



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear All Saints Community,

Advent is upon us! By the time you read this, we will be in the season of hope and anticipation which leads us into Christmas. It is a time when we look for moments of reflection and prayer amidst the busy-ness of parties and preparation. A time we long for true joy and gratitude amidst the often saccharine “spirit of the season” which comes at us from every direction. It is also a season that gives us more opportunities for connection with loved ones, acquaintances and even strangers as we all try for more kindness and cheer.

This Advent, I invite you to try one new thing that will connect you with God and with people in your life – particularly, I encourage you to try out one or more of the many things we are doing at church this Advent season. Join a discussion of the meaning of Advent without leaving your home on Tuesday evenings via Zoom; or sing and pray with us the lovely Holden Evening Prayer service on Wednesdays. Come to the Gingerbread House Party on December 17 or the Christmas Concert on December 18 – or both! This is also a great season to invite a friend to join you for Sunday worship or for any of these activities, as many people are open to new celebrations right now.

And if the spirit of the season is hard for you this year – I understand that. This is a hard time for people who are grieving or struggling with anxiety or depression. Holden Evening prayer, with its lovely music and gentle rhythm, is good for an aching heart. And you’ve heard me say many times that the “Light in Darkest Night” service, which we do every year particularly for people who struggle with the Christmas season, is one of my favorite services of a year – a balm for aching heart and invitation for all of us to rest in the love of our Holy Beloved God.

However you are present this season, may peace and joy fill your heart as you wait for the coming of Christ Jesus into our world and our lives.

~ Pastor Kristin

And another invitation and request for help: Looking towards the new year – which begins now in the church and very soon on the calendar – I am forming a new Faith Formation Team. This team will advise and work on faith formation events for all ages – adult, families, youth, and children. Are you interested? If you want to volunteer, or have any questions, contact me at pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org or give me a call at 505-898-3932.



Advent at All Saints 2022

Meaning of Advent Series

Tuesday, November 29, December 6, and 13 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Based on a series of videos with contemporary religious teachers and writers reflecting on what it means to wait for Jesus in hope in love.

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 and 14, 6:30 p.m. ~ In person and on Zoom

Gingerbread House Party

Saturday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. ~ in the Fellowship Hall

We will make gingerbread houses while we listen to songs of the season.

All ages welcome!

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. ~ in person and on Zoom

Join Organist Nathan Cleaveland, Music Coordinator Erin Reil, the All Saints Choir, Hallelujah Ringers, and Grace Notes band for our 2nd annual Christmas Concert.

Preschool Christmas Program

Monday, December 19, 11:00 a.m.

Director Marleta Anderson and staff, invite you to join the Preschool in the Sanctuary with Music Coordinator Erin Reil for “Angels, Lambs, Lady Bugs and Fireflies: A Whimsical Story of Jesus’ Birth”

Light in Darkest Night

Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. ~ in person and on Zoom

A worship service for all of us who’d like a quiet break, especially for people who are grieving or struggling with the holiday season.



Worship

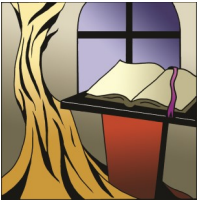
December 4—Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Matthew 3:1-12	December 11—Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 Matthew 11:2-11
December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Matthew 1:18-25	December 21—Darkest Night Service, 6:30 pm Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 27 John 1:1-5, 14
December 24—Christmas Eve, 7 pm Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Luke 2:1-20	December 25—Christmas Day

December 24, Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m. We will gather to fill and place luminarias.
All are welcome – it’s fun, and many hands make light work!
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship – in person and on Zoom, with all our music ensembles.

December 25, Christmas Day
Worship at 10:00 a.m. will be a service of lessons and carols with organ and soloist

Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Dec 4	Priscilla Brower	Kurt Rager	Megan Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Dec 11	Nicole Arguello	Rae VanDeMotte	Lee Liming	Patrick VanDemotte	Steve Reil
Dec 18	Randine Hughes	Patrick VanDeMotte	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Brian Hughes
Dec 21	Erin Reil	-	-	Steve Reil	Steve Reil
Dec 24	Kris Ericson	Patty Ferdig	Megan Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Dec 25	Rhonda Bentz	Crish Tippit	Lee Liming	Steve Reil	Steve Reil



Our longings continue for Advent hope...

