



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2026

This fall, we will embark on a journey together – a journey of faith which will guide us through eight weeks of worship, adult formation, and home devotions. There are four areas of focus which will take us through the fall:

Journey to Community, September 20 and 27

Journey to Reconciliation, October 4 and 11

Journey to Peace, October 18 and November 1

Journey to Generosity, November 8 and 15



Each of these Sundays you are invited to gather in the library at 11:30 to engage in a guided group reflection on the scripture and theme of the day. The weekly study is an opportunity to reflect upon our personal faith journeys, as well as offering a guide to reflect upon our journey as a congregation. There is a “Walk About” section and action ideas for each theme to guide engagement in the wider community.

The study guide, which is available in paper or digital form, includes **rich daily devotions** to use each week. Each day includes a passage from the most extensive journey story in scripture, the Exodus. These offer an opportunity for journaling and reflection on scripture as well as prayer prompts. These activities offer us daily opportunities to consider how the sacred journey of the Children of Israel intersects with our own spiritual journey.

You can sign up in the entryway to receive a paper copy of the Journey Project book. The digital link can be accessed [CLICK HERE](#) (only opens with a google login).

I hope you will choose to participate fully in worship, group discussion and personal devotions as All Saints embarks on this journey of faith together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kristin

The Journey Project was created by Lynne Hinton and Randall Partin at the New Mexico Conference of churches to support faith communities in ministry. The Journey Project was funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

Equipping Congregations ~



All Saints has been accepted into the Equipping Congregations project, working with Caffeinated Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado to reach out specifically to Millennials and Gen Z in our community. An introduction was included in the August newsletter – here's a bit more information.

How It Works

Pastor Kristin will commit 4–5 hours every other week serve as the project's point person. Through a structured yearlong process, our congregation will learn to:

- Identify resonant stories from this community
- Use iPhone-based filming and simple editing workflows
- Share faith conversations, testimonies, spiritual practices, and community life
- Engage younger audiences with humor, honesty, vulnerability, and real-life relevance
- Build confidence and long-term capacity for ongoing content creation

The style of the stories will be intentionally unpolished, real, and visually engaging—mirroring the platforms where Gen Z and Millennials form digital connections and meaning.

What do participating churches receive?

Through hands-on training, one-on-one coaching with a professional communications consultant, and the creation of high-quality digital media, All Saints will gain practical tools to share our story with clarity, confidence, and creativity—especially with younger generations and new audiences. The total value of this experience is over \$8,000 per church, made possible through grant funding, allowing churches to receive expert support that would otherwise be out of reach.

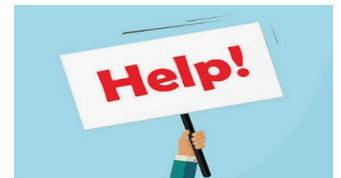
Our coach will be Deacon Mary Stonebeck, Rocky Mountain Synod Minister for Strategic Communications and Events. With over 15 years of experience in ministry and multimedia, Mary is excited to equip congregations in sharing God's Word and guiding them in telling their stories of God's love and grace in action.



Worship

September 6— Genesis 12 Psalm 24 Matthew 5:1-12	September 13— Micah 6:8 Psalm 15 Matthew 25
September 20— Ruth 1: 1-18 Psalm 133 John 13:12-15,33-35	September 27— 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 13b-18 Psalm 100 Luke 1:39-45

Counters needed! Please sign up in the Narthex or email the office– aslc_aslc@comcast.net



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Zoom Usher	Audio	Video
Sept 6	Nicole A.	Gloria N.O.	Logan L.	Steve R.	Steve R.
Sept 13	Katy A.	Vicki E.	Meredyth J.	Steve R.	Marlee B.
Sept 20	Sue M.	Karen C.	Megan B.	Lee L.	Steve R.
Sept 27	Nicole A.	Larry S.	Lee L.	Steve R.	Marlee B.

September Birthdays



Debbi Disgrazzi	09/01
Helen Johnson	09/02
Tlisa Giralmo	09/19
Natalie Reil	09/19
Todd Kellett	09/21
Scott Wilson	09/24
Kim Pettit	09/25
Brandi Rael	09/30



The Sunday Flowers Sign-Up Sheet is Back in the Narthex! We are ordering through the new flower company called Flowers and Things. The cost for the flowers is still \$35



ASLC MEN'S GROUP

ASLC MEN'S GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 1st 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 September 10th at 6 p.m. at Tula's on Paseo and Wyoming.



