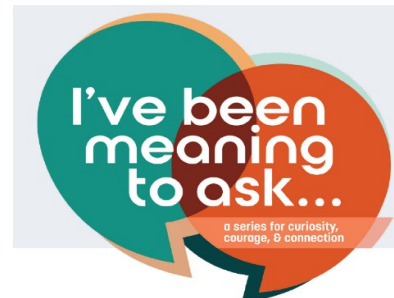




ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

JULY 2026

Human beings are made for connection – connection with God, connection with one another. When God made the first human, God said that “it is not good for humans to be alone,” and set about making a companion, that the humans would have full relationship with one another.



But connection isn't always easy to find. In July and August, we will use a set of resources designed to explore how we find meaningful connection with one another. Courageous conversations begin with simple questions and the curiosity to truly listen. *"I've been meaning to ask..."* is the theme because it conveys intentionality, warmth, curiosity, and consideration. In essence, this question also implies the following statements: *"I've been thinking about you and I've been wanting to check in... You've been on my mind..."* Weekly sub-themes provide a trajectory for going deeper.

- * *Where are you from* * *Where does it hurt?* *
- * *What do you need?* * *Where do we go from here?* *

As you will see, these questions aren't surface level; they invite us to share our pain and hope and seek ways to care for one another. As we journey through this series we pray that the scriptures, art, poetry, preaching, and prompts lead us deeper into the heart of things.

May this series help us to behold each other as images of the divine.

May it help us strengthen our capacity for empathy and compassion.

May it remind us of the power of asking unassuming questions.

May it show us that courage is rooted in the heart.

Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us to glimpse hope, joy, and beauty—and to become the community God created us to be.

On July 19, we will launch this series with an ice-cream social following worship.

We will take the opportunity to share conversation with one another – to meet someone new, and ask a new question of someone you’ve known for a while.

See you at church this summer!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin

Congregational Meeting July 5

The Congregation Council is calling a special congregational meeting following worship on July 5. We will vote on entering a contract with J.D. Zentz to replace 5 of our air conditioning units. The council is asking the congregation to approve up to \$117,000 for this work.



The original bid from J.D. Zentz is \$107,184, and they advised us to include up to \$10,000 in case product prices increase. We received a second bid from Elevated Mechanical Services for \$196,520.

We will also vote on a new member for the endowment committee. The whole meeting should only take a few minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the air conditioning plans or bids, feel free to contact Tom Becker, property chair and vice president, Pastor Kristin, or Meredyth Jones, president.

The air conditioning is one of the areas for which we are raising funds with our Building with Hope and Blessings capital campaign. Thank you to all of you who continue to give regularly to the campaign. You can track our progress in giving on the bulletin board in the entryway, where each brick represents \$10,000 given to the campaign.



Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 24, All Saints welcomed five new members: Kathy Branson, Cynthia Nava and Ron Curry, Cory Sisk, and Carter Wachholtz.

On June 21, we baptized Eleanor, great-granddaughter of Lucy Archambault.

Love and blessings to all these new members of our community!





Worship

July 5— Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	July 12— Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32 Luke 1:68-72
July 19— Genesis 2: 4b-15 Colossians 3: 11-17 or John 17: 21b-23	July 26— Acts 2: 42-47 John 1:35-51

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
July 5	Eric F.		Megan B.	Meredyth J.	Steve R.
July 12	Kris E.	Nicole A.	Logan L.	Lee L.	Marlee B.
July 19	Sue M.	Meredyth J.	Lee L.	Megan B.	Steve R.
July 26	Katy A.	Patty F.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.

July Birthdays

Daniel Mazan	07/02	Jacob Enriquez	07/22
Noah Liming	07/03	Sylas Warriner	07/23
Alanna Cellan	07/06	Kathy Ferdig	07/24
Erica Montano	07/11	Barbara Willman	07/25
Karla Lux	07/15	Pete Ormson	07/29
Claire Anderson	07/22	Crish Tippit	07/31
Megan Barnes	07/22		





ASLC MEN'S GROUP

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



All Saints Women's Group

ASLC Women's Dinner Group will meet on July 9, 6 p.m. at The Great Greek restaurant on Coors.

