

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL FEBRUARY 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 16 immediately after worship, with a potluck lunch following.

There are a number of important agenda items for the annual meeting including:

- •Adopting the 2025 church and preschool budget. A second budget discussion meeting will be held after worship on February 2 in the sanctuary.
- •Adopting the Welcome Statement written by the Reconciling in Christ task force and recommended by the Congregation Council.
- •Voting on Constitution and Bylaw changes recommended by the Congregation Coucil.
- •Election of Congregation Council members, Endowment Committee members, and Voting Members for the 2025 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly.
- •Update from the Property committee regarding the flood damage on the south of the Property.
- •Update on the upcoming capital campaign from the Development committee.

Please plan to be present at the Annual Meeting, online or by Zoom.

If you need a copy of the recommended Constitution and Bylaw changes or Annual Budget, contact the church office.

Grace and peace, Pastor Kristin



Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico was established 41 years ago to respond to housing cuts made by the Reagan administration and quickly moved to focus as well on the staggering issue of poverty and hunger in our state and the myriad of other challenges faced by New Mexicans as a result. At its core, our mission centers on advocating for justice in our state's public policy. I invite and challenge all of you to recommit yourself to this effort, both here in New Mexico, as well as in exercising your voice in Washington. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry New Mexico

Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA

The **First Session of the 57th Legislature** is now underway. The 60-day session will conclude at noon on March 22nd. This "long session" will be fast-paced and intense. At the end of opening day more than 200 bills, joint resolutions, and memorials had been filed. Legislators can continue to introduce legislation through the midpoint of the session, February 20th.

Legislative priorities for Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico continue to focus on the core areas of addressing hunger and poverty, affordable housing and homelessness, and familysustaining income, among others. Several legislative priorities include supporting key provisions of the Governor's Food Initiative, the Paid Medical and Family Leave Act, Medicaid for All, fair and just tax policy, the Green Amendment, the creation of an independent redistricting commission, and amendments to the state's constitution to modernize our legislature.

There are a variety of options for you to participate both online and in person during the legislative session. The highlight of the session remains the annual *Legislative Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon* on *February 20th*. (more information on the next page). *It takes a lot of volunteer support to pull off these two events and we can use more.* If you would like to volunteer please contact Judy Messal at (575) 496-4754 or you can email her at *judithmessal@comcast.net*.

In addition, consider joining us on one of our three *Lutheran Advocacy Days – Tuesdays February* **25th, March 4th, 11th, and 18th.** This will be an opportunity for you to join us in person at the Roundhouse, to attend committee meetings, visit legislator's offices, and speak out on priority legislation for LAM-NM.

As we move through the coming weeks I look forward to your support through awareness, direct participation, and in your prayers. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need more information or have any questions about our work during the 2025 session.

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Lutheran Advocacy Ministry 2025 Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon Thursday, February 20

With the start of the 1st Session of the state's 57th Legislature, it's time to begin planning your attendance at our annual Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon.

We invite you to join us for this wonderfully ecumenical event that takes place on *Thursday, February 20th*. We are pleased that *First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe*, a long-time member of our advocating congregation program, will return as host for the morning Issue Briefing. For the Bishop's Luncheon we will return to the *La Fonda Hotel*.

<u>Schedule</u>

8:30 a.m. Check-in, refreshments & fellowship at First Presbyterian – 208 Grant Ave, Santa Fe 9:15 a.m. Issue Briefing, Guest Speakers and address by Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni Noon-12:15 p.m. Transition to La Fonda Hotel – 100 E San Francisco St, Santa Fe 12:30 p.m. Bishop's Luncheon Begins 2:00 p.m. Lunch concludes

The registration cost per person remains the same as last year at \$40 per person. However, on *February 17th*, it will increase to \$45 per person. You can register at <u>https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/</u>

This will be the first year for our new Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Bishop Johnston Aelabouni was elected last spring and began her service on July 1, 2024. We hope you will join us in offering a warm welcome to the Bishop as she hosts her first Bishop's Luncheon.

