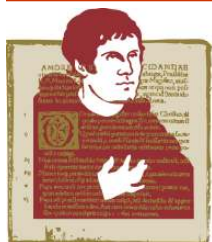




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Rooted in God's Word, Serving in God's World



October 31
506th Anniversary

Protestant Reformation

*Sola scriptura;
Sola fide; Sola gratia;
Solus Christus; Soli Deo Gloria*

"God's Word kindles faith in the heart. Faith is to build certainly on God's mercy."

"... and my best advice and counsel is, said Luther, that we draw water out of the true fountain, that is, diligently to read in the Bible."

"Let us watch and pray, for Satan sleepeth not."

Excerpts from Martin Luther's Table Talk

ST LUKE WORSHIP SERVICES

The Lord's Supper is shared at all weekend services.

Nursery care available during weekend services

Saturday at 5 PM Worship Service

In-person and Simultaneous Live-Streamed worship @ StLukeABQ.org

Sunday at 8:15 AM Worship Service

Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday School for all ages

9:15 - 10:15 AM, between services:

- + Salt & Spark - meet in the Sanctuary for music & more with Ms. Danielle, followed by Godly Play (2.5 - 5 year olds & parent/guardian) and Kids Spark (5 - 12 year olds)
- + Adult Forum: The Wired Word - meet in the Fellowship Hall
- + Nursery Care for infants - 5 years old; during worship services and Sunday School

November 2023

Walking with Jesus

and Pastors Christa & Wayne

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson
FOREWORD BY JOE WILKINSON

Unexpected Destinations

AN EVANGELICAL PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD CHRISTIANITY



~ A Day of Reflection ~

with Wesley Granberg-Michelson

On Saturday, October 28th, the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry (of which I am a board member) hosted a Day of Reflection with Westley Granberg-Michelson at the Norbertine Abbey. About 30 individuals attended from both Protestant and Catholic traditions. It was an extraordinary day!

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson gave two lectures and facilitated our conversation. The topics were:

- ◆ Change in World Christianity: What United States Faith Communities Can Learn.
- ◆ Signs of Hope: What the Spirit is Doing in Shaping the Future.

Granberg is retired and lives in Santa Fe presently. What a marvelous local New Mexico resource! He's had a rich life serving the Reformed Church in America for seventeen years as the General Secretary (from 1994 – 2011) and as the Director of Church and Society at the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

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Over the course of his ministry his ecumenical work has taken him to the corners of world and his book titles reflect his travels and his enthrallment with global Christianity. Here are a few titles:

- ◆ Unexpected Destinations: An Evangelical Pilgrimage to World Christianity.
- ◆ From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church.
- ◆ Without Oars – Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage.

Some Hard Facts:

On Saturday, Granberg described how the “**center of gravity**” for Christianity has shifted out of the West to the “Majority World.” Such shifts have been part of our Christian history with our centers moving from Jerusalem, to

Constantinople, to Europe, to North America (and Europe) and now to the Global South. **In the United States**, we are only too well aware of the slow fade of Christianity – not only in Catholicism and mainline Protestantism, but also in the more “fundamentalist” churches. Some evidence of the decline are as follows:

- ◆ There are presently 350,000 churches in the U.S. In 25 years, it is projected that 30-40% of these churches will close.
- ◆ In 2015, 57% of these churches had a membership under 100. Average worship attendance dropped from 105 to 80 people.
- ◆ In the general U.S. population, 20% is between the ages of 18-34. Only 1 in 10 churches reflect this demographic reality.

Yes ... the statistics are discouraging and disheartening.

