



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year to my beloved All Saints community!

2024 was a big year for All Saints. There was my sabbatical and all the events that accompanied it. Our celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the congregation and 35th Anniversary of the Preschool. And the flood which swept away a retaining wall on the south end of our property and has prompted the need for an engineering survey and new drainage work.

We also completed significant work which will come before the congregation at our Annual Meeting on February 16. The congregation council has recommended a budget as well as changes to our constitution and bylaws. The Reconciling in Christ task force has prepared a Welcome statement for the congregation to adopt. And, we anticipate a capital campaign in the spring to fund new HVAC and other needed building upgrade and maintenance.

This month, we have multiple opportunities to prepare for the annual meeting.

January 5 we will have a discussion of proposed constitutional changes, following worship in the library and on Zoom. The changes were sent out on December 18 for you to review. Please take a look and bring your questions to the meeting; or, just come and hear an overview of changes and be part of the conversation. We are doing this so that questions and concerns can be addressed before we vote to adopt the changes at our congregational meeting on February 16. Click here to see proposed constitution changes-<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn%3Aaaid%3Asc%3AVA6C2%3Aedf572db-b542-4bfb-8e33-1b9844144a42/?filetype=application%2Fpdf&viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

January 19 and February 5 we will have discussion of the proposed budget in the sanctuary following worship and on Zoom. We will send out the recommended budget in the coming weeks to give you time to look at it before the meeting. Again, we hope to address questions and concerns to expedite the adoption of the budget at the annual meeting.

This work of constitution and budget isn't the most fun part of our life together, but it is important to order the work we do together and provide a firm support for all our ministry of worship and welcome, education and outreach. There is always work to be done in these areas – please talk to me if you have questions or are interested in serving the congregation in one of these ways.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin




Worship

<p>Jan 5th- Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12</p>	<p>Jan 12th- Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p>
<p>Jan 19th- Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Jan 26th- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21</p>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Jan 5th-	Nicole A.	Paula	Megan B.	Steve R.	Lee L.
Jan 12th	Sue .	Patty F.	Meredyth J.	Marlee B.	Patrick V.
Jan 19th-	Kris E.	Crish T.	Logan	Lee L.	Steve R.
Jan 26th	Rhonda	Larry	Megan B.	Steve R.	Marlee B.



**Grief Support
January 27th**
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.



The group will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, at 5:30 p.m. at M'tuccis, 1908 Well-spring Avenue, Rio Rancho.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, elected at last year's Congregation Meeting, would like to make you aware that there will be an election at February's Congregation meeting to elect members to the Congregation Council, and to the Endowment Committee. There are two vacancies on the Council and three vacancies on the Endowment committee.

The terms for the open positions are for three years. The Council meets monthly, and the Endowment Committee meets on a quarterly basis.

If you would be interested in being considered as a candidate for these open positions please contact one of the following: Nicole Arguello (nicolearguello@comcast.net, 505 897 6901), Don Debelak (dondebelak34@msn.com, 612 414 4118) or Jim Kruger (jkrugero1@comcast.net, 505 553 0818). We would be happy to answer your questions and provide information on the requirements for serving in one of these positions. Please let us know of your interest in being a candidate by January 5, 2025.

In addition, there are two positions open on the Memorial & Gifts Committee. The Memorial & Gifts Committee positions don't require election by the Congregation. The terms are for three years.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Greg Rosner	01/01
Ava Montano	01/02
Jo White	01/05
Jon Jastram	01/07
Josh Stolte	01/07
Frank Orton	01/11
Donna Storey	01/14
Diana Lewis	01/17
Aaron Werner	01/19
Karen Benke	01/20
Carl Gervais	01/21
Cheryl Klenner	01/21
Cindy Shy	01/23
Karol Lavalle	01/25
Johnathan Hautz	01/27
Rachel Sanchez	01/27
Fabian Enriquez	01/29





A big thank you from the children and families from the Border. The statistics tell the story of how generous you have been for “the least of these”. Since January 2024 you have donated the following:

Gloves and Mittens	171
Winter hats	575
Winter Coats	208
Quilts	62
Rice and beans	500 lbs
Christmas Bags	200
Etcetera	Thank you!!

The Christmas bags were a huge hit for the children; to see their smiling faces as they looked inside brought me to tears. Thank you again to everyone who purchased items for the gifts and those who helped to assemble them.

May your New Year bring comfort and peace to each of you!

Rae VanDeMotte



**Counter for
January and
February 2025
is Kim Pettit.**



Spotlight: All Saints members Rozy Kalsbeek, Shelley Takeuchi, Kim Pettit and Lucy Archambault participated in the fall Hike to End Hunger. The event raised money for the Rio Grande Food Project. Way to go, Saints!



Saturday, January 25 you are invited to a gathering for the memory of Jack Brower. 11:00 – 2:00 in the fellowship hall, open house style – come when you can.

