

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

APRIL 2025



"For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them." ~ Matthew 18:20

We know that our church is not a building. We are a community with members, volunteers, friends and visitors. We are centered in our vibrant weekly worship, fed by music and prayer, word and meal. Our worship nourishes our hope and energizes our service.

Our building is full all week long. Music ensembles practice here four days a week. We stitch quilts, knit hats, collect food and personal care items. People gather here to strategize for advocacy. Families trust our child care and preschool for loving care and learning. Truly this place is filled with blessings all week long.

We don't often think of an HVAC system or upgraded windows or drain pipes as tools for ministry, but the truth is, this building is the place we gather to share our hope and our blessings. Welcome is a key part of our mission, and a welcoming building is comfortable. **The Building With Hope and Blessings capital campaign, which kicks off on March 30, is vital to our mission and ministry.** Our campaign goal is to raise \$400,000 over the next three years. It is an ambitious goal, but certainly within our reach.

Following worship on the 30th, we will have a special fellowship time for Q&A about the campaign, with our coach Rev. Dana Peterson and the campaign steering team. Please plan to stay after worship to be part of the discussion. On Saturday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. we will have a dessert reception and informational meeting for congregational leaders.

Generous giving is a spiritual practice, and Building with Hope and Blessings will be grounded in prayer. We begin with **10 Days of Prayer** to kick off the campaign between March 31 and April 9. Daily prompts for prayer will be sent by email each day, and you can also get the prompts on paper. Before Commitment Sunday, you will be invited to take part in a **prayer vigil** to hold our congregation and campaign goals in prayer for 12 hours Saturday, May 3.

May 4 is Commitment Sunday. Entourage Jazz will lead our worship music, and we will make our financial commitments to the campaign on that day. Worship will be followed by a celebration lunch to which all are invited.

Lent and Holy Week at All Saints

Wednesdays, April 2 and 9, we continue our midweek Lenten practice
Soup Suppers at 5:30pm
Evening Prayer at 6:30am

Palm Sunday, April 13

We will gather in the Pavilion at 10:00am for the Procession with Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Worship at 7:00pm with Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar.
The service will be on Zoom using our regular worship link

Good Friday, April 18

Good Friday worship with litany and prayers at 12:00pm

Contemplative service of sorrow and stones,
praying with the hymn *Were You There* at 7:00 pm
The evening service will be available on Zoom using the regular worship link.

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 Altar Care will gather at church to set up the Easter garden and prepare for Easter. If you'd like to join in or donate potted flowers, you are welcome!

Festive Easter Worship, April 20, 10:00 a.m.



For much of the past year, we have journeyed with Kate Bowler, and the blessings she writes. I love her blessings because they are realistic about how difficult and tiring and beautiful this life really is. They are realistic about how much we depend on God, and how often we try to do it alone.

This Lent, we are reading together a set of devotions by Kate Bowler and her team at Duke University. The devotions are called *The Hardest Thing* – which is life, and limitations, and sin, and mortality. And God is with us in all the hardest things.

You can get the daily devotions using this QR Code, or ask in the church office for a paper copy.





Worship

April 6th—Advent 5 Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8	April 13th—Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 31 Philippians 2:5-11
April 17th—Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-14 John 13:1-17 31b-35	April 18th—Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Luke 23:1-56
April 20th—Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Luke 24:1-12	April 27th—Easter 2 Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 John 20:19-31

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
April 6	Priscilla Sue - Bread	Karen C.	Megan	Meredyth	Steve
April 13	Nicole	Megan	Marlee	Steve	Lee
April 17 7:00pm	Rhonda	Mel	Megan	Marlee	Steve
April 18 Noon	NA	Larry Karen C	NA	NA	NA
April 18 7:00pm	NA	Paula Rae	Logan	Meredyth	Lee
April 20	Kris	Gloria	Logan	Patrick	Lee
April 27	Paula	Crish	Marlee	Meredyth	Steve

Men's Group will meet Tuesday April 1st, at 5:30 p.m.

