



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2024

AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO ELECTION DAY 2024 . . .

Our election cycle has been long and, perhaps for many, concerning and tiring. Let us pause for a moment and consider the inspiring words from leaders of some of our most beloved faith organizations as they address our public life together.

The Rev. Eugene Cho, President/CEO, Bread for the World

Citing a recent poll, Rev. Cho noted “that 41 million Christians, 32 million who regularly attend church, plan to sit out this election. When asked why, 68 percent say that they are not interested in politics. These are shocking numbers.” Rev. Cho went on to say this:

As Christians, we are meant to be engaged citizens. One of the ways we do that is to exercise the right and privilege to vote. . . . [W]e can use our prayerful discernment, theology, and our convictions in the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ to inform our views.

As a non-partisan organization, neither Bread nor I will recommend which candidates you choose, but we did create a guide to help you choose at www.bread.org/vote.

Voting is important. It’s also only the beginning of how Christians can work toward God’s Kingdom through community with each other. I invite you to take 3 minutes to [read more on our blog](#). [In the blog, Rev. Cho references the food-insecure children in the U.S. (14 million) and globally (45 million who are seriously malnourished).]

However you vote on November 5, I hope you keep at the forefront of your mind the two greatest commandments: to love God and to love each other.

(Quoted from an emailed message from Rev. Eugene Cho and Bread for the World, sent October 23, 2024.)

Kurt Rager, Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM (LAM-NM)

As our ELCA Advocacy shares, *"This church understands government as a means through which God works to preserve creation and build a more peaceful and just social order in a broken world. Our "civic participation is not simply voluntary, idealistic, or altruistic. The ELCA holds to the biblical idea that God calls God’s people to be active citizens and to ensure that everyone benefits from the good of government (Jeremiah 29:7, Romans 13:1-7)."*

LAM-NM has vigorously maintained a non-partisan stance in its work, choosing instead to make change through influencing policy through our advocacy and congregational organizing. We do not and cannot endorse candidates in elections. Yet, significant change can occur in policy through elections. . . . With each candidate seeking your vote, ask about their positions as they relate to our key areas of focus: hunger, poverty, the affordable housing crisis, and turning the tide on the growing population of those with no place to call home. . . . The list is long, but you get the idea. More simply put and spot-on, **The Most Rev. Michael Curry**, former presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and a long partner in advocacy efforts with the ELCA, shares, **"The principle on which Christians must vote is the principle: Does this look like love of neighbor?"**

(Adapted from the August 2024 Newsletter of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM.)

Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Dear church, our citizenship is ultimately in heaven. But we are also citizens of this country. . . . In U.S. political history, people have yearned and given their lives for what they had hoped for—democratic life for the sake of the flourishing of all. One of the ways we serve our neighbor is to participate in civic life. Can we see Election Day as a unifying event when the whole country goes to the polls? Vote.

(Quoted from [We are also citizens - Living Lutheran](#))

See also Bishop Eaton's message on voting: <https://youtu.be/oLmTcij4ZI?si=aamJN-Bb181QFmLs>

Messages compiled by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM

Welcome New Members!



Left to right: Debbi Disgrazzi, Pastor Kristin, Mary Givler, Helen and Eric Johnson

We are delighted to have these new members who joined on Reformation Sunday!

Please introduce yourself to them and invite them into the life of the congregation.



Pastor Kate Schlechter, was received in absentia as she is serving as interim at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



Worship

Nov 3rd- Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Nov 10th- Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
Nov 17th- 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Nov 24th- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37



**The group will meet on November 5th
and 19th at 5:30 p.m. for
fellowship and discussion.**



**Grief Support
November 18th
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

At our gathering this month we will talk about getting through the holidays while grieving a loved one. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Nov 3rd-	Priscilla B.	Crish T.	Marlee B.	Meredyth J.	Patrick V.
Nov 10th-	Kris E.	Karen C.	Megan B.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Nov 17th-	Meredyth J.	Larry S.	Logan	Megan B.	Marlee B.
Nov 24th-	Nicole A.	Gloria N-O.	Logan L.	Meredyth J.	Patrick V.



Donations can be put in the
Narthex or the office :)

Collecting
ends **December 8th**

WINTER COATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES-

Collection
for Newcomers
at the Border



Please, no coats XL or greater and only items
that are clean and in good
condition :)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Archambault	11/01
Vicki Easson	11/01
Jerry Ferdig	11/02
Marleta Anderson	11/07
Gloria Napper-Owen	11/09
Eric Ferdig	11/12
Shelley Takeuchi	11/12
Lee Werner	11/12
Claire Gervais	11/14
Christopher Giralmo	1/14
Drew Kellett	11/14
Seth Kellett	11/14
Martha Debelak	11/18
Karan Haynes	11/22
Kristin Schultz	11/23
Jan Jastram	11/29
Tom Becker	11/30



Celebrating All Saints at ASLC

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. On that day, we remember the saints who have nurtured us in faith and loved ones who have gone before us. We celebrate the communion of saints, the great cloud of witnesses who surround and sustain us.



