



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

Beloved in Christ,

I ended 2022 with so much love and gratitude for this community – for each of you and for the congregation we create together. On Christmas Eve, I looked out at the congregation with candles lit singing Silent Night and really wanted to say, “Do you know how beautiful you all look right now?” I am blessed to serve with you in this place.

We go into 2023 in a strong place. We have more pledges, in both number and dollar amount, than we did in 2022. We have a steady 70+ people in worship each week, some in person and some online. I hope that in the coming year – once we are past the winter multi-virus surge – some members we haven’t seen for a while will be ready to return to worship and other events.

We also have work to do. Specifically, we have very few people engaged in adult faith formation, even though we claim vibrant faith formation as one of our core values, and growing in faith as part of our mission. A small and energetic Faith Formation team is forming to assist in offering a variety of new opportunities, including a Facebook group for asynchronous learning and discussion. For Lent we are focusing on sharing our faith stories by preparing devotions written by congregation members and Lenten Wednesdays focusing on stories of faith in life. Please plan now to join us on Wednesdays in Lent and try something new in faith formation in 2023.

Finally, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Congregational Meeting and Potluck lunch, following worship on February 19.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin





Worship

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| January 1—First Christmas Ephesians 3:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2:1-12 | January 8—Baptism of Jesus Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Matthew 3:13-17 |
| January 15—2nd after Epiphany 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 Psalm 40: 1-11 John 1:29-42 | January 22—3rd after Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23 |
| January 29—4th after Epiphany Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 1 Matthew 5:1-12 | <h2>WE NEED YOU FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!</h2> |

It takes a lot of people to do Sunday worship – altar care, worship assistants, musicians, and even more if we are going to share coffee fellowship afterwards. We need help with all of these things! Please contact Pastor Kristin if you would like to volunteer to:

- Set up for communion and clean up after worship with Altar Care
- Serve as Assisting minister, offering prayers and communion assistance. You can sing but you don't need to – we have an amazing cantor for that!
- Read a lesson and pick up communion cups as Lector
- Make coffee on a Sunday morning, bring fellowship treats, and help clean up.

Please consider how you can serve the congregation in worship in 2023!

Worship Assistants

| Date | Assisting Minister | Lector | Zoom Usher | Audio | Video |
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| Jan 1 | Priscilla Brower | | | Lee Liming | Steve Reil |
| Jan 8 | Nicole Arguello | Rae VanDeMotte | Marlee Barnes | Brian Hughes | Steve Reil |
| Jan 15 | Rhonda Bentz | Crish Tippet | Lee Liming | Brian Hughes | Steve Reil |
| Jan 22 | Kurt Rager | Patty Ferdig | Megan Barnes | Patrick Van De Motter | Brian Hughes |
| Jan 29 | Randine Hughes | Larry Shy | Marlee Barnes | Steve Reil | Lee Liming |



January Birthdays



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| Greg Rosner | 1 | Aaron Werner | 19 |
| Ava Montano | 2 | Carl Gervais | 21 |
| Jo White | 5 | Cheryl Klenner | 21 |
| Jonathan Jastram | 7 | Cindy Shy | 23 |
| Joshua Stolte | 7 | Fredrick Tillen | 24 |
| Frank Orton | 1 | Karol Lavalle | 26 |
| Liam Jones | 13 | Johnathan Hautz | 27 |
| Donna Storey | 14 | Fabian Enriquez | 29 |
| Diana Lewis | 14 | | |

Faith Formation

Gloria Napper-Owen

Lent will be upon us sooner than we think, as Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. To help the All Saints community prepare for our Lord's suffering and death, we would like to create daily devotions based on the weekly readings for the specific weeks of Lent or on some of the beloved hymns of Lent. These devotions may be reflections based on the readings or hymns, or devotions may be inspirational thoughts or stories that you would like to share with our community. Sign up information will be forthcoming! You don't need to be a professional writer to create a devotion/reflection! No job experience required! Watch the weekly bulletins for updated information to sign up for specific days and specific readings or hymns for the devotional.

Budget Meetings

The council will recommend a budget for the 2023 at a special meeting on January 12, and the proposed budget will then be distributed to the congregation. The Finance committee will hold two Budget meetings to answer questions about the proposed budget – **January 22nd** on Zoom following worship, and on **January 29th** in person following worship. Please plan to attend one or both of these meetings if you have questions or concerns about the budget, or if you are simply curious to hear about significant changes from 2022.

Youth

January 8th Love God, Love Neighbor at Tres Hermanas

Meet at Cross of hope for lunch at noon.

We will go to serve at Tres Hermanas around 1 pm. (Pastor Kristin will drive.)

