



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER 2025

“Feed us with hunger for justice,” we sang. “Feed us with thirst for peace”

On a Wednesday morning in September, I stood with a group of ELCA pastors, deacons and lay leaders in Upper Senate Park in Washington DC, singing and praying. We were there to make public witness and call for justice on behalf of vulnerable people in our nation, as part of a two-day advocacy training and action event called Gathering at the Gate. I was blessed to be there, and to carry with me the support and care of my All Saints community.

The Gathering at the Gate on September 16-17 was an incredible experience for me. We worshiped and sang and prayed for justice in our world. The witness of the community and hope in our faith held and inspired us. The staff of the ELCA Advocacy office was there to offer training and encouragement. They reminded us that in an environment where most lobbyists come asking favors for themselves, our witness of faith in asking on behalf of others makes a difference. As people of faith, we carry the witness that all people are created in the image of God, and deserve basic human dignity and human rights. All are beloved of God.



I visited with staff in the offices of both senators from New Mexico. I brought each senator a stack of paper plates with letters from All Saints members asking for support for SNAP and Medicaid – empty plates to symbolize the many Americans whose plates will be empty due to SNAP cuts. Katie Mertens, in the office of Senator Ben Ray Lujan, was so glad to hear voices of faith raising concerns of justice and care. She asked to be put in touch with the ELCA Advocacy office for future partnerships. Aria Campos, in the office of Senator Martin Heinrich, shared that the senator sees a real crisis coming for New Mexico as federal funds for food assistance and Medicaid are ended. She was particularly moved by the witness of the empty plates.

The Gathering was also challenging, as it brought our full attention to the suffering caused by our current administration, not just in regards to hunger and health care, but also regarding ICE detention and attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community. As we gathered in public witness on Wednesday morning, we lifted our voices in lament and demanded justice. We gathered around an empty tablecloth and waved our empty plates to



remember those who are and will be hungry; we gathered around an empty first aid kit to remember those are and will be denied access to basic health care; we gathered around an empty chair to remember all who have been disappeared, detained or erased.

Wednesday afternoon I sat in a senator's office and watched on the closed-circuit TV as a roll call vote came in on the senate floor. I felt so discouraged by the visual representation of our division – every republican voted yes, every democrat voted no. For a moment, the challenge felt overwhelming.

This Gathering at the Gate is intended to be the first action in a continuing movement of advocacy. Our Christian witness is necessary at this time, difficult as it may be. I have worked for almost 20 years with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in New Mexico, and I have experienced for myself what former director Ruth Hoffman said, that doing the work of advocacy is like tending redwoods. It is slow and requires so much patience.

On Tuesday morning, before the Gathering started, I visited the National Arboretum. There I saw a Bonsai tree that is 400 years old. It is called the Peace Tree, and it has an amazing history. The tree was cared for by a single family in Japan, beginning in 1625. In 1945, it was just two miles from the epicenter of the atomic bomb strike in Hiroshima – yet it survived, as did the family who cared for it. In 1976, the tree was given as a gift to the United States for the Bicentennial. A sign of reconciliation and peace, a sign of what lasts through the centuries. I gazed at the tree and felt God was reminding me that we are all in God's hands, that history is larger than the painful now, and that gestures of hope have power.



The Gathering at the Gate was a moment of protest, of accompaniment, of learning – a reminder of God with us now – and an expression of hope for a future we know God holds. Thanks be to God

~ Pastor Kristin



Worship

October 5– Exodus 16: 1-18 John 6: 46-51	October 12– 1 Samuel 3: 1-21 John 20: 21-23
October 19– 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 51: 10-14 John 7: 21-24	October 26– 1 Kings 5: 1-5; 8: 1-13 John 2: 19-21



Counter for OCTOBER is Karol LaValle-Please sign up in the Narthex for upcoming months!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
October 5	Katy A.	Vicki E.	Meredyth J.	Marlee B.	Steve R.
October 12	Paula D.	Judy M.	Megan B.	Meredyth J.	Lee L.
October 19	Nicole A .	Kim P.	Logan L.	Megan B.	Marlee B.
October 26	Kris E.	Larry S.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Lee L.
November 2	Meredyth J.	Crish T.			
November 9	Katy A.	Patty F.			
November 16	Sue M.	Lucy A-W.			
November 23	Nicole A .	Gloria N-O.			
November 30	Kris E.	Frank O.			



