



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023

What Wondrous Love is this, oh my soul... the theme of the recent Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference which I attended. Each day began with a speaker discussing the first three words: What - Wondrous - Love. Since hearing their views on the words, I began to think to these three words apply to me - and us - here, at All Saints.

### WHAT

What is the purpose of music at All Saints? The music planned for every element of every service is used to support the Word of that service. What is God trying to tell us? The words and melody and harmonies of each hymn or anthem are specifically chosen to highlight the Word of God.

### WONDROUS

The dictionary defines Wondrous as *inspiring a feeling of wonder or delight; marvelous. God's unending, unwavering love and grace for all of us... simultaneously saints and sinners... is wondrous! Music has the ability to change our mindset and mood, changing the way we perceive the world. In our worship, we strive to share music that will inspire you to go out and share the Good News which is God's love and grace for us.*

### LOVE

The hymn, For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679) beautifully answers the question, What Wondrous Love is this?

*1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

*2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

*3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. **For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

Our worship and the music in it begins and ends with God. When we sing together we are linked together in body, mind, and spirit. We become a community in a whole new sense, with each other as well as with all the angels in heaven, singing praises to God.

Does God care if the music we sing and play has some imperfections? Absolutely not! We are not perfect beings, nor are we meant to be. As long as we share our music with heartfelt intention, it is perfect for God.

With that in mind, I ask you to please consider joining one or more of the music ensembles at All Saints. It is our mission to enjoy our times together while we make music for the Glory of God. Making music together in support of the services, each musician in each ensemble has an important role to play. It is a high and worthy calling for us to share music in the name of God. May we rise to this privilege and responsibility of leadership!

May the Word fill your mind and heart. May the music feed your soul. Peace be with you all.

~ Erin Reil - All Saints Music Ministry Coordinator



## Worship

### August 6—10th Sunday After Pentecost

Revelation 1:9-2:7

John 1:14-18

### August 13—11th Sunday After Pentecost

Revelation 4:1-5:13

John 17:1-5

### August 20—12th Sunday After Pentecost

Revelation 13; 18:21; 19:5-9

John 15:9-11

### August 27—13th Sunday After Pentecost

Revelation 21:1-6, 22-25; 22:1-5

John 16:20-22

*“Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.” Revelation 1:3*

Our worship in August will focus on the book of Revelation - probably the most opaque, disquieting and misunderstood book in the Bible. We will read and learn about John’s visions, how they make sense in John’s first century world, and how they speak hope and promise to us today.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
August 6	Nicole A	Crish T	Lee L	Marlee B	Steve R
August 13	Priscilla B	Larry S	Megan B	Patrick V	Steve R
August 20	Randine H	Meredyth J	Megan B	Marlee B	Brian H
August 27	Kris E	Patty F	Marlee B	Patrick V	Lee L



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023

On September 10 our worship will have the theme God’s Work - Our Hands - Our Voices. We will focus on the work of service and advocacy our congregation does together - and lift up the work individuals in our congregation do for our community. Please tell Pastor Kristin about any service or volunteer work or special projects you support beyond All Saints, so I can lift it up in the service that day.



## Community Connection

### Grief 101 Grief Education and Support

**Wednesdays, August 9 – September 13, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

In this six-week group we will explore different aspects of grief, coping, and learning to find hope and healing in a new reality. We will share our stories and support one another in our grief. Please let Pastor Kristin know if you plan to attend, and plan to be there for all or most of the meetings so we have continuity in the group discussion and growth together.



