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Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM is called to advocate for justice in public policy, with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger and supporting ELCA members, congregations, and ecumenical partners in the ministry of advocacy.

April 2023

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM (LAM-NM) represents the Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our advocacy ministry.

As is the case after each legislative session, we can look back and see both success in passage of legislation prioritized by LAM-NM, but also see legislation that failed to get through or that was vetoed by the Governor. In total, LAM-NM focused on almost 90 bills during the session.

2023 was the First Session of the 56th Legislature and was a 60-day session, thus everything was possible with regards to what types of legislation could be introduced. By the deadline for introduction, over 1300 pieces of legislation were introduced between the House and Senate. By the end of the session, 246 bills had made it through both chambers and were sent to the Governor for her action. Of the 246, the Governor signed 211, she vetoed 13 with an explanation of why she vetoed the bill, and the remaining 22 were “pocket vetoed” due to no action taken by the deadline to sign.

Important leadership changes in the House of Representatives took place prior to the start of the 2023 session. Long-time Speaker, Rep. Brian Ego, did not run for reelection in 2022. Members voted to replace him with Rep. Javier Martinez. In addition, Democratic members voted in a new Majority Floor Leader, Rep. Gail Chasey and a new Majority Whip, Rep. Reena Szczepanski. Republican Members voted in new leadership as well, replacing long-time Minority Floor Leader, Rep. Rod Montoya, with Rep. Ryan Lane of Farmington. They also voted in a new Minority Floor Whip, Rep. Greg Nibert of Roswell. Led by a commitment from the new Speaker, the newly elected House Leadership from both parties, the House seemed to enjoy less contentious behavior and avoided last minute meltdowns in the chamber the last day or two. While there was still much debate over a number of controversial bills in committees and on the floor, there was overall a calmer and less adversarial tone over the length of the session. Indeed, members of both parties spent time in the final hours sharing compliments and congratulating each other, something unseen for some time. On the Senate side, no changes in leadership were made by members.

The key task of each legislative session is to create and pass a budget for the state for the next Fiscal Year (FY). The budget proposal takes form in HB 2. In the end, the state’s budget for FY24, passed and signed

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Worship

May 7—Fifth Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 2:2-10
Psalm 31
John 14:1-14

May 14— Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
John 14:15-21

May 21— Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68
John 17:1-11

May 28— Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
John 20:19-23

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
May 7	Kris Ericson	Crish Tippit	Marlee Barnes	Lee Liming	Patrick VanDeMotte
May 14	Randine Hughes	Patty Ferdig	Lee Liming	Marlee Barnes	Brian Hughes
May 21	Rhonda Bentz	Larry Shy	Megan Barnes	Patrick VanDeMotte	Steve Reil
May 28	Kurt Rager	Kris Ericson	Mary Ehle	Lee Liming	Patrick VanDeMotte



May BIRTHDAYS

Jonah Jastram	2	John Warren	14
Larry Shy	3	Patrick VanDeMotte	18
Karen Hyde	4	Aija Thacher	26
Amy Enriquez	8	Rebecca Johnston	30
Priscilla Brower	9	Nanette Morton	31
Aidan Hyde	12		





Community Connection

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 7

On May 7 we will present quilts to our graduating high school seniors. We will also include our graduates in our prayers, and we would like to include by name anyone in the congregation graduating – from K-12 to college and graduate work, if you would like to include a family member in the graduate prayers, please send us their name and grade/program by **May 4**. You can email Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org

Worship Assistant Lunch

It takes a lot of people to pull off a worship service every Sunday – besides the pastor and musicians, we need people to serve as altar care, technical assistants, and worship assistants. On **Sunday, May 21 at 11:30** we will have a lunch in the fellowship hall to thank all these folks who help make worship happen each Sunday, and do a bit of training and discussion around all the changes in worship that have happened in recent years.

If you are a Assisting Minister, Lector, Usher, Zoom usher, Altar care, or Audio/Visual assistant, please mark your calendar and plan to join us that day.

If you are interested in joining this amazing group of worship assistants, please talk to Pastor Kristin!

Join the Party: Help Plan Fun Events at All Saints with our Community Life Team!

All Saints needs a few fun people who like a good party to help plan events such as potlucks, soup suppers, a fall picnic and Reformation hymn sing. If you like planning and bringing people together, please consider joining the Community Life Team. Interested?