September 6 ~ Back to School Blessing

During worship on this day Pastor Meredyth will offer a blessing and “back-to-school” bag for all students, teachers, aids – anyone returning to a school year. The theme is You and Me, We’re Neighbors!

September 13 Youth and Family Meeting ~ Confirmation and High School Youth and their families are invited for a meeting following worship at 11:15 in the Youth room to share lunch and make plans for confirmation and youth events for the year. We will schedule confirmation classes as well as fun activities such as a campfire, Menchies, movie nights or whatever you want to try.

Love God, Love Neighbor ~ this monthly gathering of middle school and high school youth from Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal churches in Albuquerque is starting up again this year with a new format. The first gathering is September 13 at St Chad’s Episcopal from 12:30– 2:00. We will share lunch at All Saints, then head to St Chad’s to meet youth from around the city. We will create hygiene bags for A Light in The Night Community Outreach, which supports people experiencing homelessness. We will also be playing Gaga ball! *Please let Pastor Kristin know by **September 7** if you plan to attend.*

Faith Formation News!

·Please join us for The Journey Project! An eight week study featuring discussion and person reflection on community, peace, reconciliation, and generosity will begin on September 20th after the service in the library. There is a clipboard in the lobby for signup so that books may be available to all participants. The books are free! A digital version of the guide is also available.



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·Looking forward to the Fall and Early Winter, we will have a signup for a new Lenten devotion series prepared by members. Ash Wednesday is February 10th, so the signup sheets will be in the lobby in early November with a due date of January 15th. More information to follow!

Join Professor Craig Koester in September for the Fretheim Lecture on Biblical Theology

The Death of Jesus and the Message of Life According to the Gospel of John

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6–8:30 p.m.

“Life” is the heart of the gospel John proclaims. It defines who God is and what God gives. The gift is both physical and relational. It begins now and shapes a way of life in the world, and it holds within it Christ’s promise of resurrection.

Jesus’ crucifixion remains the stubborn fact that challenges our understanding of what the message of life means. His death was the outcome of social and political forces that culminated in state-sponsored violence. But in putting to death the Giver of Life, the world reveals the depth of its estrangement from God. Using different interpretive lenses, John presses us to see how God, through the death of Jesus, does indeed give life. The Gospel takes us beyond popular notions of sin and sacrifice by presenting a more radical message. Through the crucifixion, God conveys the fullness of his love for the world in order to evoke the faith that gives life.

For more information and to register: <https://www.luthersem.edu/news/2026/07/09/join-craig-koester-in-september-for-the-fretheim-lecture-on-biblical-theology>

Want to watch with a group? Join Pastor Kristin in the library at All Saints at 6:00 p.m.



Zoom link for the Retirement Celebration of Rev. Dr. Kate Schlechter

Bethlehem's Worship Service
Sep 6, 2026 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010292181?pwd=or6PL4cbPqOYA9VUMGbfqN1ulaTToL.1>

Meeting ID: 810 1029 2181
Passcode: 340982

COMMUNITY FOOD OUTREACH

Sierra Vista Lead: Cory Sisk (smalltrees78@gmail.com)

Luther House/OTC Lead: Debbie Ray (dmray2963@gmail.com)

Sierra Vista Elementary Backpack Program & Luther House/Open Table Connection Free Food Pantry

It's back to school for the youngest to the oldest students, and All Saints Community Outreach Committee supports both with your food donations. Children from low-income families at Sierra Vista can take nutritional food and snacks home on Fridays for the weekend, and UNM students and neighbors can grab snacks while they pass by the free food pantry outside Luther House/OTC on Lomas Blvd. **We will be collecting through the month of September.**

SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST (Note-Pop top cans are preferred)

