ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL



MARCH 2025

The Hardest Part – A Lenten Journey with Kate Bowler Life is this strange, tender mix, isn't it? Joy and sorrow, love and loss, heartbreak and hope, all tangled together. This year, embrace Lent as it is – raw, honest, and tender.



Let these 40 days be a time to pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming.

Please join us for these special Lenten worship and fellowship gatherings.



Pancake Supper

Tuesday March 4th , 5:30 – 7:00

Join us for pancakes and for fellowship with friends. The supper this year will be hosted by the Men's Group. Proceeds

will be donated to Family Promise.

Ash Wednesday is March 5

Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00 pm Use the Zoom link on <u>www.allsaintsabq.org/worship</u> to join us online

We will also have a simple spoken service at 10:00 am Remember that you are dust; Remember that you are loved

Wednesdays in Lent

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for soup supper at 5:30. At 6:30 we will gather for sung evening prayer.

You can sign up to receive daily email devotions with this link:

You can also pick up a printed copy of the devotions at church beginning March 4.





| Worship | |
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| March 2nd-Transfiguration | March 5th-Ash Wed |
| Exodus 34:29-35 | Genesis 3: 8-14, 17-19 |
| Psalm 99 | Isaiah 58:1-12 |
| Luke 9:28-36 | |
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| March 9th-Lent 1 | March 16th-Lent 2 |
| Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 |
| Psalm 91 | Psalm 27 |
| Luke 4:1-13 | Luke 13:31-35 |
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| March 23rd-Lent 3 | March 30th-Lent 4 |
| Isaiah 55:1-9 | Joshua 5:9-12 |
| Psalm 63: 1-8 | 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 |
| Luke 13:1-9 | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 |
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date | Assisting Minister | Lector | Zoom Usher | Audio | Video |
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| Mar 2nd- | Sue M. | Crish T. | Logan L. | Lee L. | Steve R. |
| Mar 5th- Ash Wed | Priscilla B. | Karen C. | Meredyth J. | Megan B. | Steve R. |
| Mar 9th- | Nicole A. | Rae V. | Megan B. | Steve R. | Marlee B. |
| Mar 16th- | Kris E. | Patty F. | Megan B. | Meredyth J. | Marlee B. |
| Mar 23rd- | Sue M. | Paula D. | Logan L. | Steve R. | Patrick V. |
| Mar 30th- | Paula D. | Gloria N-O. | Marlee B. | Steve R. | Lee L. |

Building With Hope and Blessings Begins Soon

At the end of March we will kick-off a three year capital campaign – Building With Hope and Blessings! A team is hard at work creating events, communications (and even a logo), setting the financial goal and describing the "why's" behind the campaign, establishing prayer opportunities, and on and on. There is much to do and there is much to be excited about as we look forward to this challenge to lean into the blessings we have and share our hope with what God has provided to us as we continue forward as faithful servants of the Gospel. Look for much more detailed information in weeks to come! But for now, mark your calendar for our kick-off on Sunday, March 30!





Counter for March and April is Frank O.







"I am thrilled to be serving as a Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer this year in Argentina!"

Look for more info on the newly updated Young Adults Global Mission board by the office :)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



| Jean Bernabo | 03/01 |
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| Casey Dolan | 03/04 |
| Anne Carpenter-Wilson | 03/08 |
| Jacob Hautz | 03/08 |
| Amy Lautenschlager | 03/08 |
| Estrella Montano | 03/09 |
| Mary Divittorio | 03/12 |
| Holly Walker | 03/12 |
| Jeremy Walker | 03/17 |
| John Glaspie | 03/22 |
| Jim Kruger | 03/22 |
| Elizabeth Mazan | 03/22 |
| Micah Liming | 03/23 |
| Kevin Welch | 03/27 |
| Erin Reil | 03/29 |
| Jim Perry | 03/31 |
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Land Acknowledgement, Relationship, and Honoring our Indigenous Neighbors Sunday Forum with Ron Solimon, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Last year All Saints began using a land acknowledgement at the beginning of our worship service. We did this because of our learning through the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement of the ELCA Indigenous Ministries. We found out that the ELCA church body, at a gathered assembly, passed a resolution asking all congregations to use such an acknowledgement.

In Lent, we will change the words we say to recognize our need to move beyond a land acknowledgement and seek relationship with our Indigenous neighbors.