Each year for All Saints Sunday, we set up an **ofrenda** – a decorated table with the pictures of loved ones we hold in memory. If you have photos to add to the ofrenda, you can bring them to the church by November 2 and we will place them in the ofrenda – or bring your photos to church on November 3 and place them on the ofrenda yourself.

Saturday, November 2 at 3 p.m. you are invited to join us for **movie, dinner, and to help set up the ofrenda.** The movie will be Encanto – a delightful animated movie about family, identity, and generational healing.



**All Saints Turns 60 in December,
and the Preschool turns 35!**

**Mark your calendar for our Anniversary celebration
Friday, December 6**



We will gather for dinner – main dish provided with potluck sides; face painting and Advent crafts; and a hymn sing following the meal.

If you can help with planning, set up or clean up please contact Pastor Kristin - pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org or call the church office.

(505) 898-3932

2024 Fall Advocacy Conference!

All are invited to join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico on **Saturday, November 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at All Saints Lutheran Church on Albuquerque's Westside for the 2024 Fall Advocacy Conference. This year's conference will feature several outstanding speakers including Rev. Wayne Mueller, Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino (D), Rep. Jason Harper (R), as well as others!

Both morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. In-person registration is \$25, and the Zoom online option is \$15. You may register here: [Fall Advocacy Conference!](#)

If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Kurt Rager at Lutheranadvocacy@yahoo.com.

We welcome you to join us for this wonderful ecumenical event! The conference is open to everyone interested in learning more about advocating public policies impacting our many neighbors living in poverty and hunger, as well as other key advocacy areas prioritized by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico.

God is Faithful Looking Back with Gratitude – Looking Forward with Hope



On Reformation Sunday, we gathered after worship to share a meal and discussion of **where we have seen God's faithfulness in our life together at All Saints.**

Here are some of the things you said:

- **The members are so welcoming!**
- **Seeing the joy of the people here**
- **Offering a place to serve and be involved**
- **Opportunities for Bible study**
- **Meaningful worship and jubilant music.**
- **Serving and supporting asylum seekers and newcomers to our country.**
- **The Bibra bequest that made it possible to refresh the church building**
- **The support of the community during grief and family struggles**
- **God has kept and guided ASLC through pastoral transitions and Covid**
- **The community that is All Saints has worshipped and served through**

You should have received in the mail a letter and commitment card. On the back of the commitment card is a prayer for you to use as you consider your financial support for All Saints for 2025.

The finance committee is busy creating a budget for 2025, and we need your support to continue our ministries of worship, music, adult education, outreach and service in the community. Making a pledge – an intention for giving – is helpful to us in preparing the budget.

Even more, making a pledge for giving makes your giving an intention – a decision made in faith and prayer. Generosity is a spiritual discipline that expresses gratitude and trust. You may have heard the phrase “give til it hurts” – but instead, I invite you to give ‘til it feels good. It is joyful to give in support of what is valuable to you, and to share what God has given you.

Sunday, November 17 is Commitment Sunday – the day we will collect commitment cards during worship and share fellowship hosted by the Development Committee in gratitude for your support of All Saints.

NOVEMBER 2024

All Saints Lutheran Preschool Staff

Marleta M. Anderson, Director

Jamie Moryosef, Teacher Infant Room

Priscilla Martinez, Teacher 2/3's Room

Kameron Kelsay, Teacher 4/5's Room

Liana Nichols, Assistant



Hello! My name is Marleta M. Anderson and I became Director of the preschool in 2002. During the last 23 years I have led the Preschool in many awesome times and events. Everything from Christmas programs with costumes, Pony rides at a Thanksgiving celebration, Trike-a-thons in the Spring and Fall and Pajama Days to name a few. Also, in the last 23 years the Preschool has evolved from a 2 1/2-hour program for 3- and 4-year-olds to a program with hours from 7:30am to 5 pm and varied schedules of 2 to 5 days. Programs for children, infant to 5-year-olds are now offered year-round.

My background of growing up on a dairy farm in Illinois prepared me for rich and fulfilling careers in different areas. Since joining the preschool in 2002 I have remained young at heart and the children in preschool help with that. Many at All Saints remember when my husband, Pastor Andy, was interim minister here in 1999-2001. This is when I first met All Saints members and some of you are still here today. Andy and I were married for 54 years when he passed in March 2023. My life has been blessed by All Saints Preschool children and their families and by All Saints Church and its members. (Next month learn about the teaching staff.)

