



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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One of the Core Values we have identified as a community of faith is Vibrant Faith Formation. In recent years, we've seen many changes take place in our faith formation ministry as the composition of our congregation changes and through the challenges of the pandemic. Now we have the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to Faith Formation across the span of life – to continuing, as our mission statement says, to grow in faith as God's forgiven people.

I am curious to know what sorts of activities and gatherings would assist you, the members and friends of All Saints, in your own faith formation. What would help you to learn and grow in discipleship, challenge you and offer you new perspectives, and feed your spiritual life? I have thought of continuing and expanding Bible study opportunities, continuing and possibly expanding Connection Groups, gathering to experience new prayer practices. We could gather to explore topics such as retirement and faith, end of life decisions, or social issues. We could have book groups to read and discuss books. The possibilities are endless – and I need to know how to focus our energy as a community.

So I have two requests of you

- I will send out an adult formation survey in July, digitally and on paper. Please respond by telling me, not what you think “the church should do,” but what YOU would participate in. It doesn't help me to know that all of you think we “should” have evening Bible study if no one actually wants to do it. If you do not wish to participate in any adult formation activities, tell us that, too. The more information we have, the better we can manage our time and resources.
- I would love to gather an Adult Formation Team — a few other people with a passion for adult education in the church who might help me plan and get some new things off the ground. Please contact me if that is something you are interested in.

We know that part of being disciples of Christ is constantly learning and growing in faith, and there are so many ways to do that. Please think and pray about what you would like that to look like in your life, and share your thoughts with me in the survey or in conversation any time.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin

AUGUST NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 18

WORSHIP



July 3

Galatians 6:1-10
Psalm 66:1-9
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

July 10

Colossians 1:1-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Colossians 1:15-28; Psalm 15
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 138
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 49:1-12
Luke 12:13-21

We have entered the LONG season of Sundays after Pentecost – also called “Ordinary Time.” This is the season when we dig in to explore what it means to be followers of Jesus in our ordinary lives.

From SALT.org: This is the third week of “Ordinary Time,” a nearly six-month chronological set of stories narrating Jesus’ life, this year selected from the gospel of Luke. In the passage from June 26 (Luke 9:51), Jesus ‘set his face to go to Jerusalem’ - an idiom that signals his intent and determination. Over the next six months, we’ll walk alongside him, listening and learning from him as we make our way to the holy city. Following Jesus, our faces will be ‘set toward Jerusalem’ — and the journey ahead over these six months of Ordinary Time and beyond will be an itinerary focused on what true discipleship looks and feels like.



***** Our Current Weekly Bible Study will be meeting on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion of the coming Sunday’s readings. *****

Date	Zoom	Altar Assistant	Lector
July 3	Lee Liming	Erin Reil	Jeff Yingling
July 10	Martha Montano	Kurt Rager	Hannah Rager
July 17	Marlee Barnes	Kris Ericson	Gloria Napier-Owen
July 24	Martha Montano	Pricilla Brower	Rae VanDeMotter
July 31	Megan Barnes	Brian Hughes	Randine Hughes

Patty Ferdig and Rhonda Bentz are our Altar Care volunteers in July.

We continue to be very thankful for those that have made their gifts to the church, and by doing so committing to the ministries and programs of ASLC.

To help keep you apprised of ASLC financial position, the following table provides financial information thru the end of May '22.

	YTD May '22	YTD May '21
General Giving	\$111,044	\$98,248
Other revenue	\$33,093	\$30,571
Expenses	\$128,320	\$123,927
NET (Operating)	\$15,817	\$4,892

On a year-to-date basis, expenses are down .58% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). At the same time, General Giving is up 13.02% (\$12,796). While this increase in giving is encouraging, more givers have paid their commitment for the year during the first four months of 2022 than in the first five months of 2021. Therefore, the financial results for the balance of the year may be negatively impacted by this “early” giving. The Pre-school shows a loss of \$722 on a year-to-date basis, as of the end of May.

