



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024

Advent and Christmas at All Saints

December 2024

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise.”

Advent is like glimpsing a promise that is being fulfilled but is still in progress. It is the promise of a return – a restoration of all things, a goodness conceived from the beginning of time, a realized hope we’ve been longing for. For the “days are coming” say the prophets of old.

This season, we will take a closer look at what it means to hope for a future we can only glimpse, what it feels like to live in the already-but-not-yet of God’s promise. We trust in the promises of truth, compassion, restoration, and justice, which are found in the person of Jesus.

An Advent devotional is available in a digital pdf, printable pdf, or online; go to <https://courses.katebowler.com/courses/advent-devotional-2024/> or click on this QR code.



Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m.

All Saints Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. ~ Zoom option available

Join Organist Nathan Cleaveland, Music Coordinator Erin Reil, the All Saints Choir, Hallelujah Ringers, and Grace Notes band for our 4th annual Christmas Concert.

Preschool Christmas Program

Monday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the preschool kids, staff and families for program and reception.

Longest Night



Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Zoom option

A gentle, contemplative worship service for people who are grieving or struggling with the holiday season

Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday, December 24

Luminaria set up at 10:00 a.m.

Worship with soloist and candles at 3:00 p.m.

Worship with music ensembles and candles at 7:00 p.m. ~ Zoom option



The Zoom Meeting ID for all Zoom worship is 899 5785 9900, password ASLC2022



Worship

Dec 1st-Advent 1 Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25 Grace Notes Luke 21: 25-36	Dec 8th-Advent 2 Philippians 1:3-11 Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 Luke 1:68-79	Dec 15th-Advent 3 Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 3:1-6 (7-18)	Dec 19th-Longest Night Mark 13: 24-37 Isaiah 40: 1-11 Zephaniah 3: 14-20 2 Peter 3: 8-15
Dec 22nd-Advent 4 Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80 Grace Notes Luke 1: 46-55	Dec 24th 3 p.m. Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	Dec 24th 7 p.m.- Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Luke 2:1-20	Dec 29st-First Christmas 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Luke 2:41-52

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Dec. 1st-	Nicole A.	Paula	Lee L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Dec. 8th	Kris E.	Patty F.	Logan L.	Megan B.	Meredyth J.
Dec. 15th-	Sue .	Crish T.	Meredyth J.	Marlee B.	Patrick V.
Concert-	N/A	N/A	N/A	Steve R.	Lee L.
Dec. 19th 7 p.m.-	Meredyth J.	Patrick V.	Marlee B.	Steve R.	Steve R.
Dec. 22nd-	Kurt R.	Hannah .	Megan B.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Dec. 24th 3 p.m.-	Sue.	Larry S.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec. 24th 7 p.m.-	Kris E.	Rae V.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Lee L.
Dec. 29th-	Priscilla B.	Larry S.	Megan B.	Marlee B.	Steve R.

**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 :) Collecting ends December 8th.



**Grief Support
December 16th**

1:00 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.



**The group will meet on December 10th at
5:30 p.m. at JASON'S DELI, which is located
at 3410 NM-528, ABQ, 87114.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marlee Barnes	12/01
Lucy Amundson	12/03
Mark Winn	12/03
Walter Stolte	12/04
Lois Howard	12/10
Nicole Arguello	12/19
Geoff Gray	12/21
Megan Reil	12/26
Jason Navarrette	12/27
Carol Ormson	12/27
Elizabeth Anderson	12/29
Ginny Cruz	12/29



Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving.

The Development Committee is working to complete this year's pledge campaign, "God is Faithful." As of November 25th, 2024, we have received 42 (\$149,520) commitments for 2024, which compares to 47 (\$190,296) for 2023. We are thankful for this response to the ministries and programs of ASLC. If you haven't made your commitment for 2025, you are encouraged to do so by returning your pledge to the church office or leaving it in the offering plate.

To help keep you apprised of ASLC financial position, the information in the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of October '24.

	YTD October '24	YTD October '23
General Giving	\$181,993	\$186,335
Other revenue	\$68,417	\$59,419
Expenses	\$253,224	\$245,996
NET (Operating)	(\$2,814)	(\$242)
Loan principal payments	\$15,230	\$16,728
Operating cash flow	(\$18,044)	(\$16,970)

During the month of October our expenses exceeded our expenses by \$10,984.00, on an "operating" basis. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of 2.94%. At the same time, YTD General Giving is down \$4,342 (2.33%). For the year the preschool is operating at a loss of \$10,345.