MEN'S GROUP

ASLC MEN'S GROUP will meet Tuesday, October 7th, at 5:30 p.m. We will be meeting at Slice and Dice Pizza, off of McMahon.



All Saints Women's Group

The ASLC women's group will have its gathering on Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Garduno's restaurant, just east of Cottonwood Mall (10031 Coors Blvd NW) .

October Birthdays



Brendt Lux	10/03
Don Debelak	10/06
Patty Ferdig	10/06
Benjamin Giralmo	10/08
Debra Ashoo	10/09
Neal Mather	10/09
Kris Ericson	10/10
Leah Dolan	10/12
Charles Boldine	10/18
Rae Van De Motter	10/19
Waleed Ashoo	10/22
Tom Bailly	10/27
Robina Sandoval	10/27
Linda Gray	10/29
Christina Rael	10/29



Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

As Fall begins, the Development Committee has been preparing for our annual campaign to support the church's operating budget for next year. There has been much activity this year concerning the financial picture of the church. The three-year capital campaign, "*Building With Hope & Blessings*", was initiated with total commitments of \$285,359 as of 09-30-25, and the receipt of \$84,321 of those commitments. For all that have made a commitment we are ever thankful.

This Fall's campaign, "*A Chorus of Generosity*", will kick off 10-12-25 with commitment Sunday planned for 11-16-25. There will be more information, including temple talks in the coming weeks. As we prepare ourselves for the campaign, please keep the campaign and the ministries of our church in your thoughts and prayers.

To help keep you aware of ASLC financial position, the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of August '25. The method of reporting our financial results has changed slightly this year. The table below incorporates that change, which now includes our mortgage loan payments in total expenses.

	YTD	YTD
General Giving	\$156,918	\$154,435
Other revenue	\$58,589	\$50,340
Expenses	\$227,467	\$205,256
NET Cash Flow	(\$11,960)	(\$481)

During the month of August our expenses were greater than our revenues by \$9,551. YTD General Giving is up \$2,483 (1.43%). On a year-to-date basis, expenses show an increase of \$22,211 (10.82%). Included in the expenses are some nonrecurring expenses associated with drainage project, particularly the engineering expense. For the year, the preschool has operated at a loss of \$6,183.

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

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact me (jkrugero1@comcast.net) or Pastor Kristin.

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

God's Story, Our Story - Adult Faith Education

There are a number of Faith Formation opportunities happening this month and through the fall.



- Most Sunday mornings, a small group will gather in the Small Conference Room following worship for Reflect and Connect – a chance to discuss the week's lesson, devotions and worship. In **October** the group will meet on the **5th, the 12th, and the 19th.**
- Bible study on the week's texts is **every Thursday morning** at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- **On Saturday, November 8, a group from All Saints will visit and tour the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.**

We will carpool from All Saints at 9:30 and have lunch at the Indian Pueblo Kitchen after the tour, returning to All Saints between 1:00 and 2:00; or you can meet us there at 10:00. Each person will pay for their lunch,



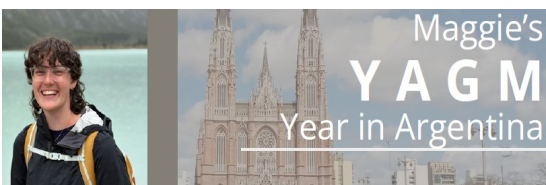
and a donation to church of \$15 to cover the cost of the tour is invited but not required. Sign up in the church entryway or with the church office by November 2 to let us know you plan to attend; we need to get a count to the cultural center and make reservations for lunch.