The Committee is currently working on the Fall giving campaign. Between now and the kickoff of the Fall campaign additional information and background will be provided for your consideration.

We are created to do this together, offering up all our skills, our hopes, our ideas, our money, and our hearts, to answer God’s call. With a past so full of grace, our future, thanks be to God, is likewise full of hope.

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkrugeo1@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

Want a cup of coffee?

We all love to sip coffee, munch on goodies, and visit with one another after worship on Sundays. And we need more people to sign up to make coffee, bring treats, and clean up after fellowship time. Please look for the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or call the church office to sign up, so we can all continue to enjoy this valuable time together.

OUTREACH, ADVOCACY & RAPID RESPONSE

volunteer

To *volunteer* means to freely offer up your time and service to help. So, a *volunteer* might offer to water a neighbor's plants while he's on vacation or sign up to serve dinner at a local homeless shelter.

The word "volunteer" came into use in the 1600's. The noun *volunteer* referred to a person who offered himself up for military service. It wasn't until a few decades later that the word was first used in a non-military sense. And a little over a hundred years after that, the word *volunteer* expanded from functioning as just a noun to also playing the role of verb. A *volunteer* is someone who *volunteers*: willingly performs a task or offers a service.

Here at All Saints Lutheran Church, we are very lucky to have many volunteers working for the church and for the community. It takes a lot of hands to put together a Sunday morning service. One person for Zoom, two people for running the slides and videos, two ushers, one lector, one assistant minister, two altar guild assistants. That's a total of nine people!

There are so many other ways that our congregation steps up to keep the church running and also to serve the community. I want to draw attention to just one other group of volunteers.

About a month ago, the OAR Committee asked to meet with the congregation to talk about asylum seekers coming to Albuquerque as they begin their journey in the U.S. to their sponsors. One of the other things that we spoke about at this meeting was the need for more volunteers to help with welcoming the seekers when they arrive here in Albuquerque. To date, we have eighteen people at All Saints who have volunteered to help with this mission either directly or indirectly.

Personally, as the Chair of the OAR Committee, I am overwhelmed and thankful for your generosity and your desire to serve others. Praise God for all that He has given us!

Blessings,
Rae VanDeMotte

COMMUNITY

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY-NM: God's Work, Our Voices

Biblical Roots of Advocacy

"... [L]et justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream," Amos 5:24 (NRSV).

Years ago, I admitted to my pastor that I didn't like to read Old Testament prophets because they were full of gloom and doom. My pastor was shocked. He knew me to be enthusiastic about social justice advocacy. How did I not understand the prophets' role in faith-based advocacy? He invited me to join a two-year Bible study, during which we read every book of both Testaments. I got a good dose of those prophets that I had readily dismissed. I began to see the light.

In 2020, I got to revisit one prophet in a grand way. It happened by Zoom among Lutherans in a summer discussion group in Albuquerque. Our leader, Charles Shirley, presented us with scripture and modern scholarship. Here are some of my takeaways:

- ◆ The social system of Amos's time was exploitive, with a tiny percent of people owning up to two-thirds of the produced wealth.
- ◆ They lived in over-the-top luxury while others went hungry.
- ◆ The elite owned much of the land and set up a system of tenant farmers and day laborers.
- ◆ The elites struggled against one another, often to get more land and labor.
- ◆ Organized religion colluded with the politically powerful.
- ◆ Even the courts were corrupt, susceptible to payoffs.

Around 750 BCE, along came Amos to lift up the idea of a Golden Age of Justice. First, however, he critiqued the domination system of his day. Unafraid to speak to the king and the economic and religious elite of society, he said essentially this:

- ◆ God favors justice over elaborate religious rituals that are devoid of just concerns.
- ◆ All people should have the basics of life, not as charity but as rightful social order.
- ◆ Israel's claim of exceptionalism does not square with God's system. Ethiopians, Philistines, and Aramaeans are as beloved as the Israelites.
- ◆ Without a just system, all will suffer, not as an afterlife punishment but in historical times.
- ◆ With God, there is the hope that the land and society will be restored.