The conference is open to anyone interested in learning more about advocating in the public arena on policy that positively impacts our many neighbors living in poverty and hunger, as well as the other key advocacy areas prioritized by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – New Mexico.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM is called to advocate for justice in public policy with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger and supporting ELCA members and congregations, as well as our ecumenical and interfaith partners in the ministry of advocacy.

Worship

Feb 2nd-	Feb 9th-
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 138
Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 16th-	Feb 23rd-
Jeremiah 17:5-8	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 1	Psalm 37:1-8, 39-40
Luke 6:17-26	Luke 6:27-38

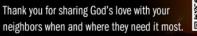
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Feb 2nd-	Nicole A.	Karen C.	Marlee B.	Megan B.	Lee L.
Feb 9th-	Kris E.	Gloria N-O	Lee L.	Patrick V.	Steve R.
Feb 16th-	Priscilla B.	Gloria N-O	Logan L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Feb 23rd-	Paula D.	Patty F.	Lee L.	Marlee B.	Steve R.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief can deliver urgently needed support and care to neighbors affected by wildfires.

lwr.org/fires





MEN'S GROUP February 4th at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at Jason's Deli 3410 NM-528

ABQ, 87114.



Our study of By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism continues this month as we learn about the small catechism in its historical context, as well as what it means for us today. You can still join us!

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 and open group

discussion. Talk to Pastor Kristin to get a book.

Sundays at 11:30 in the Library and on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83504329461?pwd=7fi3NU530RVCBotz82OxT9DqJOExv7.1

Meeting ID: 835 0432 9461 Passcode: 642738

The schedule will be as follows:

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Logan Larson	02/01
Dylan Winn	02/04
Julie LaHam	02/04
Ellie Anderson	02/05
Susan Mather	02/05
Marjorie Lynn	02/08
Dylan Werner	02/08
Jonah Cellan	02/10
Justin Amundson	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
Dylan Jastram	02/29







Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

The Development Committee has completed this year's pledge campaign, <u>"God is Faithful."</u> We have received 47 (\$165,520) commitments for 2025, which compares to 47 (\$190,296) for 2024. We are thankful for this response to the ministries and programs of ASLC.

To help keep you apprised of ASLC financial position, the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of December '24.

	YTD	YTD
	Dec. '24	Dec. '23
General Giving	\$235,111	\$222,653
Other revenue	\$77 <i>,</i> 039	\$70,329
Expenses	\$301,818	\$301,513
NET (Operating)	\$10,332	(\$8,531)
Loan principal payments	\$13,778	\$13,116
Operating cash flow	(\$3,446)	(\$21,647)

During the month of December our revenues exceeded our expenses by \$15,110, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of .10%. At the same time, YTD General Giving was up 12,458 (5.60%). For the year the preschool is operating at a loss of \$5,453.

The committee continues to prepare for a capital campaign to begin This spring. 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 (<u>jkrugero1@comcast.net</u>) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

South Wall Update-

The south wall issue, flood damage and subsequent retaining wall damage and erosion is still being addressed. The topographic survey has been completed, and now the engineering begins. The total price for the topographic survey and engineering was 17,500.00, which was approved at a previous congregation meeting. 2500.00 of that fee will be paid by the local Home Owners Association as the wall is believed to be on their property and will be their responsibility to repair. The construction phase is next, and we estimate that phase of construction (adding drainage pipes, rerouting roof drains, backfill and the like) will be in the 50,000.00 range.



Living Lutheran, the magazine of the ELCA, is preparing to bring back the magazine's print publication in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, winter and fall) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community. The cost for one year will be \$19.95 has both digital and print options.