Hope? The Holy Spirit Shifting Church Power Centers:

Granberg, however, is hopeful regarding God’s power and the church’s future. He sees such hope in the **shift of power** that is taking place to the Majority world (Southern Hemisphere). Such a shift will involve, in a sense, a humbling of the Western Church, by the movement of the Holy Spirit. Along with the humbling may come a *revitalization* of our church through:

- ◆ Learning to see the world through non-western Christians’ eyes through our conversation with migrants. [**Granberg:** Many migrants bring their Faith (trust in the Word and power of God) with them to the country they migrate to. Growth in all Christian churches will most likely be driven by people of color.]
- ◆ Trusting the Holy Spirit’s lead - being open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Spirit filled communities [**Granberg:** churches open to the Holy Spirit’s work: its gifts and fruits, healings, promptings – are most likely to experience revival. One in four Christians today are either Pentecostal or Charismatic.]
- ◆ Multi-racial congregations are more likely to grow than homogenous congregations and show more levels of spiritual vitality. [**Wayne:** we need a stronger, deeper Scriptural basis for inclusivity rather than the skin-deep slogans coming from our culture]
- ◆ A change in orientation from “Community for me” to “Me for the community.” [**Granberg:** Western Christianity (like western culture) has placed a great burden on the “individual” in our faith. It would be a relief to shift our emphasis from “Believing to Belonging.”

These are just a few of the ideas that Granberg communicated on Saturday! Perhaps, our Wednesday study group can explore one of his works in more detail. Overall, I deeply appreciate what was communicated: a renewed confidence in Scripture and the power of God to revitalize and resuscitate the church!

Pastor Wayne

Pastor Christa & Pastor Wayne





All Saints Celebration

November 4 - 5, 2023

Prayer For Yahrszeit

(anniversary of a death), from Jewish Tradition

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of *(name)* enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are with you in Paradise. Amen.

Prayer For Deceased Parents

from Roman Catholic Tradition

O God, who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the souls of my parents and forgive them their sins. May I see them again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Remembrance of the Dead

from Lutheran Tradition (adapted)

God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the communion of saints. We remember all who have died, especially those most dear to us who rest in you, *(names)* Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

REMEMBERING

those of our church family who have died since All Saints Day 2022

Their names will be lifted up and a bell will be rung in remembrance of each.

- † Dorothy Johnson Ward (Nov. 7, 2022)
- † Marcus Baltazar Mares (Nov. 24, 2022)
- † Tom H. Murphy (Dec. 29, 2022)
- † Howard Arthur Granert (Jan. 4, 2023)
- † Patricia Lange (Feb. 13, 2023)
- † Ronald E. Domres (Feb. 27, 2023)
- † Ernestine Barbara Harris (May 8, 2023)
- † Orlando Barnal Sanchez (June 12, 2023)
- † Phoebe Ann English (June 28, 2023)
- † Sarah Rose Duncan (June 29, 2023)
- † William "Bill" Hardy Gronewold (July 17, 2023)
- † Marguerite "Billie" Shirley Cooper (Sept. 11, 2023)

CELEBRATING

those who have been baptized since All Saints Day 2022

They will be called forward and given the gift of a bell as a symbol of how their voices are now part of the great song of God's Church on earth.



Faith

Stepping

Stone

Ministry

Kerrigan Quinn Powers

December 22, 2022

Ava Marie Gutierrez

February 19, 2023

Tommy Russell Glauner

April 9, 2023

Sean Michael Scott

April 9, 2023

Vivian Marie Schuler

September 2, 2023

Eliana Clare Shore

October 15, 2023

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. - Romans 6:4-5



C12.04. The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. - *St. Luke Constitution, page 12*

St. Luke Retreat: Moving into the Future

By Sally Trigg, St. Luke Member and Planning Consultant

On Saturday, September 23, sixteen St. Luke pastors, leaders, and members gathered to worship, pray, and look at St. Luke's mission and future. In an all-day retreat, the group first looked at thoughts from authors and planners and then honed in on next steps for St. Luke church.



After prayer and scripture discussion, the group looked at suggestions by Tish Harrison Warren in her book *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* about incorporating the liturgy into everyday life. They also considered suggestions by Sam Rainer about revitalizing churches from his book *Church Revitalization Checklist*. Finally, they discussed church size categories and the effect of church size on church organization and leadership.