How inspiring and relevant the Prophet Amos seems in our day—a courageous advocate whose message can inform our own as we speak up for more just systems.

Judy Messal

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Member

Daniel Mazan
Alanna Cellan
Erica Montano
Megan Barnes
Sylas Warriner
Barbara Willman

Member

Noah Liming
Nancy Karberg
Ruth Ericson
Jacob Enriquez
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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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PIZZA PARTY

Wednesday, July 13th

6pm – 7:30pm

In the Youth Room



**Calling All Youth
Middle School & High School
Join us for pizza, an ice cream sundae bar,
and some fun & games**

**Can't wait to see you.
Let me know if you can make it plz**

**This summer All Saints will be hosting groups of youth from around the country
in conjunction with Service Learning Camps.**

July

24—30

**Group from North Dakota
Calvary Lutheran**

Please say hello if you happen to see them around church

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Erin Reil: Coordinator of Music Ministries ■ ereil4@comcast.net



*“You write your life story by the choices you make.
You never know if they have been a mistake.
Those moments of decision are so difficult.”*
~ Helen Mirren

I have been thinking lately about how our lives are filled with choices. We choose what to eat and drink, what to do with our free time, who to spend our time with. We make lists and put our choices in order of priority. Our choices shape our world. I don't know about any of you, but I am a BIG procrastinator. Always have been. I know that when I have something to accomplish, I should start it right away. I know that if I put it off my anxiety and stress level alarms will go off and I will not be the best me I can be.

There are also moments when I am not confident about a choice I have made. What will happen if my decision reflects badly on me or on another? When I was teaching, I had a saying posted in my classroom: “You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice”. Most times our decisions work in our favor... and unfortunately, there are times when we have to accept the consequences of our choices.

“The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: 'grace.'” This refreshing quote by Max Lucado reminds me of five words that were spoken over and over at the last ELCA Youth Gathering I attended as a chaperone, “There is GRACE for that.”

We are not perfect, nor should we be. I don't believe that perfection exists. Progress? Absolutely! We can choose to be better than we were before. And when we falter, there is grace for that!

May you find the peace and harmony your hearts' desire.
Erin

PRESCHOOL KORNER UPDATE

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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL
Preschool Korner News ~ June 2022

Summer Fun!!!



PRAYER REQUESTS - ALL SAINTS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

For requests, updates, changes please contact the office at (505) 898-3932 or office@allsaintsabq.org

Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse

Caunedo, Christian

Lucy Archambault: Tom Anderson, Apodaca Family, Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Katy Harris

Megan and Marlee Barnes: Grandma Gail

Karen Cellan: Kevin & Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Andrea Flynn

Culbertsons: Will Armistad, Kaydee Culbertson

Lillian Edwards: Gretchen Edwards, Sandie Chapin, Frank Gonzales, Lisa Foster & Lance Gordon, Anne McBroom

Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus & Royce, Ash McCallum

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Denise Winn & Kathy Ferdig: Carol Torrez

Kathy Ferdig: Barbara McLain & Janet Franklin

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Brian and Randine Hughes: Fran Black

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Rae Van de Motter: Faye

Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch

Mark & Denise Winn: Bill Winn, Irma Saldua-Reynolds, Ashton Raley, Simon Reseigh, Family of Paula Tompkins, Family of Michelle Hougland

Preschool: The Cunningham Family, The Pino Family

We pray for the people of Ukraine, and all soldiers on both sides caught in the conflict. We pray for the people of Afghanistan. We pray for refugees seeking peace and safety around the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS – ALL SAINTS CONGREGATION MEMBERS

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Ruth Ericson

Katie Hallstrom

Jamie Hughes

Karen Hyde

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Bob Klenner

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The Knudsen Family

Julie LaHam

Andy Lewis

Frank Morath

Cecilia Pepper

Bill Rothlisberger

Dave Thompson

Rae VanDeMotter

✠ We pray for Gabi & Meghan Ailabouni who work in Global Missions in the Holy Land, and for their family.

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