



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

June is LGBTQIA* Pride month

What does this have to do with All Saints Lutheran Church?

All Saints decided 15 years ago to become a Reconciling in Christ church. This means that we made an intentional commitment to welcome and support LGBTQIA+ people in all aspects of our congregational life. Welcome is the first commitment of our mission statement, and we can say, “All are welcome here.” But the truth is that many LGBTQIA+ folks have entered spaces – particularly churches – which say, “all are welcome,” and been anything but welcomed. So we need to be clear and intentional in our welcome.

What does it look like to be clear and intentional in our welcome?

- It looks like putting out progressive pride flags on our property.



The rainbow represents the gay community, the pink and blue represents trans folks, and the brown and black represent people of color.

- It looks like celebrating an annual Reconciling in Christ worship service, in which we lift up words of welcome and inclusion offered by LGBTQ church leaders. The service this year will be on June 4.
- It looks like walking in the Pride parade as a congregation. We carry our church banner, and folks all along the parade route cheer to see churches proclaiming God’s love for ALL. Want to walk with us? Talk to Pastor Kristin or Randine Hughes, or call or email the church office, to sign up.
- It looks like new ASLC Pride shirts! You can order a shirt to show your support and your pride in our congregation, even if you do not participate in the parade! [ORDER SHIRTS HERE](#). **The shirts may not make it in time for the parade, but you can still order your shirt.**



Too often, the voice of inclusive, welcoming Christianity is nearly drowned out in public discourse by the Christian communities that condemn LGBTQ people. It is vital that we who practice a Christian faith based in love, welcome and inclusion do so loudly and proudly, for the sake of our LGBTQIA siblings, but also for the sake of our own desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I feel blessed to serve a community committed to inclusion and welcome for ALL

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin

**lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual*



Worship

June 4—1st Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 2:1-10 Psalm 139:1-10,13-15,23 John 14:23-29	June 11—2nd Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Matthew 9:9-13,18-26
June 18—3rd Sunday after Pentecost Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 100 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]	June 25—4th Sunday after Pentecost Romans 6:1b-11 Psalm 50:7-15 Matthew 10:24-39



**Lutherans
for Love**

In June and July we are using a new-to-us liturgy called Liturgy of Welcome, which was written for Reconciling congregations and made available through Reconciling Works. It is a lovely, inclusive musical setting, and a perfect setting for our Reconciling in Christ/Pride service on June 4.

Since 1974, ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
June 4	Randine Hughes	Lee Liming	Marlee Barnes	Steve Reil	Brian Hughes
June 11	Priscilla Brower	Crish Tippet	Lee Liming	Brian Hughes	Steve Reil
June 18	Kris Ericson	Randine Hughes	Mary Ehle	Brian Hughes	Steve Reil
June 25	Kurt Rager	Nicole Arguello	Marlee Barnes	Lee Liming	Steve Reil



Community Connection

Family Promise
of Albuquerque

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

LIVE MUSIC - SILENT AUCTION - SWEETS

Join Us
June 4, 2023
4pm-6pm

For More Information Call
505-268-0331

Location :
Sandia Presbyterian Church
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE

Tickets
\$25

For Tickets see Pastor Kristin or Karen Hyde or Suzannah in the church office.



ABQ FaithWorks
Collaborative

ASYLUM PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Volunteer with us!** Our program depends on our incredible volunteers! We are always looking for more people to help support asylum-seekers residing here in ABQ. Right now, we need people to **sort food and transport food boxes** on the 3rd Thursday and Friday mornings of each month. Interested? A 2-3 hour commitment! We are also always looking for **Family Liaison Volunteers** to walk alongside asylum-seeker/immigrant families for a year as they integrate into life in Albuquerque. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Odalys Márquez at vc@abqfaithworks.org.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

The OAR committee wishes to thank all those who wrote to their Congressional Representatives and Senators this year during the Offering of Letters. We had 53 total letters. Also, thanks to those who baked breads, made coffee and cleaned up afterward.