### Grief Support

**We will meet the fourth Monday of each month, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

	Mary Boldine	3	Nancy Tillen	15	
	Brenda Culbertson	4	Henry Hautz	17	
	Betsy Mahoney	7	Kurt Rager	22	
	Bob Welch	7	Karol Werner	23	
	Bill Anderson	8	Rhonda Bentz	25	
	Sharon Olson	11	Melissa Gabaldon	25	
	Denise Winn	11	Bob Klenner	25	
	Kris Bailey	14	Rochelle Anderson	28	
	Tiffani Arguello	15			



## OAR – Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response

By Rae VanDeMotte

**Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it for me. (Matthew 25:45)**



**Albuquerque Asylum Seekers Welcome (AASW)** may not be welcoming buses full of asylum seekers each week but there are plenty of other ways that All Saints can assist with this crisis. Who will be the voices for the migrants? Who will pray for the safety and well-being of these people? Who will go out to meet these people where they are?

Several members of All Saints are now working with the Dignity Mission in Placitas, New Mexico. This group delivers three tons of supplies every six weeks to El Paso/Ciudad Juarez which are then distributed to asylum seekers in shelters and in tents. In July, the Dignity Mission delivered 582 pounds of pinto beans, 204 pounds of rice, and 262 cases of food and water. Also included in the delivery were 1,410 dignity kits, 4 cases of feminine hygiene kits, 43 cases of diapers and much more. All of these items are donations from across the United States.

In December, the Dignity Mission will be taking 800 Christmas bags for the children at the border. All Saints will be contributing 150 bags for this mission. Look for an announcement for the date that we will be assembling the bags. The OAR Committee approved \$500 out our restricted account to help pay for the bags. Additionally, All Saints Endowment Committee has sent another \$500 directly to the Dignity Mission.



**If you would like more information about how you can help the Dignity Mission, please contact Rae or Patrick VanDeMottter.**

SEE BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE DIGNITY MISSION

A check written to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church with Dignity Mission noted in the memo line and mailed to **Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 768, Placitas, NM 87043.**

On-line giving by going to [www.lasplacitaschurch.org](http://www.lasplacitaschurch.org). Click on "More" in the top right-hand corner of the Home Page, click on "GIVE" on the drop-down menu, click on "CLICK HERE TO GIVE", scroll down the "LPPC Donation" page to the heading "Your Gift" and click on "Choose a Fund", scroll down to the bottom of the list and click on "Mission/Dignity Kits", enter your name and an amount and click on either "Credit Card" or "Bank Account". Complete the form and submit.

If you prefer to purchase items yourself, we encourage you to go to the following link to access our "Wish List" and ship them directly to **Dignity Mission, c/o Dr. Eva Moya, 6520 La Cadena Drive, El Paso, TX 79912.**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A8N584B37L61?ref_=wl_share)

## Church—Better Together

All Saints is embarking on an exciting new partnership with two neighboring churches: St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Roswell, NM, and St. Peter Lutheran Church in Carlsbad, NM. Over the past year, these two churches have been sharing a pastor, and they have been live-streaming the sermon and communion liturgy into their worship services on Sundays.

Starting this Sunday, a fresh chapter begins as both congregations will continue to hold their own in-person worship services at their respective locations, complete with readings and music. However, the sermon and communion liturgy will now be almost-live streamed from All Saints. This means that our NM neighbors can join us in virtual communion, fostering a stronger sense of togetherness and unity.

We embrace this partnership with open hearts and hopeful spirits, aspiring for it to be a blessing to all three communities of faith. Together, we are the church, and we firmly believe that we are better and stronger as one united entity. Let us cherish and nurture this newfound collaboration, celebrating the richness of our shared beliefs and practices. Here's to a promising journey ahead!





# Advocacy Spotlight

## God's Work, Our Voices

Judy Messal, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, NM

### The Journey They're On: Rozy Kalsbeek and Terry Messal and Their Friend Rachael Johnson

**First, Rozy.** Born in Washington, All Saints member Rozy grew up in Los Angeles. She is an avid reader, singer, and equestrian with a career in administrative work. Her love of geology prompted her to attend New Mexico Tech and CNM to pursue an earth-sciences education. On moving to Rio Rancho in 2011, she sang with the Westside Chorale, with her husband in a '60s band, and, pre-pandemic, with All Saints' choir. She is a member of All Saints' Outreach, Advocacy, and Rapid Response Committee. With her heart for animals, she's also volunteered at Watermelon Mountain Ranch. Her personal ministry leads her to care about people she meets who are unhoused. She offers food, water, socks--and a sleeping bag for the cold nights! Rozy is a Bread for the World advocate and has worked with asylum seekers. For two years, she took shifts at the Friends Meeting House where a woman from Honduras was in sanctuary. She was trained on how to proceed should ICE come to the facility with a federal warrant.