We plan to be back at Cross of Hope by 4 pm.





OAR – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

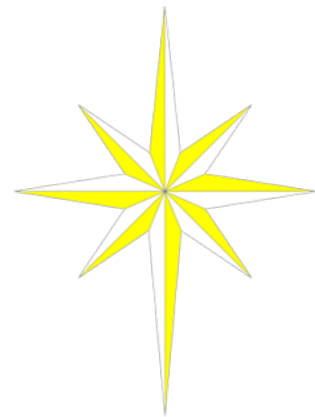
Rae VanDeMotte – Chair

Welcome to Bethlehem

As I write this article, Christmas is less than a week away. Decorations are everywhere in our neighborhood. Christmas music is playing on the radio and have been sung at church. I think about Pastor Kristin helping the children move Mary and Joseph closer to Bethlehem and the rough stable where Jesus will be born.

I am also thinking about the young families that are making their way to their new homes in the United States. Their journey must be very similar to the one that Mary and Joseph took long ago. Many of the families that I have met when they arrive here in Albuquerque have told me of their long walk from their home to the United States. No, they are not taking trains and planes; they walk with their children thru five countries before they finally arrive in El Paso. They walk over mountains and along rivers. Like Mary and Joseph, they sleep outside, in the cold with only a blanket for cover. Some are helped by “coyotes” along the way, who steal their money and make big promises for what is waiting at the end of their long walk. It takes months and months to travel to their destination in hopes of a better life. Where is that Bethlehem star in their journey? Where is that guiding light?

Their Bethlehem star just might be the twenty or so volunteers who meet these families when they arrive here in Albuquerque. We welcome them with smiles of joy and clapping, with food and toys for the children, with comfort and lodging. They ask us: “Who are you?” And we reply: “We are volunteers. We are here to help you.” They ask us: “Why?” And we reply: “Because that is what we do – we help others. We are here to help you get to your destination; your new home.” And they hug us and say thank you. “Thank you for helping me.”



Now there is my Bethlehem Star!

ABQ ASYLUM SEEKER WELCOME

Dear Friends of Asylum Seekers,

December 2022

The ABQ Asylum Seeker Welcome (AASW) wants to say thank you, thank you, thank you to the many friends who have donated money, clothing, and thousands of hours of volunteer time that allows us to be welcoming. We are wrapping up a full year of receiving asylum-seeking families. The need continues, and we will continue with your help.



An asylum-seeking family waiting to board a plane to their sponsor. A thumb up and smiles reflect their relief, gratitude, and hope for the future.

The families arrive by bus with nothing but the clothes on their back, and a lot of hope that their journey is about to get easier. As faith-based and secular volunteers, we work very hard to help them on their journey to loved ones. We welcome them at a hotel where they have hot showers, privacy, fresh clothing, diapers, shoes, medical attention, and good meals. We also assist them with their travel plans. Most guests are from Latin American countries and are often, first generation immigrants, unlike Cubans, for example, who are firmly

rooted in the U.S. with strong networks. Many of the families we welcome are very limited in both their financial resources and family/friends' networks. Therefore, AASW needs to help more families buy plane and bus tickets, which are ever more expensive since the pandemic began.

Their stories are heart-breaking but truly inspiring both in what they have endured to get here and why they left home in the first place. One 13-year-old boy saw his grandmother murdered before his eyes. Many families have passed through the Darien Gap of Panama, which is a 70-mile trek through the mud and terror of the jungle. They have been beaten and robbed; kidnapped and terrorized; separated from their family members; and still they persevere. Most families spend weeks traveling here. Those few who have resources often fly into Mexico City and take a bus to the border.

Initially, we welcomed a bus of families every other week. Now we receive families weekly, which means providing 50 pairs of shoes, 100 pairs of socks and underwear, warm clothing, hygiene products, backpacks, diapers, and coloring books every week. Gratefully, Second Presbyterian Church, at Lomas and Edith, donates space for our Donation Center. Each week our



Tables of clothing & other goods for guests.

ABQ ASYLUM SEEKER WELCOME

wonderful volunteers load up their vehicles and take what is required for a bus of families to a local hotel. (FYI -- The December Donation Request List follows this message.) AASW is extremely grateful to the City of Albuquerque, which is a wonderful partner in our efforts. The city, using FEMA funds, pays for the hotel and meals for the families.

AASW averages spending \$4,000 per bus of families. A wonderful and generous donor has offered us a \$20,000 dollar-for-dollar match for donations. St. Therese of the Little Flower serves as our fiscal sponsor.

Will you help us meet that match?

Make donations *by check* to:

St. Therese of the Little Flower
300 Mildred Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107
Be sure to write "Asylum Seekers" on the memo line.