ELCA Truth and Healing

Join a Class by Clicking the Calendar Link

Read the Truth in June

This summer, join congregations, ministries, synods, and organizations in selecting a book written by a Native author to read together. Set aside time at the end of the month for your group to gather and discuss the book. The bookshop [Native Reads](#), lists only books by Native authors for your convenience. Share your group's book choice by posting a photo on your social media pages using the hashtags #ELCA and #TruthAndHealing. We can't wait to hear about your reading journey! Let us know what book your congregation and organization read together, posting a photo of your group on your social media pages with hashtags #ELCA and #TruthAndHealing.

June 1, 2023 9am-11am MTN, Presented by Vance Blackfox

Class: "Indian 101"

The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. Even the most basic topics are often grand mysteries. This is by design; for centuries the colonial project has prioritized the complete erasure of Native people. "Indian 101" explains some of these basics to build a foundation for students to stand in solidarity with Indian people across the United States as we work together to dismantle longstanding systems of oppression.

June 7, 2023 6pm-7pm MTN

Film Screening: "Native Nations"

You are invited to join the screening of "Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights," a one-hour documentary exploring the role of the Lutheran church in the American Indian civil rights movement of the 1970s and 1980s. In the documentary you will learn how Lutherans were first convinced by the American Indian Movement to respond, how Lutherans responded by standing in solidarity with the Movement and Indigenous people in the United States, and about the creation and work of the National Indian Lutheran Board.

June 21, 2023 6pm-7pm MTN

Panel Presentation: National Indian Lutheran Board

There was a time in relatively recent history in our church when Lutherans were committed to leading and being in solidarity with Native people in the United States. One of the ways in which this was accomplished was by the formation of the pan-Lutheran organization known as the National Indian Lutheran Board. A panel discussion about the National Indian Lutheran Board will be hosted on June 21.

June 23, 2023 9am-10am MTN

Class: "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.



Vacation Bible School

June 12-16 at Cross of Hope Lutheran Church

All Saints kids and volunteers will once again join Cross of Hope and a team from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp for vacation Bible school this year! Camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday for those entering K-5. The week concludes on Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *All Saints needs some volunteers to help with VBS while Pastor Kristin is away at camp with our middle school students!*

To register your child or volunteer, or for more information, go to the Cross of Hope website, or click here <https://www.crossofhope.org/forms/rainbow-trail-day-camp-2022/>



2023 ASLC Preschool Graduation

Martha Debelak, Shelley Takeuchi & Pastor Kristin



Last week the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly gathered in El Paso Texas. The focus for this year's gathering was Cruzando Fronteras (Crossing Borders). Our Bible study focused on the first three books of Exodus each morning of the assembly. On Wednesday we were assigned to small groups, given a van driver and taken to one or two of the many sites serving asylum seekers throughout the area. I was part of a group that drove to Las Cruces to visit the Border Services Corps site.

Border Services Corps (BSC) has grown from humble beginnings in a Lutheran church in Las Cruces. It has grown to owning a permanent site and is able to host several buses of asylum seekers each day - 24 hours, 365 days per year. BSC has transformed this site into a welcoming, safe place for people who have experienced a difficult journey. They have welcoming/orientation tents, transportation stations (which help people make the needed arrangements to travel on to their sponsors), industrial kitchen and cafeteria area, health staff, outdoor playground with a soccer field. If needed, asylum seekers can sleep there as they make their travel arrangements. Showers and clothing are provided as well. What a truly humanitarian experience that grew from a few people willing to accept one family in their church. As the need grew, so did the response! As we heard over and over during this assembly, God's people are pitching in where needed and helping God's people who are still on the move - as we read about in Exodus. ~Martha Debelak

I (Shelley) went to 2 locations on Wednesday. The first stop was a small-group site at St.Christopher, El Paso. This Episcopalian church houses and feeds asylum seekers (20 or less) for just a few days as they prepare their travel plans. There were two families from Turkey and Brazil. The youngest was an 18-month-old baby. We conversed via a translation app due to limited English. This safe space was welcoming and nurturing for those two families.



The second stop was the Ysleta Pueblo site (Indigenous people's spelling). These are an off-shoot of the Isleta (anglican spelling) Pueblo people. After the revolt against the Spanish in the 1800s, some Isleta persons were kidnapped and taken to El Paso. This site is the remaining members of that Pueblo. Great stop if you are ever in the area.