Next the group narrowed their focus to St. Luke. First they took a fresh look at St. Luke's Mission, Vision, and Values:

- Mission (why we are here): Rooted in God's Word, serving in God's world.
- Vision (what we want to be): To be an inviting and thriving multi-generational Congregation and Preschool while working with our neighbors and serving our community and world.
- Core Values:
 - ✓ Word and Sacrament
 - ✓ Mutual Trust and Open Communication
 - ✓ Music, Arts, and Lifelong Education
 - ✓ Varied and Innovative forms of Serving Others
 - ✓ Community, Neighborhood, and Preschool
 - ✓ A safe place where all are nourished

The group then brainstormed on current internal and external realities by listing St. Luke's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. From this analysis, the group developed two goals for the upcoming year:

- Restructuring church committees, council, groups for improved, sustainable operations; grace; and consistency with vision.
- Improving church technology

The first step in pursuing these goals is research. Two small groups will be interviewing and surveying church members to learn more about current church administration and technology and to identify what needs to change. Then they will develop a plan with specific steps.

Watch for upcoming articles in the *Horizon* monthly newsletter as we move forward with these goals.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the retreat. We conclude with the closing prayer from the Retreat: Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Please Join Us for Pie, Thanksgiving Crafts, and Giving Our Thanks to God!

When: Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:15 pm
Where: St. Luke Lutheran Church
What: A family friendly Thanksgiving Worship Service,
followed by a variety of yummy pies to enjoy and crafts to make!



Bring a favorite pie to share.

And a donation to our Special Food Drive in
November for The Storehouse.

ADVENT

Advent Wednesday Worship

Holden Village Candlelight
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20
5:30 PM - Soup Supper and Craft activity, in the
Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 6:45 PM - Worship Service, in the Sanctuary

Schedule:

- † **November 29**
Soup Supper Hosts: Children, Youth & Family
Comm.
Craft Theme: Advent wreath
- † **December 6**
Soup Supper Hosts: Preschool Comm.
Craft Theme: Angels
- † **December 13**
Soup Supper Hosts: St. Luke Sanctuary Choir
Craft Theme: Stars
- † **December 20**
Soup Supper Hosts: *hosts needed to set up,
clean up & to recruit soup & bread providers.*
*Contact the church office at (505) 299-2621 or
StLuke@thuntek.net*
Craft Theme: Nativity

For information on craft activities, please contact
C, Y & F Comm. chair Holly Trujillo at 505.238.3609.

Advent Weekend Worship

Weekend Services:
Saturdays at 5 PM &
Sundays at 8:15 AM and
10:30 AM
Dec. 2 - 3; Dec. 9 - 10;
Dec. 16 - 17; and Dec. 23 - 24



Needed:

A family (children especially encouraged!) for each of
the weekend services to:

- ◆ Light the advent wreath
- ◆ Read the First Reading and lead the Psalm
reading

An email from St. Luke Lutheran Church will be sent
to the congregation. Please respond by choosing the
dates your family will be serving.

Questions or concerns? Please contact the church
office at 505.299.2621 or StLuke@thuntek.net or
Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com



Adult Forum Series

You are invited for conversations!

Sundays, 9:15 AM

(between worship services)

In the Fellowship Hall

We use *The Wired Word* curriculum. Each week, we discuss faith and scripture as it relates to a current topic that has been in the news within the past week or two.

What will happen? *The Wired Word* sends the lesson electronically at the end of each week for the upcoming Sunday.

Class members can receive advance copies of the lesson, which includes: summary, links to media reports on the topic, related Biblical passages, and discussion questions. Or, you can just show up, ready to listen and share your perspectives.

Pastor Wayne and David Follstaedt will be leading the conversations



Job Opening

St. Luke Preschool, a faith-based, five-star, NAEYC accredited school is seeking a

Part-Time Assistant Director

to work alongside the current administrative team.