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD
Advent Calendar 2022

	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
SUN	NOVEMBER 27 Day 1	DECEMBER 4 Day 8	DECEMBER 11 Day 15	DECEMBER 18 Day 22
MON	NOVEMBER 28 Day 2	DECEMBER 5 Day 9	DECEMBER 12 Day 16	DECEMBER 19 Day 23
TUE	NOVEMBER 29 Day 3	DECEMBER 6 Day 10	DECEMBER 13 Day 17	DECEMBER 20 Day 24
WED	NOVEMBER 30 Day 4	DECEMBER 7 Day 11	DECEMBER 14 Day 18	DECEMBER 21 Day 25
THUR	DECEMBER 1 Day 5	DECEMBER 8 Day 12	DECEMBER 15 Day 19	DECEMBER 22 Day 26
FRI	DECEMBER 2 Day 6	DECEMBER 9 Day 13	DECEMBER 16 Day 20	DECEMBER 23 Day 27
SAT	DECEMBER 3 Day 7	DECEMBER 10 Day 14	DECEMBER 17 Day 21	

rinselca.org/advent

During each day of Advent, beginning with "DAY 1" on November 27, you are invited to reflect on a word of the day for Advent and watch a video reflection from across the Rocky Mountain Synod. Visit the calendar each day of Advent at this easy-to-remember website link: rinselca.org/advent

We are grateful for Pastor Nic Leither of St. Mark, Aurora, CO, who organized and created this video calendar. You are encouraged to share the graphic, above, to assist in matching up the calendar dates with the day of Advent.

Direct link to the Advent calendar: <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=10vs7z050uzdswtk66btilyxb120thuh>



Community Connection



The Giving Tree is Up

Many families will not be able to celebrate Christmas giving without help, and the outreach Committee will again be sponsoring families from Family Promise and Sierra Vista School.

We hope you will join in making this a joyful time for some of our neighbors.



Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

Since October, our fellowship coffee has been “fairly traded” coffee from Equal Exchange. Now, in December, you can buy Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate in the narthex before and after worship. Fair Trade guarantees that growers get a larger share of the sale price so they can adapt to climate change and fight pests and diseases, improving their products and their family’s lives. High-quality coffee, tea, and chocolate bars make great gifts, further social justice, and help sustain these luxury crops for future generations!

December Birthdays



Marlee Barnes	1	Nicole Arguello	19
Lucia Amundson	3	Megan Reil	26
Mark Winn	3	Carol Ormson	27
Walter Stolte	4	Virginia Cruz	29
Jeff Yingling	9	Virginia Antonetty	31
Lois Howard	10		





OAR – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

Rae VanDeMotte – Chair

Be Thankful

Thanksgiving is past, and we are looking forward to Christmas. This time of year encourages me to review the past months to affirm all of the “things” God has given to my family and me. All the food! All the gifts! But being thankful is not always about what we have but what we can provide!

One thing that came to my mind in this reflection was the gift of volunteering for the asylum seeker team. The first time I was present to greet the bus, I was able to step onto the entry of the bus and view the people that had just arrived; women, children, babies, men -- locked into the bus with a gate across the aisle. The ICE employees had weapons on their belts. What danger were these tired and hungry families? Everything had been taken away from these people; clothing, shoes, passports, rosaries, and money. What harm could they bring?

As the families exited the bus, I became thankful to greet them with my shining eyes and a big smile (hopefully, they could see it behind my mask). I became thankful to give each child a stuffed animal of their very own. I was thankful when our team leader explained to these new arrivals that they were safe, they are in America, and they had just completed the most difficult part of their journey.

Each team member that serves as a volunteer has a special gift to give away. The ability to speak their language is a gift. The ability to sort clothing at the donation center is a gift. Spending time with a family who wants to tell you about their journey and where they are headed is a gift. The ability to serve a meal to each family is a gift. The ability to sort through coloring books and crayons with a young child who is excited and so thankful; is a gift. The ability to wave goodbye and say “via con Dios” as they leave for the airport – now there is a gift!

As we end this year and move on to the next, I am hopeful for the future. I want to continue to give my gifts of love and service to Asylum Seekers. Maybe, “this isn’t your thing.” But I pray that each of us will purposefully decide what gift or gifts we want to give away!

Blessings in the New Year,
Rae VanDeMotte



Advocacy Spotlight

God's Work, Our Voices
Judy Messal, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, NM

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday," Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV).