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| ▪ Pasta – Various types | ▪ Drink Mixes (Cocoa, Cider, Fruit) | ▪ Low-Sodium Canned Soups with Vegetables |
| ▪ Spaghetti Sauce (Cans only) | ▪ Peanut Butter (Plastic Jars) | ▪ Chips/ Pretzels |
| ▪ Fruit Cups | ▪ Powdered or Long Life Boxed Milk | ▪ Muffin Mix |
| ▪ Macaroni and Cheese | ▪ Tomato Sauce (Cans) | ▪ Canned Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Salmon |
| ▪ Canned Vegetables and Fruit | ▪ Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Ravioli, Spaghetti with Meatballs | ▪ Beef or Turkey Jerky |
| ▪ Juice & Chocolate Milk Boxes | ▪ Instant Ramen | ▪ Protein or Granola Bars |
| ▪ Cheese and Cracker Snacks | ▪ Fruit Leathers/ Pouches | ▪ Jelly (Plastic Jars) |
| ▪ Canned Beans (Black, Kidney, etc.) | ▪ Instant Oatmeal | ▪ Cereal (Small Boxes or Individual Cups) |
| ▪ Brown or White Rice (Microwaveable or Instant) | ▪ Crackers | ▪ Pancake Mix (That Only Requires Water) |
| ▪ Tortillas | ▪ Jello/Pudding (Mixes or Individual cups) | |
| ▪ Applesauce Cups | | |
| ▪ Raisins and Dried Fruit | | |
| ▪ Shelf-Stable Pasta Meals | | |

Refrigeration space is almost non-existent so no fresh and no frozen food will be accepted. Also, no glass containers since food is being carried home in backpacks. No expired food please.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help children in need in our community and neighborhood and to assist a Lutheran outreach ministry to our college students.

Thank you for your participation and generosity.



Sierra Vista
Elementary School



Advocacy Note: Thoughts on a (Not) Empty Land, Part 2

In May, Pastor Kristin, Martha Debelak, and I attended the Indigenous Justice and Christian Spirituality Symposium at Mesa View United Methodist Church. One of the sponsors was the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. When Coalition co-founder Sarah Augustine addressed us, I was riveted. In her compelling talk, she invited us to think about the earth in a new way, to understand the land and our collective body of humanity as one being.

She asked us to think about the massive extraction of minerals globally as an injury to the land and, by kinship, to us. To Sarah, “us” means all. For example, when we decide to trade our conventional car for an electric vehicle, please consider *all* of us, she urged. Consider the land and people near the mines that are in the supply chain for EV batteries. Mining can displace local communities, hurt indigenous economies, and toxify air, land, and water. Illnesses can result. For those reasons, Sarah called us to move beyond our current environmental strategies and be land and water protectors together. After listening to her speak, I ordered her book.

Sarah Augustine, a Mennonite of Tewa descent, walks with Jesus. She reveals her journey in her book’s title: *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. The Doctrine, as she implies, is not the way of Jesus but rather a theological and legal construct that came about through papal bulls issued in the 15th century. As Sarah notes, one provision of the Doctrine proved particularly helpful to the sovereigns of Europe: *terra nullius*, or “empty land.” “Empty land” was defined as a place not ruled by a Christian prince. As Europe’s explorers fanned out across the globe in the 1400s and beyond, they claimed the “empty” lands for their monarchs. All that was found on those lands became subject to a new world order. *Terra nullius* is the premise under which most of us live in North America today.

Sarah notes that today the Doctrine of Discovery still secures land rights for the descendants of colonists and immigrants in the United States. The U.S. Supreme Court illustrated her very point in 2005. In a decision against the Oneida Indian Nation in a land case, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg wrote the Court’s majority opinion, saying, “. . . [F]ee titles to the lands occupied by Indians when the colonists arrived became vested in the sovereign—first the discovering European nation and later the original States and the United States.”¹

So there it was. As Justice Ginsberg indicated, after the Europeans arrived, the new world order was set. Many of the original people, who had experienced North America’s land differently than the European settlers, lost both the land and their way of being on it.

Sarah Augustine didn’t give solutions to our strange “empty-land” problem, but she did invite us on the journey to regard the land and all its peoples in greater oneness. Next month, I’d like to share her ideas for advocacy and healing as we follow Jesus toward wholeness. As we will see, she is greatly inspired by Luke 4 and Isaiah 58.

1. [City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation of N. Y. | 544 U.S. 197 \(2005\) | Justia U.S. Supreme Court Center](#)



Music Ministry Notes
Erin Reil

Bells Rehearsal -September 13th at 1:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal -September 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Grace Notes will start in late November
Please talk to Erin if you would like to participate :)

Greetings, dear ones!

