



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022

But while the son was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him . . . And they began to celebrate

~ Luke 15: 20,24

One of Jesus' most famous parables is usually called "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." But this is actually a parable designed to teach us about the merciful, generous nature of God. And to the extent that "prodigal" means extravagant or over-the-top, that word is better applied to the father in the story.

The son comes home hoping for a modest meal in exchange for an apology. Before he can say a word, however, his father is lavishing him with love and making preparations for a party. For the prodigal parent, only a splendid celebration will do.

Jesus says that God – The Prodigal Parent – puts grace into action this way: welcoming us home even when we don't "deserve" it; forgiving us completely before we can even ask; and treating just the sight of us as cause for extravagant joy.

At our best, this sort of celebratory welcome is what All Saints is all about—welcoming visitors and regulars alike into the beautiful choreography of worship and celebration. We strive to be a community of joy – prodigal, extravagant, and free – for anyone who longs for a meal, an embrace, and the reassurance that they are not alone.

This welcome is about repairing the world through love, one celebration at a time. That's Grace in Action. You can hear it in the language we use: we celebrate Communion, celebrate Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism, celebrate Easter, celebrate Christmas. In September, we celebrated when eight new members joined our congregation.

And speaking of celebration: we're looking forward to celebrating Giving Sunday with you on October 30. That will be a party you won't want to miss – with all our music ensembles leading us in Reformation Sunday worship!

By now you should have received a pledge card to make a financial commitment for 2023. Please pray the prayer on the back, fill out the card, and bring it on Commitment Sunday, October 30.

Grace and joy,

The Development Committee and Pastor Kristin



Worship

October 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

Luke 17:5-10

October 16

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

Luke 17:11-19

October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

Luke 17:11-19

October 23

2 Timothy 4.1-8

Psalm 84

Luke 18:9-14

September 30

Romans 3:19-28

Psalm 46

Luke 19:1-10

REFORMATION SUNDAY/GIVING SUNDAY POTLUCK CELEBRATION!

It's time to gather as a community for shared celebration of our ministries and connection to friends, old and new! Bring your pledge card and a dish to share and **Remember to wear red for Reformation!**

Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Oct 2	Nicole Arguello	Rae VanDeMotte	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Oct 9	Priscilla Brower	Crish Tippit	Megan Barnes	Brian Hughes	Steve Reil
Oct 16	Randine Hughes	Gloria Napper-Owen	Lee Liming	Brian Hughes	Steve Reil
Oct 23	Rhonda Benz	Kurt Rager	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Oct 30	Kris Ericson	Patty Ferdig	Megan Barnes	Lee Liming	Steve Reil



Community Connection



BALLOON FIESTA BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:30 A.M.

Come out to All Saints on **October 1** to view the first Mass Ascension from the mesa, and enjoy a breakfast burrito prepared and served by our youth group.

Invite your friends!



October 2022

CALENDAR CHANGE

There will ***not*** be a gathering on **October 5** for a blessing of animals.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OAR – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

Rae VanDeMotter – Chair

Asylum Seekers Welcome

All Saints may not have a clothing center on-site but we still need your help! A bus full of asylum seekers continues to arrive on a weekly basis so the need is great. If you cannot take your donation to 2nd Presbyterian – please place it in the old nursery.

LIKE NEW CLOTHING ONLY!

Ask a friend to help!

Volunteers Needed-Two or Three Hour Shifts

Times and tasks described below.

If you can help with Jobs A, B or C

contact Rae VanDeMotter at 216-633-6362 or revdm1950@gmail.com

If you can help with Job D

contact Jan Hans at 505-328-1730 text only or dorothyanne27@gmail.com

Job A - Take Clothes to the Hotel

Bus Day - The morning before the bus arrives 11a-1p

Load up clothes at the Donation Center (Second Presbyterian Church at Lomas & Edith) and transport to the hotel. Unload the clothes at the hotel, put up the plastic shelving, and shelve the clothes. Strong backs and a truck or SUV are a plus!

Job B-Distribute

Distribute clothes to asylees at the hotel.

Needed the day the bus arrives for distribution of essential items

Then the next two days for returns for better fitting.

Day One 3-6 pm - Day Two 9-3pm - Day Three 10-3pm

Job C-Take Clothes back to the Donation Center

Load up clothes at the hotel and transport them back to Donation Center. Unload clothes. Strong backs and a truck or SUV are a plus!

Usually the 3rd day after the bus arrival.

Job D-Help at the Donation Center

Contact Jan Hans 505-328-1730

Accept donations from donors. Sort and shelve the clothes.

Get clothes ready for delivery to hotel.