Wednesday night we listened to the asylum process from a lawyer's point of view. The paperwork is incredible. We ended the night with a performance by a local mariachi band and ballet folclorico dancers.



Thursday concluded with a service at the Sacred Heart Church in El Paso. ~Shelley Takeuchi

The Assembly was a fantastic experience. I (Pastor Kristin) visited Annunciation House, which was great since our Asylum Seeker Welcome group has worked closely with their director, Ruben Garcia. The picture of their clothing donations will look familiar to our Asylum Seeker volunteers!



Then we visited a new program called Abara, which supports immigrants in many ways. One area of focus is re-shaping the narrative about immigration - who refugees are, how they get here, and the history of immigration in the U.S. We visited a site right at the border which will be opening as a cafe and learning center - "a borderland center for beloved community."

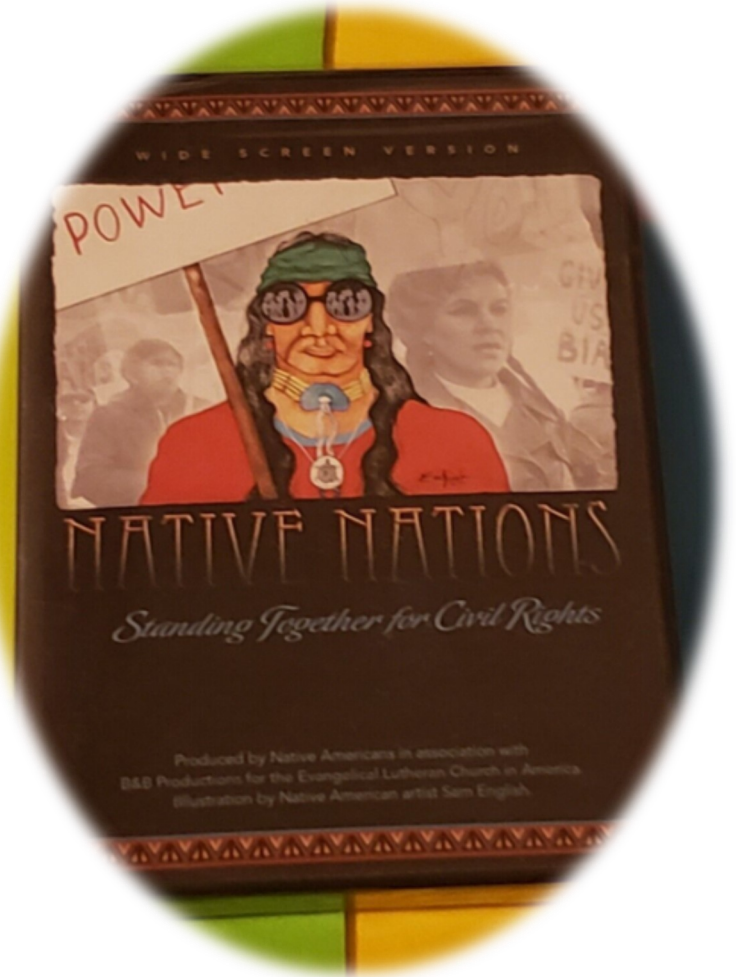
The Rocky Mountain Synod has committed to continued work at and with the border. One option is to participate in the Faith on the Move Bible study presented at the Assembly by its author, Rev. Dr. David Vasquez-Levy. ~Pastor Kristin



Faith Formation Task Force

The All Saints community is invited to view “Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights” a one-hour documentary which explores the role of the Lutheran Church in the American civil rights movement of the 1970s and 1980s. The documentary demonstrates how Lutherans were first convinced by the American Indian Movement to respond, how Lutherans responded by standing in solidarity with the Movement and Indigenous people in the United States, and about the creation and work of the National Indian Lutheran Board. The ELCA will host a panel discussion about the National Indian Lutheran Board on June 21.

The film screening will occur on June 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Preceding the screening will be a potluck salad bar at 5:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite summer salad to share with others in attendance. Water, coffee, and lemonade will be provided.