Responsibilities include: nurturing relationships with families; supporting teachers; interfacing with the church, the governing board, and other stakeholders; maintaining the school's positive standing in the community, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the school; and maintaining the school's license and accreditation. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree or higher in the field of Early Childhood Education or a related field and be willing to complete graduate level course work. Wage to be determined based on education and years of experience. Benefits include paid holidays, paid sick leave and personal days, a 403b retirement plan, a positive working environment with welcoming and dedicated coworkers, as well as the joy of serving and sharing the love of God with young children and their families.

Interested applicants please send a resume and cover letter to Lori Erven at stlukesc@thuntek.net.



**Becoming
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

NEW MEMBER CLASS AND LUNCH

Sunday, November 12

At 9:15 AM (*between services*), in Lounge/Library

Followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall

After the 10:30 AM service

The sign-up form for the class & lunch is available online at StLukeABQ.org. It also includes the New Member Information form (please fill in if you are interested in joining, even if you are not available to attend the class. One of the pastors will call you).

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED during the worship services on SAT. & SUN., NOV. 18 & 19.

For more information, please contact Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com or the church office at (505) 299-2621. or StLuke@thuntek.net.



"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us..." 2 Corinthians 9:11

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheer giver . . . You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7,11

Once again it is time to examine, through prayer and Bible study, our commitment to grow as the body of Christ (the church). At St. Luke Church, we are called to spread the Good Word throughout our community and world, and throughout the generations, through evangelical actions! Meeting everyday needs through generous giving provides tools for growth. We give as Christians because our hearts have been moved by God's gracious generosity to us through Christ. The fall church stewardship season is an opportunity to look into our own hearts to determine how we are each called, individually and together, to continue God's mission and vision through St. Luke Church. The scripture from 2 Corinthians quoted above tells us that we can give generously with joy and confidence that through the Holy Spirit, our gifts will make a difference.

Mark your calendars...

11/12 November – Announcement Weekend

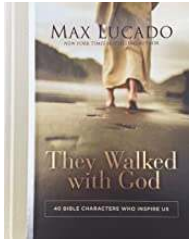
18/19 November – Temple Talk

2/3 December – Temple Talk

9/10 December – Commitment Weekend

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Stewardship Committee: Greg Haschke (chair), Diane Follstaedt, Mary Beth Garrett, Judy Moore, and Pastor Christa von Zychlin



Lamplighters

Thursday, November 2

2:00 - 3:30 PM, in the Lounge/Library.

We will continue with reading of Max Lucado's book, *THEY WALKED WITH GOD*. Carrie Haugen will be leading the discussion of chapters "The Woman with the Issue of Blood" and "Two Criminals."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrie Haugen at (505) 980-1589. Everyone is invited to attend.

Women's GATHER Bible Study, Brunch, & Mini-Retreat



Fall 2023 Bible Study: Holy Places

Written by The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnson Aelabouni
Study will be led by Pastor Christa

We'll explore what holy places mean, not only for the Holy Land of the Bible, but for each of us, wherever we may be.

SESSION 3: PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, Nov. 18, 9:15 - 11:45 AM

In the Fellowship Hall

We'll look at what Jesus' teachings and Paul's correspondence with the early church teach us about what Holy Spaces look like along the way, then and today.

Have you ever been on a pilgrimage or taken a trip that became a spiritual journey? Bring along a picture or a memory of that path, road, or memorable trip for our November session.

Study is found in the September/October issue of GATHER magazine. Watch the video online for session 2 at www.gathermagazine.org.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for our "Topsy-turvy" Advent devotional on December 16. *Topsy-turvy because Mary praises God for turning the world up side down!*

More information: contact Bev Berardinelli at womensbiblestudy@stlukeabq.org

Church Women United: World Community Day Celebration

Friday, November 3, 9:30 AM, at Central UMC, 201 University Ave NE

Speaker: The Rev. Lynn Hinton, Director of the NM Conference of Churches

Need information on CWU? See St. Luke member Gayle Carleton or Betty Ann Arner.

Information: Shirley Nilsson at 505.884.2467; Marilyn Stoops at 505.265.8358.