We, the people of All Saints Lutheran Church, acknowledge that we gather for worship today on the unceded ancestral lands of Indigenous peoples. This acknowledgement serves as a first step in honoring the land and the people who have and continue to care for this place and call it their home. We strive to learn and find ways to be in authentic relationship with our Indigenous neighbors.

To that end, we are honored to welcome Ron Solimon as a speaker following worship on Sunday, March 23.

Ron is a member of Laguna Pueblo and a member of St Timothy Lutheran Church here in Albuquerque. He recently received the John and Chris Halaand Advocacy Award at the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry -NM luncheon. Here is just some of Ron's impressive bio:



Career Positions:

- · Director of the Center for Lifelong Education at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.
- \cdot President and CEO of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.
- · President and General Manager of Laguna Industries, Inc. for 14 years and Vice President of

Marketing for one.

Volunteer and Advocacy Work:

- Chair of the Laguna Community Foundation, focusing on health, education, and workforce development services.
- · A board member for the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.
- \cdot Board member and vice chair of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

We are blessed to have Ron come speak with us – please plan to stay after worship on March 23 for learning and conversation with Ron.



Slow down, you move too fast...

This old song from the 6os still describes our world today. We are bombarded by a culture that values speed over stillness. During this Lenten season, join us for Wednesday services and valuable time with Christ's community. Slow down for a lite meal, worshipful service and contemplative prayer.



ALSO - Our **Prayer Team** is gearing up again to Sit, Listen and Pray for God's world. Let's park the car and let Jesus drive us and take over the wheel and the worries. Please contact Shelley face-to-face, via email or phone with days or times that work with your schedule to pray contemplatively together. 505-228-4403 shell93013@outlook.com

PRESCHOOL KORNER 2025

In March, the preschool will be celebrating Spring!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PRESCHOOL

| March 14 | St. Patrick's Celebration |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| March 17 -March 21 | Spring Break (No school) |
| March 24 | Back to school |

COME AND VISIT AND BE A PART OF YOUR PRESCHOOL - MS. MARLETA IS ALWAYS READY TO GIVE A TOUR OR ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

"DID YOU KNOW"

*The Preschool has a "Parent Handbook" that outlines what the goals and mission are of the preschool. A copy of the handbook is in the preschool.

- * All Staff are CPR certified
- * All staff do 24 hours of continuing education each year
- * All staff are background checked

ALL SAINTS MEMBERS

Tell your friends and neighbors about All Saints Preschool and Childcare. The preschool is open year-round, with children from 6 weeks to 5 years. Forms and Fee schedules are available in the preschool. Remember to pray for your preschool daily.

Summer and Fall registration begins April 1, 2025

KEEP ME COMPANY? LET'S HELP FEED OUR NEIGHBORS.

All Saints has a history of supporting food ministries in our communities. It is multifaceted and essential to our neighbors who have been and are unfortunate to have to address food insecurity and scarcity at any point in their lives.

We have continued those ministries for many years across multiple venues. I am planning to start regularly volunteering with Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque packing boxes, sorting food, whatever they need on any given day. Others have done this in The past. I would love to do this with those of you who might like to join me! I'm going, keep me company?

ASLC has folks who have joined together in the past in this endeavor. I'm going and would be happy to coordinate a group now. If you'd like to join me shoot me a text (505-710-9551), email (kericson.phd@gmail.com), or simply buzz my phone (same number). No time frame set, no routine, no "Kris I don't want to do this forever!" I'm going. Regularly. If you want to join me, let me know and I'll ask when we can come and help.

No one should be hungry. No one. And for many people it is getting more difficult to not be. Give me a buzz, let's do what we can where we can.



ADVOCACY with BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2025 Offering of Letters

"Federal nutrition programs provide roughly 10 times as much food assistance as private churches and charities combined." Bread for the World

The congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church works to address hunger year-round. We fill backpacks with food for the children of Sierra Vista Elementary School. We take meals to the guests at Family Promise. Some of our members also work with Dignity Mission, which takes rice and beans to the border for migrating people. Others work with the Indigenous Food Hub and community gardens, which help our neighbors access fresh produce. Through Lutheran Advocacy Ministry and the Roadrunner Coalition to End Hunger, we advocate for just policy for people experiencing poverty.