For *online giving* from your bank account go to:

<https://www.osvhub.com/littleflowerabq/giving/funds/abq-asylum-seekers-welcome>

Select "View All Funds," then click on "Give Now" under the AASW heading.

Many thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and donors who are making it possible for us to welcome asylum-seeking families. Please help us continue this work.

Blessings to all,

Co-Site Directors for ABQ Asylum Seeker Welcome
Eleanor Milroy and Jane Braithwaite (Wednesday Team)
Beth Spafford and Robert Minear (Tuesday Team)

Please see the next 2 pages for the

***ALBUQUERQUE ASYLUM SEEKER WELCOME - DECEMBER 2022
DONATION REQUEST LIST***

ALBUQUERQUE ASYLUM SEEKER WELCOME (AASW) DECEMBER 2022 DONATION REQUEST LIST

We continue to follow COVID protocols.

Please provide *new* items as much as possible particularly underwear and shoes.

Our donation center is located at
2nd Presbyterian Church 812 Edith
NE 87102 just north of Lomas.

Hours:
Monday 4p to 6p
Wednesday 4p to 6p
Saturday 10a to Noon

Send monetary donations by check
made out to:
St. Therese of the Little Flower
300 Mildred Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Be sure to write "Asylum Seekers"
on the memo line.

Below are the UR code and the
website link for online giving by
bank account to AASW. Select
"View All Funds," then click on
"Give Now" under the AASW
heading.



<https://www.osvhub.com/littleflowerabq/giving/funds/abq-asylum-seekers-welcome>

Thank you for supporting this
project and our friends seeking
asylum

Jan Hans 505-328-1730
Text please. Identify yourself.

MEN / WOMEN

This month we will focus on
adult sizes xs , s, m and lg

Boxers, Briefs
**Standard cut non-cotton
women's underwear**
Sports bras
Women's ¾ and knee socks
Men no-show socks

T-Shirts long sleeve
Sweaters/Sweatshirts
Hoodies
Sweatpants w/pockets
Leggings w/phone pockets

Tennis shoes:
Men 6-13/Women 5-10
Light jackets
Winter weight Jackets

BOYS / GIRLS

WE NEED EVERYTHING
Children Size 4 thru Teens

Boxers / Briefs
Girls Underwear
Socks
Travel pajamas 12 mos to 6 years

T-shirts
T-shirts long-sleeved
Sweaters/Sweatshirts
Hoodies
Sweatpants
Leggings

Light jackets
Winter weight Jackets
Tennis shoes
All children sizes

BABY
12 mos thru 48 mos
All clothing
Size 4 Pull-up Diapers
Both genders

OTHER ITEMS

Bottled water
Forever Grocery Bags
Feminine Hygiene
Thinner daily use most preferred
No tampons please

8 count Crayola packs
Thin coloring books
Adult playing cards
New **small** stuffed animals
about 8" or smaller
Hot Wheels

Lightweight Backpacks 17"
Children's Masks – boxed
Wide Tooth Combs
Wide Tooth Hairbrushes
Hair Claws
Scrunchies
Nail Clippers -travel size
Sunglasses
Razors
Children's Toothbrushes
Travel Blankets 4x6ish
Stocking Caps adult/kids
Gloves – adult and kids

**Below is the LINK to *Albuquerque
Asylum Seeker Donation Request List
at Amazon.com***

The Amazon list is for your
convenience. Amazon prices change
constantly so feel free to search for
better prices on Amazon or elsewhere.

**We have an ongoing need for all items
listed. Multiple pictures of the same
item are for DIFFERENT SIZES. Open
the item to find the size. Items will
ship to my home address unless you
change it to your own at checkout. Do
not ship to 2nd Pres.**

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17MWK5A0VYXPX?ref=wl_share

Our donation needs are ongoing as we continue to receive a busload (25 kids, 25 Adults) each week.

Our guests (Asylum Seekers) are with us for only a few days. Consider them travelers passing through our fair city.

When they arrive via bus, exhausted, hungry, longing for a shower, and a gentle bed to sleep in they are only 2 to 3 days away from their long journeys' end. They do not stay in Albuquerque. We serve as a transition stop from ICE to their final destinations.

We alert their sponsors and assist with their travel accommodations. The sponsors finance their travel.

Our volunteers and your generous donations of product and money provide our guests a landing point to clean up, freshen up, relax, and regain their sense of self.

They indulge themselves in multiple showers and enjoy the opportunity to repair their much damaged hair.

Our guests are quite conservative and dress in current simple styles. The women prefer a sports bra, a camisole, non-cotton standard cut underwear, leggings with phone pockets, socks, tennis shoes, and a zippered hoodie or sweatshirt. That's it.

