



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

APRIL 2024

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Easter in the church is not just a Sunday, but a whole season which begins on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday. It is the season when we celebrate new life after death, given to us in the resurrection of Jesus. We see that new life mirrored in creation as trees bud and flowers bloom and days get longer and warmer. (In New Mexico we also get a taste of the Holy Spirit blowing where it will in our season of WIND).

Throughout Lent, we explored the gift of baptism and the gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive in baptism. In Easter season, we remember the gift of joy. Our prayer at baptism asks God for the Holy Spirit gift of joy in the presence of God. That joy feels close to the surface on Easter, but as Easter people, we are invited to practice that joy all the time. We are invited to live in awareness of God's gifts of grace and love in our lives. We are invited to live in hope and expect resurrection.

If you've been listening to my sermons this year you know I've been sharing a lot of poems, and here is one shared by SALTproject.org - "spring song" by Lucille Clifton

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible



This season may we dance together to the music of Jesus as we practice the Spirit of joy in God's presence.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin



Worship

<p>April 7th—Easter 2</p> <p>1 John 1:1--2:2 Psalm 133 John 20:19-31</p>	<p>April 14th—Easter 3</p> <p>1 John 3:1-7 Psalm 4 Luke 24:36b-48</p>
<p>April 21st—Easter 4</p> <p>Genesis 1 Psalm 8 or 19 John 10:11-18</p>	<p>April 28th—Easter 5</p> <p>1 John 4:7-21 Psalm 22:25-31 John 15:1-8</p>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
April 7th	Kurt R	Hannah R	Logan L	Lee L	Brian H
April 14th	Randine H	Crish T	Marlee B	Steve R	Lee L
April 21st	Priscilla B	Meredyth J	Lee L	Patrick V	Steve R
April 28th	Kris E	Larry S	Megan B	Brian H	Patrick V

Counter

March/April-

Frank Orton

On April 21 All Saints will install our congregation council and new officers. New council members elected at the Congregation Meeting in February are Meredyth Jones and Frank Orton.

Officers elected by the council at our March meeting are:

President - Denise Winn; Vice President - Lyndi Dittmer-Perry; Secretary - Megan Barnes; and Dan Mazan continues in the role of Treasurer.

Earth Day

We will celebrate Earth Day on April 21 with a worship service focused on God’s good creation, and activities following worship, including:

Preparing for spring planting with seedlings and/or seed packets

Learning about the whys and hows of recycling

Updates on energy production from our solar panels

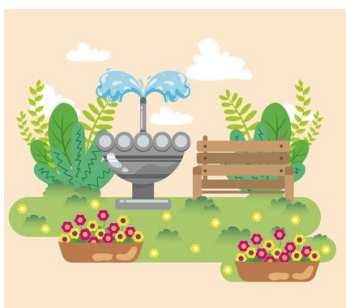


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The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly will be April 25 – 27 in Loveland, CO. Pastor Kristin will be there, along with Pastor Kate and voting members Lee Liming and Kris Ericson. This year’s Assembly has the important task of electing a new bishop. Please keep our gathering and voting process in your prayers this month, as we hope in the Holy Spirit to bring the bishop we need to lead us in the next chapter of our life together.

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For anyone interested in a garden club at All Saints, the first meeting will be April 13 at 1:00 at Diana Lewis’s. You can contact her at dlewis4117@msn.com for the address.



SAVE the DATES

- This summer, while Pastor Kristin is on sabbatical, All Saints will have a series of special events for the congregation.
- Please mark your calendars and plan to attend:
 - Spiritual Journey, Gifts and Values retreat with Deacon Tammy Devine, **June 14** in and evening and daytime **June 15.**
 - Spiritual Journey of All Saints, discussion with Deacon Tammy Devine following worship on Sunday, **June 16**
 - “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible” presentation on **July 13** by Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell
 - Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell preaching in worship on Sunday, **July 14.**



Community Connection

Upcoming UNM musical performances involving our own Nathan Cleveland!

Apr 25, 7:30pm - ALL CHOIRS CONCERT- All 4 UNM choirs with HSCO . Popejoy Hall, 203 Cornell Dr ABQ



Grief Support

Fourth Monday of each month
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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Joy Ibsen	04/01
Lorrie Hautz	04/04
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
Caleb Dolan	04/22
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



The Parables of Mark: A Six Week ZOOM Study

Pastor Neal has started a six week study of the Gospel of Mark with a focus on parables. The sessions will be offered on ZOOM to All Saints, St Mark (Roswell), and St. Peter (Carlsbad).

