must go where he went, building relationships with those whom he did, transforming the world from the outside in.

ELW 798 ~ Will You Come and Follow Me

<p>"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"</p> <p>"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"</p> <p>"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"</p>	<p>"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"</p> <p>Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.</p>
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Go in peace, follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

I read this poem today and knew that I wanted to share it with my friends at All Saints Lutheran Church. In this busy pace of today's world, I wanted to invite you to slow down and ponder about "Your Story". We all have a different story. Where are you "from"? What family stories do you have to share? Who were your great grandparents? Let's remember we all came from somewhere. Let us welcome "Newcomers" to this great country like your great-grandparents were welcomed.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:40*

Rae VanDeMotte, Chair-Outreach and Advocacy

Angela's poem powerfully reflects the many stories immigrants bring to America. The Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest challenged fifth graders across the country to reflect on and write about one of two themes: "Why I Am Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants" or "What Does It Mean to be A Welcoming Nation?"

Stories of Us

By Angela Du

I sit

By the windowsill

Gazing outside.

Down, on the street, so many heads,

Each is unique.

Amidst the traffic and frantic honking,

I sense the presence of

Millions of others,

Just like me.

I contemplate

The journeys. Each of us - All of us have a story.

When mothers and fathers

Ventured far across the world,

Their sense of adventure leads

Them in search of a new life.

Then I think

About all the diverse people,

And a myriad of languages,

Some foreign to one, but familiar to another.

When I open my window,

I hear those languages harmonizing,

Merging together to form a chorus.

But not just any choir.

The symphony of every single person's story,

A song where every note counts.

I think about the stories

That father would tell me.

About my father's mother and

His migratory voyage.

My father's trip to America,

With only 300 dollars in his suitcase,

And a brain

I ponder about each and every one

of the people in my neighborhood

And I wonder

Why father would be willing

To relinquish everything

To speak in a foreign tongue.

I think about his pride

In having dual nationalities.

About being able to keep his traditions

close to heart,

and embracing a new part of himself.

American.

Then my thoughts drift to school.

All of the different students,

Each of us with our own stories.

The accounts of our ancestors,

And all that they sacrificed.

For us.

Each and every one of us,

To be here.

At this moment.

Right now.

To be present,

Someone had to work hard.

Someone had to shed tears of exhaustion,
Leaving behind familiar joy and wonder,
Leaving behind family and friends,
To create new memories and stories
In one country,
Forming one grand story.
But this story
Isn't just any story.
It is the story of us.
The U.S.
The story of the United States of America.

We had a wonderful Brunch in Celebration of Renewal, hearing about sabbatical and renewal activities.



The Mosaic is done! The Congregation helped place pieces of glass onto the mosaic before it was installed. A big thanks to Erica for all her hard work.



ADVOCACY NEWS: FOCUS ON NEW MEXICO

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY-NM (LAM-NM) FALL CONFERENCE, November 16, 2024

All are welcome to a preview of how we will work with the New Mexico Legislature in 2025 to improve the well-being of people in our state.

When: Saturday, November 16. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with a luncheon.

Where: All Saints Lutheran Church. 4800 All Saints Road, NW, Albuquerque.

What: We will honor retiring **State Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino**, who has served 20 years as a legislative champion for just policies. Other legislators and policy advocates also will speak.

Watch for more information on conference registration and the LAM-NM Advocacy Agenda.

Great News on Child Well-being and the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM)

“Poverty is a policy choice.” Emily Wildau of **New Mexico Voices for Children** made that statement at our Bread for the World meeting at All Saints on September 21. Emily, Senior Research and Analyst for Voices, reminded us that we, as advocates, can help our neighbors by supporting programs that bring them above the poverty level. Those programs work!

It is no news that New Mexico often shows up on national lists as having the highest rate of children living in poverty, but Emily Wildau asks us to apply the **Supplemental Poverty Measure** for a clearer picture. Considering the anti-poverty work taking place and the effects of the state Child Tax Credit, SNAP, etc., we see that New Mexico’s poverty rate for children drops from 27% to below 9%.¹ That makes us--not 50th in the nation--but the 22nd.² It is only when these programs are allowed to lapse that New Mexicans again drop below the poverty line.

Let’s continue advocating for the Child Tax Credit and adequate SNAP benefits to help New Mexico’s children. LAM-NM has supported the various changes in tax policy championed by Voices and is a member of the NM Fairness Project coalition to move towards a more progressive tax policy. Starting in January, we can support their work by answering LAM-NM’s alerts to contact our legislators on crucial bills. **We can make the policy choice to end poverty.**

1 and 2. -For more information on the Supplemental Poverty Measure as applied in New Mexico, see Daniel Montano’s article, linked below. Mr. Montano is a KUNM reporter with the Public Health, Poverty, and Equity project.

https://www.kunm.org/report-shows-nm-child-poverty-lower-than-national-average?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=ap_bkzietby8h

Judy Messal



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, Mark and Dave Walker and Alanna Cellan</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: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p>
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