



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

Six people killed – three adults, three children – at their school in Nashville

39 migrants dead in a fire in a detentions center in Juarez.

News continues to carry sorrow and fear, and we cry out, How long, O God?

How long will we hear of these senseless deaths?

*I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.*

Psalm 130

We wait for your justice, O God. We wait for your peace.
It feels like darkest night, and we hope that dawn is near.
Yet we fear it may get worse before it gets better.

We wait for your peace, O God. We wait for your hope.
We know your light is not overcome, even in deepest night.
We know that you give courage in fear,
you give hope in despair. Keep us in your steadfast love,
and may our hope be always in you.



The season of Lent – the season of waiting in hope for God, is coming to an end.
We are preparing to celebrate Easter, the day when we proclaim, against all odds, that God's steadfast love prevails. There's a song called Rattle by Elevation Worship which lifts up God's ability to bring life to dry bones.

*Saturday was silent
Surely it was through
But since when has impossible
Ever stopped You
Friday's disappointment
Is Sunday's empty tomb
Since when has impossible
Ever stopped You*

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise, make a dead man walk again
Open the grave, I'm coming out
I'm gonna live, gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling, yeah

Pentecostal fire stirring something new
You're not gonna run out of miracles anytime soon
Yeah, resurrection power runs in my veins too and
I believe there's another miracle here in this room

My God is able to save and deliver and heal
And restore anything that He wants to
Just ask the man who was thrown
On the bones of Elisha
If there's anything that He can't do
Just ask the stone that was rolled
At the tomb in the garden
What happens when God says to move (you gotta move)

God said live, God said live
Dry bones Hear the Word of the Lord
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

As we move this month into the season of Easter, we will continue to live in the murky place between lament and hope, between despair and new life. But as God's Easter people, may we remember to wait for the Lord and remember to watch for miracles.

In the midst of whatever grief, challenge, or anxiety we experience, God blows in to fill our weary bones with God's Spirit/Breath.

What happens when God says move? God alone knows. May we wait with hopeful anticipation to see where God is ready to move us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin



Palm Sunday, April 2 *10:00 a.m.	Gather in the pavilion for the Procession with Palms
Maundy Thursday *7:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands in Forgiveness of Sin
Good Friday 12:00 p.m. and *7:00 p.m.	Service of Silence and Sorrow
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. *10:00 a.m.	The Celebration of Easter! Light breakfast and activities in the fellowship hall Festival Worship



Worship

April 2—Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 31:9-16 John 19: 16b-22	April 6—Maundy Thursday 7 pm 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Psalm 116 John 13:1-17,31b-35
April 7—Good Friday 12 pm and 7 pm Matthew 27:27-50	April 9—Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118 John 20:1-18
April 16—Easter 2 Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalms 16 John 20:19-31	April 23—Easter 3 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-14,12-9 Luke 24:13-35
April 30—Easter 4 Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 John 10:1-10	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Apr 2	Nicole Arguello	Megan Barnes	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Apr 6	Priscilla Brower	Crish Tippit	Megan Barnes	Brian Hughes	Steve Reil
Apr 7	NA	NA	NA	NA	Brian (Steve)
Apr 9	Kris Ericson	Patty Ferdig	Lee Liming	Brian (Marlee)	Steve (Patrick, Lee)
Apr 16	Kurt Rager	Larry Shy	Mary Ehle	Brian Hughes	Lee Liming
Apr 23	Randine Hughes	Nicole Arguello	Lee Liming	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil
Apr 30	Rhonda Bentz		Megan Barnes	Patrick VanDeMotte	Steve Reil



Advocacy Spotlight

Bread for the World

Crish Tippit

2023 OFFERING OF LETTERS

On Sunday, April 23, 2023 after the worship service in Fellowship Hall, All Saints will hold its annual Offering of Letters, sponsored by Bread For the World and our OAR Committee. This year we are asking our federal Representatives and Senators to reauthorize the Farm Bill, an important legislation that comes up for renewal every 5 years. Seventy-five percent of this bill consists of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) which provides benefits to families and individuals who are suffering from food insecurity or outright hunger in the U.S. The Farm Bill also supports funding for international food aid programs such as Food for Peace.

After a series of discussions with groups of all backgrounds, Bread for the World is asking Congress to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables under SNAP called the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (Gus NIP). This enables SNAP beneficiaries to purchase fresh produce at farmers' markets, a trial program that benefits both the hungry and small farmers.

