



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

## APRIL 2026

### Holy Week Schedule



**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

**7:00 pm**

**The good news is, even Judas gets his feet washed**

Zoom option available using the regular Sunday worship Zoom link

The service includes forgiveness of sin, Holy Communion, and stripping the altar  
*Maundy Thursday is named after the command (“mandatum” in Latin) to love one another.*

**Good Friday, April 3 Classic Service**

**12:00 pm**

A service from the ELW hymnal with reading of the Passion story

**Good Friday, April 3 Tenebrae Service**

**7:00 pm**

**The good news is revealed through nonviolence.**

This service moves from light into darkness with readings from the Passion story

**Easter Sunday, April 5 Festival Worship**

**10:00 am**

**The good news alive in the world!**

Zoom option available

**Worship will be followed by a festive fellowship gathering for everyone!**

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*Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double*

As I was preparing for Palm Sunday, these words from the prophet Zechariah leapt out at me. I'd been planning an Easter sermon focusing on hope, and these words are strong. What does it mean that, as God's people, we are to be *prisoners of hope?*

Zechariah spoke to the Jewish people after their return from exile in Babylon. The temple has been rebuilt, and the people are trying to return to life in this home which in many ways no longer feels like home. He wanted to assure the people that God was still active and wanting the best for God's people.

Our Theme for Lent has been Tell Me Something Good – Grounding Ourselves in the Good News. We have explored the good news that all are invited to God's feast, and that God's love inspires us to love God and love our neighbors. We have explored the good news of protection and care for the vulnerable, rooted in justice and mercy.

This holy week, the good news is that we all know forgiveness of sin; even Judas gets his feet washed. We hear again the story of Jesus' passion and death, on the Friday we strangely call good.

And on Easter, we will be reminded that Jesus is risen, alive and active in the world. And because of that, we have reason to hope, even when the world around us holds so much darkness. We know the light of Jesus, risen and alive in the world – and we are called to share that light in this world God so deeply loves.



Please join us for worship this Holy Week, as we remember again that Jesus gave his life, and was raised from the dead, so that sin and death may be defeated forever.

Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin



# Worship

<b>April 2– Maundy Thursday</b> Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 Psalm 116 John 13: 1-17,33-35	<b>April 3rd– Good Friday</b> Luke 22: 47-53 Luke 23: 13-25 Luke 23: 33-38 Luke 23: 44-46
<b>April 5– Easter Sunday</b> Ephesians 1: 15-21 Psalm 118 John 20: 1-18	<b>April 12– Easter 2</b> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 145:13-21 John 21: 1a, 15-25
<b>April 19– Easter 3</b> Acts 9:1-19a Psalm 30 Matthew 6:19-24	<b>April 26– Easter 4</b> Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
April 2	Sue M.	Patty F.	Meredyth J.	Lee L.	Steve R.
April 3 Noon					
April 3 7:00pm		Megan B. Marlee B.			
April 5 Easter	Katy A. Eva A.-Acolyte	Kris E.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
April 12	Nicole A.	Crish T.	Marlee B.	Megan B.	Steve R.
April 19	Kris E.	Vicki E.	Megan B.	Lee L.	Marlee B.
April 26	Sue M.	Larry	Logan L.	Lee L.	Steve R.



### ASLC MEN'S GROUP

ASLC MEN'S GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. We are meeting at Jason's Deli, 3410 NM 528, ABQ,87114



### All Saints Women's Group

The ASLC Women's Group will meet for dinner on April 9 at 6:00 pm at Flying Star, Paseo and Wyoming

## April Birthdays

Sarah Navarrete	04/05
Andrew Lewis	04/07
Rozy Kalsbeek	04/10
Eva Anderson	04/13
Karen Cellan	04/13
Natalie Cellan	04/14
Rachel Winn	04/16
Jamie Hernandez	04/17
Mary Johnson	04/23
Sharon Rager	04/23
Mel Bentz	04/25
Krysta Fajardo	04/26
Patty Kruger	04/26
Matthew Ferdig	04/28
Martha Schwab	04/28
Bob Owen	04/28



We will build the Easter Garden this Saturday, **April 4 @ 10am**. Bring potted plants and put your name on the container. Have fun placing the pots and watching the blossoms expand on the altar. Everyone will see your creation Easter morning! In 3 weeks, you can take your plants home when we dismantle the garden after church on April 12th.