We will be meeting at Best Lee's Chinese restaurant, which is located at 2003 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, 87124.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Navarrete	04/05
Andrew Lewis	04/07
Eva Anderson	04/13
Karen Cellan	04/13
Natalie Cellan	04/14
Rachel Winn	04/16
Jamie Hughes	04/17
Mary Johnson	04/23
Sharon Rager	04/23
Mel Bentz	04/25
Nathan Cleaveland	04/25
Krysta Fajardo	04/26
Patty Kruger	04/26
Matthew Ferdig	04/28
Martha Montano	04/28
Bob Owen	04/28



ADVOCACY with BREAD FOR THE WORLD
God's Work, Our Voices: 111 Letters and Counting!

Thank you, All Saints, for the work you did to contact our members of Congress in support of nutrition programs for children in our country. The ushers took a full basket of letters to be dedicated at the altar on March 23—111 to be exact. And more letters are coming.

Thank you also to all who provided coffee, breads, and other delicious foods to fuel our writing on March 16, our Offering of Letters Sunday.

Our hearts are full and our Bread for the World team is grateful: Crish Tippit, Offering of Letters Coordinator Emerita, Paula Donovan, Rozy Kalsbeek, and Judy Messal.

My dearest All Saints humans,

It is with great gratitude that I accept the honor of being council president. My name is Meredyth Jones. I am a hospice chaplain, single child (of Helen and Eric Johnson) and musician/singer. I love this place for so many reasons, but I especially appreciate our living out God's hand in this world's work. We love and live in the this community, which is pleasing to my soul.

I am a hospice chaplain, currently in working with Interim Hospice, and I love helping others find the way they need for true life and love.

My many paths of life have led me to seek ordination through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as well as a childhood in the Southern Baptist Church and an internship in a hospital of Seventh Day Adventists and church through the ELCA. My life is rich in God's blessings and teachings.

My hope for ASLC in this year is to find more ways to serve God and more ways to be God's hand and feet in this world. We have so much to give, and I look forward to being a part of as much as I can.

I look forward to leading you, listening to you, and being with you as we look at this year with faith, hope, and love for our neighbors!!!

With the love of Christ in the name of God, be all honor, glory, and praise!

Sincerely,

Meredyth Jones!!!



UNM Concert Choir-Nathan's Graduate Recital

This concert will be conducted by our own Nathan Cleaveland!

Event Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Facility: Keller Hall

Link to buy tickets: <https://www.unmtickets.com/events/detail/unm-music-keller-hall>



On Saturday, May 3, a prayer vigil will be held as a part of our Building with Hope and Blessings Commitment Weekend. This will be an important time for our community to lift our capital campaign to God in prayer, as well as our hopes and dreams for our congregation. The prayer vigil will provide us with a time to ask for God’s guidance and presence as individual commitments to our campaign are completed on Sunday, May 4. A sign-up sheet will be found in the narthex beginning April 6th for individuals, couples or families to pray for 30 minutes from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. You are encouraged to come to the church to spend time in prayer; however, if that is not possible you may pray at home. As we spend time in prayer, we want to thank God for his guidance in our lives and in the life of this community. A member of the Spirituality or Hospitality campaign team will be in the building throughout the prayer vigil to be of service to you. The prayer vigil is an action of our entire church community, so please consider signing up for a time to be in conversation with God.

Thank you to everyone who made a hat, bought slippers and gloves or tied a knot on a quilt!! Dignity Mission is still going to the border every six weeks. We are taking care of asylum seekers on BOTH sides of the border.

- 17 socks and slippers
- 13 pair of kid’s gloves
- 56 kid’s hats
- 46 adult hats
- 6 quilts



A big THANK YOU to all who donated food and to the Men's Group for delivering the items to the school!



Food is Free Albuquerque -A non-profit that harnesses the abundance of fresh food within our community and connects it to people throughout our city. We believe that fresh food is a human right, and we aim to reduce food waste and fight for food equity and access to fresh and nutritious food.