FIRST, ADVENT

As the bright, busy holiday season gets underway, Advent arrives, inviting us to a quieter place. During the sacred weeks of candlelight and contemplative music, hope, prophecy, and joy are in the air. We read Isaiah now. We also revisit the Magnificat to hear Mary sing that her soul magnifies the Lord and her spirit rejoices in God. At mid-song, she proclaims, "He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty," Luke 1:52-53 (NRSV).

During Advent, All Saints people serve as God's hands to fill the hungry with good things. We give gift cards so low-wage families can buy groceries for the holiday. At other times, we cook for people in Family Promise. We fill backpacks for schoolchildren so they and their families can eat on the weekends. We take meals to asylum seekers who pass through our city enroute to their sponsors. We volunteer at Roadrunner Foodbank. Also, there are inspiring individual acts. One member makes land and water available to the Indigenous Farm Hub to help feed the community. Another member stocks her car with food and sleeping bags for people who are unhoused. How many other ways do we respond to hunger? Too many to list.

THEN, ADVOCACY

Filling the hungry with good things can take us in a second direction--to the New Mexico Legislature this January to speak up for justice. To help us prepare, Sherry Hooper of the Food Depot in Santa Fe brought her prophetic voice to the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Conference this fall. She spoke about a task that her mayor gave the Food Depot: to draw up a plan to end childhood hunger in Santa Fe in a year. She described her reaction. As the head of a food bank, she knew how to end a child's hunger for a day. But to end a child's hunger for life? In that case, we must end poverty, she said. She and her colleagues prepared a report addressing living wages, affordable housing and childcare, and other remedies for hunger. It is exciting. Sherry Hooper and Kurt Rager will be among the advocates in the Roundhouse in 2023 who work to end poverty. If you'd like to receive Kurt's legislative updates and get involved, please sign up at [Alleviating Poverty and Hunger \(lutheranadvocacynm.org\)](http://AlleviatingPovertyandHunger.org). *To read the Food Depot's practical plan to end hunger, go to [The Food Depot – Northern New Mexico's Food Bank](http://TheFoodDepot.org).*



Youth Baking Day Rescheduled

Saturday, December 3 | 1:00 pm to 4pm | Everybody's welcome!

Bake Sale on Sunday!

Sunday, December 4 | 11:00 am to 12 pm | Everybody's welcome!

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. Youth and Young Adult Christmas Party

College students, young adults and high school seniors are invited to come for pizza and Christmas treats. Re-connect with old friends, meet new friends, and share stories of your year.



Development Committee

Jim Kruger—Chair

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

Genesis 1:26

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving.

The Development Committee is working to complete this year's pledge campaign, "Grace in Action." To date we have received 50 (\$167,770) commitments for 2023, which compares to 54 (\$186,420) for 2022. We are thankful for this response to the ministries and programs of ASLC. Letters were mailed, after Thanksgiving, to those that have previously made a commitment and have yet to do so for 2023. If you haven't made your commitment for 2023, you are encouraged to do so by returning your pledge to the church office or leaving it in the offering plate.

As reported last month, as a part of the campaign, we held "Gatherings" after two church services to have a conversation with the congregation about ministries, programs, and finances of the church. Thank you to those that participated, your input is necessary and is very helpful in the development of the ministries and programs of the church.

To help keep you apprised of ASLC financial position, the information in the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of October '22.

	YTD October '22	YTD October '21
General Giving	\$196,477	\$180,314
Other revenue	\$71,224	\$56,027
Expenses	\$265,009	\$266,690
NET (Operating)	\$2,692	(\$30,349)

The information in the above table is positive, during the month of October our revenue exceeded our expenses by \$795.00, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show a decrease of 6.03% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). At the same time, YTD General Giving is up 8.96% (\$16,163). For the year the preschool is operating with a small gain of \$169.00. Thank you for your support, not only financial, but in all of the other ways you support the work of the church.

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkruger01@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.