The committee is also preparing for a capital campaign to begin next year. The purpose of the campaign is to ensure funds are available for the maintenance of our church home, as well as the long-term ministries and programs of ASLC.

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

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkruger01@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin.



Poinsettia Sign Up \$15 Each

Sign up sheet in the
Narthex or call the
office (505) 898-3932

Poinsettias are used to decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex during Advent. You are invited to place a poinsettia in honor and/or memory of a loved one. Funds received in excess of those purchased will be used in benevolent ways to help others during the holidays. A list of those being honored and remembered and their donors will be printed as a special insert in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!



On December 6, All Saints Lutheran Church will celebrate our 60th anniversary and All Saints Lutheran Preschool its 35th anniversary! How blessed are we to have these ministries remain vital parts of our community!

The schedule is set and all it needs is you! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening with the following schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. Appetizers and mulled cider
Activities and crafts for children and adults
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

For dinner, ham and chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

- A-E Salads
- F-L Side dishes
- M-Z Breads or Desserts

Activities for children at 5:00 p.m. will be in the Narthex and include,

- A cupcake walk, with cupcakes wrapped to take home or eat after dinner.
- A craft and face painting.

Adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share favorite moments at ASLC and favorite
Advent and Christmas traditions.

Please RSVP to the office (office@allsaintsabq.org or 505-898-3932) by December 2. If you would like to request a favorite hymn to sing, include it with your RSVP. We look forward to this joyous time together to celebrate what has been and what is yet to come!



The All Saints Mad Hatters have been hard at work the past few months getting ready for winter. They crocheted & loomed **368** hats for local men, women & children. The charities that received hats were: A Light in the Night, Albuquerque Police Department, Barrett House, Family Promise, Good Shepherd Center, Haven House, Joy Junction, Safe House, Storehouse West and the Veterans Integration Center. Thank you to all who donated yarn to make this possible!



Feliz
Navidad!
Merry Christmas
Sunday, December 8th
Fellowship Time: Help Us
"Stuff the Christmas Stockings"
200 Stockings will be delivered
to the Border on December 14th

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



In January and February
Pastor Kristin will be
leading a class focusing
on the small catechism.

We will meet on Sundays at 11:30 for
7 weeks. Watch for a sign up form
later in the month.

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.



HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE?



The OAR Committee is welcoming new members to our team!

If you want to see what we are up to, you are welcome to attend one of our meetings. The December Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 1:00 PM in person or ZOOM. The January Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 5th immediately following the service.

Current members are: Martha Debelak, Paula Donovan, Vicki Eason, Amy Enriquez, Patty Ferdig, Karan Haynes, Karen Hyde, Meredyth Jones, Rozy Kalsbeek, Judy Messal, Crish Tippit and Rae VanDeMottter. Please feel free to contact one of us with questions OR just show up at a meeting!

ADVOCACY for 2025

**“And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...’
(Luke 1:46-47, NRSV)."**

As in other Advent seasons, people of All Saints are wrapping gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree, helping with community food projects, packing up warm clothes for asylum seekers at the border, and much more. For us, it is a time of anticipation—when we look beyond ourselves to a world in need and the possibilities of more just ways to live as God’s people on earth. We not only “fill the hungry with good things,” in the words of Mary’s Song, but we also work to change systems so that all experiencing poverty and marginalization are “lifted up” (Luke 1: 52-53). To this end, All Saints recently hosted two state advocacy conferences: Bread for the World-NM in September and the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Fall Conference in November. Thank you, All Saints, for making our beautiful church available for the events and for offering prayers, hospitality, and technical assistance.

Both conferences prepared us for God’s Work, Our Voices in 2025. Two events in February will move our advocacy forward in the new year.

SAVE THE DATES

February 4: Bread for the World and “Nourish Our Future.” On Tuesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. (MT), Bread will launch the 2025 Offering of Letters Campaign to address child poverty domestically and globally. We are inviting New Mexico members of Congress to be part of this nationwide event. Please join us on Zoom.

February 20: The Bishop’s Luncheon in Santa Fe. On Thursday, February 20, our day will begin with the Issues Briefing at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. Then, we will move to La Fonda for the Bishop’s Luncheon. For many of us, it will be our first opportunity to meet our new bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA, the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Registration information will be available soon.

Judy Messal



Monday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. Join the Altar Guild in decorating and preparing the church for Christmas Eve



RIC Task Force Focuses on Welcome and Inclusion

All Saints Lutheran Church became a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation November 6, 2007. ReconcilingWorks is the organization that administers the RIC program. We have been asked to renew and expand our intentional welcome and reaffirm our commitment to being an RIC congregation. From ReconcilingWorks:



The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.

