



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

JANUARY 2026

Merry Christmas, Everyone! And, Happy Epiphany!

In the church, Christmas is a season that lasts for 12 days, from Christmas day until the day of Epiphany, which is January 6. The day of Epiphany remembers the arrival of the wise men to visit the young Jesus.



Epiphany is the season in the church that lasts from January 6 until the beginning of Lent – which this year is February 18. The season of Epiphany is the season of revelation – the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior of the world. It is a season of light, beginning with the star that guides the Wise Men, and continuing with the celebration of Jesus as the light of the world.

We will be reading from the gospel of John this Epiphany season – hearing the stories John tells of the signs that reveal to the world that Jesus is the Messiah – that Jesus is, in fact, God come to earth to be with us. We remember, with John, that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.



There is an old tradition for the season of Epiphany called Chalking the Doors – a way of blessing our churches and homes in the new year, inviting Christ in. On January 4, we will have an Epiphany Event following worship, to learn more about this ancient practice and how we can practice the blessing.

May the blessings of the new year and the light of Christ be with you all this season

-Pastor Kristin



Worship

January 4– 2nd Sunday of Christmas Psalm 66: 1-5 John 1: 35 - 51	January 11– 1st after Epiphany Psalm 104: 1-16 John 2:1-11
January 18– 2nd after Epiphany Psalm 84 John 2:13-25	January 25– 3rd after Epiphany Psalm 139: 1- 18 John 3:1-21



Epiphany Event

Sunday, January 4 following worship. Learn about epiphany house blessings and prepare for the season of light and revelation.

Altar Care Needs 2 More Volunteers!



God's Work-Our Hands.
 Work with a team to set up or clean up for communion and other church festivals. Contact Rhonda Bentz if interested in this essential task for worship preparation.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
January 4	Katy A.	Patty F.	Lee L.	Steve R.	Megan B.
January 11	Kris E.	Judy M.	Logan L.	Lee L.	Marlee B.
January 18	Kurt R.	Hannah R.	Marlee B.	Megan B.	Steve R.
January 25	Nicole A.	Larry S.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.



ASLC MEN'S GROUP

ASLC MEN'S GROUP will meet Tuesday, January 6th 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, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. at East Ocean-3601 Carlisle Blvd NE.

January Birthdays

Greg Rosner	01/01
Ava Montano	01/02
Jo White	01/05
Jon Jastram	01/07
Josh Stolte	01/07
Frank Orton	01/11
Donna Storey	01/14
Diana Lewis	01/17
Aaron Werner	01/19
Karen Benke	01/20
Carl Gervais	01/21
Cheryl Klenner	01/21
Cindy Shy	01/23
Karol Lavallo	01/25
Johnathan Hautz	01/27
Rachel Sanchez	01/27
Fabian Enriquez	01/29



Faith Formation

Faith formation is another way to say Christian education. It focuses less on learning facts, and more on growing in faith and deepening in discipleship. Faith formation includes learning about the Bible and the Christian tradition, sharing our stories as people of faith, and deepening our relationships with God and one another.

Mark your Calendars for January Faith Formation opportunities

New Testament Book and Bible study

Join Pastor Kristin for six weeks, **beginning January 18**, to discuss the book *Reading the New Testament for the First Time* by Ronald Allen. This book explores the history, theology and major themes of the New Testament in a clear and engaging manner. Sign up in the narthex to let Pastor Kristin know you are planning to participate, and indicate if you want a book – we've ordered used copies for \$8 each; new on Amazon is \$15. **We'll meet in the library at 11:30 on January 18 and 25, February 1, 8, and 22; and March 1.**



Soul Collage – Saturday, January 10, 10:00 – 12:00.

We will gather in the fellowship hall for an activity using images to tap into our inner wisdom and explore our hopes for the new year.



The Faith Formation team would like to create a Lenten devotional to send out via email (or hard copy for those who prefer) during Lent, which is February 18 - April 3.