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## Faith Formation Group

Many thanks to all of the contributors to this year's Lenten Devotions!! The devotions have been meaningful to our Lenten walk.

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, gardening resources will be shared by Martha Debelak, our resident Master Gardener during Fellowship time on **April 26!** Enjoy the resources and ask Martha your gardening questions!!



## Making Sense of the Cross

**April 19 and 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11:30 in the library**

We often hear in church things like “Jesus died for your sins” or “Jesus died to save us all.” What do we mean by that? In what way is the violent death of Jesus an act of salvation? Many of us have wondered.

Join Pastor Kristin this Easter season as we read the book Making Sense of the Cross, by David Lose (Pastor, Professor, and Seminary president) and talk about these questions and more. We will explore the ways Christians have historically understood the meaning of the cross, and what it might mean to us as Lutheran Christians today.

Sign up in the narthex to let me know you will be there; if you want to purchase a book we have them for \$15. Each week we will begin with a brief video introduction, so please join us for conversation even if you don't complete the reading.





**Confirmation** will meet- **Sunday, April 12** at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00.

Mark your calendar! **Sunday, May 31**, All Confirmation and High School students are invited for a mini-retreat in the Jemez mountains. We'll leave after church and head to the mountains for some hiking (easy), hot dogs and s'mores around a campfire, and more fun! We will return to the church by about 8:00 pm.

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### **News from the Congregation Council**

At the Annual Meeting on February 15, the congregation elected Kris Ericson and Sam Schriver to serve on council, and re-elected Fabian Enriquez for a second term. We give our thanks to Megan Barnes and Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, who have each served two three-year terms, and both served as officers.

At the February Council meeting, we elected the following officers for 2026: Meredyth Jones as President, and Tom Becker as Vice President; and we reaffirmed the appointment of Dan Mazan as treasurer. At the March council meeting, we elected Kurt Rager as Secretary.

We assigned council liaisons to congregational ministries as follows:

Development – Kurt Rager

Faith Formation and OAR – Meredyth Jones

Memorial and Community Life – Nicole Arguello

Finance – Dan Mazan and Sam Schriver

Personnel – Kris Ericson

Property and Endowment – Tom Becker

Preschool – Fabian Enriquez

Worship – Frank Orton



# SID FENDLEY & FRIENDS 20TH ANNUAL SWEET JAZZ

**BENEFIT CONCERT  
SILENT AUCTION**

**Sunday 19 April 2026 | 4:00-6:00 PM**

*Sandia Presbyterian Church  
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE*

*Visit [www.familypromiseabq.org](http://www.familypromiseabq.org) for tickets*

Family Promise of Albuquerque (FPA) invites you to join us for the 20th annual Sweet Jazz Benefit Concert and Silent Auction. This event benefits the operations, programs and services of Family Promise of Albuquerque and this year is no exception. We are adding something special for our 20th anniversary concert- an opportunity for our guests to be a permanent part of FPA by purchasing a dedication plaque for our new shelter and day center! Supporters will be able to purchase a large plaque, small plaque or add their name to a plaque shared by others. Plaques will be on display in our new home upon the completion of renovations.

If you have an item you'd like to add to the silent auction, please reach out to our Family Advocate Tina at [assistant@familypromiseabq.org](mailto:assistant@familypromiseabq.org) to coordinate the pick up of your item- no item is too big or too small! Mark your calendars, buy your tickets and join us for Sweet Jazz!