Tuesdays @ 1:30 & 7:30 via ZOOM!

If you're interested, email sneal1968@icloud.com



The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 5:30 p.m., for fellowship and



**SID FENDLEY & FRIENDS
18TH ANNUAL**

SWEET JAZZ



Dianna Hughes : vocals
Patti Littlefield: vocals
Kari Simmons: vocals
Tracey Whitney: vocals

**CONCERT AND SILENT
AUCTION TO BENEFIT:**

Michael Anthony: guitar
John Bartlit: drums
Maud Beenhouwer: bass
Sid Fendley: keyboard
Rodolfo Gonzalez: flute



**Sunday 7 April 2024
4:00-6:00 PM**

For more info call:
505-268-0331



Sandia Presbyterian Church-10704 Paseo Del Norte NE

Sweet Jazz tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the ALL Saints Lutheran Church Office: M-F 9a.m. to 1 p.m. or from Rae Vandemotter.

2024 OFFERING OF LETTERS

On Sunday, April 14, 2024 after the worship service in Fellowship Hall, All Saints will hold its annual Offering of Letters, sponsored by Bread For the World and our OAR Committee. Again this year we are asking our federal Representatives and Senators to reauthorize the Farm Bill, an important legislation that comes up for renewal every 5 years. Seventy-five percent of this bill consists of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) which provides benefits to families and individuals who are suffering from food insecurity or outright hunger in the U.S. The Farm Bill also supports funding for international food aid programs such as Food for Peace.

After a series of discussions with groups of all backgrounds, Bread for the World is asking Congress to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables under SNAP. This enables SNAP beneficiaries to purchase fresh produce at farmers' markets, a trial program that benefits both the hungry and small farmers.

The 2024 Farm Bill should also eliminate barriers to SNAP for marginalized populations. For example, end the barrier on former drug offenders, eliminate work requirements for college students, and permit indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.

Other programs included in the Farm Bill are conservation and crop insurance. This year Bread for the World is advocating for addressing the threat of food insecurity posed by extreme weather and lowering food waste which accounts for the second largest driver of methane gas in the country.

Here are a few statistics about hunger. (from ELCA World Hunger and the Albuquerque Journal)

828 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night.

49 million people are teetering on the edge of famine.

In the U.S. 5 million children live in food-insecure households.

New Mexico ranks 3rd in childhood hunger and 7th in hunger overall.

New Mexico is second in the nation for senior food insecurity.

In Bernalillo County 1 in 6 residents do not know where their next meal will come from.

Please plan to stay after worship on April 14 to write at least 2 letters--one to your Representative and one to a Senator. A sample letter will be provided and all writing materials will be available. For those not able to stay, take home materials will be available. We will be dedicating the letters on Sunday, April 21 and mailing them immediately after.

DIGNITY MISSION FOOD EMERGENCY

**Dignity Mission delivers needed supplies to refugees and shelters
on both sides of the border.**

March/April/May Collection At All Saints

At the top of the list:

Nido Fortificada Dry Whole Milk

Baby Food Pouches

Stage 2 Baby Food

Nestle NICO Kinder 1+ Powdered Milk



Bring donations to the church OR use the
Dignity Mission Wish List below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref_=wl_share

DIGNITY MISSION FOOD EMERGENCY

- Nestle NIDO Fortified Dry Milk
- Baby Food Pouches
- Stage 2 Baby Food
- Baby and Toddler socks
- Baby Wipes
- Infant/Toddler/Girls underpants
- Infant/Toddler/Boys underpants
- Diapers – size 2 thru 6

ADVOCACY NOTE: GLOBAL REFUGE (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) – Part 2

The Terms We Use: Refugees

Global Refuge offers a way to understand the terms we use for newcomers to the U.S., such as “refugee” and “asylum seeker.” Focusing first on refugees, we’ll see where many originate, where they flee, and how they can find safety and resettlement in the United States.

Of today’s more than 100 million displaced people, about 30 million are refugees who have left their countries. Through international agreements, they have the right to seek safety elsewhere. The countries to which they flee are called host countries and serve as intermediate stops on the journey to resettlement. Today, 6.6 million people live in refugee camps in host countries around the world.

Why do refugees leave home? Because of persecution due to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or political affiliation. Or to escape wars and other violence, political instability, or climate disasters.

What is the next step after getting to a refugee camp? Refugees can apply to be resettled in the host country or in another country. Only a tiny percentage will be resettled anywhere.

Where are refugees from? 72% are fleeing Syria, Venezuela, Ukraine, Afghanistan, and So. Sudan.