Help needed Mondays 4-6, Wednesdays 4-6, Saturdays 10-12



Advocacy Spotlight

God's Work, Our Voices

Judy Messal, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, NM

Join us on October 15 for a Farm Bill Listening Session & World Food Day Event



[Bread for the World](#) is partnering nationally with [Interfaith Power & Light](#) to advocate for justice and sustainability in the 2023 reauthorization of the U.S Farm Bill. Important provisions include those addressing climate change and protecting nutrition programs. To refine its legislative proposal, Bread for the World is holding listening sessions around the country, including one in **Albuquerque**.

When: Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Where: La Mesa Presbyterian Church, 7401 Copper Avenue NE. You also can attend on **Zoom**.

Who: (1) **Sergio Mata-Cisneros**, Bread for the World government relations analyst, will discuss the Farm Bill. (2) A **panel of local advocates** will discuss how the bill can address the concerns of their communities. Panelists are **Alan Brauer** and a colleague from **Indigenous Farm Hub**, **Terry Sloan** from **New Mexico/El Paso Interfaith Power and Light**, **Lawrence Gallegos** from **Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association**, and **Lacy Daniell-Miller** from **Save Our Children Action Network**. **Pam Roy** of the **New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council** will moderate. Your questions and comments will be welcomed at the event.

To Register: Go to <https://bit.ly/3dPVhkp> to register.

For more information, contact Lupe Conchas, lconchas@bread.org; Carlos Navarro, breadnm@gmail.com; or Judy Messal, judithmessal@comcast.net

Youth NEWS AND EVENTS



Balloon Fiesta Breakfast
On October 1, all youth in 6th – 12th grades are invited and encouraged to come to church at **6:30 a.m.** to prepare burritos for our community. This is a fun annual event *and* a fundraiser for youth events such as the synod gathering, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.



Love God, Love Neighbor Second Sunday Service Adventures for grades 6-12 *(friends, parents or mentors warmly welcome)*

Albuquerque area youth will meet **Second Sundays** of each month after church for a casual, light lunch, followed by service- learning projects plus worship, recreation and meaningful conversations.

Wings for L.I.F.E. (an empowerment program for children and family members of prisoners and at-risk youth.

Oct. 9th

Host Church: St. Luke Lutheran Church.

12:00 p.m. – about 3:30 p.m.

We need an adult leader to help with transportation and to be with the youth at this event since Pastor Kristin will be on vacation.

Nov. 13 Host Church:

All Saints Lutheran Church

Encanto (movie), discussion and service *Mark your calendars and plan to be at All Saints to host our city youth and share a fun time of service together.*

Disney
ENCANTO

All Saints Youth Group
Sunday, October 23, 2:00 - 4:00

Come to carve and paint pumpkins and bake pumpkin cookies and share fun time together!



It's time to start planning for Rainbow Trail for summer 2023!
Registration Opens November 1 and camps fill fast!

All Saints dates for 2023:

July 30 - Aug 5 for Students entering 4th to 8th grade - Pastor Kristin will drive both ways and stay at camp for the week.

July 9 - 15 or July 23-29 for students entering 9th to 12th grade - parents can work together with Pastor Kristin to plan transportation.

RTLK is expensive and it is worth it. All Saints will pay \$100 for each camper, so let us know when you register! Additional campships are available - no one needs to miss camp due to cost. Just talk to Pastor Kristin for confidential financial aid.



YOUTH GATHERING
for Middle School and High School
FEBRUARY 18-20

Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

OTHER + WISE

Interested?
We will drive to Denver together Saturday and return Monday.
The cost for
All Saints youth
will be \$50-100.
Financial aid is available

We need to register
by **Nov 1!**

Call Pastor Kristin to sign up.



Property Committee

Bel Bentz and Tom Becker, Co-Chairs

We have reformed the property committee but are still looking for volunteers.
The new committee is:

Mel Bentz
Tom Becker
Mary Johnson
Martha Debelak
Jerry Ferdig
Dan Mazan
Elizabeth Mazan

We performed a 'walk-through' of the church property and building and made a list of all repairs that must be made. We will tackle the list in the upcoming months and create a list of all systems in the church that require periodic maintenance.

We will contact several Boy Scouts needing Eagle projects to see if some of the exterior landscaping items may suit their project.

In the future, we will also be installing a 'Maintenance Bulletin Board' for members to make suggestions or point out an item that may need repair.

Thanks to all of the new committee members, and remember – we need you!





Community News

Last year the church congregation voted to install Solar Panels to the roof of the church.

Monday, September 26th, Solar installation began.

The Solar Installation company will need to turn off the power to the church on October 8th.

The church will be CLOSED for all activities on that day.

We are excited to make our church green!



