



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear All Saints members and friends,

I'm moved to begin this letter in the style of St Paul, with thanksgiving for all of you and for this loving community of faith we form together. I am confident that God, who has begun so much good work among us here, is faithfully present to guide and encourage us as we continue in ministry together.

This month is our annual Congregational Meeting. Please plan to attend on **Sunday, February 19**, immediately following worship at 11:10 am. We will stay on Zoom for the meeting, and a Zoom usher will enable those who are present on Zoom to participate and vote through the chat. We will pass a budget for 2023, elect members to the Congregation Council and Endowment committee and Voting Members for the synod assembly. There will be a first vote to approve recommended amendments to the constitution and bylaws regarding the way the Endowment committee allocates funds.

An annual report, including the financial report for 2022, will be sent out by email by **February 5**.

After the congregation meeting, we hope everyone will stay for a potluck lunch to celebrate the year and the work we do together!



For Lent this year we are using the theme *Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith*. During the season, we will read many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as disciples.

One way you are invited to participate in this Lenten journey is by [writing a devotion](#) to share in our Lenten devotional series, and then [signing up to receive the series by email or in print](#). I also encourage you to attend soup suppers at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays in Lent, which will include community conversations, followed by a service of prayer at 6:30 pm.

Don't forget to come out for the annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kristin Schultz



Worship

February 5—5th After Epiphany Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-7, 9 Matthew 5:13-20	February 12—6th After Epiphany Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 Matthew 5:21-37
February 19—Transfiguration Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	February 26—Lent 1 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Matthew 4:1-11
February 22—Ash Wednesday 12 pm and 7 pm Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	



February 22 is Ash Wednesday.

TWO SERVICES

12:00 pm—Worship in Person

7:00 pm—Worship in Person and [online](#).

Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Feb 5	Rhonda Bentz	Rae VanDeMottter	Megan Barnes	Lee Liming	Steve Reil
Feb 12	Priscilla Brower	Megan Barnes	Lee Liming	Patrick VanDeMottter Marlee Barnes	Brian Hughes
Feb 19	Nicole Arguello	Crish Tippit	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Feb 22	Randine Hughes	Patty Ferdig	Mary Ehle	Lee Liming	Steve Reil
Feb 26	Priscilla Brower	Lee Liming	Megan Barnes	Patrick VanDeMottter	Steve Reil



Community Connection

Solar Project Update

By the time you read this report, New Mexico Solar will have completed the installation of the solar system at the church. The next step will be inspections and approval of the system by PNM. The system should be “live” by the middle of February.

Completion of the installation of the system was deferred until January 2023 so we would be eligible to apply for a rebate on the cost of installation of the system from the IRS, which was made possible by the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act by Congress. The process for applying for the rebate is being developed by the IRS and should be available around the first of March. Whether the church qualifies for the rebate, and if qualified, when that payment would be made, is yet to be determined.

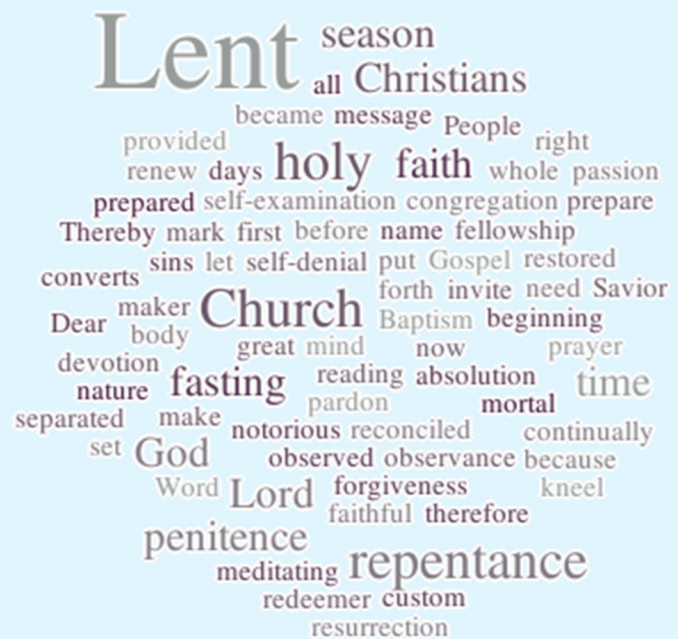
Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Jim Kruger
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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 in the Narthex or [online](#). You don’t need to be a professional writer to create a devotion/reflection! No job experience required! If you would like to sign up to receive devotionals, you can [click here](#).





Pancake Supper

2nd Sunday Service

Sunday, February 12, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

St Paul Lutheran Church
1100 Indian School Rd, at the corner of Indian School
and University.

Lunch, games, service for the Storehouse, and
devotions/worship.

Bring canned goods for the Storehouse food pantry.

Tuesday, February 21

5:30 – 7:00 pm

**Youth arrive at 4:30 pm
to set up and make
pancakes.**



OAD – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

Rae VanDeMotte – Chair

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Please note that during the Lenten season this year, we will be directing all offerings from the Wednesday suppers and services to World Hunger.

There will be World Hunger envelopes available for this purpose.

Thank you!



Advocacy Spotlight

God's Work, Our Voices

Judy Messal, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, NM

A NEW SEASON OF ADVOCACY AT ALL SAINTS

“Faith and public policy can be connected.” Lilly Irvin-Vitela, Community Connections Consulting

If you've ever heard Lilly Irvin-Vitela of Peralta, New Mexico take up a microphone and give a talk, you'll remember an inspiring person of great goodwill, vibrancy, and vision. She was at All Saints in November, a main presenter at the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM conference. Lilly called on us to be transformative in the public square, to love *all* people fiercely, and to practice grace and forgiveness across that which divides us in society. Remember, she tells us, that New Mexico is a hungry state and that our children are adversely affected by poverty. We can change that. Together, we can organize and mobilize for justice, she said.