[Contact Pastor Kristin.](#)



Vacation Bible School/Rainbow Trail Day Camp will be at Cross of Hope again this year, **June 12-16**. We are looking for volunteers to help with crafts and food that week; the program is done by amazing Rainbow Trail counselors. If you have questions about VBS or are interested in volunteering, please [contact Pastor Kristin](#).



Advocacy Spotlight

Judy Messel

From the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement Webpage

([Truth & Healing Movement - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/truth-and-healing-movement))

May is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Month.

May 1-7. National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. "The National Partners Work Group on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and the MMIW Family Advisors are organizing a national week of action May 1-7 to call the nation and the world to action in the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women. To JOIN for the week's activities, . . . visit the [events webpage](#)."

May 5. National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women #MMIW. "On May 5 we encouraged you to join Native people across the United States in wearing red to raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women. Post a selfie or group picture on your social media channels, using the hashtags #MMIW and #ELCA. To learn more about the National Day of Awareness, . . . read this [article](#) from We R Native."

May 9 and 11, 6-7 p.m. (MDT): Class on "Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement. "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has commenced its Truth and Healing Movement, inspiring us to grow in better and right relationships with Indigenous people and tribal nations on Turtle Island. This workshop will explore the truths we seek to learn and the healing we hope to experience, as well as how the movement began, among Indigenous people and within the ELCA. It will also explain the work the ELCA has done recently and how you can participate in this justice movement." To attend this class on either day, go to the ELCA Truth and Healing webpage above and click on Join the Class.

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into law by the Governor, increased spending by about \$1.2 billion over the current fiscal year, FY23, for a total of \$9.575 billion. Included in the budget:

6% raises for state employees and teachers (state employee wages are significantly below the private sector making it an ongoing challenge to fill and keep employees)

Fully funds the Opportunity Scholarship program, the key to providing free university and technical school education to New Mexicans.

Public education spending increases by \$236 million.

Medicaid spending increases of \$224 million, that allows for at least a 10% increase in provider rates, a key to keeping physicians in NM.

\$80 million, matched by federal money, to develop and expand primary care, etc, in rural areas of NM.

The much-debated Tax Omnibus bill that resulted from intense negotiations between both chambers and the governor, was ultimately gutted by the Governor through line-item vetoes. More about that, next month!



Love God, Love Neighbor
Sunday, May 7, 12:00 – 4:00
At St Luke Lutheran Church

We will have lunch and games, then go to Saranam shelter from homelessness to hear about their programs and do some simple service work. We will return to St Luke for devotions before returning to All Saints. Pastor Kristin will drive – we will leave All Saints at 11:45 and return about 4:15.



Pictures from the Love God, Love Neighbor event in April. We met at All Saints and learned about Wings for Life, a program which assists families who have an incarcerated family member. We made Family Care Kits including handmade soap for the families.





Here in the Holy Land

Harper Bolz-Webber – NEWS FROM OUR YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY IN ISRAEL

Hello again dear readers! As I write to you at the end of March (or the beginning of April now.... oops), I have only three months left here in Palestine. It is hard to believe I have been here so long, and that I have so little time left. With this in mind, I have been trying to soak up every moment and reflect on all the ways I have grown and changed this year. Many of these are hard for me to articulate, especially to an audience who has not experienced life here the way that I have over the past seven months (seven months!!!). For this reason, I am incredibly grateful for the other members of my cohort, who have all been incredible sources of support over the course of the year. So, I want to take a moment to acknowledge how much we have been through together this year and to thank my fellow JWB YAGMs for walking with me through all the challenges life has thrown at us.

In mid-February, we had a big retreat in Jordan. We spent a few nights in Petra, a few nights in the desert in Wadi Rum, and a few nights in the capital city of Amman. It was a truly incredible experience; the desert in Jordan is unlike anything I have ever seen or experienced, and I will not soon forget it. From the ancient history evident in the still-extant structures in Petra to the absolute vastness and beauty of the desert, there was no shortage of interesting and enriching things to experience on the retreat. I would say in many ways it was a humbling experience - when I think about the span of time that separates me from the hands that carved the sandstone structures in Petra, or all the knowledge and wisdom of the desert possessed by the Bedouin people whose lifestyle is so vastly different from my own, I realize how minuscule my life and experiences are in comparison to all the diversity of human experience to have ever existed. But I also think about how every other individual human life is just as minuscule as mine, and rather than making me feel small or insignificant, this thought makes me feel profoundly connected to all of humanity.