Grief Support



All Saints is beginning a monthly gathering for folks who are grieving and would like to share prayers, stories and support for one another. Whatever your grief and wherever you are in the journey, you are invited to participate. We will meet the fourth Monday of each month, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

In August, Pastor Kristin will lead another “Grief 101” group – a six-week group exploring various aspects of grief and grieving.

WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?

462,262

QUILTS & KITS

IN 19 COUNTRIES



220,317
QUILTS



1,650
BLANKETS



94,060
PERSONAL CARE KITS



90,860
SCHOOL KITS



46,560
BABY CARE KITS



8,815
FABRIC KITS



31,950
FACE MASKS

COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
TOTAL		220,317	1,650	90,860	94,060	46,560	8,815	31,950

This shipping information is from LWR's 2022 fiscal year (Oct 2021 - Sept 2022).



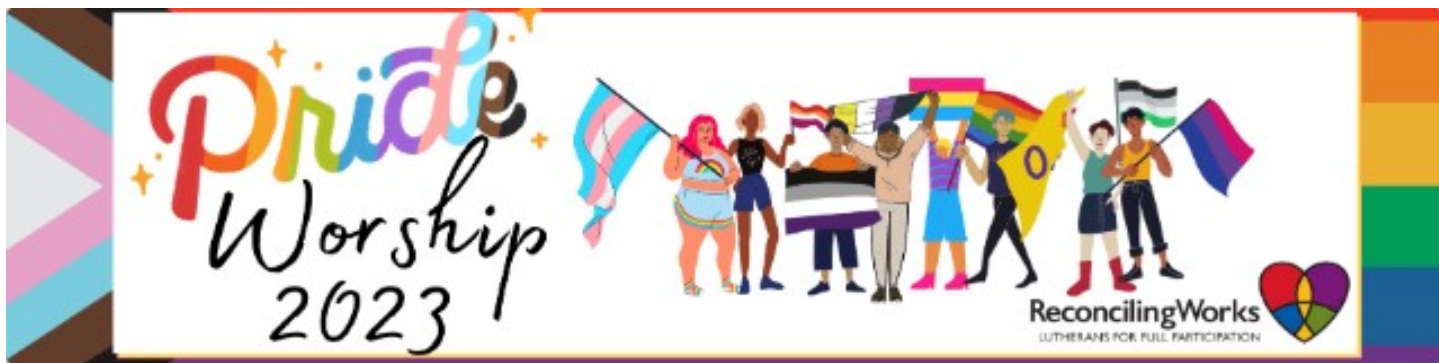
ALSC Quilters and their 2023 Donation to Lutheran Family Services





Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil



June is PRIDE month. A time when the LGBTQIA+ community is celebrated and commemorated. I feel that this should not be just a month-long celebration, but an everyday concern. In the June readings we hear with whom Jesus spent his time. It was not the “righteous” people but rather, those who are seen as outcasts, unworthy, marginalized. The Holy Other.

It is important that we, as a church... followers of Christ, publicly say that YES, indeed God DOES welcome ALL. We are ALL included in the love of Christ. God knows and loves every one of us. God knows us so well that all the hairs on our head are counted. When you think about it, if God knows us *this well*, how could any of us be a “mistake”? God does not make mistakes. God creates beauty in diversity!

On June 4th, we will celebrate our Reconciling in Christ. We will sing songs of welcome, love, inclusion. We will hear how we are each fearfully and wonderfully made. I am looking forward to sharing time with you, my beloved church family. Celebrating the awesome, love that God has for us ALL.

*Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome,
in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.*

~God, We Gather as Your People - ACS 1038



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</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, 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>Randine and Brian Hughes: Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</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, Dave & Liz</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Kristin Schultz: Lynne Morrow</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy</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 Antonetty	Jon Jastram	Harriett Rothlisberger
Jean Bernabo	Bob Klenner	Walter Stolte
Karen Cellan	Julie LaHam	Dave Thompson
Jamie Hughes	Andy Lewis	Rae VanDeMottter
Karen Hyde	Dawn Mace	Bryce Willman
	Betsy Mahoney	

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jenny Kellet	1	Brian Hughes	8
Kiley Reil	1	Randine Hughes	13
Judith Messal	3	Arianna Mace	28
Evan Liming	6		



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