The congregation created a series in 2021, and we will be able to include these devotions in the series. However, there currently aren't enough devotions for a daily study. We would like to have more writers for the 2026 series, so we could provide a daily study. Resources will be provided so writers have options of the daily reading from John, a hymn, or an Old Testament reading. Devotions need not be long. We ask the reading selected be included, the reflection by the writer, and a short prayer to conclude the devotion. If we don't have enough writers, we will consider a MWF devotion or whatever is appropriate based on the number of volunteers. We will not send devotions on Saturday or Sunday.

Ash Wednesday is February 18, so we will need all devotions by February 6. There will be a signup sheet in the church lobby on January 11. Or, you may contact Gloria Napper-Owen (napperow@comcast.net, 505-917-3784) for more information and signup!



Confirmation will meet **January 11, 11:30 – 1:00** in the youth room.

High School Youth will meet **January 18, 5:30 – 7:00** in the youth room.

Mark Your Calendar!

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 15 following worship. We will have elections for council, endowment committee, and synod assembly voting members. After the meeting we will gather for a potluck meal.

The Congregation Council has passed a budget for the congregation to consider and adopt. We will have two chances in January for you to bring questions about the budget to the treasurer and members of Council

Budget Meetings: Thursday, January 15, on Zoom

Sunday, January 18 following worship

The office will send out the budget early in January so you can review it before the meetings, along with a link for the Zoom meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Once again, the members of All Saints Lutheran Church have generously donated clothing for the Dignity Mission, Cuidando los Ninos and Light in the Night (homeless) here in Albuquerque. The numbers say it all:

113 coats	24 pair gloves
146 hats	15 quilts
51 scarves	



**Thank you to the congregation for doing a great job with the Angel Tree! A great big Thank You to the Men's Group for loading and delivering the bags. We delivered 57 presents to 5 families and each family received a \$75 gift card from Walmart for their Christmas dinner. Thank you again!
- Patty and Amy**



Construction of the necessary drainage system on the south end of the property is well underway! Thank for all for your generosity and please remember to continue paying your commitments to the capital campaign.

Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

2025 has been a busy year as we have faced and met the new financial challenges for ASLC. Meeting these challenges was only accomplished by your willingness to carry God’s work forward and by the many many prayers offered by our ASLC family. Thank you for your ongoing support, not only financially, but in all the other ways you support the ministries and programs of the church.

The Development Committee is working to complete this year’s pledge campaign, “A Chorus of Generosity.” As of December 23rd, 2025, we have received 40 (\$137,810) commitments for 2026, which compares to 47 (\$190,296) for the entire campaign for 2025. We are thankful for your response, which reflects your support for the ministries and programs of ASLC. If you haven't made your commitment for 2026, you are encouraged to do so by making a commitment and returning a pledge to the church office or placing it in the offering plate.

Total commitments for the three-year capital campaign, “Building With Hope & Blessings”, are \$284,010 as of 12-26-25, and we have received \$87,188 of those commitments. For all that have made a commitment we are ever thankful. There is still time to make a commitment.

To help you stay informed about ASLC’s financial status and our financial needs, the following table provides a summary of financial information as of the end of November ‘25. The method of reporting our financial results has changed slightly this year. The table below incorporates that change, which was to include our loan payments in total expenses.

	YTD Nov '25	YTD Nov '24
General Giving	\$206,476	\$201,711
Other revenue	\$94,201	\$70,843
Expenses	\$346,419	\$289,961
NET Cash Flow	(\$45,742)	(\$17,408)

During the month of November our revenues were greater than our expenses, by \$1,041. YTD general giving is slightly ahead of last year. Other revenues are ahead of last year primarily due to funds received from the Endowment Fund for the drainage project. On a year-to-date basis, expenses show a significant increase as the result of payment of costs (\$62,304) associated with the drainage project.