Look Back with Gratitude and Look Forward with Hope

In the last committee update we reported on the pending sale of the three-acre parcel of land the church owned. The closing on the sale of that parcel was completed on March 31st.

The committee has started work on developing our annual giving program for Fall with the intent to coordinate it closely with other activities taking place in the ministries of our church.

Total commitments for the three-year capital campaign, "Building With Hope & Blessings", are \$285,010. Through the end of May, we have received \$146,351 (49.0%) of those commitments. There is still an opportunity to support the capital campaign and we encourage you to do so if you haven't already made 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 May '26.

	Year to Date May '26	Year to Date May '25
General Giving	\$103,689	\$104,987.36
Other revenue	\$75,317	\$4,117
Expenses	\$156,209	\$145,170
NET Cash Flow	\$50,180	(\$2,878)

Offerings through May are down approximately 1.0% (\$1,298) as compared to last year and expenses are up 7.6% (\$11,039). When comparing results between '26 & '25 it is important to remember that we received IRS solar rebate of \$30,000 and sold the 3 acres that the church owned resulting in the receipt of approximately \$40,000.

YTD May, the preschool operated at a gain \$27,675. The operating results for the preschool continue to be positively impacted by NM's Universal Child Care program.

We express gratitude for everyone's support not only financially, but in all the other ways you support the ministries of our church

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

Jim Kruger on behalf of the Development Committee.



July 19th-Ice-cream social following worship-

Launching the “ I have been meaning to ask” series.

All Saints Lutheran Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.



Faith Formation Dinner and a Movie

On July 12 we will gather at 5:00 for a potluck dinner, followed by the movie Sketch. It's a movie about a little girl whose monster crayon drawings come to life and terrorize her town. It's lots of fun, with a message about the importance of expressing feelings.



Back-to-School Menchie's

Sunday, August 2 at 7:00 pm all students in 5th – 12th grade are invited to meet up at Menchie's on Winterhaven (at Coors at Montano) for end-of-summer treats (end of summer on August 2? Yep, school starts for APS on August 7!)



Good Medicine Way

In May, Judy Messal, Martha Debelak and Pastor Kristin attended a conference hosted by Good Medicine Way, an indigenous congregation which meets Mondays at 6:00 at Mesa View United Methodist church. It serves people around the country with online worship and education. We heard a fantastic speaker and sang and prayed with the congregation.

In June All Saints made a contribution from our Endowment fund to support Good Medicine Way. Pastor Kristin would like to find ways to support the congregation with our presence and learn from them in the months to come, in conversation with their pastor, Dr. Casey Church. Dr. Church was a consultant in preparing the First Nations Version indigenous Bible translation we use here in Bible study and occasionally in worship.

You can find out more about Good Medicine Way at gmwgathering.org Interested in participating more with Good Medicine Way as a congregation? Please contact Pastor Kristin to share your ideas and interest!



July 1, 2026

Dear People of God of All Saints
Grace and Peace be with you.

A couple of months ago, as I drove along Rodeo Drive in Santa Fe, I noticed that a small circus had pitched a tent at the fairground. This took me back to my days in Southern California when my parents and I went to the Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus. I remember how big it all seemed. Not only the elephants, the lions, the clowns, but the trapeze artists truly thrilled me each time they leapt from the towering platform and let go of the tiny bar in their hands.

If you have ever sat on the bleachers under a big top, you know that there is a point when a trapeze artist lets go of one trapeze bar and sails through the air aiming to catch another bar swinging toward them. At that moment the artist is suspended in space, having jettisoned the past before catching the future. It seems, at once, vulnerable, terrifying, and electrifying. It's a perfect example of what's called "liminal space." We all encounter these moments. We become untethered from one secure reality, and we're on a threshold, waiting and hoping to experience a new place where we can hold onto life, and anticipate the future. In simple ways, it can be riding up an elevator or crossing a bridge. Or embodied in life events, like graduations, divorce, a death of a loved one, or even a retirement.