Which countries host the most refugees? Turkey, Colombia, Germany, Pakistan, and Uganda.

How are refugees resettled in the United States? They have four routes by priority:

1. Referral by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a U.S. embassy, or some NGOs: To enable refugees in host countries, often in camps, to resettle here.

2. Special Humanitarian Concerns, determined by the U.S. State Department: To resettle people who worked with the U.S. military as interpreters and contractors, for example.

3. Family Reunification: To reunite a refugee with a relative already in the U.S.

4. The Welcome Corps (started in 2023): To enable U.S. citizens and permanent residents to help with refugee resettlement through a community-based effort. It involves sponsorship and has been used with Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.

In 2023, the U.S. resettled 60,014 refugees. By region, the largest group was from Africa--about 24,000. Another 20,000 were from the Near East and South Asia, and 6,000 were from Latin America and the Caribbean. All people admitted as refugees to the United States have first undergone numerous screenings, including multiple interviews, security checks, and medical exams. Once accepted, many refugees are assisted with housing, language acquisition, job searches, etc., for a set period of time. Resettlement may occur through programs such as Lutheran Family Services in Albuquerque.

Global Refuge is the U.S.’s second-largest refugee resettlement agency and receives federal, state, and private funding. Community volunteers are essential. See [Refugee Admissions Hub | Global Refuge](#). As we shall see, asylum seekers differ from refugees in the nature of their journey and the kind of support they receive once they are in the U.S.



Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Sierra Vista Elementary School Backpack Food Collection Project!

Here are our awesome Men's Group members - Gerry Ferdig, Don Debelak, Bob Welch, Frank Orton, Larry Shy - and project coordinator Patty Ferdig, volunteering to load, transport and unload the food at the school.



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

This is the Season of Easter. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Have you ever read a choose your own journey book? The kind of book that gives you a choice on how you want the story to go... at the bottom of the page it says, "continue to the next page or go to page number..." I read somewhere that the resurrection is God's way of announcing that our life does not have to be a one-way journey. We have choices to make along the way similar to those books. We can continue on the path we are on or choose to go to another page.

It can feel frightening to choose that new path. The unknown is a mysterious adventure that certainly takes courage and so much extra work, and yet... Ah, the unknown of that "and yet..." One never knows the outcome of it until it's tried!

No, life is not a one-way journey. But one thing is constant – God's unwavering love for us! Through it all, God is there with us. Even when we don't feel God's presence, God is there. God sent Jesus for us.

*In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own.*

*Though our world is ever-changing, you are constant, firm, and sure,
faithful to your cov'nant promise. Trusting you, we live secure:
singing praises, singing praises, long as heart and breath endure.*

*Joy transforms our lips to boasting only in your matchless grace,
sending Christ to dwell among us, Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior, in whose life we glimpse your face.*

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. On March 20, 4 baby chicks visited - how cute and little! Then the annual Easter Egg Hunt was on March 21. A huge crowd of parents, grandparents and friends joined the children while they looked for the eggs. Coffee and donuts were enjoyed by all.

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 “Fish, Fins, and Fun”! Tell your family and friends!

FINANCIAL – January/February revenues = \$31,317.00 and Expenses = \$28,791.00
Balance = + \$2,523.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16 Trike-a-thon

“DID YOU KNOW”

The Preschool is licensed by the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD). The preschool always receives compliments on the facilities, teaching staff and loving atmosphere.



All Saints Lutheran Church Property Committee is seeking a part time Sexton (Janitor/Maintenance) to clean the church and handle small repairs. This would be an afternoon/evening position. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tom Becker at thomasedwardbecker@hotmail.com or contact the office at (505) 898-3932.





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 and Mark</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Donn & Janet Franklin</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Nanette Morton: Sandie Chapin</p> <p>Priscilla: Barb & Dan</p>	<p>Bob and 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, 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 Ward</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p>
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All Saints Congregation Members

Jon Jastram	Harriett Rothlisberger	
Jean Bernabo	Bob Klenner	Walter Stolte
Bryce Willman	Julie LaHam	
Jerry Ferdig	Dawn Mace	
Karen Hyde	Betsy Mahoney	

We pray for Vicki and Bill Easson and all who grieve the passing of Dave Thompson.

We pray for Gabi and Megan Ailabouni who work in Global Mission in the Holy Land.

We pray for the Rocky Mountain Synod as we prepare to elect a new bishop in the midst of financial challenges; and for Bishop Jim Gonia as he prepares to retire after 12 years of faithful and vibrant leadership.

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