Salt & Spark Sunday School Opening (Music and more with Ms. Danielle)

Sundays at 9:15-10:15 (between worship services)
Meet in the Main Sanctuary, then we split off into our respective groups: Godly Play and Kids Spark



GODLY PLAY for 2 ½ - 5 year olds plus one
(with a parent, grandparent or caregiver) Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Bible Story-telling.



A Godly Play class



KIDS SPARK for 5 to 12 year olds
With games, crafts, and conversation, we gather "family style" helping each other to pray, read the Bible, and explore ways to activate our faith in everyday life throughout the week. We discover and re-discover God speaking to us afresh!

For more information on Children's Ministries, please contact Children, Youth & Family (CY&F) Chair Holly Trujillo at CY&F@stlukeABQ.org or Pastor Christa at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH 6TH Grade and Up

LOVE GOD NEIGHBOR

2023-24 edition

ABQ Youth Collaborative

September 10 start @ Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
carpool to & home from Tres Hermanas Farm

October 8 start & remain @ St. Luke Lutheran Church
High Desert Therapy Dogs

November 12 start & remain @ All Saints Lutheran Church
Assemble Dignity Kits

December 10 start @ St. Luke Lutheran Church
carpool to & home from Saranam



grade 6
and up

adult
mentors
encouraged

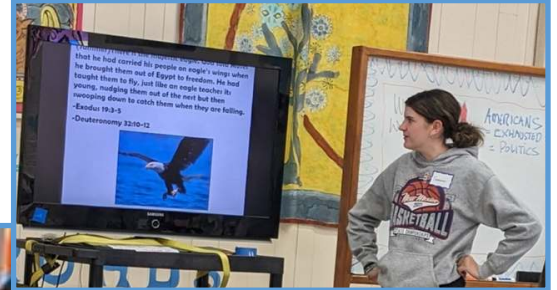
2nd Sundays (Sept—Apr) noon—4pmish



Service-Learning Resource Coordinator: Katie Hallstrom - see more about service-learning projects at <https://servicelearningcamps.com/> (not directly affiliated with Love God. Love Neighbor. Program)

Project Manager: Pastor Christa von Zychlin at pastorchristaABQ@gmail.com at St. Luke Lutheran Church, ABQ or text 920-489-0650





**Last month at St. Luke
Service Project: Dog Biscuits for High
Desert Therapy Dogs (Oct. 2023)**



NOVEMBER 2023


5 All Saints celebration at both services

Nursery Care during services & classes

After each service: Coffee Fellowship-Narthex

8:15am Worship Service**9:15am** Adult Forum, in the Fellowship Hall**9:15am** Salt & Spark Sunday School Opening, in the Sanctuary, followed by Godly Play & Spark**10:30am** Worship Service*Daylight Savings Time ends!***6****9:50am-12** Preschool Music class in Taos room**7****9-11:30am** Preschool Music presentation in Taos room**2pm** Finance Comm. meeting on Zoom**2:30pm** Preschool Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall**6:30pm** Worship, Music & the Arts meeting on Zoom**12**

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After worship: New Member Lunch, in Fellowship Hall

12-4pm Love God, Love Neighbor Youth Service-Learning Adventures at All Saints**13****9:50am-12** Preschool Music class in Taos room**14****9-11:30am** Preschool Music presentation in Taos room**1:30pm** Elders Alive presents Cuidando Los Niños, in the Fellowship Hall**2pm** Staff meeting, in the Conference room**19 New Members will be received at both worship services**

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No Preschool classes; parent/teacher conference

11:30am Preschool Staff, in the Fellowship Hall**21**





No Preschool classes; parent/teacher conference

11:30am Preschool Staff, in the Fellowship Hall**7pm** Preschool Comm. meeting on Zoom**26 CHRIST THE KING**