*Buy your tickets here: <https://familypromiseabq.networkforgood.com/events/42962-join-us-for-sweet-jazz-2026>*

## **Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope**

Some of you are aware that the church has owned a 3-acre parcel of unimproved land in Paradise Hills for some time. This land was donated to the church. Last year the congregation authorized the sale of the property, and it was listed for sale in September. The Congregational Council has agreed to accept an offer on the sale of the property for \$140,000. The sales contract, which closed on March 30th, required the buyer to make a down payment of \$40,000 to ASLC and to sign a note stipulating that the balance is to be paid in 5 years. This note, which carries a 5% interest rate, is to be paid off with regular monthly payments to ASLC of approximately \$535 and a balloon payment at the end of its term. After paying real estate closing costs, the church will receive \$28,795 on March 31st.

Last Fall's pledge campaign, "A Chorus of Generosity" ended with 42 commitments for total commitments of \$147,750, which compares to 47 (\$190,296) for 2025.

Total commitments for the three-capital campaign, "Building With Hope & Blessings", are \$284,010 thru the end of February we have received \$107,685 (37.9%) of those commitments.

For all that have supported "A Chorus of Generosity" and "Building With Hope & Blessing" campaigns you are to be commended for your responses and answering the call to support the ministries and programs of ASLC.

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 February '26.

	YTD Feb '26	YTD Feb '25
Offerings	\$48,126	\$39,804
Other revenue	\$13,697	\$11,968
Expenses	\$63,994	\$59,123
NET Cash Flow	(\$2,170)	(\$7,305)

Offerings through February have increased 20.9% (\$8,322) as compared to last year and expenses are up 8.2% (\$4,871).

YTD February, the preschool operated at a gain \$29,271. The operating results for the preschool continue to be positively impacted by NM's Universal Child Care program.

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

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.

## Thank You for your generosity!

On March 1, Pastor Rhonda Newby-Torres was here to share stories and good news from Lutheran Campus Ministry – now called Open Table Connection. We took a special offering for the ministry which totaled \$319. We also give \$900 to campus ministry from our annual budget each year.

On March 15, as we explored themes of care and protection for the vulnerable, we took a special offering for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Holy Trinity has been very involved in assisting the surrounding community during the ICE presence in the city, helping immigrants with food and rent. We collected \$405 for Holy Trinity, and also sent a donation from our Endowment fund of \$1500.



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## COUNTERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP SHEET IN  
THE NARTHEX :)



Save the date! Roadrunner food bank is hosting a Gubernatorial Forum, currently scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6**, from 5:00 pm-7:30 pm. The plan is to do a "Fireside Chat" format that will allow each candidate to answer the same pre-chosen questions one by one within the same time limit. The focus will be around food security in NM. Watch for more information and the opportunity to carpool from ASLC.



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## Property Updates

Construction on our new drainage system is complete! It's not as exciting as the new kitchen or art installation – but it is a relief to have this large project completed. We will make the final payment to Custom Grading in April.

With the early warm weather, our attention is turning once again to our aging air conditioning units. Please remember to keep up on your giving to Building with Hope and Blessings – or make a special gift if you did not pledge. The property committee has received status reports on our current AC units and Council will be deciding how to proceed with repair and replacement of units.



## Let's Speak Up to End Hunger!



Hunger continues to impact millions of people across the globe—and its burden is not shared equally. As Bread for the World reminds us, women, communities of color, and rural populations face hunger at disproportionately high rates both in the U.S. and worldwide. As Christians, we are called to respond. Advocacy is one of the most powerful ways we can put our faith into action. As 1 John 3:17–18 teaches, love becomes real when it moves beyond words and into deeds.

### Join Us for All Saints' Offering of Letters — Sunday, April 19

Right after worship, head to the Fellowship Hall to take part in this year's Offering of Letters. All materials will be provided. You can write a traditional letter—or try our creative option and write your message on a white paper plate. In May, these letters will be hand-delivered to our legislators' local offices to ensure our voices are heard.

If you can't be with us on April 19, materials will also be available after worship on Sunday, April 12. Completed letters may be returned to Krysta during the week or placed in the designated basket at All Saints.