Call (505) 570-2670 to sign up to donate or receive.

FOOD IS FREE ALBUQUERQUE
Fresh Food Is A Human Right

PRESCHOOL KORNER

A ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

DAY TO DAY

The Preschool is in the middle of the “Spring” theme. Then the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14. A huge crowd of parents, grandparents and friends will join the children while they looked for the eggs. A picnic of hot dogs, chips and popsicles will be served! All church members are invited to attend!

SUMMER AT ALL SAINTS PRESCHOOL

Since All Saints is a year-round school, plans are being made for the fun months of June and July. Dates and times will be out soon. This year the theme for the summer sessions is “Nature Camps”! Tell your family and friends!

FINANCIAL – January/February revenues = \$30,461.00 and Expenses = \$30,286.00

Balance = + \$175.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15	Easter Egg Hunt and Party
April 18 -21	Easter Break
April 29	Trike a thon and Picnic 9:00 – 12:00
	All are invited



“DID YOU KNOW”

The Preschool is licensed by the Early Childhood Education for Child Development (ECECD). We always receive compliments on the facilities, teaching staff and loving atmosphere. Each year there is an annual and semi-annual visit. The results are posted on the preschool office door.

The Albuquerque Fire Department also does an inspection each year of the Preschool. This keeps the preschool and the church safe for all who enter. During the inspection, Fire extinguishers are assessed, and emergency lighting is evaluated. The preschool holds monthly fire drills and lock down or shelter in place drills are done each quarter.

As always if you have questions or wish to tour the preschool see or call
Ms.Marleta 505-280-1911.



Lift up your voice, and sing!

Along with the Kate Bowler Lenten devotional, *The Hardest Part*, I have also been praying through this year's Salt Project devotional, *Lift Up Your Voice – Singing through Lent and Easter*. I would like to share some of that devotional with you as we wind down Lent and celebrate the joy of Easter.

“All of creation is a song of praise to God.” – Hildegard von Bingen

“To sing is to pray twice.” – St. Augustine

“For if you want to revive the sad, startle the jovial, encourage the despairing, humble the conceited, pacify the raving, mollify the hate-filled... what can you find that is more effective than music?” – Martin Luther, who also said, *“Next to theology, music is the greatest art.”*

“But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because the brother of yours was dead and has come to life; was lost and has been found.” – Luke 15:32

Lent is a time for reflection and contemplation of the life of Christ, our lives, and the world around us. In my last newsletter article, I wrote about why we do not sing or say ‘Alleluia’ during lent, however, does this mean that we should not feel joy? Absolutely not! Reflect on the Parable of the lost son, from Luke. The youngest son has come home after squandering away all he had, hoping or maybe even expecting to be given even more. The older brother, who had stayed home to help with the hard work, just cannot understand how his father can be so joy filled at the return of the lost one. To which the father responds by encouraging him to join the celebration! From the Salt Project devotional: *“At its heart, this parable is about how certain kinds of moralism can become hindrances to experiencing joy. A quintessential hymn to joy is, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, set to Beethoven’s music from 1824, inspired by a poem about joy. Indeed, joy’s ecstasy transcends moralism, focusing on the beloved’s presence, like a parent rejoicing in a child’s return with a party, good food, and great music!”*

What are some of the songs that bring joy to your heart? I recommend creating your own playlist of songs that do just that and listen to it frequently! Just a few of my favorites are *Soul Cake* – Sting; *All Good Gifts* – Godspell; *The Middle* – Jimmy Eat World; *Sir Duke* – Stevie Wonder; *Shining Star* – Earth, Wind & Fire; *This is Living* – Kara and Josh; *Changes* – Yes

In this world so full of sorrow, God of joy, help us to celebrate each other’s dignity, and forgive each other’s failings. Gladden the hearts of the angry and envious, the downtrodden and brokenhearted – and let us be agents of joy in all we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

-Erin R.