Now Rozy and her husband, Terry Messal, are on a challenging journey together based on his August 2022 diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. It's a walk of great courage, love, and spirit.

**Next, Terry.** Born in Portland, Terry is a musician who grew up in Alamogordo and was based in Los Angeles for many years, playing bass in the band Flies on Fire. Founding band member, Tim Paruszkiewicz, said this about Terry's audition: "We wanted him in our band before we ever heard him play [...] . . . He was and is truly the nicest person I have ever met—he makes me laugh."<sup>1</sup> It turns out Terry was a great bass player too! Flies recorded albums with ATCO and toured North America. They won MTV's Basement Tapes Contest in 1988 and toured with Tragically Hip, which took them along the West Coast. Terry is also the dad of a wonderful son, a social worker, and a creative educator. He has worked for public schools in Los Angeles, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. He plays music, draws, and writes poetry and prose. He has played with the Albuquerque band Alien Space Kitchen and is a regular on the area poetry scene. He's known as a performance poet with commentary on the human condition. His approaches range from dark wit to light-hearted humor and the hilarious use of props. He's now at work on his first illustrated book of poetry. And he is an encourager, seeing the potential in people who may not see it in themselves and kindly urging them forward.



**And Rachael.** Rachael Johnson and Terry were social workers together. Now an author, Rachael has been published in *The Diné Reader: An Anthology of Navajo Literature*. Her essay, "Nowhere Place," won the Prairie Schooner's 2017 Summer Creative Nonfiction contest. Last month, Jorja Armijo interviewed Rachael on KANW about her new book of poetry, in which she beautifully conveys the perspectives of one who is neurodivergent, gender-fluid, and disabled. The book



is dedicated, in part, to Terry (aka Mess), and on her gratitude page, Rachael thanked him for encouraging her to return to school to pursue writing. “You’re a supernova!” she said.

**THANK YOU, ALL SAINTS**, for the support you are giving Terry and Rozy through prayer, phone visits, cards, and in other much-appreciated ways. Also, as Lutherans across the U.S. are reading works by Indigenous authors as part of the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement, our neighbor Rachael is another writer whose work is available to us. Her book, *My Body Is an Ill-Fitting Costume*, was published this year by Abalone Mountain Press: [Abalone Mountain Press](#)

1. From “Flies on Fire . . .,” based on blogger el Juano’s interview with Tim P. and Ric Browde, posted 08/13/ 2008.



# Youth Group Pizza Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023  
THE YOUTH ROOM | 11:30 AM

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA TO KICK-OFF A NEW YEAR.  
MEET NEW FRIENDS AND RE-CONNECT WITH OLD ONES.  
PLAY GAMES. SHARE IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUP EVENTS  
FOR THE YEAR. FIND OUT ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS NEXT SUMMER.

PLEASE LET PASTOR KRISTIN KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.



# Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

## All Saints Choir

High school age through adult. A passion for singing and learning is all that you need. Rehearsals are held **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. (And on Zoom if you are not able to attend in person.)

Rehearsals will begin on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## Grace Notes Praise Band

Middle school age through adult. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument in a fun, informal setting, this is the group for you! A working knowledge of the instrument played as well as reading chords/tab/music is preferred. Rehearsals are held **Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:30 PM** in the Sanctuary.

Rehearsals will begin on **September 3rd**.