The 2023 Farm Bill should also eliminate barriers to SNAP for marginalized populations. For example, end the barrier on former drug offenders, eliminate work requirements for college students, and permit indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.

Other programs included in the Farm Bill are conservation and crop insurance. This year Bread for the World is advocating for addressing the threat to food insecurity posed by extreme weather.

Here are a few statistics about hunger. (from ELCA World Hunger and the Albuquerque Journal 10/27/22)

828 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night.

49 million people are teetering on the edge of famine.

In the U.S. 5 million children live in food-insecure households.

New Mexico ranks 3rd in childhood hunger and 7th in hunger overall.

In Bernalillo County 1 in 6 residents do not know where their next meal will come from.

Please plan to stay after worship on April 23 to write at least 2 letters--one to your Representative and one to a Senator. A sample letter will be provided and all writing materials will be available. For those not able to stay, take home materials will be available. We will be dedicating the letters on Sunday, April 30 and mailing them immediately after.



Love God, Love Neighbor Service Learning Adventures
Sunday, April 16, 12:00—4:00 pm
At All Saints

We will have lunch and games, then hear about the work of Wings For Life in Albuquerque. Wings for Life works with families of incarcerated individuals through their Prison and Community Family Days and the Wings for L.I.F.E. Education Program. We will create a simple gift for each family who attends their Monday Night Dinner.

Middle School and High School Youth—please plan to attend!



Rainbow Trail Summer Season is coming soon!

Junior High Camp, for kids entering 7th – 8th grade, is June 11-17. Pastor Kristin is driving a group up for camp and there is still space if you want to join them!

Junior Camp, for kids entering 4th – 6th grade, has a lot of openings June 18 – 24. Pastor Kristin is willing to take a group that week if we have kids who are interested.

Camp is expensive, and Campership assistance is available! We have a commitment to supporting any young people who want to be part of this faith-building, leadership learning experience.

Rainbow Trail Day Camp/Vacation Bible School
At Cross of Hope, June 12-16

Do you have young people who want to attend? Can you volunteer to help with crafts, food, or other parts of VBS? Please contact Pastor Kristin for more information!



26 January 2023

Dear Friend and Partner in Christ,

Enclosed you will find documentation concerning your donations to Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey.

Cristo Rey had weekly worship services all year in 2022. We have continued sharing our services through Facebook Live since many people started following us during the pandemic. We continue to have communion with individual cups since the trends of COVID-19 infections have been high for some time throughout the year. I had COVID-19 for the second time, Pastor Juan and many of our families were infected as well. We are taking precautions as needed.

Pastor Juan continues having the study and prayer time through Facebook Live on Wednesdays at 5:00pm and started in-person bible studies on Thursday afternoons.

I started our Confirmation Group and Youth Group in October. I pray that I can find the funds and a person that can help us with that ministry since life has changed so much for me having to raise a baby again.

Cristo Rey has had several financial challenges since the pandemic, and we have not been able to hire a permanent secretary, Border Immersion Assistant, or an After School Coordinator. Even though God provided for our most basic needs in 2022, we are not where we hoped to be. In 2022, Cristo Rey received a gift from Mount Hope Lutheran Church in El Paso who sadly closed their ministry. That has helped Cristo Rey pay for some urgent needs and continue with our ministry this year. We also started having in-person Border Immersion Groups again and that had boosted our income, as well.

Please forgive us if you have not received the usual thank you notes or have been able to reach us through our landline phone number. Pastor Juan works as a Mission Developer in a new ministry at a different location and I had enough on my plate with church duties- leading the Border Immersion Program and the Refugee Ministry. After the death of my daughter, I could not be available for some time. We are hoping to find the funds and a person to help us in the office soon. If you are interested in helping fund this position, the best way to reach us is to text me at 915-422-6545.

I am thankful for Pastor Juan De Dias who took care of things at the church while I was out on leave. We had to postpone his ordination until June 12, 2022. Bishop Gonia, Pastor Maria Paiva, and other pastors from our conference were present at the Ordination Service that was held at Houston Park. We had a special moment when the stole was put on Juan's shoulder by our beloved matriarch Sookie Parra who was 102 at the time. After the service, we went to Cristo Rey to have a special meal and celebration in honor of pastor Juan De Dias. He is now a Mission Developer starting a new ministry on the eastside of El Paso but continues to support our congregation. Cristo Rey has committed to raising \$25,000 this year to cover part of Juan's salary package. Please consider sending a donation for this purpose.

