



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2023



### a blessing for the seekers

Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky,  
who open your arms to feel the wind,  
who notice all the things that we should notice.  
Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder  
and familiar with awe.  
Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams,  
who have not lost hope,  
who swear the glass is still half-full.  
Blessed are you who plant trees  
and sing the harmony,  
who tell the children how this world can be magic.  
Blessed are you who  
walk and seek  
and turn over every stone,  
pointing out all the corners and colors  
that God lives in.  
Blessed are you.  
Amen.

*Poem by  
Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed*





## Worship

### March 5—Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
John 3:1-17

### March 12—Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
John 4:5-42

### March 19—Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
John 9:1-41

### March 26—Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
John 11:1-45



USA  
Canada  
Mexico  
Russia

***Daylight savings time begins March 12.  
Remember to set your clocks ahead one  
hour and be on time for church!***

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Mar 5	Nicole Arguello	Kris Ericson	Lee Liming	Brian H & Marlee B	Patrick VanDeMotter
Mar 12	Randine Hughes	Crish Tippit	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Lee Liming
Mar 19	Rhonda Bentz	Patty Ferdig	Megan Barnes	Patrick VanDeMotter	Brian Hughes
Mar 26	Kurt Rager	Larry Shy	Mary Ehle	Steve Reil	Brian Hughes



## Youth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service Event

**Sunday, March 12, 12:-00 - 4:00 pm**

**St Luke Lutheran Church.**

We will learn about a special VBS program for people with disabilities, and about how we can be better neighbors to people with special needs. Meet at All Saints at 11:45 and we will drive to St Luke together. We will return to All Saints by 4:15. All middle school and high school students are welcome to join us!

## Pancake Supper

On February 21, eleven youth group members made pancakes and sausage for over 40 church members at the annual Pancake Supper. The youth raised \$191 for their chosen charity, Family Promise of NM. Family Promise provides shelter and services for families experiencing homelessness.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Dylan Winn	4	Trevor Owens	15
Marjorie Lynn	8	Dawn Mace	16
Dylan Werner	8	Harriet Rothlisberger	16
Jonah Cellen	10	Heather Jastram	17
Suzannah Jones	13	Lee Liming	18
Rita Harris	15	William Saur	20
Riley Hyde	15	Bibi Rosner	28





## Community Connection

### GRIEF GROUP AT ALL SAINTS

Grief takes many forms in our lives, and the experience of grief is different for each of us; and, indeed, different each time we experience it. Our experience of grief can be lightened by support from others, and information and practices around grieving. This spring, Pastor Kristin is offering a grief group for people who are grieving to walk together in the experience, learning together and offering support to one another.

We will gather to learn about grief and to share our experiences in a safe and supportive environment. The group will meet weekly for seven weeks in March and April, on Monday afternoons at 2:00 (skipping one week for spring break). It will be a closed group; after the second session, no new members will join, and we will ask participants to commit to regular attendance. This helps the group to develop trust and deepen learning over time. The dates are: March 6, 13, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24

Anyone is welcome to join us – you do not need to be a member of All Saints. If you are interested in participating, have questions, or would like to do a grief group but cannot commit at that time, please contact Pastor Kristin at [pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org](mailto:pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org); or call 505-898-3932.



### OAR – 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!

### CRAIG ANDERSON

Bill and Rochelle Anderson invite the All Saints congregation to join in their son's Celebration of Life service to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Any Memorial gifts are designated to the All Saints music program.







# Advocacy Spotlight

God's Work, Our Voices

Judy Messal, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, NM

## THE BISHOP'S LUNCHEON

As always, the **Bishop's Luncheon** in Santa Fe lifted up the work of the Spirit and inspired us to partner with people who seek a more just society for all. On February 21, at La Fonda, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry honored *four* legislators, making up for the pandemic years when we didn't have the luncheon. Each legislator had persisted with bills that didn't always succeed the first time they were introduced, but what a difference they will make now. Here are the highlights:

**Senator Nancy Rodriguez of Santa Fe** championed legislation to secure long-term funding for the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund. The Trust supports the NM Mortgage Finance Authority, helping fund initiatives for affordable housing for low- and moderate-income people and for the weatherization of older homes. Sen. Rodriguez also spoke about Linkages, which helps people with mental illnesses access housing and services.