In addition to our time in the desert, we spent some time in Amman. We visited a Syrian refugee camp where the Lutheran World Federation is doing some excellent work, and then on Sunday, we worshipped with the one congregation of the ELCJHL (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, the church body with which we are partnered) that exists in Jordan. Both experiences were great opportunities to learn about the work of the global church of which we are a part.

In March, we finally started to pull out of the dreary winter cold and experience more sunny days, which means a more active day-to-day life for me (someone who was probably some kind of hibernating mammal in a past life). I have had a few little adventures with some friends around the Bethlehem area, including walking to Solomon's Pools and visiting Herodian Park. In early March I also walked the 10k at the Palestine Marathon, an event that highlights the restriction on movement that is imposed on Palestinians by the occupation. People from all over the world participate in the event every year, showing solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The past two months have been truly amazing, and I am greatly looking forward to Eastertime in Jerusalem. My next newsletter, at the end of May, will be the penultimate one of the year. I want to enter these last few months of service with an open heart and a readiness to absorb every moment.

As always, thank you for following along on my journey. I am grateful for the support of each and every one of you.

Peace,
Harper



Harper Bolz-Webber and group in Amman, Israel.

ABQ PRIDE WEEK '23

Your Pride is Showing

June 5-10, 2023

All Saints will participate in the parade on **June 10** and you are welcome to join us, and can call Pastor Kristin or Randine Hughes to sign up.

To purchase a shirt, simply [visit this link](#) or stop by the church office. Shipping takes approximately 2 weeks so get your orders in early.





OAR – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

Update: ABQ Asylum Seekers Welcome (AASW)

Unfortunately, the AASW Team is still on hold. Very few asylees, less than 200 daily, are able to cross the border. The Hope Border Institute/Catholic Diocese of El Paso, is requesting our help to supply shelters south of the border who are hosting thousands of asylum seekers waiting to cross. AASW has already been delivering some items and depending on how quickly things come in, we will deliver to the border, as needed. If you are interested in helping deliver items to the border, please contact Rae VanDeMotte.

As far as monetary donations, all money is held in our 501c3 account which is maintained by our fiduciary at St. Therese of the Little Flower. A friend of AASW has contributed the match to the account, so thank you for all of your generous giving! Until we are certain about Title 42, we are not making any decisions about the AASW Account. Some money is going out to support the trips to Juarez.

Attached is a NEW list of items needed for the border. The Second Presbyterian Donation Center will be open Saturdays, 10 to noon and Mondays/Wednesdays, 4 pm to 6 pm.

For now, PLEASE DONATE ONLY THE ITEMS ON THE NEW LIST!



OAR COMMITTEE

NEEDS HELP WITH SMALL PROJECTS

You don't have to be a member of the committee or attend any meetings. We need help sorting clothing and other items, updating bulletin boards, help with transporting items to their destination, etc. Interested? Talk with Rae VanDeMotte at church or give her a call!

**Albuquerque Asylum Seeker Welcome
Donation List
Updated April 2023**

Food Items

Dry pinto beans (large bag)
Rice (large bag)
Pasta (large bag)
Baby formula

Clothing

NEW underwear/all ages-NO XL
NEW socks/all ages

Household Items

Metal flatware (spoons, forks, knives)
NO PLASTIC
CLEAN bath towels, stain free
NEW or USED bed sheets - **CLEAN**
Blankets - **CLEAN**

NEW Soccer balls (ONLY)

**Please donate ONLY the items on this
list! You may bring items to All Saints
or deliver directly to
Second Presbyterian
Corner of Edith and Lomas**



**FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE CHILDREN
just like you - just like me!**



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

What follows below is an excerpt from Dillard's classic, The Writing Life, laid out as a poem for your reading pleasure.

How we spend our days
is, of course,
how we spend our lives.
What we do with this hour,
and that one,
is what we are doing.
A schedule
defends from chaos
and whim.
It is a net
for catching days.
It is a scaffolding
on which a worker
can stand
and labor with both hands
at sections of time.
A schedule is a mock-up
of reason and order —
willed, faked,
and so brought into being;
it is a peace and a haven
set into the wreck of time;
it is a lifeboat
on which you find yourself,
decades later,
still living.
Each day is the same,
so you remember
the series afterward
as a blurred and powerful
pattern.

+ Annie Dillard





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 VanDeMottter: Jeanette VanDeMottter</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 VanDeMottter
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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