Rocky Mountain Synod Immigration Accompaniment Summit

May 21 at 8:30 a.m. - May 22, 2025 at noon

St. Paul Lutheran, Albuquerque, NM

Register at Rocky Mountain Synod – Immigrant Accompaniment Summit

Cost = *\$40/person

Rostered and lay leaders are invited to attend a pre-Synod Assembly Immigration Summit where we will deepen our understanding of the immigration challenges as well as strategize how to faithfully accompany our immigrant siblings. Whether you are new to the topic or already have a robust connection to immigration, together we will seek to expand our knowledge, advocacy and allyship, as individuals and congregations, using the principles of the accompaniment. We will learn from each other, share our knowledge, plan how to engage and network across the synod for the flourishing and dignity of our immigrant siblings.

Our time together will include presentations from our keynote speaker, Rev. Cristina Rathbone, Episcopal priest and author of [Asylum Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death and Community at the Border \(link is external\)](#), as well as spiritual grounding, plenary sessions, community building and workshops. Some of the workshops include:

- Current Landscape of Immigration & AMMPARO
 - o Presenter: Mary Campbell, Director of ELCA AMMPARO
 - o This workshop will include: an overview of the basics of immigration in the U.S.; updates and issues affecting immigrants under the new administration; the ELCA designation as a sanctuary denomination and the role of sanctuary congregations at this time; how AMMPARO engages and supports congregations in immigrant accompaniment.
 - o Trauma and Immigration
 - o Presenters: Dr. Georgina Sanchez-Garcia and Carolyn Swenson
 - o This workshop will cover information about immigration-related trauma in children and adults; the meaning and practice of "trauma-informed" accompaniment; recognizing compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma; self-care when accompanying immigrants.
 - o Advocacy-Organizing-Speaking Out for Immigrant Justice
 - o Presenter(s): Pastor Brigette Weier and Kurt Rager
 - o This workshop will cover: Skills and tools for effective advocacy, organizing in congregations and collaborating with community groups; testifying and speaking out to support immigrant justice; including immigrants at all levels of the work.
 - o Engaging Congregations in Immigrant Accompaniment

This large-group session will include resources and ideas for engaging congregations at all levels of current awareness and involvement; connecting with community groups that are immigrant allies.

QUESTIONS? Contact Rae VanDeMotte at revdm1950@gmail.com

The Indigenous Farm Hub-

Engages Indigenous communities in creating a network of farmers and families that will strengthen local and sustainable food systems by providing access to healthy foods and is a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and local consumers. Think of it as a subscription to in-season produce. Participants provide funding for the farmer before the growing season in exchange for produce when it's ready. Items vary according to the season. They could be beets, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, a watermelon — whatever is ripe for picking.

CSA participants sign up and pay at a discounted rate in the spring. Membership is accepted all year at a pro-rated price.

2025 • 22 Weeks (May 27–31 to October 27–31), \$700

Receive 6–8 farm fresh items per week.



APRIL 5, 2025 3:00 - 4:30 pm

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN'S COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES STANDING UP FOR OUR LBGTQ COMMUNITY Learn about this administration's recent executive orders, their impact on the LGBTQ Community, and ways we can advocate for and support the community. Participating organizations include: TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER EQUALITY NM and ACLU NM 5301 PONDEROSA AVE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110 Questions? Please call St. Andrew at (505) 881 - 9626



Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian,</p> <p>Lucy Archambault: Tom Anderson, Apodaca Family, Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Katy Harris</p> <p>Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family</p> <p>Karen Cellan: Kevin & Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Kathy & Frank, Kris Braun and Mark</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Barbara McLain & Janet Franklin</p>	<p>Cheryl Klenner: Lisa Helsom</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</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy, Kirk</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Ashton Raley, Nigel Jones</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p>
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Bryce Willman

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We pray for Kris Ericson and her family at the death of her sister Lisa.

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