



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

MAY 2025

May 4 is Commitment Sunday!

Worship with Entourage Jazz

10:00 am

Music prelude beginning at 9:30 am



During the service we will make our financial commitments to the campaign. If you are worshiping on Zoom, you will be able to make your pledge by phone call or private chat.

After the service we will gather for a celebration lunch in the fellowship hall and hear the first report of the commitment total!

YOUR participation is important to our community worship and celebration.



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. II Corinthians 9:7-8

The verses from II Corinthians were the theme for Day 9 of the Ten Days of Prayer that began our Capital Campaign. The Ten Days of Prayer inspired us to thank God for our many material blessings and move us to generosity as we contemplate the gifts we will pledge to do God's work in our faith community. As Commitment Sunday draws near, let's reflect on the previous five weeks since "kick-off" Sunday which began with Rev. Dana Peterson.

Reverend Peterson inspired us to recognize the abundance of our blessings and the opportunities to share our hope and blessings within our community. He shared the story of the "cookie lady" who thought it was wrong for the children to take too many cookies, not leaving enough cookies for others in the fellowship hour. The cookie lady was more concerned about a scarcity of cookies for others in the 'here and now,' rather than the

abundance of long-term blessings gained by sharing cookies with the children. We, too, are urged to look forward with hope at God's blessings to ourselves and those within our greater faith community as the campaign projects are completed.

Prayer has been an integral part of the Building with Hope and Blessings Capital Campaign. The Ten Days of Prayer brought our attention to God's great gifts and blessings. On Saturday, May 3rd we will have a twelve-hour Prayer Vigil to lift the Capital Campaign to God in prayer along with our hopes and dreams for our congregation. Thirty-minute prayer slots are available for members to spend time in prayer. You are encouraged to sign up in advance so there is at least one person praying throughout the Vigil. A prayer guide will be available at church along with prayer requests from members, Bibles, hymnals and other inspirational materials. You may stay as long as you wish. The Prayer Vigil is a time for our community of faith to come before God and acknowledge that we are the body of Christ, and to ask for God's guidance and presence as we complete our individual commitments on Sunday, May 4. A sign-up poster board is in the front lobby of church. If you are unable to participate at church, you are encouraged to sign up and pray at home. God hears our prayers where ever we are located. Please join your All Saints faith community members at the Prayer Vigil on May 3rd.

Kennon Callahan (1997) in his book *Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church* wrote four motivators for giving: Commitment, Challenge, Compassion, and Community. Our four Inspirational speakers, Marlee Barnes, Steve Reil, Katy Anderson, and Larry Shy spoke on these motivators and the importance of the Building with Hope and Blessings Capital Campaign to them and to our congregation. Their words of inspiration lead us to Commitment Sunday, May 4th.

Commitment Sunday will be a joyous time to celebrate God's blessings and our hope for the ministries that occur within this building and beyond our walls. Entourage Jazz will provide music for our service beginning at 9:30AM. Reverend Dana Peterson will preach and be with us as we bring our pledge cards to the altar. A Celebration Brunch will follow our worship service as we await the Campaign "Reveal" on our progress towards meeting the three-year goal of \$400,000. You can make this campaign successful by participating in the events of Commitment Weekend! Please continue to pray for the success of our Building with Hope and Blessings Capital Campaign across the next three years!

Gloria Napper-Owen, Spiritual Emphasis Steering Committee leader



Worship

May 4th-Easter 3

Revelation 5:11-14

No psalm

John 21:1-19

May 11th-Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 8th-Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 25th-Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John 14:23-29



**Counter for May and June
is Jim Perry.**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
May 4th	Nicole A.	Kurt R.	Logan L.	Marlee B.	Lee L.
May 11th-	Priscilla B.	Gloria N.O.	Megan B.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
May 18th-	Kris E.	Rae V.	Meredyth J.	Megan B.	Steve R.
May 25th-	Sue M.	Meredyth J.	Logan L.	Lee L.	Steve R.