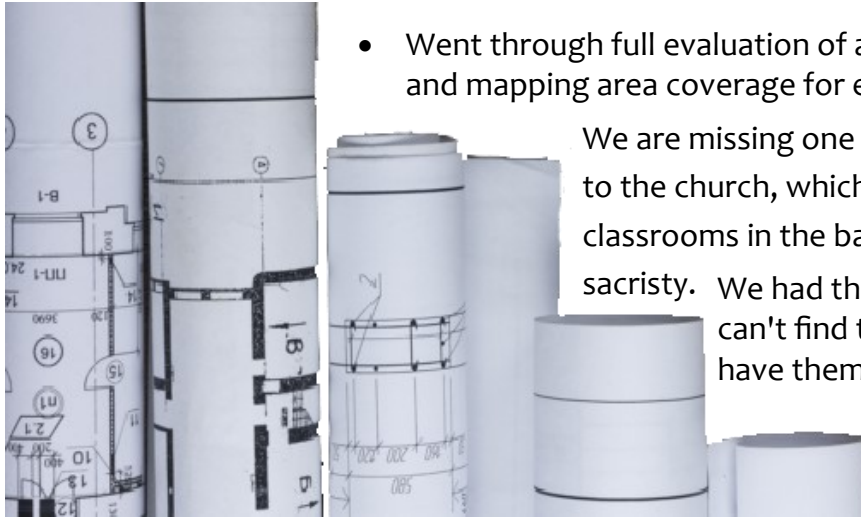
Property Committee

Mel Bentz and Tom Becker, Co-Chairs

- Reorganized all the blueprints and labeled them all.
- Went through full evaluation of all thermostats and will be resetting and mapping area coverage for each thermostat.

We are missing one set of blueprints for the last addition to the church, which would be the blueprints for the classrooms in the back, the light, the new library, and the sacristy. We had them a couple of months ago. Now, I can't find them anywhere at the church. If you have them please let us know where they are.

Tom Becker



TOWN HALL CONFERENCE GATHERING WITH BISHOP JIM GONIA

December 10 at All Saints!

Worried about your congregation today?

Wondering what the future holds?

You are not alone. People throughout the church are experiencing doubts, fears, and uneasiness about the future. Bishop Gonia would like to talk with you about the worries and wonders you are experiencing. Together we will ponder how our congregations' ministry and witness can be shaped for the sake of the gospel.

If you are invested in our Church's future... join us!
Register at <https://www.rmselca.org/worry-wonder>
or call the church office to let us know you are coming.

Luther House presents

BEERS AND CHEERS

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4

2PM-4PM



Join us to celebrate and support
Luther House Campus Ministry!

We will sing Christmas Carols

from 2pm-4pm

AND you can support us by
dining in or carrying out food
ALL DAY from 12-8pm.



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Music Ministry Notes

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

When we sing the hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, we are singing of the birth of Christ. What we don't always realize is that the hymn has a specific way of unpacking this incredibly important birth. It begins in the shadows of the Old Testament and flows into the New Testament with the revelation of God in Christ, and we see God's plan for our lives through Christ's.

God led His people to the land of promise and a covenant was made. A time of excitement and hope. The people of Israel however, as people will do, sinned, and were exiled. As they sat in exile, there was hope.

The prophet Isaiah shared the longed-for words that a baby would come, and his name would be Immanuel (which means "God with us") and that this baby would come from the line of David (to whom God promised this land filled with milk and honey).

The Israelites were brought out of exile, and the temple was rebuilt. John the Baptist is born, and Zechariah prophesied the coming Messiah, who would be righteous, who would bring the forgiveness of sins, who would be a light to all who sat in darkness. When Jesus was born, the promises God made to his people came to fruition.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*