- Mark your calendar for two special forums in November-
On **November 9** Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM Director Kurt Rager will give an introduction to the ELCA's new social statement on Faith and Civic Life.

On **November 16** Ron Solimon will be with us again to talk about the Doctrine of Discovery and some history of the Pueblo people in NM.

Community Connections: God's Work, Our Hands, Our Voices

- **Sunday, October 12** we will hear from the Young Adult in Global Mission we supported last year, Maggie Nieberger, about her experience serving in Argentina. She will be available for discussion and questions after the service.



- **Sunday, October 19**, you are invited to join the **Development team**, Jim Kruger, Steve Reil, and Kurt Rager for discussion and questions about the fall pledge campaign.



All Saints Youth Ministry

Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, **October 12**, 11:30 – 1:00 in the Youth Room.

High School Youth will meet on Sunday, **October 19**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Balloon Fiesta Breakfast

Saturday, October 4, join us beginning at **7:00 am** to view the balloon Mass Ascension and enjoy a breakfast burrito and a cup of coffee. We have some chairs in the Pavilion, and you are invited to bring your own lawn chair.



Grief Support Group

For all who are experiencing the grief of loss, to gather in prayer and mutual support. **October 5, 11:30** in the youth room.

OAR Meeting **October 5, 11:30** in the library.

Installation of the **Presiding Bishop**

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CDT
Central Lutheran Church | Minneapolis, Minn.



“Discover All Saints”

Saturday, October 18, 9:00 – 11:30 am

An invitation for newcomers to All Saints and any would who like to brush up on Lutheran basics and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We will gather over a light breakfast to get to know one another and hear about ministries at All Saints. After breakfast we will spend time learning about basics of Lutheran theology and practice. This is in preparation for receiving new members, but all are welcome to attend, even if you don't plan to join the church or aren't sure yet, or if you are already a member.

Reformation and Reception of New Members

On Sunday, **October 26**, we will recognize Reformation Sunday and receive new members by Affirmation of Faith. Worship will be followed by a potluck lunch for the whole All Saints community.

Dear Friends,

Last month, Rio Grande Food Project had a seat at the table with nonprofit leaders from across New Mexico to discuss affordability and a growing crisis in the face of federal funding cuts. We were all pretty clear: cuts to federal food assistance like SNAP and TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) and an indefinite discontinuation of EFSP (Emergency Food and Shelter Program) dollars that pantries use to purchase food, *combined* with the rising cost of groceries, utilities, health care, and housing, are creating a perfect storm that New Mexico's

charitable food system (that includes Rio Grande Food Project!) is just not equipped to weather. **Please join us for our 10th Hike to End Hunger. Please register on the Rio Grande Food Project Website! <https://www.rgfp.org/>** For more information talk to Shelley Takeuchi.



Pat Hurley Park Lower Loop
3828 Rincon Rd. NW
ABQ, NM 87105

**Rio Grande Food Project's
10th Hike to End Hunger**
Saturday, October 18th
10:00am - 12:30pm
Registration Opens at 9:30am
Visit www.rgfp.org for Info & Free Tix!

Join us for a dog-friendly, heart-healthy walk, and fun morning with educational demos, food trucks, lawn games, face painting, and ABQ's Headphone Dance Party!