### Let's Raise Our Voices—Together

Deuteronomy 24:17 urges us not to “deprive the foreigner or orphan of justice...” Last year, our congregation wrote 114 letters advocating for an end to hunger. This year, let's challenge ourselves to meet—or even surpass—that number. Every letter is an act of hope, compassion, and justice. Let's speak up boldly and faithfully.

Rozy Kalsbeek  
OAR Committee  
Offering of Letters Coordinator



## **NIMA WARD: A Reflection on a Faithful Lutheran Advocate in New Mexico by Judy Messal**

***“And what does the Lord require of you?***

***To act justly, to love mercy, and to work humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 (NIV)***

Nima Ward had a gracious presence among us as she directed the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in New Mexico for the first fifteen of its forty-two years. She did her work humbly. She listened to people experiencing social and economic injustice and invited them to educate her team of advocates and to be with her at the State Legislature. She didn't want to speak for them so much as to be an instrument to amplify their voices.

Nima took the first steps in building trust between the Lutheran advocacy ministry and elected officials. One who admired her greatly was the venerable State Representative J. Paul Taylor from Dona Ana County. He called her “the Mother Teresa of New Mexico” and remembered that, no matter how late the hour during the legislative session, she always seemed to be at the Roundhouse. When deliberations went on past midnight, the legislators could look up from their work and see Nima—still there in the room with them. It raised their spirits, he said.

Her work was not just in Santa Fe. I also like to think of Nima as an apostle who traveled New Mexico to encourage ELCA congregations to step into the world of public policy. She invited us to take up our call there as people of faith—to learn why poverty exists and to work for systemic solutions. She went to Farmington, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Los Lunas, Las Cruces, Carlsbad, and Hobbs, and in those places she found advocates to serve on her advisory committee. She brought in the Presbytery of Santa Fe as a partner.

I met Nima in 1993, at Peace Lutheran in Las Cruces. She invited us to be an advocating congregation by setting up a telephone tree—the pre-Internet way of transmitting legislative action alerts. When I encountered this kind person with a passion for justice, something shifted in my faith journey, and I sought her mentorship. Nima supported our advocacy efforts at Peace, coming to Las Cruces each year as we hosted thank-you receptions for our legislators. In her warm, respectful interactions with elected officials, she was the model of how to move with grace between church and the public square.

Nima also introduced us to our neighbors who prize social justice. Thus, Peace met Sister Kathleen Erikson of an immigrant center in Anthony and Sister Donna Kustusich of Centro Santa Catalina in Cd. Juarez. From those links, people from Peace became guests of Santa Catalina families who live on Juarez's old landfill. Staying in their homes for three days, we learned the realities of people living on the margins of a globalized economy. Nima helped change us and make us believe in the work of advocacy so that all can share in God's abundance with dignity.

Thank you, Nima Ward, good and faithful servant, for starting the advocacy ministry that Ruth Hoffman and, later, Kurt Rager have so ably taken on. Up and down and across New Mexico, you helped us nurture our faith and empathy and apply them to social systems. In all the ways that count, the work that has been done for more than forty years is adding up to a better society.



## Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

For this blessed Season of Easter, I would like to share a poem with you by Susan Palo Cherwien:

### **ON THE THIRD DAY RISEN!**

Baptized into his death, buried with him,  
We too shall rise.

Since Jesus crossed the river,  
it is not only Christ's resurrection  
it is not only Christ's resurrection.  
We too shall rise.

This is our baptismal faith  
expressed in our baptismal creed.

Jesus is LORD!

is the earliest Christian creed.

Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again,  
we proclaim in the Great Thanksgiving.

Baptized into a death like his,  
Buried with him,  
we too shall rise.

The grain dies,  
the wheat is born;  
from barren branches  
new buds green;  
from deathly winter  
spring blossoms;  
from the cold baptismal river  
the new person steps forth;  
from pain,  
birth,  
from death,  
Easter.