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 All Saints Noon Get your ACTS together! Bible study <i>on Zoom</i> 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation/Baptism Prep class in Lounge/Library 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>2 2 PM Lamplighters Book Study meeting in the Lounge/Library</p>	<p>3 9:30, 11:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship: THE 10 BEST WAYS TO LIVE</p>	<p>4 10am Special Council Sub-Group mtg, in the Lounge 5pm Worship service & All Saints celebration 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org <i>Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 5th. Set your clocks an hour back!</i></p>
<p>8 Noon Get your ACTS together! Bible study <i>on Zoom</i> 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation/Baptism Prep class in Lounge 6pm Advent service rehearsal 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>9 9:30, 11:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship: THE 10 BEST WAYS TO LIVE</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 VETERANS' DAY  <i>Honoring military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces</i> 1-2:30pm Survivors of Suicide, Zuni room 5pm Worship service & Oliver & Gabby Fidler's baptism 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>
<p>15 Deadline: articles & items for Dec. Horizon & calendar Noon Get your ACTS together! Bible study <i>on Zoom</i> 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 5:45-6:45pm Confirmation/Baptism Prep class in Lounge 6pm Advent service rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>16 6pm Church Council meeting <i>on Zoom</i></p>	<p>17 9:30, 11:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship: JONAH 10:30am St. Luke Singers at (TBA)</p>	<p>18 8:30am-2pm 2023 Fall Lutheran Advocacy meeting at All Saints Lutheran (call 505.984.8005) 9:15-11:45am Women's GATHER Bible Study, Brunch, & Mini-Retreat, in Fellowship Hall 5pm Worship service; New Members will be received 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>
<p>22 Preschool closed. Noon Get your ACTS together! Bible study <i>on Zoom</i> 6:15pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service followed by Pie Social & Craft activities in Fellowship Hall <i>Confirmation & Baptism Prep Class will help in the service</i> No Bell & Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>23 Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving holiday: Church office & Preschool closed</p> 	<p>24 Thanksgiving holiday: Church office & Preschool closed</p>	<p>25 1-2:30pm Survivors of Suicide, Zuni room 5pm Worship service 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>
<p>29 8am-12 Preschool activity in Fellowship Hall & Youth room Noon Get your ACTS together! Bible study <i>on Zoom</i> 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice <i>Confirmation & Baptism prep class will participate in the Advent worship service</i> 5:30pm Advent Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall 6:15pm Advent Worship service, in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30 9:30, 11:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship: JONAH</p> 		



Growing with God Since 1956

(505) 292-8812 | STLUKEPRESCHOOL1956@gmail.com | stlukepreshool.org



The goodness of God, beautiful weather, the adventurous spirit of the preschool community, the kindness of the families, and the sweetest kiddos ever, all came together in one fabulous morning of joyful fun at our recent

Wildlife West field trip!

A delightful time was had by all, as we learned about the non-releasable native New Mexican animals, played games and ate lunch together.

There is such beauty in gathering together as a community.



So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds.

*And **GOD SAW** that it was **GOOD**.
- Genesis 1:25*



NOVEMBER finds us using our five senses to experience the gifts of the season.

Preschool children have made, tasted, and shared applesauce, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin pancakes.

We have explored pumpkins inside and out and driven them around in the trucks on the playground.

We've gone on leaf collecting walks around the property and created fanciful pieces of artwork with the nature items we found.

Most of all, we have prayed our thanks to the God of all creation.



Now that all of our teaching positions have been filled, we are diligently searching for a **PART-TIME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** to work alongside the current administrative team. If you know someone with experience and education in the field of Early Childhood, and a heart for working with young children and their families, please let them know about us! Contact Preschool Director Lori Erven or the church office at (505)

299-2621 or StLuke@thuntek.net.



Elders Alive! *presents*

Cuidando Los Niños

Tuesday, November 14

1:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall

Presentation by:

Mia Trujillo from Cuidando Los Niños



Cuidando Los Niños
(caring for the children since 1988)

The mission of Cuidando Los Niños is to break the cycle of homelessness for children and families. We do this by providing high quality early childhood education, supportive housing and parent education.

The cost of homelessness is borne by the entire community. Healthy communities are those in which all members can share in wealth and opportunity. Poverty creates divisions within a community.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tuesday, December 5, 1:30 PM - Cookie Exchange and Christmas Party
We would love for you to join us. Bring a friend, a neighbor. More information on the December event is forthcoming. Contact: Judy Moore at EldersAlive@StLukeABQ.org.