UPDATES FROM THE BORDER
PRESENTED BY THE DIGNITY MISSION and
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
4800 All Saints Road, Albuquerque
JANUARY 11th, 2025
1:00 PM (Time change)

RSVP 505-898-3932



KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Eva Moya, Professor of Social Work at University of Texas/El Paso at the Border Biomedical Research Center.

Dr. Georgina Sanchez-Garcia, Professor at UTEP, Research Assistant at the University of Texas/El Paso.

Fr. Peter Precourt, AA, DMin, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, in Texas.

FREE WILL OFFERING TO SUPPORT
THE DIGNITY MISSION

Checks should be payable to:
All Saints Lutheran Church
Memo: Dignity Mission

TO WATCH ON ZOOM GO TO

<https://www.allsaintsabq.org/online-activities/>

Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

The Development Committee continues to work on completing this year's pledge campaign, "God is Faithful." As of December 20th, 2024, we have received 45 (\$155,650) commitments for 2025, which compares to 47 (\$190,296) for 2024. We are thankful for this response to the ministries and programs of ASLC. If you haven't made your commitment for 2025, 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 following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of November '24.

	YTD	YTD
General Giving	\$201,275	\$201,386
Other revenue	\$70,780	\$64,754
Expenses	\$277,376	\$276,179
NET (Operating)	(\$5,321)	(\$10,039)
Loan principal payments	\$15,230	\$16,728
Operating cash flow	(\$18,044)	(\$16,970)

During the month of November our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$2,858.00, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of .43%. At the same time, YTD General Giving is down \$111 (.06%). For the year the preschool is operating at a loss of \$12,073.

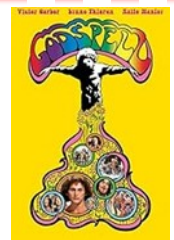
The committee is also preparing for a capital campaign to begin next year. The purpose of the campaign is to ensure funds are available for the maintenance of our church home, as well as the long-term ministries and programs of ASLC.

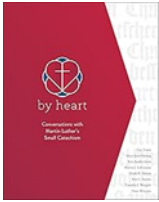
Thank you for your support, not only financial, but in the many other ways you support the ministries of the church.

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkrugero1@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

January 30- you are invited to join the Thursday Bible study group as we gather in the youth room **to watch the movie Godspell.** We will begin at 10:00, and you are invited to bring your own lunch to enjoy during conversation after the movie.





By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism is a 7-week study designed to learn about the small catechism in its historical context, as well as what it means for us today. It was prepared in 2017 for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and includes a lovely participant book.

Books will be available at church beginning January 5, or you can purchase one from Amazon.com. It is helpful to read the chapter before coming, but you can join in if you haven't done the reading - a brief weekly video will give chapter highlights.

Join Pastor Kristin Sundays at 11:30 in the Library and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83504329461?pwd=7fi3NU530RVCBotz82OxT9DqJOExv7.1>

Meeting ID: 835 0432 9461

Passcode: 642738

The schedule will be as follows:

- January 12 – The Story of the Catechism
- January 19 – The Ten Commandments
- January 26 – The Apostles' Creed
- February 2 – The Lord's Prayer
- February 9 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession
(February 16 – Annual Meeting)
- February 23 – The Sacrament of the Altar
- March 2 – Daily Prayer and the Household Chart



The 2025 National Day of Racial Healing will be held on Tuesday, January 21. This year the ELCA, in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, will join the movement of racial healing for our church and our nation. On January 21 the ELCA will offer

a free online educational event that centers the voices of ELCA leaders of color. We invite you to join us in this collective effort for a more just and equitable world. The day will include worship, reflection and workshops and is designed to:

- Raise awareness of the need for racial healing.
- Inspire collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable ELCA and world.

The NDORH is hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and encourages community organizations, institutions and individuals to participate in this national day. It was created with and builds on the work of the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation community partners.

You are invited to join in this event at All Saints.

We will gather in the library on Jan 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mountain Time to participate in the event together. Bring your own lunch. You may also register on the ELCA website to participate on your own. To register or learn more about the event go here:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/racial-justice-ministries/national-day-of-racial-healing#>

ADVOCACY IN THE NEW YEAR

“The righteous know the rights of the poor. . . ,” Proverbs 29:7.

SAVE THE DATE for the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM (LAM-NM) Bishop’s Luncheon and Issues Briefing in Santa Fe on February 20. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, February 20, we start the day with the Issues Briefing at Santa Fe’s First Presbyterian, the oldest Protestant church in New Mexico. Then, we will move to historic La Fonda for the Bishop’s Luncheon. For many of us, this will be our first opportunity to meet the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, our new bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. Registration information will be available soon.