October Birthdays

Patty Ferdig	6	Rae Van De Motter	19
Don Debelak	6	Waleed Ashoo	22
Benjamin Giralmo	8	Robina Sandoval	27
Debra Ashoo	9	Thomas Bailey	27
Kristina Ericson	10	Linda Gray	29
Leah Dolan	12	Christina Rael	29
Charles Boldine	18		



Music Ministry Notes

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."
~Psalm 46:1*

Have you ever wondered why we sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" on Reformation Sunday? Honestly, I had never truly thought about it until now. It was just what we did! Tradition. Even though it was not sung during the celebration of Reformation until many years after Luther's death, it is known as "the Battle Hymn of the Reformation" and a great source of strength. Martin Luther wrote the hymn during a time of "anfechtung" – translated "temptation" or "trial", this word refers to anything that causes doubt, anxiety, fear, or suffering. He based the hymn on Psalm 46 and due to his emotional state at the time, intended it to be a song of comfort and hope. As we sing this hymn, we are reminded to take comfort in the Word of God (God's Mighty Fortress) and that the Word will remain, no matter what. We can have faith that we are not forgotten and that God's love never fails.

*That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever.*

Save the Date



**All Saints Annual Christmas Concert
December 18, 2022
2:00 pm**

SPOTLIGHT ON: Shelley Takeuchi

By Rae VanDeMotter

I have been so impressed by all of the wonderful people of All Saints Lutheran Church. This church is a very talented and giving church. I thought affirming one extraordinary member by telling her story would be nice.

Occasionally, one meets a person who makes you smile whenever you see them. Maybe it's because her shining eyes reflect her goodness in all she does. But let me tell you—there is much more about Shelley than meets the eye.

I asked Shelley what some of her favorite things to do are. She said she loved helping others, so she started Shelley's Shuttle. She drives people who can't get around as quickly as others. She told me it started with the "sweetest couple who happened to be blind." They work full-time at the Commission for the Blind, helping others with related disabilities. They are Shelley's inspiration and one of the reasons she focuses on helping others. She said they are great examples of what Christ would be like if he were blind. They see more clearly than many sighted people, especially when helping others.



Shelley also just attended the grand opening of The Book of Names, Ireicho, at the Japanese American National Museum in LA. It is the first listing of all 250,284 names of the Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in 75 sites around the US, including Assembly Centers, Internment Camps, Department of Justice Camps, etc., during WWII. The book contains all of Shelley's husband Kirk's relatives, and she got to place a Hanko mark beside the names of his grandfather, his dad, and his mom. These relatives, and many more, are listed in this book as the size of the Gutenberg Bible.

Attached is a photo of Kirk's grandmother, his aunt, and the two oldest uncles on his father's side, all born in Japan and all sent to different internment camps.

Shelley's favorite Bible verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances."

Thank you, Shelley, for all that you do for others.

God bless YOU!!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ministry Lead: Patty Ferdig (505) 892-5361

SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

School is back in session, and Sierra Vista Elementary School is again starting its backpack food collection project.

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.

There are fewer participants at the current restart of this program, but it is expected that more will be added as needs are noted and as the school has supplies available. At this time, Sierra Vista has no sponsors providing food, so staff and some community members supply food as they are able. We at All Saints are pleased to resume this Outreach project once again and sponsor a food drive through October.

SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pasta – Various types ▪ Spaghetti Sauce – Cans only ▪ Fruit Cups ▪ Macaroni and Cheese ▪ Canned Vegetables and Fruit ▪ Juice & Chocolate Milk Boxes ▪ Cheese and Cracker Snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drink Mixes (Cocoa, Cider, Fruit) ▪ Peanut Butter (Plastic Jars) ▪ Powdered or Long Life Boxed Milk ▪ Tuna ▪ Rice/Beans – dried 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soups ▪ Jello/Pudding Mix ▪ Muffin/Bisquit Mix ▪ Canned Ham or Chicken ▪ Granola Bars ▪ Packages of Nuts ▪ Jelly (Plastic Jars) ▪ Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
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***** Refrigeration space is almost non-existent so no fresh and no frozen food 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.



Sierra Vista
Elementary School



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Jim Kruger, Chair

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our Image, according to our likeness..."

Genesis 1:26

If you haven't already received a letter from the Development Committee, you will shortly. The letter is an introduction to this year's pledge campaign, "Grace in Action," which will culminate on October 30th, Commitment Sunday. As a part of this year's campaign, we will be holding Gatherings on two Sundays after church service. The purpose of the gatherings is to provide an opportunity to discuss giving and our commitments to support the ministry and programs of ASLC. These gatherings will be held on **October 9th & 23th**. Please mark your calendar to participate in one of the Gatherings.