You can also receive LLStory highlights by email for no cost! Subscribe for either option at <u>https://www.livinglutheran.org/</u>

From the Rocky Mountain Synod Creation Care Team Make a New Years Resolution to use Less Plastic

We all use too much plastic. We know it, but we can't seem to do without it! Plastic is such a problem that the UN held a special conference to draw up an international law or treaty governing plastic production and use. More than 100 nations gathered in So. Korea a month ago and only could agree to delay a decision until next year. In 2022, 175 nations agreed to make the first legally binding



treaty on plastics pollution, including in the oceans, by the end of 2024. The postponement came just days after the closing of COP 29 where climate talks again yielded little but settling on a finance bill to assist developing nations. Some negotiators feel that the UN consensus process makes any significant progress extremely difficult. All parties must agree before any vote is taken.

Plastic production is on track to triple by 2050. Microplastics are found literally everywhere. More than 3200 chemicals of concern are found in plastics. The representative from Panama said, "Postponing negotiations does not postpone the crisis. When we reconvene, the stakes will be higher."

Can each of us try harder to minimize plastic use in our home? Could we make a New Year's resolution to reduce plastic use? Make a list and see what you come up with. Involve all family members. Then reach a consensus to follow through (Start small—agree on only a couple of items to start.). Each of us CAN make a difference.

Mary Kwamme

rmscreationcareteam@gmail.com



There is still time and openings for kids to spend the Summer at RTLC. Questions or concerns about registering please contact Amy Enriquez. Counter for January and February 2025 is Kim Pettit.



PRESCHOOL NEWS 2025 FEBRUARY

Can you believe February 2025 is here! The month of January brought very cold temperatures, so outside time was shortened or skipped. Health wise preschool children have been staying free of colds and flu. (Knock on wood!) Now we are entering the month of love and Valentines are popping up all over.

EVENTS February 13 & 14 February 17 President's Day – NO School!



SUMMER/FALL REGISTRATION

All Saint's Preschool has continuing open registration throughout the year but, next month we will ask the current families to register. Tell your friends and neighbors about All Saints Preschool and Childcare. The preschool is open year-round, and we provide services for children 6 weeks to 5 years. Forms and Fee schedules are available in the preschool. See Ms. Marleta if you have questions or would like a tour of the preschool!

FINANCIALLY

The preschool ended 2024 with I = \$179,099 & E = \$189,389

With an end of year = -\$10,289 this seems like a loss of that amount.

Thankfully, the preschool had a remaining amount of Grant money

in reserve of \$21,138. So, the preschool ended with a zero balance and a \$10,849 amount in reserve.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ministry Lead: Amy Enriquez Questions- (505) 898-3932

SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

It is time to refill the cupboards at Sierra Vista School. We will be collecting food from February 2nd through the 23rd.

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

<u>SoddLSTLD Short ind List</u>				
 Pasta – Various types 	-	Drink Mixes (Cocoa, Cider,	•	Soups
 Spaghetti Sauce – Cans only 		Fruit)	•	Jello/Pudding Mix
 Fruit Cups 	•	Peanut Butter (Plastic	•	Muffin/Bisquit Mix
 Macaroni and Cheese 		Jars)	•	Canned Ham or Chicken
 Canned Vegetables and Fruit 	-	Powdered or Long Life	•	Granola Bars
 Juice & Chocolate Milk Boxes 		Boxed Milk	•	Packages of Nuts
 Cheese and Cracker Snacks 	-	Tuna	•	Jelly (Plastic Jars)
	-	Rice/Beans – dried	-	Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
	•	Tomato Sauce – Cans only		
Refrigeration space is almost non-existent so <u>no fresh and no frozen food</u>				

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.

Silrra Vista Elementary School

February 2nd to February 23rd- Donations can be left in the Church Office or on the Donation Table by the kitchen. Thanks!

IT'S GOING TO BE A "SOUPER" TIME...