Financial /September 2024

YTD Income = \$136,562 Expenses = \$136,990 YTD -\$428

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5

Election - NO school (Staff Meeting/Lunch)

November 11

Veterans Day - NO school

November 22

Children's' Thanksgiving Day

November 27,28,29

Thanksgiving Break - NO school

December 6

All Saints Church & Preschool Anniversary Potluck

December 16

Preschool Program



**RTLCL Registration
opens Nov 1st!**

High School and
Family Camp fill up
fast!

We have a group of High School students going July 20th-26th. And Junior (4th - 6th grade) campers going June 15th-21st. Financial assistance is available, contact Pastor Kristin for more information.

December 10

ColoradoGivesDay.org

Donate to
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
 on Colorado Gives Day!
 Find us on coloradogives.org/rainbowtrail

The Weary World Rejoices Advent 2024 with Kate Bowler

For the “days are coming,” say the prophets of old. “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise.” The promise of truth, compassion, restoration, and justice. These four promises are how we will orient ourselves this Advent season.



Advent is the promise of a return—a restoration of all things to their true being, a goodness which was conceived from the beginning of time, a realized hope we’ve been longing for.

~ Dr. Kate Bowler

For Advent this year, we will use a set of resources developed by Kate Bowler for worship and weekly discussion. If you would like a daily devotional to read in a digital pdf, printable pdf, or online, go to

<https://courses.katebowler.com/courses/advent-devotional-2024/>



or use this QR code.



All Saints Music Ministry Presents:

Sounds of the Season

Sunday, December 15, 2024

2:00 pm

*Selections to be
performed by
the All Saints Choir,
Grace Notes,
Hallelujah Ringers,
and more!*

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING FAST and the All Saints O.A.R.
committee will again be sponsoring families from Sierra Vista
School and Family Promise for Christmas gifts.**

Tags for gifts will be up in the Narthex in mid November.

More information to come!



**Counters are needed weekly on Tuesdays from
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Sign up Sheet is in the Narthex or Contact Andy L.**



**In October All Saints sent \$1320 to Lutheran Disaster Response
in response to hurricanes Helene and Milton. \$500 was from
the Endowment fund and \$820 from the special offering on
October 6. Thank you!**



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Treasury Update:

"Be the moon...Reflect the Son."

Your donations have precipitated a number of notable accomplishments. **Our monetary support of community-based organizations increased by 27%** so far this year compared to last. **Billings from PNM decreased by \$6,961** from January through September this year compared to last year thanks to the installation of our solar equipment. Also, **our mortgage liabilities have been reduced by \$10,258** due to the prompt payments of amounts due. These achievements, as well as others, were made possible by **your generous support**.

For the 9-month period ending September 30, 2024, the church's cash balance decreased by \$68,594 from \$261,901 at the end of 2023 to \$193,307 currently. Combined church and Preschool operations resulted in a cash surplus of \$6,877. Major non.-operating cash outlays were used to pay for expenses related to Pastor's sabbatical (\$46,525), acquire capital items approved by the Congregation (\$10,920), and reduce mortgage debt (\$10,258). In addition, temporarily restricted cash expenditures exceeded restricted cash receipts by \$6,507.

Cash requirements for the 4th quarter of 2024 will be higher than anticipated earlier this year primarily due to work related to the remediation of our grounds which may have degraded during July's storms. These costs are not yet known.

During the 4th quarter, cash will be needed to fund expected operating expenses and reduce current liabilities as well as to pay for any remediation of property grounds. Expected cash usage through the end of December will exceed receipts by at least \$16,000, and will be taken from cash reserves.

The Congregation Council thanks you all for your continued support. Please reach out to me with any questions. -Dan

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 17 immediately following worship



The Property committee and Congregation Council have been working to find an engineer to do required survey and plans for a drainage system on the south end of our property. We are prepared to sign a contract with Miller Engineering for \$17,500, and we need congregational approval. This is a requirement of the city to bring the drainage in that part of the property up to code. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after worship on the 17th to vote.



Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p>Lucy Archambault: Tom Anderson, Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Nina Trogdon, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye</p> <p>Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family</p> <p>Karen Cellan: Kevin & Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman, Kathy & Frank, Kathy Braun, Mark and Dave Walker and Alanna Cellan</p> <p>Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p>Kathy Ferdig: Donn & Janet Franklin</p> <p>Karen Hyde: Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis</p> <p>Kris: Gracie Mast, her parents Zach and Brandi, and all of the Mast, Roebuck, and Chrisman families</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Nicholas: Julie Shy and family</p>	<p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale Halsom</p> <p>Karol Lavallo: Ellen Saige, Steve Castorena</p> <p>Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel & David, Patty</p> <p>Krugers: Jim & Joanne, Bob & Pat, Jon & Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave & Liz, Fran Meitzen, Diane Mulder, Susan Wiederspan, Patty</p> <p>Kristin Schultz: Lynne Morrow</p> <p>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch, Family of Preston Lard</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles)</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p> <p>Priscilla Brower: Sonia Wiard</p>
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