On **May 11** we will be recognizing our graduates in prayer. Please let the church office know if anyone in your family is graduating – from high school or college, Pre-K or post-graduate. office@allsaintsabq.org



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jonah Jastram 05/02

Larry Shy 05/03

Karen Hyde 05/04

Amy Enriquez 05/08

Priscilla Brower 05/09

Kimberly Gray 05/10

Eric Johnson 05/10

Lyndi Dittmer-Perry 05/12

Aidan Hyde 05/12

Patrick Van De Motter 05/18

Derek Gray 05/25

Aija Thacher 05/26

Becca Johnston 05/30

Nanette Morton 05/31



Grief 101



Pastor Kristin is preparing to begin a 6-week Grief 101 group in May. The group focuses on sharing our grief and supporting one another, while including some information about grief and grieving. We also pray together and explore how our faith informs our grief. The focus is on losing a loved one, but other forms of grief are welcome, too.

The day and time will be set when we have a sense of who is interested in participating. If you have done a grief group at All Saints or elsewhere but would like to participate for the community support, you are welcome. Please talk to Pastor Kristin if you have and questions or are interesting in participating. pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org; 505-898-3932

In Memory . . .

On May 7 at 1:30 pm, Pastor Kristin will lead a graveside service for Billie Nolan at Vista Verde Memorial Park in Rio Rancho.

On May 25 at 3:00 pm at All Saints there will be a memorial service for Kris Ericson's sister, Lisa Shea.

We will share service details for Bryce Willman and Pat Phaklides when they are available.

All church members are welcome to attend these services and invited to keep these families in prayer.



Men's Group

Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at Rudy's Country Store/restaurant- 10136
Coors Boulevard NW, 87114.

Rocky Mountain Synod Immigration Accompaniment Summit May 21-22, 2025 * Albuquerque, NM

Rostered and lay leaders are invited to attend a pre-Synod Assembly Immigration Summit where we will deepen our understanding of the immigration challenges as well as strategize how to faithfully accompany our immigrant siblings.

Keynote speaker - Rev. Cristina Rathbone
Author of Asylum Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death and Community at the Border



Whether you are new to the topic or already have a robust connection to immigration, together we will seek to expand our knowledge, advocacy and allyship, as individuals and congregations, using the principles of the accompaniment . We will learn from each other, share our knowledge, plan how to engage and network across the synod for the flourishing and dignity of our immigrant siblings.

8:30 a.m. May 21 - noon May 22, 2025

*\$40/person

Register at Immigration Summit

Hotel reservations at Embassy Suites



Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Register link - [Tithe.ly Event Registration](https://tithe.ly/event-registration)

Our time together will include spiritual grounding, plenary sessions, community building and workshops. Some of the workshops include:

- **Current Landscape of Immigration & AMMPARO**

- Presenter: Mary Campbell, Director of ELCA AMMPARO
- This workshop will include: an overview of the basics of immigration in the U.S.; updates and issues affecting immigrants under the new administration; the ELCA designation as a sanctuary denomination and the role of sanctuary congregations at this time; how AMMPARO engages and supports congregations in immigrant accompaniment.

- **Trauma and Immigration**

- Presenters: Dr. Georgina Sanchez-Garcia and Carolyn Swenson
- This workshop will cover information about immigration-related trauma in children and adults; the meaning and practice of "trauma-informed" accompaniment; recognizing compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma; self-care when accompanying immigrants.

- **Advocacy-Organizing-Speaking Out for Immigrant Justice**

- Presenter(s): Pastor Brigitte Weier and Kurt Rager
- This workshop will cover: Skills and tools for effective advocacy, organizing in congregations and collaborating with community groups; testifying and speaking out to support immigrant justice; including immigrants at all levels of the work.