The men are just as simple to please. T-shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants with pockets.

They desire to look their best when they meet their sponsors. We do our best to help make that happen.

We encourage groups to buy in bulk or send money and we can purchase in bulk.

We also encourage thrift store, garage sale and estate sales as ways to purchase higher quality clothing **and tennis shoes** at bargain prices.

We encourage "mini donation drives" among groups such as friends, churches, organizations, and families.

Focus on 1 or 2 items on our list or a category and have your group collect and deliver.

We cannot use dress shoes, leather shoes, heels for the women or work boots and heavy hikers. Remember they are traveling with children, comfort is fun.

TITLE 42 IS RESCINDED AS OF DECEMBER 21, 2022. WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO BUILD A HUGE INVENTORY TO SUPPORT THE ANTICIPATED INFLUX OF ASYLUM SEEKERS.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE DONATION CENTER TO ORGANIZE & SORT DONATED CLOTHING AND OTHER GOODS. HOURS CAN EXPAND WITH EXTRA VOLUNTEERS.

THANK YOU!



MEAL TRAINS

Meal Train is an organized way for friends and family to deliver home-cooked meals to someone who's going through a challenging time. It's a caring way to ensure the recipient doesn't have to think about grocery shopping or preparing meals while going through a major life event.

- Is their new reality stressful for the family?
- Are they struggling to find time to go to the grocery store?
- Are they experiencing a physical limitation that's preventing them from grocery shopping or cooking?
- Are they skipping meals due to being too busy, tired, or stressed?

We need people who are ready to cook for church members in need.

Call the church office to get involved!



Development Committee

Jim Kruger—Chair

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

Genesis 1:26

By the time you receive this report, we will have celebrated another Christmas season. I hope your Christmas was filled with joy and fond family memories.

The Development Committee has completed this year's pledge campaign, "Grace in Action," other than sending thank you notes to those that have made a commitment for '23. To date we have received 57 (\$192,370) commitments for 2023, which compares to 54 (\$186,420) for 2022. The dollars committed, for '23, represent a 3.2% increase in comparison to '22. We are thankful for your commitment and in turn your support of the ministries and programs of ASLC.

The next step will be consideration and approval of the '23 Budget at the February Congregational meeting. There will be opportunities, in January, to discuss the proposed budget and to answer your questions.

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 November '22.

| | YTD November '22 | YTD November '21 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Giving | \$211,859 | \$204,082 |
| Other revenue | \$73,001 | \$60,638 |
| Expenses | \$290,472 | \$292,545 |
| NET (Operating) | (\$5,612) | (\$27,825) |

During the month of November our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$7,692, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show a decrease of 4.96% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). At the same time, YTD General Giving is up 3.81% (\$7,777). For the year the preschool is operating with a small loss of \$462.

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.



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

I do not quite understand how it is already 2023. My oldest child turned 24 years old a few days ago and I am not sure how that happened because it seems that I just dropped her off at preschool not so long ago! Oh, how time moves quickly!

At the end of each year (at least that's how it seems lately), I find myself hoping that the next year will be easier... or at least filled with less moments of sadness and/or difficulty. Now that I am truly thinking about it (because I am writing this note to you all), I recognize that as each new year approaches, I concentrate on those hard times when in actuality, I really have more positive moments throughout each day! Also, why does it seem that once January 1 arrives, all the troubles of the prior year will just fade away? As much as we would like to box up the yuckiness and throw it out with the wrappings off our new gifts, we just can't!

Joshua 1:9 says, "Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

My heart is put at ease when I remember this fact. Yes, I will still have my troubles tagging along for the ride into the new year, but I am never alone with them. God is with us in the friends we are surrounded by, the smiles and conversations from strangers, the beauty of nature, and in so many other ways that we never think about!

I received a book titled *Good Enough*, from a dear friend. At the beginning of the book is a blessing that I would like to share with you all:

A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey

*Blessed are you
who realize there is simply not enough
- time, money, resources.
Blessed are you
who are tired of pretending
that raw effort is the secret to perfection.
It's not. And you know that now.
Blessed are you
who need a gentle reminder that
even now, even today,
God is here,
and somehow,
that is good enough.*

God is on this journey with us... wherever that journey may lead. Whether our journey is filled with adventure, thrills, mediocrity, laughter, or tears... God is there. Happy New Year, my friends! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!



Prayer Requests

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| <p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p>Lucy Archambout: 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>Vicki Easson: 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

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| Jamie Hughes | Betsy Mahoney | |
| Karen Hyde | Frank Morath | |

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

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

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