



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

The theme for this Fall's giving campaign is "Abundant Life." The campaign will begin October 22nd and conclude on Commitment Sunday, November 19th. During that time, information will be provided, and conversations will be had providing information about the ministries and work of All Saints Lutheran Church. In following Jesus, we are called to thrive and to help our neighbors thrive by creating a beautiful delightful, *abundant* life for all – *more community, more compassion, more justice, and more love.*



The initial communication, a letter, will include a commitment card. Put the commitment card somewhere you'll see it every day, and when you do, try praying the prayer printed on it.

As together we take this short five-week journey, please reach out to Pastor Kristin, Jim Kruger, Kurt Rager or Steve Reil with questions or comments you may have.

October Worship

- On October 1 we will celebrate the baptism of Sophia Giralmo
- On October 22 Tina Kvitek, Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity, will be with us to talk about generosity and abundant life.
- October 29 is Reformation Sunday! We will remember and celebrate the gift of God's saving grace. We will also receive new members with the Affirmation of Faith. Wear red to celebrate the day!



Worship

October 1—18th Sunday After Pentecost Philippians 2:1-13 Psalm 25 Matthew 21:23-32	October 8—19th Sunday After Pentecost Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Matthew 21:33-46
October 15—20th Sunday After Pentecost Philippians 4:1-9 Psalm 23 Matthew 22:1-14	October 22—21st Sunday After Pentecost 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Psalm 96:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 29—Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Romans 3:19-2 John 8:31-36	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Oct 1	Randine H	Gloria O.	Megan	Steve	Lee
Oct 8	Kurt R	Meredyth	Marlee	Megan	Steve
Oct 15	Nicole A	Larry S	Meredyth	Brian	Patrick
Oct 22	Randine H	Crish T	Megan	Steve	Lee
Oct 29	Kris E*	Meredyth J	Marlee	Lee	Steve



Community Connection

Mark Your Calendar

On October 28 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All Saints will host a gathering for the North NM Conference of the Rocky Mountain Synod to talk about the election of a new bishop at the spring Assembly. Anyone is welcome to participate, to learn more about the process and take part in discussion around "Who Are We?" as the Rocky Mountain Synod and "The Bishop We Seek."

If you are interested in attending the Assembly as a Voting Member, April 25-27 in Loveland, CO, please talk to Pastor

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Don Debelak	6
Patty Ferdig	6
Benjamin Gilamo	8
Debra Ashoo	9
Kris Ericson	10
Leah Dolan	12
Charles Boldine	18
Rae Van De Motter	19
Waleed Ashoo	22
Tom Bailey	27
Robina Sandoval	27
Christina Rael	29





Grief Support

Fourth Monday of each month, 1 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.

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.

Financial Update

To help keep you apprised of ASLC’s financial position, the information in the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of August ‘23.

	YTD August '23	YTD August '22
General Giving	\$152,815	\$161,294
Other revenue	\$63,644	\$53,677
Expenses	\$213,452	\$211,914
NET (Operating)	\$3,007	\$3,057

On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of 1.64% (after adjusting for temporarily restricted expenses). We are thankful that our revenues have exceeded our expenses for the year. However our offerings, for the first 8 months, are down approximately 5.3% (\$8,479). On a YTD basis, for 2023, the preschool financial results show a gain of \$25,918.

Please keep in mind the electronic ways of making your offerings to the church. If you would like more information about electronic giving, please contact me (jkrugero1@comcast.net) or Andy Lewis. (alewis2823@aol.com)

Thank you for your support, not only financial, but in the many other ways you support the ministries of our church.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

ELCA Truth and Healing Movement

September 30 is a National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

We will remember the day in worship on October 1.



Also on October 1, we will continue our *Braiding Sweetgrass* book discussion. If you were at the first discussion in August or are just joining us, if you've read the whole book or just started or are simply intrigued – grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in the library at 11:20 to be part of the discussion.

There are two recordings concerning Indian Boarding Schools on the Truth and Healing YouTube channel - A Conversation with an Indian Boarding School Survivor, and A Conversation Descendants of Indian Boarding School Survivors



Indigenous People's Day is October 9

Read Vance Blackfox's 2022 Indigenous People's Day reflection by clicking the link on elca.org/indigenous

Other Truth and Healing opportunities in October include:

■ **Presentation: Settler Narrative**

October 24, 2023, 6 p.m. – use the link on the ELCA Truth and Healing website

■ **Class: Indigenous Thought & Theology**

October 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – use the link on the ELCA Truth and Healing website OR Join Pastor Kristin in the library at All Saints to participate in the class together

Presented by Vance Blackfox, Director, Indigenous Ministries & Tribal Relations.

■ **Movie Release: Killers of the Flower Moon**

Some of us know the tragic history of the Osage Nation and Osage People. Part of that story will be told on the big screen as a major motion picture in October. "Killers of the Flower Moon", Directed by Martin Scorsese, is set in 1920s Oklahoma. It depicts the serial murder of members of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation, a string of brutal crimes that came to be known as the Reign of Terror.