As you may know, I am bound to the surgical ward to relieve the pain I have been in from the severely pinched nerves in my spine. I am in a tunnel and can see the light at the end but am in this space of frustration and disappointment because nothing is happening at the speed *I* desire. When I write these newsletter articles, I comb through my books of prayers and blessings to find one that speaks to my heart in the moment. Today I found a “Blessing for When You are Disappointed” by Kate Bowler, however, on the following page is “A Blessing Before You Act with Kindness” which made me remember all of you, who have prayed for and supported me in so many ways. So, I decided to share that blessing with you today. ❤️

A Blessing Before You Act with Kindness – by Kate Bowler

Blessed are you who have tasted how good it is to bless, who have paused in wonder at the strange math where it is in giving that we receive. As we give, we begin to see in ourselves a tiny resemblance to our God, the Giver of Life. Blessed are we, who in giving, are being drawn closer. We begin to see life in relation to where God shows us we belong. We live more and more out of that inheritance we received through Jesus Christ, who gave his body. A real body, that ours might not die.

Blessed are we, drawn to the warmth that is this deep belonging.

So now we are beginning to understand blessing itself. The overabundance of delight that flows from the heart of God into our own. The excess of bliss that descended pure as a mountain stream to create all that is, and sustain it by love alone. Blessed are we, carried along in that flow. To love and give and give again. And when we are spent, to be gathered up and restored so we can love again. Bless again. And be blessed. Because that’s why we were made in the first place.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and
what does the Lord require of you but to do
justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

May the light of God’s love shine on you, my friends, in whatever valid feelings you are currently experiencing.

Much Love ~ Erin

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We're B-B-back !!!!!!!

The preschool fall session opened on August 5th for 2026/2027 year. The "Hopping Frogs," "Precious Panda's" and "Baby Bees" are ready to explore this exciting world! The theme for the year is "Hands Around the World."

The fun, fantastic summer sessions ended the week of July 29 with everyone sorry to see the summer gone! The usual cleaning this year was completed and a Saturday Staff Meeting was held August 1, 2026.

Thirty-seven years ago, in 1989, the course was set for a preschool ministry at All Saints Lutheran Church. The beautiful wing to the right of the church door is the perfect space for an ever-changing ministry and the preschool has been able to be flexible and meet the needs of child-care in the community. This ministry has served the needs of well over 2000+ children and their families. Wow! What a legacy this church is leaving!

COMING EVENTS:

9/7 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

9/14 Grandparents/Special person Day (Snacks & Chapel) 10:00 a.m.

Continue to pray for the preschool and if you are looking for a worthwhile program to donate to remember the preschool. For 37 years this ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church has answered the call to provide quality care and loving relationships with children and families throughout the west side of Albuquerque.

Marleta M. Anderson, Director (25 years and counting)





Prayer Requests

Virginia Antonetty: Zamirah, Yvellisse Caunedo, Christian Lucy Archambault: Gina Tena & Family, Lynn, Jeannie & their families, Sam Moore & Family, Peggy, Harris Family, Amye, Lee and Linda Nicole Arguello: Liz Rodriguez & Family Karen Cellan: Kevin Stantz and family, Kris Roman, Kathy Braun and family Vicki Easson: Kim Kangus, Ash McCallum Karen Hyde: Brent Bardo, Carol Lang, Sharon Ellis Kris Ericson: Ede Ericson Cardell, Cheyenne and Carly Reils: Will Larson, Nicholas Nicholas: Julie Shy and family Fabian and Amy Enriquez: Francine Lucero Pastor Kristin: Cheryl and Hal	Cheryl Klenner: Beth Stoor, Bruce and Chris Epper, John Klenner, Denyse Klenner Karol Lavallo: Ellen Saige Jon & Jan Jastram: Phyllis Jastram, Buzz, Daniel & David, Patty Krugers: Jim & Joanne, Bob & Pat, Jon & Mikele, Molly Highwater, Dave & Liz, Fran Meitzen, Diane Mulder, Susan Wiederspan, Patty Shelley Takeuchi: Tammy, Josh Bob & Lucy Welch: Kim Welch Mark & Denise Winn: Ben and Rachel Stanzell, Wharton Family, Jane Brennan, Katie Halstrom and Eric and Erica Hoverter. VanDeMotters: Maggie and children Dan Mazan: Karl Koeneman Susan Mather: Jan Carman Debbie Ray: Jacob and Katie
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All Saints Congregation Members

Jon Jastram	Harriett Rothlisberger	Meredyth Jones
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Rae VanDeMottter	Julie LaHam	Dawn Mace
Walter Stolte	Eric Johnson	Patty Kruger
Jim Perry	Virginia Antonetty	Crish Tippet
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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 Young Adults in Global Mission serving around the world, and especially Jack Wilcox serving in Argentina and Uruguay and supported by ASLC.

For requests, updates and changes contact the office at 505-898-3932 or office@allsaintsabq.org

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