DECEMBER 13

Coffee with Council



POINSETTIAS

Sign up to purchase .
Take your poinsettia home
after service on January 1



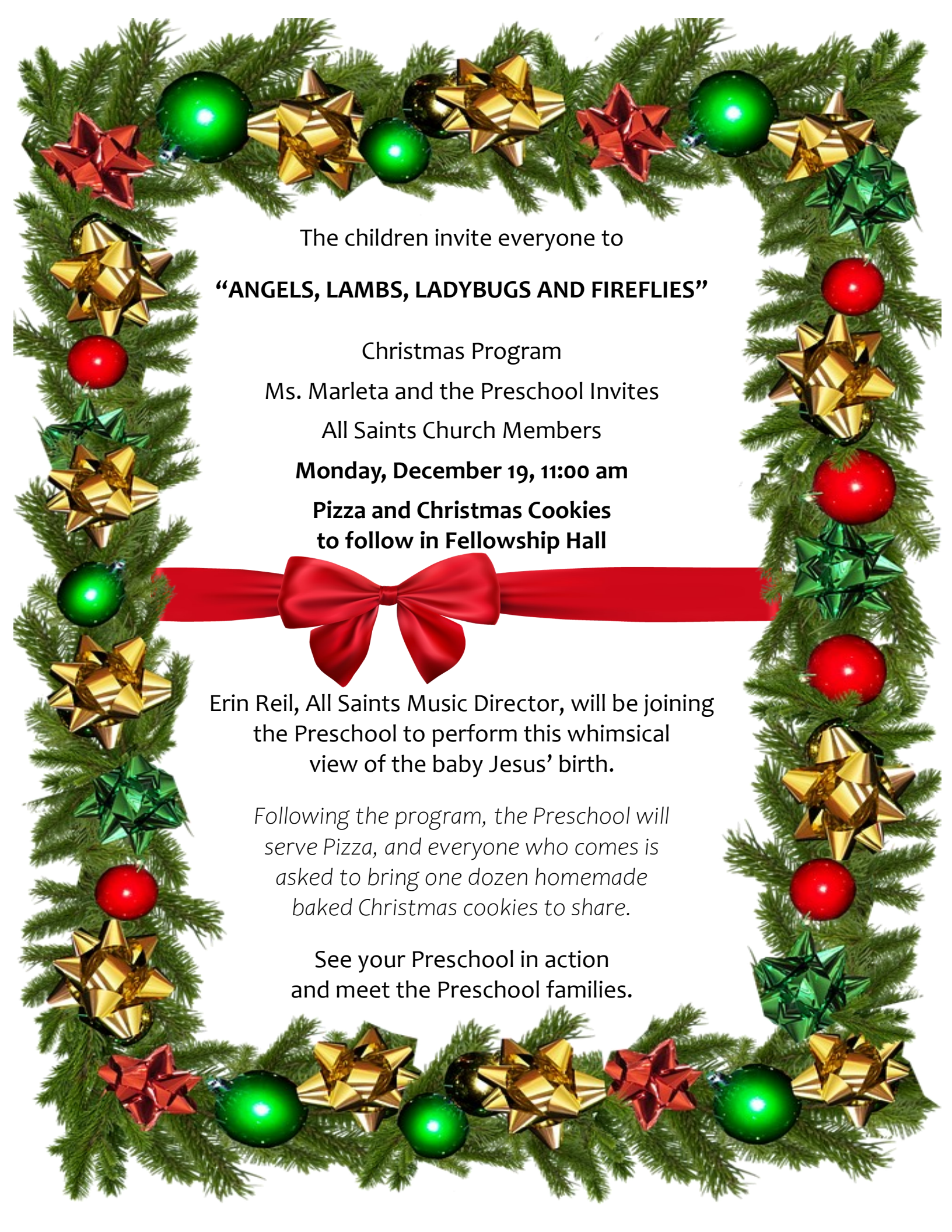
ALTER FLOWERS

Sign up to purchase Alter
Flowers for Sunday Service.



FELLOWSHIP

Sign up to help with
fellowship after service.



The children invite everyone to
“ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS AND FIREFLIES”

Christmas Program
Ms. Marleta and the Preschool Invites
All Saints Church Members
Monday, December 19, 11:00 am
Pizza and Christmas Cookies
to follow in Fellowship Hall

Erin Reil, All Saints Music Director, will be joining
the Preschool to perform this whimsical
view of the baby Jesus' birth.

*Following the program, the Preschool will
serve Pizza, and everyone who comes is
asked to bring one dozen homemade
baked Christmas cookies to share.*

See your Preschool in action
and meet the Preschool families.



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, Waylon, Sawyer</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	Jon Jastram	Bill & Harriett Rothlisberger
Jean Bernabo	Bob Klenner	Dave Thompson
Karen Cellan	Julie LaHam	Nancy Tillen
Ruth and Kris Ericson	Andy Lewis	Bryce Willman
Katie Hallstrom	Betsy Mahoney	
Jamie Hughes	Frank Morath	
Karen Hyde	Cecilia Pepper	

We pray for all who grieve, especially:

Rochelle and Bill Anderson and the death of their son Craig;

Joy Isben at the death of her husband, Don Lenef;

Elliott Edwards at the death of his mother Lillian Edwards.

We pray for Gabi and Megan Ailabouni who work in Global Missions in the Holy Land, and for their family, and for H Bolz-Weber, Young Adult in Global Mission in the Holy Land.

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