FOOD DRIVE AT 2025 HIKE TO END HUNGER

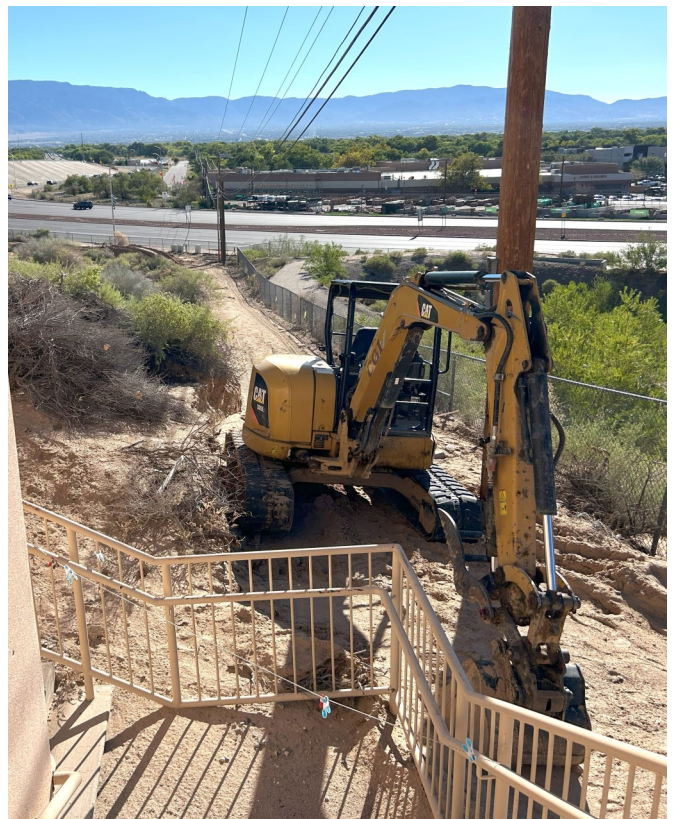
Our Hike to End Hunger event is a FREE, family-friendly event. This year, we are encouraging folks to bring non-perishable food items to Pat Hurley Park. Our food pantry receives food from numerous sources and food drives are a great way to guide the nutritional content of the food we receive. Check out our Food Drive Wish List—<https://www.rgfp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-RGFP-Food-Drive-Wish-List-QR-code.pdf> to see what non-perishable food items we need!



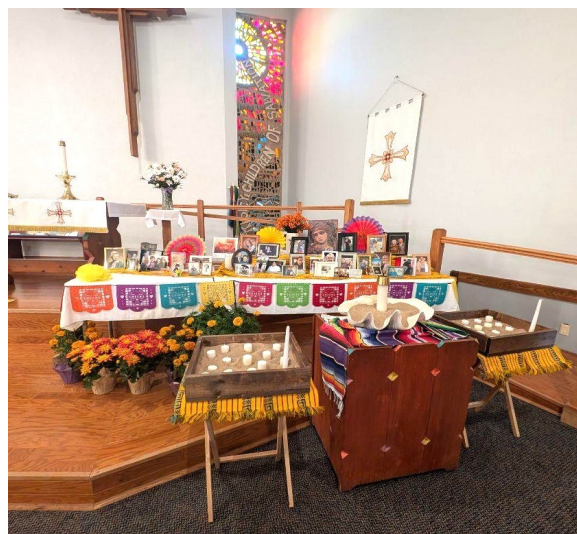
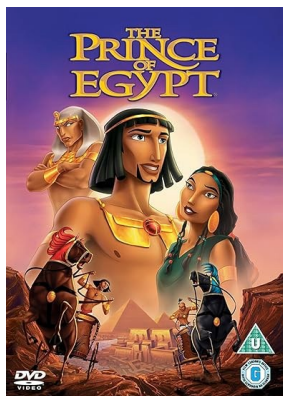
Custom Grading has begun work on the drainage repair, and it is progressing well. The Home Owner's Association has taken responsibility for the wall, and their contractor is working with Custom Grading to complete the repair.

As work progresses, bills will come in from Custom Grading. Please keep your giving to Building with Hope and Blessings up to date so we can make the required payments.

THANK YOU for your Generosity!



All Saints will once again create an Ofrenda for All Saints Sunday in remembrance of our loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring photos of loved ones for the Ofrenda before November 1; you can drop them off in the church office or narthex.



Saturday, **November 1**, at 2:00 pm all are invited for a movie and movie snacks. We will watch The Prince of Egypt, an animated retelling of the story of Moses and the Exodus, which won Academy awards for its musical score. After the movie we will put together the Ofrenda for Sunday.

This year All Saints is sponsoring Daniel Bensen, member of the ELCA 2025-2026 YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) team.