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

	YTD August '22	YTD August '21
General Giving	\$161,292	\$143,952
Other revenue	\$56,271	\$42,258
Expenses	\$212,014	\$214,377
NET (Operating)	\$5,549	(\$28,167)

The information in the above table is positive on a YTD basis, and our revenue exceeded our expenses during August by \$1,117. On a year-to-date basis, expenses decreased by 6.73% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). At the same time, YTD General Giving is up 12.05% (\$17,340). Previously, we have reported that more givers have paid their commitment for the year during the first six months of 2022 than in the first six months of 2021. As we have moved through the year, the "early" giving hasn't had a negative impact on overall giving.

The preschool shows a loss of \$6,468 on a year-to-date basis as of the end of August, due to lower summer enrollment.

Please get in touch with me (jkruger01@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin if you have questions or would like assistance.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Marleta M. Anderson, Director 21 Years

What do members of All Saints Lutheran Church know about their preschool?

Members for 2 months, 2 years or 20 years ask questions of
Ms. Marleta, Preschool Director for 21 years.

Call 897-2144!

The Preschool ministry at All Saints Lutheran Church has been alive and active since 1989. In 2014 the Preschool celebrated 25 years when the church celebrated 50 years. Now in 2022 the Preschool is celebrating 33 years in existence. What an awesome history we have experienced. During the first 12 years the Preschool had 12 different directors. In 2002, I, Marleta M. Anderson, became director of the preschool and have been here since then.

The Preschool offers a structured environment, as well as an educationally sound and biblically based program for all ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. If you know of anyone who needs a quality preschool or childcare send them our way?

GOD IS GOOD!

THANK YOU ALL SAINTS FOR THIRTY THREE YEARS!!!!

Marleta M. Anderson
Director 21 years

**Watch for Preschool
Open House in November**



NEWS/EVENTS

October 6 & 7 & 10

Fall Break – NO school

October 24 -28

Fall Fun Week -Pajamas, popcorn



GRANDPARENTS TEA

On September 14, the preschoolers got to invite their grandparents for coffee and tea and a few refreshments. Everyone had a great time visiting with their grandchildren. Even some parents wanted to participate and have fun.

October 2022						
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FALL TRIKE A THON

On September 20th, the preschool held a trike a thon in the front parking lot. They spent hours exerting a ton of energy while the spectators (parents) cheered them on.



Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p>Lucy Archamboult: 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, Andrea & James Flynn, Olivia Rodman</p> <p>Lillian Edwards: Gretchen Edwards, Sandie Chapin, Frank Gonzales, Lisa Foster & Lance Gordon, Anne McBroom</p> <p>Vicki Eason: Kim Kangus & Royce, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Ferdigs: Craig, Chad, Marlene & Tim Homomichl</p> <p>Denise Winn & Kathy Ferdig: Carol Torrez</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Barbara McLain & Janet Franklin</p> <p>Rita Harris: Scott, Alexa and Jack</p> <p>Brian and Randine Hughes: Fran Black</p> <p>Karen Hyde: Mark Bardo</p> <p>Joy Ibsen: Dan</p>	<p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Skip Napier</p> <p>Karol Lavallo: Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena</p> <p>Lewis: Finley Rose, Janine Lynn</p> <p>Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel & David, Patty</p> <p>Krugers: Jim & Joanne, Bob & Pat, Jon & Mikele, Molly Highwater</p> <p>Judy Messal: LaVerne Kaufman, Terry</p> <p>Milks: Steve Bowman, Raiff, Sherry Manning, Ed and Roe Wynn</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Kristin Schultz: Lynne Morrow</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy, Kristine and Doug</p> <p>Nancy Tillen: Arlene Harris, Julia Tillen</p> <p>Crish Tippit: Jeoff Tippit</p> <p>Rae Van de Motter: Faye Lampela</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Ashton Raley, Nigel Jones</p> <p>Preschool: The Cunningham Family, The Pino Family</p>
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All Saints Congregation Members

Virginia Antonetty	Karen Hyde	Frank Morath
Jean Bernabo	Jon Jastram	Cecilia Pepper
Karen Cellan	Bob Klenner	Bill & Harriett Rothlisberger
Lillian Edwards	Fern Knudsen	Dave Thompson
Ruth and Kris Ericson	Julie LaHam	Nancy Tillen
Katie Hallstrom	Andy Lewis	Bryce Willman
Jamie Hughes	Betsy Mahoney	

We pray for the people of Ukraine, and all people experiencing war.

We pray for the people of Puerto Rico, Florida, and all who suffer due to extreme weather events. We pray for refugees seeking peace and safety around the world.

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

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

NEW MEMBERS

On September 18, 2022 we welcomed eight new members to our congregation.



Ginny Cruz



Karan Haynes



Mary Johnson



Rosy Kalsbeek



Brandy & Christina Rael



Larry & Cindy Shy

RETURNING MEMBER

For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members
one of another.

Romans 12:4-5



Sharon Rager

Pictured with Granddaughter, Hannah

Church Staff

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Congregation Council Members

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