## Hallelujah Ringers Handbell Choir

Middle school age through adult. No experience is necessary – we will show you what to do! Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Rehearsals will begin on **September 3rd**.

**\*\*If you would like to join the bell choir, please let me know before August 23rd so that I can plan the music accordingly.**

## ASLC Solar Project 07-25-23

The permit from the City of Albuquerque (City) for the solar project has been renewed and the “wiring” change completed. Inspections by the City will take place the week of July 24, 2023. After the City has completed its inspection, PNM will be scheduled to “set the meter” which, when completed, will allow the solar system to be activated. The timeline for PNM to complete their work is not set but is anticipated to be 2 -3 weeks.

As you may recall, the reason we needed to renew/extend the permit with the City was to allow for completion of the installation of the solar project in 2023 in an attempt to qualify for a “credit” (possibly \$20 - \$30,000) available to nonprofit organizations under the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law last summer.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Jim Kruger  
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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ministry Lead: Patty Ferdig (505) 892-5361

## SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL

### SUNDAY BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

This August, ASLC and Sierra Vista Elementary School is 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 August.

#### SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pasta – Various types</li><li>▪ Spaghetti Sauce – Cans only</li><li>▪ Fruit Cups</li><li>▪ Macaroni and Cheese</li><li>▪ Canned Vegetables and Fruit</li><li>▪ Juice &amp; Chocolate Milk Boxes</li><li>▪ Cheese and Cracker Snacks</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Drink Mixes (Cocoa, Cider, Fruit)</li><li>▪ Peanut Butter (Plastic Jars)</li><li>▪ Powdered or Long Life Boxed Milk</li><li>▪ Tuna</li><li>▪ Rice/Beans – dried</li><li>▪ Tomato Sauce – Cans only</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Soups</li><li>▪ Jell-O/Pudding Mix</li><li>▪ Muffin/Biscuit Mix</li><li>▪ Canned Ham or Chicken</li><li>▪ Granola Bars</li><li>▪ Packages of Nuts</li><li>▪ Jelly (Plastic Jars)</li><li>▪ Cereal/Instant Oatmeal</li></ul> |
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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

August 6th, 2003

# Back to School Sunday!

Teachers and students are invited to come for  
a special blessing over the new school year.



Bring a favorite passage or  
question for discussion.

## BOOK GROUP

Truth and Healing Movement

**THIS MONTH'S PICK**

Braiding Sweetgrass  
Robin Wall Kimmerer

August 6, 2023 • 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
All Saints Lutheran Church, Library

## MOVIE NIGHT

**AUG 9**  
**6 PM**

Potluck starts  
at 5:15



The history and spirituality of the  
Indigenous People of the American  
Southwest are deeply rooted in the  
Land. This is their story, of the Land and  
who they are.



# 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</p> <p><b>Ginny Cruz:</b> Larry</p> <p><b>Vicki Easson:</b> Kim Kangus, 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>Randine and Brian Hughes:</b> Albert Readwin, Frances Baca, Deborah Sanchez and all of their children and grandchildren</p> <p><b>Rozy Kalsbeek:</b> Terry Messal</p>	<p><b>Bob and Cheryl Klenner:</b> Skip Napier, Lisa Helsom</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, Dave &amp; Liz</p> <p><b>Lyndi Ditmer-Perry:</b> Bill</p> <p><b>Reils:</b> Will Larson</p> <p><b>Kristin Schultz:</b> Lynne Morrow</p> <p><b>Shelley Tackeuchi:</b> Tammy, Kirk</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> <p><b>Lavonne Jordan:</b> Vicki</p> <p><b>VanDeMotters:</b> Bud (Charles)</p>
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## All Saints Congregation Members

Virginia Antonetty	Bob Klenner	Harriett Rothlisberger
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Karen Cellan	Andy Lewis	Dave Thompson
Jamie Hughes	Dawn Mace	Rae VanDeMottter
Karen Hyde	Betsy Mahoney	Bryce Willman
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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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