### **This Joyful Eastertide**

ELW 391 (refrain)

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.*

*But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL KORNER / APRIL 2026



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

## DAY TO DAY

The Preschool is in the middle of a “Spring” theme. April 1, NO! FOOLIN! Is the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A huge crowd of parents, grandparents and friends will join the children while they look for the eggs. After the egg hunt the children will enjoy the trike-a-thon followed by a picnic of hot dogs, chips and popsicles. All church members are invited to attend!

## SUMMER AT ALL SAINTS PRESCHOOL

Since All Saints is a year-round school, plans are being made for the fun months of June and July. This year the theme for the summer sessions is “Nature Camps”! Tell your family and friends!

FINANCIAL – January/February revenues = \$73,916.00 and Expenses = \$44,644.00  
Balance = + \$29,271.46

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1	Easter Egg Hunt and Party, Trike-a-thon/picnic
April 2,3	Easter Break

## “DID YOU KNOW”

The Preschool is licensed by the Early Childhood Education for Child Development (ECECD). We always receive compliments on the facilities, teaching staff and loving atmosphere. Each year there is an annual and semi-annual visit. The results are posted on the preschool office door.

The Albuquerque Fire Department also does an inspection each year of the Preschool. This keeps the preschool and the church safe for all who enter. During the inspection, Fire extinguishers are assessed, and emergency lighting is evaluated. The preschool holds monthly fire drills and lock down or shelter in place drills are done each quarter.

As always if you have questions or wish to tour the preschool see or call Ms. Marleta 505-280-1911.

Ms. Marleta :>





# Prayer Requests

<p><b>Virginia Antonetty:</b> Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian</p> <p><b>Lucy Archambault:</b> Gina Tena &amp; Family, Lynn, Jeannie &amp; their families, Sam Moore &amp; Family, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye, Lee and Linda</p> <p><b>Nicole Arguello:</b> Liz Rodriguez &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Karen Cellan:</b> Kevin &amp; Ronda Stantz, Kris Roman-great grandson Sawyer and family, Kathy Braun and family, Dave Walker, Alanna Cellan-Walker, Frank</p> <p><b>Vicki Easson:</b> Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum</p> <p><b>Kathy Ferdig:</b> Donn &amp; Janet Franklin</p> <p><b>Karen Hyde:</b> Brent Bardo, Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis</p> <p><b>Kris Ericson:</b> Ede Ericson Cardell, Cheyenne and Carly</p> <p><b>Reils:</b> Will Larson, Nicholas</p> <p><b>Nicholas:</b> Julie Shy and family</p> <p><b>Fabian and Amy Enriquez:</b> Francine Lucero</p>	<p><b>Cheryl Klenner:</b> Kurt and Beth Stoor, Bruce Epper, John Klenner, Denyse Klenner</p> <p><b>Karol Lavallo:</b> Ellen Saige</p> <p><b>Jon &amp; Jan Jastram:</b> Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel &amp; David, Patty</p> <p><b>Krugers:</b> Jim &amp; Joanne, Bob &amp; Pat, Jon &amp; Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave &amp; Liz, Fran Meitzen, Diane Mulder, Susan Wiederspan, Patty</p> <p><b>Shelley Takeuchi:</b> Tammy</p> <p><b>Bob &amp; Lucy Welch:</b> Kim Welch</p> <p><b>Mark &amp; Denise Winn:</b> Mitch and Val Winn, Ben and Rachel Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson, Wharton Family, Grant Houglund and Patsy and Mike Nelson, and Jane Brennan</p> <p><b>VanDeMotters:</b> Bridget (VanDeMotter) and Travis Klinger</p> <p><b>Dan Mazan:</b> Karl Koeneman</p> <p><b>Susan Mather:</b> Jan Carman</p> <p><b>Lyndi &amp; Jim Perry:</b> John Perry</p> <p><b>Debbie Ray:</b> Jacob and Katie</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	Virginia Antonetty	Bev Horn
Kelly Richard		

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 and the whole churchwide staff.

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

For requests, updates and changes contact the office at 505-898-3932 or [office@allsaintsabq.org](mailto:office@allsaintsabq.org)

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## Congregation Council Members

Larry Shy, Nicole Arguello

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

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