You are encouraged to support this moment in Indigenous and cinematic history!

Perhaps a group from All Saints can go to the movie together? Talk to Pastor Kristin if you are interested.



2024 Lily Renewal Grant

We have exciting news to share - All Saints and Pastor Kristin received the Clergy Renewal Grant for sabbatical leave in 2024. We will receive \$54,762 in October, of which \$39,862 is for Pastor Kristin's travel and art apprenticeship and retreat time, and \$14,900 is for All Saints to pay for pastoral coverage and have renewal experiences here at church.

The renewal experiences for the congregation include having Entourage Jazz play a service, an art night, a retreat with ELCA Deacon and Coach Tammy Devine, and a "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" workshop with Rev. Mark Allan Powell.

Thank you to the planning team who helped with the application – Marlee Barnes, Patrick and Rae VanDeMott, Brian and Randine Hughes. This team will help plan to carry out the congregational events next summer. Thanks also to Kris Ericson for being a reader/consultant; and especially to Jim Kruger and Dan Mazan, who agreed to take on managing and reporting responsibility for the grant. And, thank you to the Congregation Council for approving and supporting this process, and the community of All Saints for all your support and care.

NIGHT WITHOUT A BED



Family Promise is a national nonprofit addressing family homelessness by keeping families together and providing resources and supports that tackle all the issues that can lead to poverty and homelessness. Night Without A Bed is a campaign to raise awareness about family homelessness. Participants are asked to spend one night sleeping outside of their bed to support Family Promise of Albuquerque.

HOW TO SUPPORT

- Rent a space from FPA to sleep in your car or tent for \$25.
- Rent a space from FPA for \$25 to build a cardboard structure to sleep in.
- Request friends and family pledge a donation to Family Promise of Albuquerque in honor of your night without a bed.

Share your experience by posting on social media using the hashtag **#NWAB2023** and let people know how they can help.

JOIN OUR EVENT

 OCTOBER 21, 2023

5 pm - 7 am

 7201 Montgomery Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87109

For More Information:

 @familypromiseabq

 director@familypromiseabq.org





ABQ ASYLUM SEEKERS WELCOME

THE BUSES ARE BACK!

Buses of asylum seekers are coming to Albuquerque from El Paso where we help them travel to sponsors around the country.

Buses will arrive : September 28th

October 26th

November 30th

December 14

**IF YOU WANT TO
HELP**

PLEASE CONTACT

Patrick or

Rae VanDeMottter



Are you interested in being part of a group of men who gather to serve the community and share fellowship together?

You are invited for breakfast on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m., at All Saints Church to discuss forming such a group.

Possible outreach/volunteer opportunities include:

- VIDA - Volunteer for Immigrants in Detention;
- - Asylum Seekers;
- - Skies Health Care/Rehab on McMahon Blvd.;
- - LifeSpire Assisted Living off Southern Blvd.;

- - Dignity Mission; and
- - Sierra Vista School

**What outreach programs interest you?
Hope to see you at
breakfast!**



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

I have been wanting to delve into the Book of Psalms lately

and thought that it could be a fun thing to do together! So, for the next few months, I will be discussing the Psalms that we use in worship but today, I want to give you a quick Reader's Digest synopsis on the Book of Psalms.

The Book of Psalms is made up of 150 poems, songs, and prayers which express the deepest and most profound emotions, serving as an example of how we should speak to God and with God in an authentic, heartfelt manner. The Psalms were authored by different authors, both known and unknown and all come from different periods of Israel's history. Many of the Psalms were written for a choir to sing in Israel's temple, but the Book of Psalms is not meant to be a hymnbook. At its creation, the Book of Psalms was intentionally arranged with a unique design and message. These poems, when read in order, explain the promise of Christ's death and resurrection, and pictures the Messianic Kingdom so perfectly that Martin Luther thought of the Book of Psalms as a little Bible.

Open up your bible to the Book of Psalms and you will notice that the Psalms are sectioned into 5 Books. These sections are designed in order so that there is an introduction, a middle, and a conclusion, much like an essay. The introduction, Psalms 1 and 2, begin the Book by telling us that the Psalms are a way of teaching us the practice of prayer as we obey God's commands as well as reflecting on the day a Messianic king will come. In other words, Psalms 1 and 2 tell us that the Book of Psalms is the prayerbook for God's people as we wait faithfully for Jesus Christ. The middle sections each continue the message of God's promise of the coming Messianic king. The final poem in each book ends in a similar way, that feels like an editorial addition. From the NIV the wording is this: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen." The conclusion ends with the last 5 Psalms of the Book. Each poem begins and ends the same: "Hallelujah", which translated from Hebrew means, "Praise God".