The RIC Taskforce was formed to guide All Saints Lutheran Church through the process of expanding our congregation's commitment as a Reconciling in Christ community as requested by ReconcilingWorks. The expansion of the statement addresses racial equity and anti-racist work. Previously, RIC communities addressed only sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expressions.

The RIC Taskforce has in the last year:

- Attended 5 1/2 hours of training with the Reconciling Works. (This training oriented us to available resources and ways of engaging our congregation in discussions.)
- Presented multiple learning opportunities and listening sessions for members.
- Introduced our task force and work at the congregational meeting.
- Provided after-worship sessions on 1) faith stories videos from the ReconcilingWorks website were shared and questions for reflection afterwards were discussed; and 2) what do all those letters and acronyms stand for?
- Participated in the Pride Fest Parade with Luther House
- Celebrated Reconciling in Christ Sunday with liturgy provided by ReconcilingWorks in celebration of 50 years of work for inclusion and justice. On this day, we focused attention on our commitment to inclusion of all people, regardless of race or nationality, sexual orientation or expression, or gender identity.
- Hosted a panel discussion with Meredyth Jones, Kris Ericson, and Emerson Corley (front man for Entourage Jazz and member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church), speaking about how their faith guided them to be who they are today in relation to sexuality/gender identity and the importance of experiencing affirmation in their church congregations.

- Placed annual ad in Pride & Equality magazine that expanded to quarterly, and
- Introduced use of Inclusive Imagery and land acknowledgement in our worship.

Next steps for the RIC Taskforce include planning to provide learning opportunities and activities in support of an updated Welcome Statement. We welcome anyone interested in participating to please join us in this important work!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to one of the following ASLC RIC Taskforce members.

Blessings and Grace, ASLC RIC Taskforce Members

Marlee Barnes, Megan Barnes, Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, Kris Ericson, Cheryl Klenner,

Lee Liming, Pastor Kristin Schultz

An updated Welcome Statement will be voted on at the 2025 annual meeting. In preparation, the draft Welcome Statement will be posted on the RIC Bulletin Board for your review and comments. On December 8, 2025, a session will be held to discuss the draft Welcome Statement and the comments received prior to the 2025 Annual Meeting vote.

Proposed ASLC Welcome Statement

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another. We recognize that each person is a unique creation made in the image of God and we commit ourselves to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to welcome them with radical hospitality. Therefore, we commit to the continuing work of anti-racism, liberation, and social justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of all people. This includes sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all who have experienced exclusion or abuse because of race, ability, body type, culture, or nation of origin. We affirm the sacredness of those who struggle, whether it be with addiction, physical or mental health, or the things that seek to divide us from each other. Know that you are accepted and affirmed just as you are, no matter where you are in your lifelong faith journey.

We believe that through our open welcome we all grow in faith and love, and we invite everyone to participate as volunteers and leaders in our community. We need each other. It is by being in community together that we know God is here.



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!*

Christmas Giving Project: The wonderful Christmas season is fast approaching and once again the Christmas Giving Project is back with the board up in the Narthex decorated with gift tags. There are many families who will not be able to celebrate Christmas without help and the O.A.R. Committee has received gift suggestions for needy families from Family Promise and Sierra Vista School.

Please see the sheet by the tree that has been provided regarding instructions for taking a gift tag and for returning the gifts. Following these directions allows us to more easily organize the gifts for each family. We also ask that you do not provide more than 2 packages for each recipient in order to keep the gifts consistent among family members. Of course, similar articles such as scarf/hat/gloves or pants & shirt or similar small articles such as hair, cosmetic or toiletry items etc. can be packaged together as one gift.

A donation can is available on the table in the Narthex for cash donations that will be used to buy grocery cards for the families.

We will also have a sock/mitten/cap/gloves/underwear basket and tree again this year with donations sent to Storehouse West.

Thank you for your support in this annual event to help make Christmas a happy time for our neighbors who may be less fortunate than us. Christmas blessings to all as we enter this festive and holy season.





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-great grandson Sawyer and family, Kathy Braun and family, Dave Walker, Alanna Cellan-Walker, Frank</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, Michael and Ede Ericson Cardell</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), Jack and Cheryl Ferrell and friends of Dignity Mission</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p> <p>Priscilla Brower: Sonia Wiard</p>
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Jon Jastram
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Dawn Mace
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We give thanks for the birth of Stella Sanchez to Tiffani (Arguello) and Santi Sanchez.

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Council Meeting Minutes and Financial Information can be found on the Council Bulletin Board

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