Photos: (top) at one of our fun field trips this summer; (left) our Christmas Party with Cookie Exchange and Cookie Decorating class in 2022.



Music Ministries

Danielle Cordova, Coordinator

St. Luke Singers

By Ginny Fisher

For our "Third Friday" visit this month, we celebrate Thanksgiving and community as we deliver a program of hymns and songs to David Specter Shalom House, the residence of a member of our church congregation. Come sing along with us!

Date: Friday, November 17

Time: we sing at 10:30 a.m.

Location: 5500 Wyoming NE

To let us know that you'll be joining us or for more information contact Ginny Fisher at (505) 280-2012 or vcfisher@comcast.net.



ST. LUKE SINGERS



Food Drive in November

Imagine having to make a decision between buying food versus

⇒ buying holiday gifts for children; or

⇒ buying gas to go to work.

THE STOREHOUSE helps relieve some of these anxieties by providing food to families who need just a little bit of help at the end of the month. You are invited to participate in our Special Food Drive this month ... *let's share our blessings ... let's fill up a barrel or two with food for our neighbors in need.*

- Debbie Werner, coordinator



At St. Luke, we are having a
**Special
Food Drive**
for
THE STOREHOUSE
New Mexico

Needed:

Shelf-stable foods such as:

- ♥ Canned tuna/salmon/
chicken/sausage
- ♥ Canned chunky soups/
vegetables
- ♥ Dried Ramen noodle soups

All foods will be distributed to our neighbors in need through The Storehouse. Please place your gifts in The Storehouse barrel in the narthex.

November 1 - 30

For more information, please contact coordinator Debbie Werner at (505) 299-8145 or the church office at (505) 299-2621 or StLuke@thuntek.net.

BUCKET OF CHANGE

Our St. Luke "Bucket of Change" offerings for **November** will go to:

Camino de Vida

Website: www.caminodevidanm.com

Camino de Vida, a multicultural mission church in the Albuquerque south valley, has a Hispanic/Latino ministry. At the creation of Camino de Vida, the Rocky Mountain ELCA and the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) formed a partnership to help support and nurture this community of Faith. Their ministry's mission is to bring the Good News to this community through faith and actions. Camino de Vida youth joined St. Luke youth in attending the Rainbow Trail Vacation Bible Day Camps for the past several years.



You may place your offerings for the **BUCKET OF CHANGE** in the bucket at church (our "noisy offering"), send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>

St. Luke Year-round Outreach

HopeWorks Collection

HopeWorks in New Mexico works to end homelessness among individuals and families

Website: HopeworksNM.org

MUCH NEEDED: Travel size bar soap, deodorant & lotion, feminine products, mini-size shampoos & conditioner, new socks & underwear, wet wipes & wash cloths, lip balm (e.g. Chapstick), and razors & shaving cream

Please place your donations in the wicker hampers in the west hall of the Narthex.

For more information, please contact Diane Follstaedt at dfollstd@unm.edu.



Photo: St. Luke at HopeWorks on "2023 God's Work. Our Hands" weekend.

Fall decorations in the Courtyard, compliments of Mike Sanchez.

Thank you, Mike!





The Wellness Ministry

Mission: To CARE by equipping, educating and advocating for wellness of mind, body and spirit in our church and neighborhood.

MEMBERS: Sandy Williams Clark, Gayle Carleton, Twila Randolph, Betty Ann Arner (Chair), Cheryl Folkes, and Deacon Lorna Hansen.

NEXT WELLNESS MINISTRY MEETING

Contact Betty Ann Arner at bettyannarner@gmail.com.