Our local and state efforts are outstanding, but, as the quotation above implies, we also are called to work at the federal level. Now is the season when our congregation joins fellow Christians throughout the U.S. in **Bread for the World's Offering of Letters**. By contacting our members of Congress through handwritten letters, we can voice support for domestic and international nutrition programs that help children thrive.

Theme: Nourish Our Future

When: Sunday, March 16, after our service.

Where: The Fellowship Hall.

What: Write three brief letters.

Who: You are invited to write your U.S. senators and your U.S. representative.

How: Model letters, paper, pens, envelopes, and mailing labels will be on each table.

OAR members will be on hand to answer any questions. If you are unsure who your U.S. representative is, an OAR member can help you identify that person.

Once your letters are sealed in addressed envelopes, OAR members will collect them, stamp them, and place them in a basket to be taken to the altar as an offering on the following Sunday, March 23. Then, the letters will be mailed to Washington, D.C.

Quotation from Bread for the World, <u>Advocate to End Hunger</u> | <u>Bread for the World</u>



Judy Messal

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 chalLutheran Advocacy Ministry New Mexico

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lenge all of you to recommit yourself to this effort, both here in New Mexico, as well as in exercising your voice in Washington.

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 family-sustaining 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.

In addition, consider joining us on one of our three *Lutheran Advocacy Days – Tuesdays 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.

Join to receive updates and alerts-https://visitor.r2o.constantcontact.com/manage/optin? v=oo19NWEzvrUeHrBVX78vgYWqZlw3p9yWimImsDuJu_yCTvfhMWSKDGjoZN7CEXVf2-P2tdcaOTnvQCvB3WO7odSIXLTwWYixYGSdFMKIRSRKGM%3D

Or go to www.Lutheranadvocacynm.org



Where have all of the Alleluia's gone?

Have you noticed that during the season of Lent, our services do not include an 'Alleluia' in prayer or song? Lent is a solemn season in which we journey to the cross of Christ. During this time, we essentially "bury our Alleluia's" until Easter and the resurrection.

"Alleluia" is based on the Hebrew word) הַלְלוּ יָה *hallelu yah*), which means "Praise the Lord!". Now, just because we don't say 'Alleluia' during Lent does not mean we stop praising our Lord. It is always good to praise the Lord for all he has done for us. The Season of Lent, however, is to be an intentional time of contemplation in which we are to deeply think and pray on our baptismal faith and reflect on our sins.

From *Lutheran Lenses*, "The Alleluia, which is highly celebratory, has been omitted by the majority of traditional western churches during the Lenten season since at least the fifth century. Its removal was intentional as it helps build joyful anticipation for Resurrection Sunday! On that day, the Church around the world gathers and rejoices with shouts of Alleluia across the globe (and in every language!). It is a beautiful thing to contemplate the love, joy, and delight God must have on Easter Sunday when God's children everywhere once again worship God with shouts of joy!"

So, during this Lenten season, let your love for the Lord and all the Alleluias in your heart continuously grow and build so when you gather together with given and chosen for worship on Easter Sunday, we may heartily and unashamedly shout out our praises to our resurrected Savior –Jesus Christ our Lord!

> A song to keep in your heart during the Season of Lent: ACS 918 ~ Now Is the Time of Grace



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of salvation. Turn now, and seek God's face, now behold God's invitation.

This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the captives go free, and to break the yoke of oppression.

Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in, offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires.

Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and healing shall come to you quickly; then you shall call and God shall answer, God's love shall go before you.

Prayer Requests



| Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian | Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale Halsom,Kurt and Beth Stoor | |
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| Lucy Archamboult: Tom Anderson, Gina Tena | Karol Lavalle: Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena | |
| & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye | Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel & David, Patty | |
| Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family | 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 Cellan-Walker, Frank | Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch, Family of Preston Lard | |
| Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum | | |
| Kathy Ferdig: Donn & Janet Franklin | Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and | |
| Karen Hyde: Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis | Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson | |
| Kris: Michael and Ede Ericson Cardell | VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles), Jack and Cheryl | |
| Reils: Will Larson | Ferrell and friends of Dignity Mission | |
| Nicholas: Julie Shy and family | Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman | |
| Kurt Rager – Hannah Rager and Chicago family | | |

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Our prayers are with Cheryl Klenner and her family as they grieve the loss of her husband Bob.

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