On December 18th, we were able to have our Christmas Posadas for our community. Some of our youth and children participated in the Christmas extravaganza during the service and later we had the traditional menudo soup, tamales, buñuelos -and- champurrado. We had mariachis, raffles, candy bags and a piñata for the kids. Our people were so happy to be able to celebrate Christmas at the church again.

Thanks to the help of partners, and a Facebook fundraiser we were able to raise money to buy essential food items for 130 families from our community and some that Live in the Colonias of EL Paso and Juarez.

With the support of New Hope Lutheran Church, and other donations we were also able to distribute gifts and blankets for many of our kids in the After School Program and the church congregation.

Baby blankets made by groups of quilters and small toys were distributed to refugee children in the different shelters we support in EL Paso and Juarez. Every other week, from January to August we went to help refugees in Juarez. We took food for their lunch or dinner, distributed clothing, hygiene kits, and more. We bought \$250 worth of groceries for them to use during the week. We also provided an outdoor worship service, prayers for the refugees, and programming for the kids.

We continued receiving refugees at our church twice a month and during times of emergencies when there were not enough shelters to house them. The cost for each week we receive refugees is about \$500 dollars excluding room and board. That covers groceries, supplies, cleaning, medicines, and other surprise needs. As you-have-heard, in the last months there has not been enough room to house all the refugees and many have been released to the streets. Cristo Rey has been offering a chance for them to shower in our facilities, to eat a warm meal and to use their phones to contact their families. We have a refugee couple who has been living at the church since December 16th. They were part of the 1500 refugees that were released to the streets. Their sponsor could not receive them and through AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection Advocacy and Opportunities) we were able to find a Coalition of churches that will receive them in Oklahoma- God's work.

Since the end of December, we have been cooking for 150 refugees staying at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Downtown EL Paso and preparing snacks for those who are sleeping outside on the sidewalks thanks to the help of our Border Immersion Groups.

Pastor Juan helps on Mondays at St. Christopher Episcopal Church who receives refugees, as well. We both have been available to pray for refugees and the team at Border Servant Corps in Las Cruces, NM at least once a month; they have served over 40,000 asylum seekers in the past year. We continue taking meals to one of the shelters of Annunciation House and others as needed. Working with refugees gives me Life and helps me with my pain. By giving hope and showing God's love to others I am strengthened. I have cried several times when I have seen people sleeping in the streets, getting kicked out by police at 2:00am, when they have shared how their journey was when they crossed the jungle, and when they shared how they lost their loved ones on the way.

We will continue giving hospitality to refugees/asylum seekers in our building when needed and supporting other shelters. Please help us with the Refugee Ministry. You can sponsor one week through your financial donation of \$500 or through sending gift cards from Sam's, Albertsons, Walmart or Target. You can donate through PayPal at <https://paypal.me/CristoReyElPaso?country.x=US..> or send donations to our church.

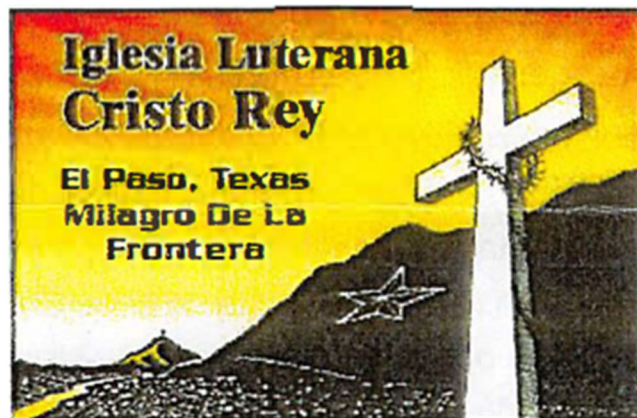
We continue supporting the ministry of our Missionary Doctor San Juana Mendoza who volunteers at "Dispensario Medico Dental de Servicio Social Cristo Rey" in Juarez, Mexico. She serves those with the most need and little access to care-the most vulnerable. She has been serving a vast number of refugees from Central America and other countries who are stuck in Mexico. Many thanks to our partners and individuals who supported her ministry in 2022.