Join in a "Souper" great time! Our popular soup and dessert sampling event - Souper Bowl - is just around the corner - **Saturday, February 1 from 11 am to 2 pm!**

There is still time to buy tickets to enjoy soups and savory treats from more than 35 local restaurants. And you'll help pick the People's Choice winners while enjoying entertainment from a live band and bidding in the silent auction. The day's fun is held right in our Albuquerque warehouse.

Online ticket sales end on Friday, January 31 at 11:30 am. https://www.rrfb.org/souper-bowl/





Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

When I think of certain beloved liturgies, there are two that always come to mind right away: *Holden Evening Prayer* and *Now the Feast and Celebration*. Both services are composed by Marty Haugen, whom I thought it would be fun to get to know a little better. Below is a portion of an interview of Haugen. If you would like to read the entire interview, click <u>here</u>.

RW: How did a nice Lutheran boy like you take your first job in a Roman Catholic parish as a worship leader?

MH: Growing up in the Lutheran church. I would never have considered myself a worship leader, because at that time the worship leader was the ordained person, and I was just a teenage organist. I started Luther College (Decorah, Iowa) as a piano major but switched to psychology, thinking I would go to seminary. When my advisor asked why I was dropping music, I said the only options I saw were to be a teacher or a performer, and neither interested me. The third option was to be a church musician, and I surely didn't want to do that. To me a church musician only directed the choir and played the hymns. That seemed so narrow, it didn't seem like ministry, and I was interested in ministry. To be real honest, I took my first job as a way of keeping me from going to Africa in the Peace Corps. I had signed up but didn't want to go because I was in love with the woman who was to become my wife. I thought perhaps I could take a job for a year until I could get married and find out what I really wanted to do. A chaplain suggested that I apply for a Catholic church job. I said I didn't know anything about the Catholic liturgy, and he said, well, these days, nobody does—you'll feel right at home. And he was right.

When did you start composing?

Growing up in the Lutheran Church, I knew and loved the psalms, but only as prayer texts and spoken texts, not sung. The first Sunday I came to the Catholic church, we were instructed to sing the psalm—interactively! I was struck during that service by how badly the people sang and how poorly written the psalm setting was. It was awful. I thought to myself—I could write this badly! And so I experimented right off the bat. As most musicians do, I approached composition from the standpoint of music, and I tried to make the text work with the music. But I realized very quickly that that was a distortion of the role of music in worship. What the Lutheran church taught me was how critically important it is that music support the Word. Learning to compose for the text—to make the music support the text—was a long process for me.

Do you have some words of advice for people who would become worship ministers?

Well, what helped me was going back to the Scriptures and then taking courses in theology and seeing myself not primarily as a minister of music but as a minister of the Word and a minister of the peoples' prayer. And then I asked, how can I use music to do that? I found tht the more I knew about traditions of the past, the more I felt confident that I was on the right track. It is so hard because we all want to be good ministers. Many good musicians have very good intentions. But most of us don't have the background in theology and study of the Word to understand what it really means that music becomes the tool rather than the end. What is needed are study programs for those who would become ministers of the Word with music as a tool. Music and theology have to be taught side by side.

Prayer Requests



Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse	Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale			
Caunedo, Christian	Halsom,Kurt and Beth Stoor			
Lucy Archamboult: Tom Anderson, Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Harris	Karol Lavalle: Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz,			
Family, Amye Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family	Daniel & David, Patty Krugers: Jim & Joanne, Bob & Pat, Jon & Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave & Liz, Fran			
Karen Cellan: Kevin & Ronda Stantz, Kris	Meitzen, Diane Mulder, Susan Wiederspan,			
Roman-great grandson Sawyer and family,	Patty			
Kathy Braun and family, Dave Walker, Alanna	Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy			
Cellan-Walker, Frank	Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch, Family of			
Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum	Preston Lard			
Kathy Ferdig: Donn & Janet Franklin	Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and			
Karen Hyde: Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis	Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim			
Kris: Michael and Ede Ericson Cardell	Thompson			
Reils: Will Larson	VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles), Jack and Cheryl Ferrell and friends of Dignity Mission			
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