Yes, I am at that point where I am letting go and swinging into retirement. After 42 years of work in the church, beginning in the Lutheran Church in America as a missionary to Japan, and then over 33 years as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament, I am retiring from my formal vocation as a called minister of Word and Sacrament. My last Sunday will be worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamos on September 6, 2026. After that, my beloved dog Koi and I will begin our pilgrimage west, visiting friends and congregations I have served in CO, WY, and MT and WA to arrive at my new spiritual home in Seattle.

In a recent conversation with our own Bishop Alebouni, I shared with her my gratitude to have had the privilege to complete my life's vocational service within the Rocky Mountain Synod where I first entered in 1996 in Casper, WY as an associate pastor from Hawaii. . All Saints, where I hold my membership, has been an important part of my life not only in New Mexico, but in the Rocky Mountain Synod. Serving as your visitation pastor with your outstanding staff led by Pastor Kristin was a joy.

In terms of my years of service as an intentional interim, most recently for BELC, I have said countless times, God knows exactly what is needed for each one of us as we live out our faith through communal living. I look forward to honoring that work and the release of my time with you in a specially designed worship service at 9:00am on the 6th of September. A zoom option will be made available. Colleagues from the synod, friends from far and near, and my family of choice will join me that morning in thanksgiving for what has been, to date, a remarkable Christian pilgrimage. So, save the date. You are invited to not only the worship service, in person or on zoom, but also at the retirement luncheon and program to follow at Bethlehem on Sept 6th.

Faith in God declares that each of us be called away from secure places. And like you, I know we all want to trust in God's promises of new life. That new life is always found all around us, in community, a place where we can be, even when we are in liminal space. Please consider this your official invitation to come and be, as the church universal gathers in celebration and release.

Meeting you in the in-between. In deepest respect and gratitude,
Pastor Kate and my beloved sidekick, Koi (who refuses to retire!!)

Rev. Dr. Kate Schlechter
Senior Transition Pastor
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church



When St Felix food pantry in Rio Rancho issued an emergency call for food in June, our OAR (Outreach, Advocacy and Rapid Response) team decided to take the food gathered in the OAR room over to St Felix - 104 lbs of food! Thank you for your generosity - you make a difference!



On May 31, five of our youth joined Pastor Kristin and Meredyth for a fun afternoon in the Jemez. We took a hike to Jemez Falls and spent the afternoon at a house owned by Pastor Kristin's parents (thank you, Hal and Cheryl Schultz!). We spent time learning some new prayer practices, as well as playing ping pong, walking and playing "frisbee" with a hat. Thank you also to Helen Johnson for use of her mini-van.





Music Ministry Notes

Erin Reil

This July marks the Semi quincennial of the United States. With everything happening in our world, both at home and afar, I am feeling heaviness in celebrating. During my time of feeling my feelings, I have spent a lot of time talking with God and the thing that God continues to pop into my brain is to just love one another. Watching the happenings surrounding the World Cup have helped to lighten my heart. One of my favorite meme's says, "Somebody said that the World Cup is just the US having a giant sleepover with the cousins we never see because our parents don't get along." There is so much love out there. We just have to be open to it!

Below are some writings that help me remember. May it bring your heart peace as well.

Love, Erin

Found in the ELCA worship resources:

"The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community."

From the book, *Seeds of Trust* by the brothers of the Taizé community:

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

- Galatians 5: 12-16a, 22-23

At the heart of the Gospel is found freedom. The presence of the Holy Spirit liberates human beings from all kinds of determinisms to make them people who find their identities in their relationship with God alone. In his letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul is writing to people who confuse the liberty of the Spirit with a life with no reference points. And he tries to deepen their understanding of this fundamental reality.