YTD November, the preschool operated at a loss of \$17,671. The operating results for the preschool have been impacted by the timing of reimbursement from the State of NM’s Universal Child Care program, most of the reported loss should be recovered in 2026.

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



ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT

ISSUES BRIEFING AND BISHOP'S LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 4, 2025, SANTA FE

Please join us for Lutheran Advocacy Ministry's annual Issues Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon. On this day, we hear from Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni and learn from our advocacy partners about the issues coming before the New Mexico Legislature. We also honor a legislator whose work has helped develop just policy.

If you would like to be part of this vibrant ecumenical gathering and want to car-pool or join a group traveling by bus, please leave your name and contact information on the signup sheet in the narthex. [Note the later start time this year.]

When: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 208 Grant Avenue, for the Issues Briefing
La Fonda, 100 E. San Francisco Street, for the Bishop's Luncheon

Time: 9:00 a.m. Registration check-in opens at First Presbyterian.
1:00 p.m. The Luncheon at La Fonda begins.

Registration: Go to <http://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org>

Parking: Convention Center Parking Garage, entered from S. Federal Place. At the far end of the lot, elevators take you to the exit on W. Marcy Street, half a block from First Presbyterian. Some metered street parking may also be available.

Questions? Please see Judy Messal or contact her at judithmessal@comcast.net



Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

From the book *To Bless the Space Between Us*, by John O'Donohue:

There is a quiet light that shines in every heart. It draws no attention to itself, though it is always secretly there. It is what illuminates our minds to see beauty, our desire to seek possibility, and our hearts to love life. Without this subtle quickening our days would be empty and wearisome, and no horizon would ever awaken our longing. Our passion for life is quietly sustained from somewhere in us that is wedded to the energy and excitement of life. This shy inner light is what enables us to recognize and receive our very presence here as blessing. We enter the world as strangers who all at once become heirs to a harvest of memory, spirit, and dream that has long preceded us and will now enfold, nourish, and sustain us. The gift of the world is our first blessing. The word *blessing* evokes a sense of warmth and protection; it suggests that no life is alone or unreachable. The language of blessing is invocation, a calling forth. This is why the word *may* occurs; it is a word of benediction. It imagines and wills the fulfillment of desire. In the evocation of our blessings, the word *may* is the spring through which the Holy Spirit is invoked to surge into presence and effect. The Holy spirit is the subtle presence and secret energy behind every blessing.

May all receive blessing upon blessing. And may we realize our power to bless, heal, and renew one another.

A Blessing for the New Year

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind the gray window and the ghost of loss gets into you, may a flock of colors, indigo, red, green and azure blue, come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays in the curragh of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you,
and invisible cloak to mind your life.

Wishing you all a blessed and peace filled 2026,

~Erin

PRESCHOOL KORNER JANUARY 2026



All Saints Lutheran Preschool Christmas Program 2025 “The Mouse’s Tale” was a success! Looking forward to a Happy New Year! See you all next year!

~Ms. Marleta

All Saints Lutheran Preschool Director



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: Ede Ericson Cardell, Cheyenne and Carly</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson</p> <p>Nicholas: Julie Shy and family</p> <p>Fabian and Amy : Francine Lucero</p>	<p>Cheryl Klenner: Kurt and Beth Stoor, Bruce Epper, John Klenner, Denyse Klenner</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, and Jane Brennan</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Bridget (VanDeMotter) 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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All Saints Congregation Members

Jon Jastram	Harriett Rothlisberger	Meredyth Jones
Lois Howard	Karen Hyde	Betsy Mahoney
Rae VanDeMotter	Julie LaHam	Dawn Mace
Walter Stolte	Eric Johnson	Patty Kruger
Jim Perry		

We pray for Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni of the Rocky Mountain Synod and the whole synod staff. We pray for Bishop Yehiel Curry and Rev. CeCe Williams of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We pray for all Young Adults in Global Mission, especially Daniel Benson, who is serving refugees in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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