If it were not for the support from all of you, we would not be able to serve our community the way we do. God is with us. ¡Muchas Gracias!

Please visit our Facebook Page [Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey "Milagro de la Frontera"](#) or find my Facebook Page [Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman](#).

Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman

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THANK YOU

All Saints Lutheran Church, Thank you for hosting us this week for our service learning experience. Your hospitality and generosity were greatly appreciated.

Much love, The Northwest Synod of Wi-ELCA

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Joy Ibsen	1	Caleb Dolan	22
Lorrie Hautz	4	Mary Johnson	23
Sarah Navarrette	5	Sharon Rager	23
Andrew Lewis	7	Mel Bentz	25
Karen Cellan	13	Patty Kruger	26
Natalie Cellan	14	Matthew Ferdig	28
Rachel Winn	16	Martha Montano	28
Shelby Yingling	16	Bob Owen	28
Jamie Hughes	17		





**Sid Fendley and Friends present
17th Annual Sweet Jazz
Benefit Concert**

LIVE MUSIC - SILENT AUCTION - SWEETS



Location:

Sandia Presbyterian Church
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE

Vocals
Dianna Hughes
Patti Littlefield
Kari Simmons
Tracey Whitney

Maud Beenhouwer: bass
Michael Anthony: guitar
John Bartlit: drums
Sid Fendley: keyboards
Rodolfo Gonzales: flute

April 30, 2023
4:00 pm-6:00 pm



**Tickets
\$25**



Tickets are available in the church office or through Karen Hyde (505) 453-4784.

You can get tickets online at familypromisealbuquerque.org/events

PRESCHOOL KORNER

Marleta Anderson, Director

DAY TO DAY

The Preschool is in the middle of the "Dinosaurs" theme. Next, the preschool will be getting ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and then on to the Trike-a-thon. Is it possible that another preschool year is coming to a close?

SUMMER AT ALL SAINTS PRESCHOOL

Since All Saints is a year-round school, plans are being made for the fun months of June and July. Dates and times are be made. Tell your family and friends!

FINANCIAL

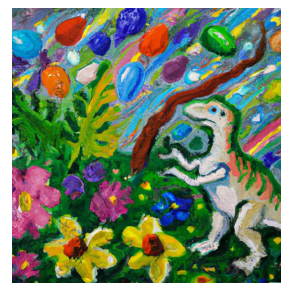
January/February revenues = \$29,844.00 and Expenses = \$27,550.00

Balance = + \$2,294.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5
April 7
April 10

Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration
Good Friday (no school)
Easter Monday (no school)





Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil



Greetings!

In last month's newsletter, I began to plug a trip to Ireland with some of our choir members in June 2024, with Artistic Director, Jake Runestad. (Listen to one of his choral compositions here: https://youtu.be/r_8O_4B5kvs)

I am excited for this adventure and the opportunity to experience it with you all, as well as some members from St. Michael and All Angels! Please see the information page on the All Saints Music Program website: <https://sites.google.com/view/aslc-music/dublin-choral-festival> to answer any questions you might have. If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to ask me!

On the information page you will find the Letter of Agreement and Tour Choice pages that are due to me by April 9, 2023. The Letter of Agreement has all the cost information (inclusions, exclusions, payment schedule, etc.)

If you are unsure about going, but are seriously thinking about it, please return the pages with a note attached for the "Maybe List". This will allow me to have a better idea of how many travelers to expect. There is a non-refundable \$200.00/person deposit due by May 1, 2023. (For those on the Maybe List, I will let you know when your deposit is due.)



Slàinte Mhath,

Erin Reil – Music Ministry Coordinator



Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p>Lucy Archambault: 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>Randine and Brian Hughes: Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</p> <p>Karen Hyde: Mark Bardo</p>	<p>Rozy Kalsbeek: Terry Messal</p> <p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Skip Napier, Lisa Helsom</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>Patrick & Rae VanDeMotter: Jeanette VanDeMotter</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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Karen Cellan	Julie LaHam	Dave Thompson
Katie Hallstrom	Andy Lewis	Nancy Tillen
Jamie Hughes	Dawn Mace	Rae VanDeMotter
Karen Hyde	Betsy Mahoney	Bryce Willman

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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