**Senator Moe Maestas of Albuquerque**, during his years in the House, championed the passage of HJR1 on early childhood education. It led to a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2022. Sen. Maestas mentioned the many long years of work on the resolution, dating back to the days of Ruth Hoffman. Now, early childhood care and education can be supported partly by interest from the Land Grant Permanent. New Mexico families will benefit—including those with limited economic resources.

**Representatives Susan Herrera of Embudo and Joy Garrett of Albuquerque** succeeded in capping interest rates on short-term loans at 36%. Before that, high interest rates caught many low-wage borrowers in perpetual repayment cycles. Rep. Herrera spoke of initially considering a 66% cap—more likely to pass—but then her husband asked her what she really wanted. She set the 36% cap. Incidentally, she told us, her husband had been part of an organization that worked with Lutherans on immigration in Washington.

All the honorees mentioned **Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM** as a trusted partner in passing their legislation. We did it through **Kurt Rager's** faithful public witness at the Roundhouse and through the calls and emails that we send to our senators and representatives.

The day in Santa Fe offered many more highlights: **Pastor Paul Schick's** interactive devotions, **Pastor Kristin Schultz's** luncheon invocation, briefings from justice workers such as **Amber Wallin** of **New Mexico Voices for Children**, and the inspiring words of **Bishop Jim Gonia**. **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church**, a long-time LAM-NM partner, received the **Chris and John Haaland Advocacy Award**. St. Andrew advocates on matters of health security and racial justice. They also hold nonpartisan public forums on critical issues where faith and politics intersect. Finally, one of the brightest aspects of the day was the presence of **Hannah Rager**, at eleven, our youngest attendee. Hannah helped with logistics and conversed with advocates, fully taking part in one of the best events I know of where faith enters the public square.



## RIC Taskforce

Members: Marlee Barnes, Megan Barnes, Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, Kris Ericson, Brian Hughes, Randine Hughes, Cheryl Klenner, Lee Liming

The RIC Taskforce was formed last year for the purpose of guiding All Saints Lutheran Church through the process of expanding our congregation's commitment to being a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community as requested by ReconcilingWorks. This will include developing an updated Welcome Statement to be voted on at the 2024 annual meeting. Seven members of the task force attended five and a half hours of training over Zoom with the Reconciling Works staff during 2022. This training oriented us to available resources and ways of engaging our congregation in this discussion.

The taskforce will present multiple learning opportunities and listening sessions for members. The calendar so far includes:

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Lee briefly introduced our task force and the work for the next few months at the congregational meeting.

February 26<sup>th</sup> – After worship, faith stories videos from the ReconcilingWorks website were shown and questions for reflection afterwards were shared.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – After worship, RIC Forum – what do all those letters and acronyms stand for?

April: Individual conversations in our Faith Community. This will be ongoing.

June 9th-10th: Pride Fest. Booth and Communion possibly on Friday night and Saturday at the Balloon Fiesta Park. Pride parade Saturday morning. All members are invited to join in this wonderful celebration.

Please talk to any committee member if you have questions or comments.

Blessings,

Randine Hughes



**Sierra Vista**  
Elementary School

***Thank you to everyone who donated to the  
Sierra Vista Backpack Project.  
Because of you, it was a success.***



# Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

Twenty five years ago I went on a tour to Italy with the NMSU Choral Program. We spent ten long and full days exploring and singing in some of the most beautiful areas of the world I had ever seen. I will forever remember the sound of the lightning striking the Duomo de Siena as we sang the Brahms Requiem. There is not a true comparison to give, although that rainy choir rehearsal evening last year was similar! During that trip I learned more about Catholicism and viewed more pieces of Saints than I had ever thought possible. I never thought I would be as enthralled at seeing a thumb bone as I was when we visited the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi! Many core memories were made during that trip.

Last month I learned of an opportunity to experience the making of new core memories, singing with other choir members from around the world at the Dublin Choral Festival in June 2024. I am writing this to perhaps intrigue you, my beloved All Saints family, to join me! During this experience, those who choose to sing will gather with others in St. Patrick's Cathedral to give a concert, led by Jake Runestad, who is considered to be one of the best of the younger American composers, and has this Choral Director fangirling like a teen going to a Taylor Swift concert! (haha!) In addition, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the Irish culture and history, visit breathtaking sights, as well as spend some amazing quality time with each other, growing our own loving relationships. If you are interested in hearing more information, (remember, you do not have to be in the choir!) please do not hesitate to contact me! With that, I leave you with the words of Robert Frost, put to music by Randall Thompson. You can listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXOhRPI6UOM>

## The Road Not Taken

BY ROBERT FROST

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.