Daniel is originally from Denver, but graduated this year from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA with degrees in Biology and Health Humanities. Because of his interests in both faith/spirituality and medicine, he has hopes of someday becoming a physician.



He was raised Methodist, but he has found a faith home in many Lutheran spaces through Campus Ministry and being a counselor at Rainbow Train Camp the past two summers.

He loves music (plays piano and violin), reading, writing, being active outdoors, and traveling.

Daniel will be spending his time this year in Guadalajara, Mexico, serving at a migrant shelter that is run by a Catholic priest. This shelter gives assistance to persons coming back from the U.S. border as well as persons heading to the U.S.

We are looking forward to receiving Daniel's newsletters from time to time. Watch the board in the area outside the church office for updates.

-Karan Haynes



Winter Coat Collection For Children

**Sizes -Infant to Youth &
Adult Small, Medium& Large**

NO X-LARGE OR XXL SIZES

**Beginning September thru
December 15th**

Coats Must Be Clean Or New

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico
FALL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE
Saturday, November 15, 2025

Join us for our annual Fall Advocacy Conference, an inspiring and informative gathering of people of faith who care about justice in our state's public policy and ensuring that our most vulnerable New Mexicans have a voice in Santa Fe.



When: Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Registration and refreshments begin at 8:15 a.m.



Where: In person at Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Participation on Zoom will also be available.

Conference Fees: \$25.00 in person attendance (includes morning refreshments and lunch.)
\$15.00 on Zoom

How to Register: At our LAM-NM website, www.lutheranadvocacynm.org or by using the QR Code:



PRESCHOOL KORNER OCTOBER 2025

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN
"PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE" Theme - 2025
"Stars Around the World"

What a wonderful day on September 28, when the preschool opened its rooms for church members to visit and get acquainted with this ministry of the church. Thank you for your interest and all the wonderful comments. This preschool program has an awesome set of teachers and support staff. Visit the preschool anytime - the door is always open!

EVENTS - October 2025

10/13—Columbus & Indigenous Peoples Day NO SCHOOL!

10/20-24—FALL Fun Week in the Preschool

10/24—Oktoberfest / CANCELLED

10/30 —Children's Halloween Party Day/
Pajama Day



THANK YOU ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR
"36" YEARS!

Ms. Marleta, Director (24 years)





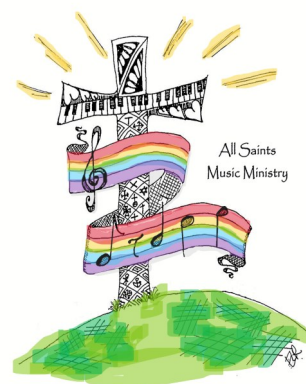
Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

All Saints is pleased to welcome George White as our new Accompanist. He began playing the piano at age 14 and was largely self-taught, playing mostly Classic Rock through High School. At 18, he became inspired by a great classical piano recording of Robert Schumann and began practicing in earnest winning several competitions and performing many successful solo recitals and concerto performances.



George earned a master's degree in Piano Performance from Loyola University while working as an accompanist and entertaining at restaurants and private parties playing Classical and popular Classic Rock songs. George is successful as a free-lance pianist/accompanist and enjoys writing original songs and solo piano pieces, including recording many Classical piano pieces. He spends his free time helping and caring for homeless animals and enjoys staying physically active, jogging and moderate weight training.





Prayer Requests

<p>Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p>Lucy Archambault: Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye, Lee and Linda</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: Brent Bardo, 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>Cheryl Klenner: Nancy and Dale Halsom, Kurt and Beth Stoor, Bruce Epper</p> <p>Karol Lavallo: Ellen Saige</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 Takeuchi: Tammy</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Mitch and Val Winn, Ben Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson, Wharton Family, Grant Hougland and Patsy and Mike Nelson</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bridget (VanDeMottter) and Travis Klinger and 15 month old baby Callen</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p> <p>Susan Mather: Jan Carman</p>
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