- **Engaging Congregations in Immigrant Accompaniment**

- This large-group session will include resources and ideas for engaging congregations at all levels of current awareness and involvement; connecting with community groups that are immigrant allies.

**If the cost of registration is a barrier, please contact dlinden-johnson@rmselca.org & If you are interested in the possibility of staying in a host home, please contact pastorhannah@peacelutheranlc.com.*



**-All Saints Lutheran
Preschool Trike a
thon and picnic-**



**-All Saints Lutheran
Preschool Butterfly
Release-**

The Preschool raised these butterflies from larvae to butterfly and learned about the life cycle.



-All Saints Lutheran Preschool Egg Hunt-

Kids and parents enjoyed an easter egg hunt and treats :)





PRESCHOOL KORNER

“YOU ARE A STAR”

GRADUATION 2025

MAY 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

No School/Only Graduation

&

Followed by All School Potluck Picnic 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Church members are invited to join us.

SUMMER 2025

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

June Session / June 2 – June 27

July Session / July 7 – July 31

MANY OPTIONS

CALL 505 897-2144 TODAY



On **Sunday, May 18** at 3:00 p.m. our own Erin Reil will be part of the PopTarts Quintessence concert! It will be an afternoon of choral confections from the top of the charts, featuring songs from Chappell Roan, Sting, Fleetwood Mac, Coldplay, Paul Simon and Elton John. Location is St. John's United Methodist Church of Albuquerque 2626 Arizona St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 .

link for tickets: <https://quintessence.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events>



[Pop Tarts: Choral Arrangements of Top 40 Hits](#)



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Now what? Do you think Easter is an ending or a beginning? How we view this time after Easter as either a beginning or an ending, leads to how we understand what comes next. In the next few weeks, we will hear stories of how the risen Jesus showed himself to his disciples and his teachings about faith and intimacy with God which will inform us that Easter is indeed a both/and situation of ending AND beginning.

When the tomb is found empty, the people do not recognize Jesus as he appears to them. Mary Magdelene thought he was a gardener. His own disciples did not even recognize him until he showed them his wounds. It is an innate quality to question... to doubt until the research has been done. Thomas had to see the wounds for himself. Seeing is believing, after all... Jesus accepts this need for validation but also urges us to zoom out and focus our understanding on higher, more important matters. Signs and wonders are easy to believe in, but we are meant to have faith that flourishes even when we can't see. This faith allows us to perceive beyond the surface signs and wonders.

And so, we put an end to our doubts and begin to name, affirm, and explore them in a life of faith. Does this mean that we just believe everything? No! Much of the scripture warns against letting our believing become too settled. As the Swiss theologian Karl Barth has said, the stories filled with signs and wonders (and resurrection stories most of all) are designed to astonish — and astonishment, after all, is a blend of belief and disbelief. Accordingly, we should neither merely “believe” or “disbelieve” miracle stories (for that would mean we aren't truly astonished by them). Rather, these stories should leave us continually “taken aback,” helping us call into question our assumptions about what may or may not be “possible” and “impossible,” and thereby inviting us into an open-minded, open-hearted posture of Easter faith, Easter doubt, and Easter joy.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey – ELW 326

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*



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: Michael and Ede Ericson Cardell</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Nicholas: Julie Shy and family</p> <p>Kurt Rager– Hannah Rager and Chicago family</p>	<p>Bob and Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale Halsom, Kurt and Beth Stoor, Bruce Epper</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>Shelley Tackeuchi: Tammy</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Nigel Jones, Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson, Wharton Family</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bud (Charles), Jack and Cheryl Ferrell and friends of Dignity Mission</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p>
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Jon Jastram
Robina Sandoval
Rae VanDeMottter
Walter Stolte

Harriett Rothlisberger
Karen Hyde
Julie LaHam
Eric Johnson

Meredyth Jones

Our prayers are with the families of Billie Nolan, Lisa Shea, Bryce Willman and Pat Phaklides as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

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