# Family Promise of Albuquerque

Karen Hyde

Family Promise began in Albuquerque in 2003 and All Saints has been actively involved in the program for nearly 18 years by hosting families in our church for 2-4 weeks a year. Due to the events of Covid in 2020 and its subsequent years, church hosting's ended and families had to be housed in a stationary facility with food being delivered from volunteer churches but volunteers not being able to participate with the families.

As you know, the OAR Committee recently conducted a survey to determine the availability of our congregants to continue providing dinners during our current twice a year weeklong hosting. We know that volunteering remotely at facilities across town instead of at our own church and not being able to interact with families has been difficult. The survey resulted in few people feeling able to continue providing meals or potentially doing overnight hosting. In light of the limited availability of volunteers going forward, the committee has determined that we, as a church, will no longer be able to commit to specific full weeks of hosting. This however will not limit individuals to volunteer independently according to their schedules and Family Promise is working on ways to sign up to do this. Once more specific information is received about this, we will share it with our congregation.

At a recent meeting with Laura Combs, FP Director, we explained the difficulties we were having and withdrew our sponsorship for April and October this year but expressed our commitment to continuing to support the program in any way we can. A check for \$1000 was presented to Laura from All Saints.

Family Promise has had significant delays in the renovation and construction of their new property on San Pedro, however, they have recently received confirmation of \$1.5 million in grants from HUD and the City of Albuquerque which is expected to cover the unexpected code regulations that has pushed their budget well above the initial one. They now have an architect who has drafted plans for the final building and are finalizing on getting a contractor and hoping to begin renovations soon. Unfortunately, building completion is not anticipated until year end. Their dream is to be in the new facility for Christmas 2023. Until then, families will continue to be housed at the Montgomery Church of Christ.

There are many changes and potentially new ways being considered for supporting and participating with FP and Laura is asking for ANY suggestions as well as members to serve on a planning committee.

Thanks to everyone at All Saints who have served so faithfully through the past 18 years helping to make our church a safe and welcoming place for families in transit. Please keep Family Promise in your prayers as they continue this important mission of helping families in our community move on from homelessness.



# Council Updates

At the Congregational Meeting on February 19, two new council members were elected: Fabian Enriquez and Denise Winn.

The council met on February 23, and elected new officers. They are:

President – Jim Kruger

Vice President – Lyndi Perry

Secretary – Kurt Rager

Treasurer – Dan Mazan continues, having been appointed in the fall

The congregation also approved funding for a Visitation Pastor, who will assist Pastor Kristin with visiting homebound and sick congregation members and keeping up with other pastoral care needs. Pastor Kate Schlechter is stepping in to that position this month. She has served congregations for over thirty years. She has a Masters of Science in marriage and family therapy and is completing her PHD in Mythology with a Depth Psychology emphasis. She has her own private spiritual direction practice, and is working at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Las Cruces as part time interim associate. We are excited to welcome Pastor Kate to serve among us in caring for and engaging congregation members.

On March 12 worship will include a Litany of Beginning for the new council and Pastor Kate.

Financial report for January, 2023:

<u>Church Operations:</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Total Giving	\$19,758	\$18,938	\$820
Other Unrestricted Revenue	5,506	8,019	(2,513)
Restricted Revenue	0	400	(400)
Total Revenue	<u>25,264</u>	<u>27,357</u>	<u>(2,093)</u>
Unrestricted Expenses	21,877	24,911	(3,034)
Restricted Expenses	500	1,946	(1,446)
Total Expenses	<u>22,377</u>	<u>26,857</u>	<u>(4,480)</u>
Net Income – Church	<u>\$2,887</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$2,387</u>
 <u>Preschool Operations:</u>			
Tuition	\$18,964	\$13,130	\$5,834
Other Revenue	0	0	0
Grant Income	2,353	603	1,750
Total Revenue	<u>21,317</u>	<u>13,733</u>	<u>7,584</u>
Total Expenses	<u>11,669</u>	<u>11,846</u>	<u>(177)</u>
Net Income – Preschool	<u>\$9,648</u>	<u>\$1,887</u>	<u>\$7,761</u>