So, we have learned about the order of the Psalms and that the design is intentional to teach us about God's promises but there is even more to the Book of Psalms than that. Each Psalm is in one of two main categories: Poems of Lament or Poems of Praise. The Lament Psalms are prayers of pain, confusion, and anger. They bring to our attention everything that is going wrong in the world as ask God to do something about it. These dominate the Psalms in Books 1 – 3. The Praise Psalms are prayers of joy and celebration. These bring our attention to the good in the world which we thank God for. The Praise Psalms dominate in Books 4 and 5. There is a purpose for the placement of Lament and then Praise. It is the nature of prayer. As we pray, we ask God for help with our needs, and we praise and thank God for the love and grace we are given.



Albuquerque Empty Bowls



Benefiting

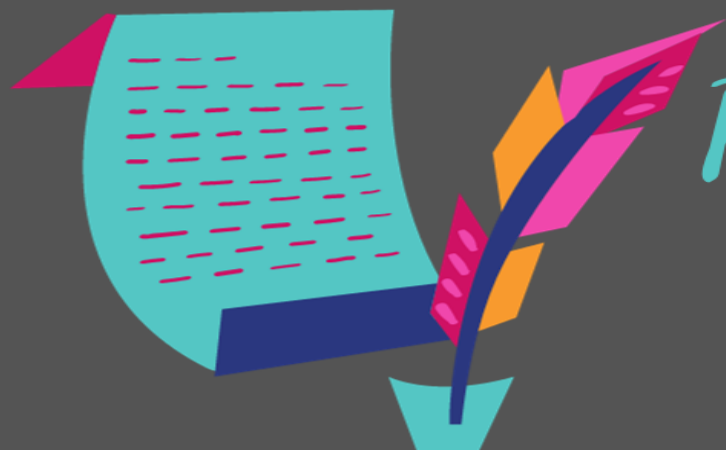


Saturday, October 28th 2023

drop in between 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**St. John's United Methodist Church,
2626 Arizona Street Northeast, Albuquerque, NM**

Everyone is invited to Albuquerque Empty Bowls at St. John's United Methodist Church at 2626 Arizona St. NE in Albuquerque on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade bowls made by Albuquerque potters and food donated by area restaurants and food establishments will be provided to raise funds to help alleviate food insecurity in our area. Storehouse New Mexico --a nonprofit community-based food pantry that provides free groceries to people in need-- will benefit from all bowl sales. Tickets are for sale at Storehouse website: <https://storehousenm.org> \$35 includes bowl, soup, bread, dessert, drink. Tickets will also be available at the door.



POP—Prison Outreach Program

If you are interested in being part of the POP prison pen pal program, please sign up! Sign up sheet in the Narthex. Training and further information to follow.

Questions contact Dawn Mace (505) 948-4084

Dust to Dust – Planning for the End of Life in God's Love

In September we focused on health care at the end of life with speakers from Corus Health care. It was an excellent presentation with lots of useful information. We have materials about hospice care and Advance Directives for anyone who missed the session.

October 22 – Legacy

How do you want to be remembered, and what do you want to leave behind? We will talk about what we leave and how we can help those who come after us by planning and documenting our information and plans. Tina Kvitek, Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity, will be with us to talk about estate planning and charitable giving. We will also have information about wills and estate planning.

November 19 – Memorial Service and Final Arrangements

We will discuss options for final arrangements for burial or cremation and about planning services that are a celebration of life for you or your loved ones.

It's not easy to have these conversations, but it is my hope that, by doing this together in our community, we may ease the way for discussions with family and loved ones. We ground our conversations in the faith we share, knowing that these are sacred conversations, and God is with us in every moment.



Solar “Project” Update

As previously reported, “New Mexico Solar,” our vendor for the project has gone out-of-business and filed for bankruptcy.

The rep that we were working with at New Mexico Solar reached out and recommended a company (PPC Solar) headquartered in Taos to assist us in completing our project. PPC has been in business for nearly 40 years. I have met with their rep, and he and I inspected New Mexico Solar’s installation. The work completed by New Mexico Solar, based on PPC Solar’s review meets the requirements of our contract. The placement of one of the panels on the outside wall of the church doesn’t meet code requirements. It will need to be lowered.

In our discussions, PPC Solar has indicated that they should be able to complete the project for the amount we would have paid to New Mexico Solar for the last phase of the project (City approvals and PNM meter set). PPC Solar has been in contact with the City and PNM about the necessary requirements for PPC to replace New Mexico Solar as our vendor. PPC is preparing a quote to complete the work on our project.

LOVE GOD NEIGHBOR

2023-24 edition

A B Q Youth Collaborative

September 10 start @ Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
carpool to & home from Tres Hermanas Farm

October 8 start & remain @ St. Luke Lutheran Church
High Desert Therapy Dogs

November 12 start & remain @ All Saints Lutheran Church
Assemble Dignity Kits

December 10 start @ St. Luke Lutheran Church
carpool to & home from Saranam



grade 6
and up

adult
mentors
encouraged

2nd Sundays (Sept—Apr) noon—4pmish



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>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 Lavalley: 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, Kirk</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Ashton Raley, Nigel Jones</p> <p>Lavonne Jordan: Vicki</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p>
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Karen Cellan	Rae VanDeMottter	Dave Thompson
Jamie Hughes	Dawn Mace	
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Jon Jastram	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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