The NM Legislature’s 57th session begins this month, and once again, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM will have a strong presence in our state capitol. We will follow bills in the areas of

Hunger

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Family-Sustaining Income

Health Care

Tax Policy

Criminal Justice

Care of Creation

Good Governance

LAM-NM Director Kurt Rager is the person who tracks the plethora of bills and alerts us to contact our legislators about key ones. Kurt works with ecumenical and secular partners to help develop policies we hope to see enacted into law. Together, the advocates strategize on how to establish and fund programs to make housing more affordable, incomes more sustainable, etc. They meet with individual legislators and testify when the bills are heard in committee. This collaboration between legislators and advocates is precisely how programs such as Universal Healthy School Meals and the New Mexico Child Tax Credit come into being.

If you would like to see the process in action, Kurt Rager invites you to join him on Lutheran Advocacy Days at the Roundhouse. (The schedule will be announced.) One of the delights of shadowing the LAM-NM director at the Roundhouse is to see that we are appreciated. “The Lutherans,” as we are known, have a good reputation going back forty years—a reputation for trustworthiness, compassion, perseverance, and excellent policy analysis. Thank you, All Saints, for your decades of support for this ministry, rooted in the scriptural call to do justice.

Judy Messal

JANUARY PRESCHOOL NEWS 2025

CHRISTMAS 2024 "Las Posadas"

Since Spanish missionaries first came to New Mexico many communities celebrate "Las Posadas" which is Spanish for "The Inns". The children of the preschool reenacted the trouble Mary and Joseph had in trying to find a place to rest and for Mary to give birth. It was a lovely program followed with Cookies and Hot Chocolate



Before Christmas break the preschool children enjoyed a Birthday Party for Jesus. They enjoyed a Spaghetti Lunch with Birthday cake and ice cream for Jesus.



2025

Another year 2024 came to a roaring finish! The Preschool Ministry at All Saints Lutheran celebrated 35 years in 2024 and I, Ms. Marleta, have been your Director for 23 years! As I began in 2002 who could have imagined how the program would grow and change through the years. From a program for 3 and 4's, to opening a 2 's class, then increasing hours, and opening the infant room in 2017.

Currently, the Preschool is open 5 days a week with hours from 7:30 am to 5:00pm. Families can sign up children ages 6 months to 5 years for varied times and numbers of days.

Financially, the preschool is a self-supporting ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church. During covid the preschool received grants that provided for updating the preschool and paying staff during shutdown. New paint for the whole school, carpet tiles, a new sink and kitchenette in the infant room. Old toys inside and outside were replaced. After covid the preschool retained funds that were not used which will serve as a cushion for years to come. As public schools continue to add free pre-k programs, the preschool has seen a decline in the 4,5's group. As we conclude 2024 the funds from the preschool cushion will help close out 2024 in the black. If anyone has questions or would like to discuss the preschool's financial status you may call the preschool 505-897-2144 or I will be available at the finance budget meetings the church will have in the new year.

Pray for this awesome
Ministry of All Saints
Lutheran Church!

Ms. Marleta
Honored to be Director (23 yrs)
All Saints Lutheran Preschool



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

Blessings to you, my dear ones!

Below is a blessing from Kate Bowler and a song from the All Creation Sings hymnal which I find pertinent for this new year. We are leaving behind all that 2024 held for us. Leaving, yet not forgetting. Everything we experience, both joys and sorrows, makes us who we are. May this new year be all you need it to be. May you always hold in your hearts and minds the love of Christ who was born for us and is always with us on our journeys.

Peace and Love,
Erin

A Blessing for Hellos and Goodbyes ~ Kate Bowler

Blessed are you on the brink of something new. A new life. A new career. A new commitment. A new relationship. A new decade. Blessed are you, dear one, so full of hope, you whose horizon extends far beyond what your eyes can see. May your celebration be sweet and delicious and perhaps contain some singing. This new thing is worth rejoicing. May the joy that buoys you today carry you through the difficult spots to come.

And blessed are you, closing the door on something you once loved. A home. A dream. A business. A marriage. You who fought and pleaded, tried and prayed. When the weight of the world rests on your shoulders and you feel as though you may drown under paperwork. You who sit in grief and despair, and maybe a little fearful for what happens... now.

May you, dear one, find comfort from places and people you don't anticipate who remind you that you are not alone. You may be saying goodbye to something – someone dear... but something new will be born. I cannot promise it will replace what was there, and I won't try to tell you it will always be better. But, I do believe that we can find beauty, meaning, and truth right where we stand.

In our transitions. In our hellos and our goodbyes. And yes, even on the other side.

May the God of Hope Go with Us ~ ACS 984

May the God of hope go with us every day, to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share out joy with all:
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.





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-great grandson Sawyer and family, Kathy Braun and family, Dave Walker, Alanna Cellan-Walker, Frank</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, Michael and Ede Ericson Cardell</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>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), Jack and Cheryl Ferrell and friends of Dignity Mission</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p> <p>Priscilla Brower: Sonia Wiard</p>
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