# Prayer Requests

<p><b>Virginia Antonetty:</b> Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p><b>Lucy Archambault:</b> Tom Anderson, Apodaca Family, Gina Tena &amp; Family, Lynn, Jeannie &amp; their families, Sam Moore &amp; Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Katy Harris</p> <p><b>Nicole Arguello:</b> Liz Rodriguez &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Karen Cellan:</b> Kevin &amp; Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Kathy &amp; Frank, Andrea &amp; James Flynn, Olivia Rodman, Waylon, Sawyer</p> <p><b>Vicki Easson:</b> Kim Kangus &amp; Royce, Ash McCallum</p> <p><b>Ferdigs:</b> Craig, Chad, Marlene &amp; Tim Homomichl</p> <p><b>Denise Winn &amp; Kathy Ferdig:</b> Carol Torrez</p> <p><b>Kathy Ferdig:</b> Barbara McLain &amp; Janet Franklin</p> <p><b>Rita Harris:</b> Scott, Alexa and Jack</p> <p><b>Randine and Brian Hughes:</b> Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</p> <p><b>Karen Hyde:</b> Mark Bardo</p>	<p><b>Rozy Kalsbeek:</b> Terry Messal</p> <p><b>Bob and Cheryl Klenner:</b> Skip Napier</p> <p><b>Karol Lavallo:</b> Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena</p> <p><b>Lewis:</b> Finley Rose, Janine Lynn</p> <p><b>Jon &amp; Jan Jastram:</b> Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel &amp; David, Patty</p> <p><b>Krugers:</b> Jim &amp; Joanne, Bob &amp; Pat, Jon &amp; Mikele, Molly Highwater</p> <p><b>Milks:</b> Steve Bowman, Raiff, Sherry Manning, Ed and Roe Wynn</p> <p><b>Reils:</b> Will Larson</p> <p><b>Kristin Schultz:</b> Lynne Morrow</p> <p><b>Shelley Tackeuchi:</b> Tammy, Kristine and Doug</p> <p><b>Nancy Tillen:</b> Arlene Harris, Julia Tillen</p> <p><b>Patrick &amp; Rae VanDeMotte:</b> Jeanette VanDeMotte</p> <p><b>Bob &amp; Lucy Welch:</b> Kim Welch</p> <p><b>Mark &amp; Denise Winn:</b> Ashton Raley, Nigel Jones</p> <p><b>Preschool:</b> The Cunningham Family, The Pino Family</p>
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## All Saints Congregation Members

Virginia Antonetty	Jon Jastram	Jim Perry
Jean Bernabo	Bob Klenner	Harriett Rothlisberger
Karen Cellan	Julie LaHam	Dave Thompson
Ian Easson	Andy Lewis	Nancy Tillen
Katie Hallstrom	Dawn Mace	Rae VanDeMotte
Jamie Hughes	Betsy Mahoney	Bryce Willman
Karen Hyde	Cecilia Pepper	

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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## Lent and Holy Week at All Saints

### February 22 – April 9, 2023

Tuesday, February 21 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Pancake Supper</b> – Gather in the fellowship hall for pancakes and community
Wednesday, February 22 12:00 p.m. and *7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday worship</b> with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
<b>Wednesdays in March</b> 5:30 *6:00 *6:30	<b>Soup Supper</b> in the fellowship hall (soup served until 6:15) <b>Discussion Groups</b> based on <i>seeking: honest questions for deeper faith</i> <b>Night Prayer</b> in the sanctuary
Palm Sunday, April 2 *10:00 a.m.	Gather in the pavilion for the <b>Procession with Palms</b>
Maundy Thursday *7:00 p.m.	<b>Service of Holy Communion</b> and Laying on of Hands in Forgiveness of Sin
Good Friday 12:00 p.m. and *7:00 p.m.	<b>Service of Silence and Sorrow</b>
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. *10:00 a.m.	<b>The Celebration of Easter!</b> Light breakfast and activities in the fellowship hall Festival Worship



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

Our gospel readings in Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows. Like these characters, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as disciples.

And so, we're focusing this season Seeking, and on the questions we ask while seeking. Throughout this season, we will use worship and prayer, discussion and song, artwork and poetry, to explore our theme. Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to new beginnings, restoration, and a wider grace.

You are invited to join us for any and all of these Lenten activities. You can also sign up to receive daily devotions by email, and follow our page to see daily Facebook posts related to the theme. (And by “You” we mean, anyone reading this – YOU are welcome here)

\* events marked with a star are also on Zoom, using the Sunday Worship zoom link