How to best do that? We have a head start on organization and mobilization through Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM (LAM-NM).

On **January 17, New Mexico's 56th Legislature** convened. Our state's revenue will be unprecedentedly high, and in this 60-day session, both budgets and substantive bills will be introduced. Among the items **Lutheran Advocacy Ministry** supports are these:

The Governor's Food Initiative: \$50-plus million to continue getting fresh, local foods to institutions serving children, seniors, and other vulnerable people--and to develop other systems to reduce food insecurity.

New Mexico Housing Trust Fund: \$24 million annually to make more affordable homes available to low- and moderate-income families.

End to Excessive /Extreme Sentencing for Children in the Criminal Justice System.

Save-the-Date: You're invited to help launch a new year of faith-based advocacy in our state:

Tuesday, February 21: From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Issues Briefing and Bishop's Legislative Luncheon in Santa Fe. This will be an in-person event only.

To register for these justice events, please go to the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM website: <http://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org>

Judy Messal



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 ▪ Tomato Sauce – Cans only 	<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



Property Committee

Mel Bentz and Tom Becker, Co-Chairs

It's official. We have chosen a new cleaning crew. They will begin at the Beginning of February.



The Property Committee is requesting input about allocation of closet and storage space. The committee is creating a proposal for storage and room usage.



Benefit Concert!

Singer/Songwriter David LaMotte will be performing a benefit concert on February 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Singer/Songwriter David LaMotte has performed in all 50 states and on 5 continents. His music has been described as "Genre fluid," with songs that lean toward Americana, Acoustic Pop, Southern Rock, and World Music. In addition to his music, David is passionate about peace work and his TED talk on "What Music Can Teach Us about Peacemaking" can be found on Ted.com. This concert is a rare opportunity to see him perform live in New Mexico.

A typical LaMotte concert involves a healthy dose of storytelling and you can expect this at this show as well. This concert benefits ABQ FaithWorks (abqfaithworks.org) and Asylum Seeker Welcome.



For tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/david-lamotte-concert-tickets-513169733487?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



Community News



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!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dylan Winn	4	Dawn Mace	16
Marjorie Lynn	8	Harriet Rothlisberger	16
Dylan Werner	8	Heather Jastram	17
Jonah Cellen	10	Lee Liming	18
Rita Harris	15	William Saur	20
Riley Hyde	15	Bibi Rosner	28
Trevor Owens	15		





Development Committee

Jim Kruger—Chair

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

Genesis 1:26

Please plan to participate in the church's Annual Meeting on **February 19, 2023**, after church service. We will consider approval of the budget for '23, election of members for the Congregation Council, and consider amendments to the Constitution regarding the Endowment Fund. Also, there will be a potluck.

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

	YTD December	YTD December
General Giving	\$233,598	\$226,750
Other revenue	\$80,623	\$68,342
Expenses	\$325,853	\$328,845
NET (Operating)	(\$11,632)	(\$33,753)

During the month of December our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$1,759, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show a decrease of 3.25% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). We are thankful that 2022 General Giving is up 3.18% (\$7,208). However, General Giving in the fourth quarter was down 12.36% compared to the fourth quarter 'of '21. The cause(s) for this reduction will require additional review. For '22 the preschool financial results showed a loss of \$8,009.

As a reminder, if you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA account you can allocate those distributions as a charitable contribution to non-profit organizations, including ASLC. If you have questions, contact the administrator of your IRA account.

Thank you for your support, not only financial, but in the many 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

This month the season of light and hope moves into the contemplative season of Lent. Lent... the time of year many give up something as a sacrifice. A representation of the time Jesus went to the desert to pray and fast before going to the cross. For me, Lent has always been a time of self-reflection. A time to dig deep to find what I need to do for myself to become a better person than I was before. Sometimes I give something up though more often I have found myself doing something more instead. More praying; focusing more on interactions with those around me; more sharing; more learning. Doing something new is exciting even when it is difficult, and I grow exponentially and renew my faith either way.

New things are scary. Why should we be doing scary things? Well, because we can, and we have the support of our loving God! Whether we take on challenges or blessings, God is with us every step of the way. God's faithfulness in us is strong. "Like a flashlight in a dark room, God's faithfulness is the illumination that comes in and brings a mysterious relief when I am brave enough to say my fears out loud." I read that quote and the following prayer in an article by Sandra McCracken, a singer/hymn writer on shereadstruth.com and it spoke to my heart greatly. With God, we can do difficult things.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not.
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

Please help us, O God. Bring your steadfast love to bear in our lives. Bring your comforting Spirit to guide us, and your mercy to support us. All we have needed your hand has provided. Help us to walk forward in this truth, morning by morning, and through every changing scene. Amen.



Prayer Requests

<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>Rozy Kalsbeek: Terry Messal</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>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>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 Antonnety	Jon Jastram	Cecilia Pepper
Jean Bernabo	Bob Klenner	Harriett Rothlisberger
Karen Cellan	Julie LaHam	Dave Thompson
Ruth and Kris Ericson	Andy Lewis	Nancy Tillen
Katie Hallstrom	Dawn Mace	Rae VanDeMotter
Jamie Hughes	Betsy Mahoney	Bryce Willman
Karen Hyde		

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.

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