The Spirit is the source of freedom, the apostle tells them, but freedom has nothing automatic about it. We need to make a choice, to live according to this Spirit in us. In Paul's language, we must "walk according to the Spirit." Otherwise, we fall prey to what Paul calls a "life according to the flesh." This obscure expression stands for a life without reference to God, closed to the help of God's vivifying and unifying love. Such a life can lead only to division and dispersion.

In fact, freedom is never found in a pure state. Every way of life has its consequences. To the "works of the flesh," Paul contrasts "the fruit of the Spirit," a single, many-sided reality: love, peace, goodness, trust, and so on. That is where true freedom is found, for such a life is creative; it does not lead to sterile isolation but engenders and unites. To enter it, there is one road: crossing over with Christ from death to life, consenting to the impulses of his Spirit at work in us.

A Word About Hospitality

Friends,

One of our core values at All Saints is welcome. This doesn't just mean on Sunday morning; it means hospitality and welcome to anyone using our building, particularly our preschool.

We have a number of young families and young teachers in our preschool, and they are all doing their very best with the young children in their care. Our preschool provides a safe and loving environment for young kids to grow and learn, and a community of care for families who may live far from their loved ones.

I have heard more than once now about church members approaching preschool families in the parking lot to complain about where they park. Friends, we have a large parking lot, mostly not used during the week. If families of young children choose to park in designated handicap spots while they pick up and drop off kids, they are welcome to do that. It is also important to remember that not all disabilities are visible or age related.

The only way we need to be interacting with our preschool teachers and families is in positive, welcoming, affirming ways. Remember that any interaction you have, you are representing the church – your interaction will shape whether they feel that All Saints Church is welcoming and caring place. If there is a concern you have, please address it to me or to our preschool director, Marleta. And if you see a parent balancing young children and backpacks in the parking lot, offer a friendly smile and maybe a helping hand.

The same goes for the teachers and kids you may encounter in the building or on the playground on a weekday. These teachers do amazing work with so much patience and love. Please offer smiles and encouragement when you see them.

Caring for young kids and managing the schedules of working families is hard. Please remember to share the love of God and hospitality of All Saints with our preschool and anyone who is using our church.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE JULY 2026

The Preschool is enjoying the summer, complete with solar ovens, smore's and erupting volcanoes. The July session is July 6th-29th.

Currently, the Preschool has applied for the verification process for the "3" star FOCUS program. Portfolios have been completed on 40 children. These portfolios will continue to document future milestones and educational growth on all children infants to 3 years. Staff, classroom and Office portfolios are also completed and ready to continue. The classrooms, Big Apple Room and office have been redesigned to meet the standards set forth by ECECD and FOCUS. If any church member would like to read or see the work, contact Ms. Marleta.

Soon the Preschool will start preparing for another school year! The preschool will be closed July 30th to August 4th for cleaning, and all floors will be commercially washed, waxed and carpets cleaned. The theme this year is "Hands Around the World". Parent Orientation is for Parents & Children on Tuesday August 4, 3:30 to 5:30pm. The school year starts on August 5, at 7am.

Financially, the preschool is doing good, and we have committed to paying for 2 air conditioning units on the preschool side.

Next month! Ready for school! Ms. Marleta (25 years)





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>Karen Hyde: Brent Bardo, Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis</p> <p>Kris Ericson: Ede Ericson Cardell, Cheyenne and Carly</p> <p>Reils: Will Larson, Nicholas</p> <p>Nicholas: Julie Shy and family</p> <p>Fabian and Amy Enriquez: Francine Lucero</p>	<p>Cheryl Klenner: Beth Stoor, Bruce and Chris 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, Josh</p> <p>Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch</p> <p>Mark & Denise Winn: Mitch and Val Winn, Ben and Rachel Stanzell, Cathy Fillingim Thompson, Wharton Family, Grant Hougland and Patsy and Mike Nelson, and Jane Brennan</p> <p>VanDeMotters: Maggie and children</p> <p>Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman</p> <p>Susan Mather: Jan Carman</p> <p>Debbie Ray: Jacob and Katie</p>
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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 completing his service in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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