From Cindy Callisto's article: Coughs, Sneezes, and Wheezes

Published in the September Horizon newsletter

“ ... fall also brings triggers for allergy sufferers as well as the viral season. Previously deemed “cold and flu” season, new pathogens have expanded it to colds, flu, COVID, and RSV. ... The most common symptoms of these four viruses have similar symptoms to allergies. ... Sorting out the usual pattern of each condition is a great start to knowing when to call your primary care provider! (see chart below)

	Allergies	Common Cold	Flu	COVID	RSV
Fever	Never	Rarely	Usually	Usually	Yes
Headache	Rarely	Rarely	Usually	Usually	Yes
Itchy Eyes	Usually	No	No	No	No
Runny Nose	Usually	Usually	Usually	Yes	Yes
Stuffy Nose	Usually	Usually	Usually	Yes	Often
Sneezing	Usually	Usually	Rarely	Rarely	Yes
Loss of Smell	Only when congested in the nose	Only when congested in the nose	Only when congested in the nose	Usually (early – often without the runny/stuffy nose)	Only if nasal congestion
Sore Throat	Rarely	Usually	Usually	Usually	Yes
Cough	Sometimes	Usually	Usually	Yes (dry)	Yes
Shortness of breath	No, unless you have asthma	Rarely	Usually	Usually	Yes (often with wheezing)
Muscle Aches	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Usually	Rarely
Excessive Fatigue	Mild tiredness, rarely	If yes, it's mild tiredness	Usually	Usually	Usually
Diarrhea	Never	Never	Sometimes (more often in children)	Sometimes	Never
Nausea &/or vomiting	Never	Never	Sometimes (more often in children)	Sometimes	Never (but babies often eat & drink less)

November Celebrations

Birthdays

1 D'Ann Anderson
3 Stephen Montgomery
4 Karen Carlson
6 Emory James
9 Bob Hayes
11 Gabriella Fidler
11 Mary Beth Garrett
11 Bonnie Perea
12 Ray Prudhomme
16 Twila Randolph
20 Michael Gruner
21 Christine Coverdale
21 Barbara Haschke
21 Max Clayton Koontz, Jr.
22 Ariel Skye Garcia
22 Terry Shirrod
23 Dorela Cole
24 Lisa Koontz, Jr.
25 Marina de Vos Mauney
25 Judy Moore

Wedding Anniversaries

8 Lorenzo Romero & Lore Will
14 Tom & Bev Berardinelli
22 David & Betty Begeal

Youth Baptism Anniversary

28 Soren Sally Rader



Oliver Fidler

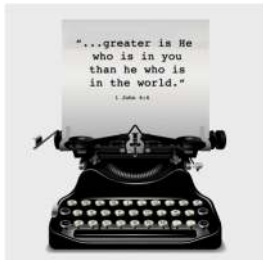
and

Gabriella Fidler

will be baptized on Saturday, November 11

Parents: Andrew & Mary Fidler

*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. - Psalm 139:13-14a*



ST. LUKE CHURCH OFFICE

*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands! – Psalm 90:17*

Contact church staff at: 505.299.2621 or at stluke@thuntek.net

Altar Flowers, given by

Nov. 4–5: Sonny Traeger, in loving memory of husband Dick and daughter Laura
Nov. 11-12: Pam Mares & Trujillo Family, in loving memory of Marcus Mares
Nov. 12-13: Marina Mauney, in memory of Herman
Nov. 19-20: Sandy Williams, in celebration of Lisa & Max's birthdays

Sanctuary Candle for November

Given by Daleen Olson, in loving memory of Dale Sly

To offer altar flowers and Sanctuary candle, please sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Donation: \$25 for Sanctuary candle for the month; \$35 per altar flower arrangement. You may donate online at stlukeABQ.org or send your donation with your offering.

Publication Deadlines

- ♦ Wednesdays at Noon: deadline to submit items for the next weekly St. Luke GPS.
- ♦ Wednesday, November 15: deadline to submit articles/items for the **December Horizon newsletter and calendar**.

Please submit all articles & items to Angie at the church office at StLuke@thuntek.net.

- ♦ Church Leaders - Heads Up! — 2023 Annual Reports due Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

Worship Assistants

The sign up sheets for worship services are posted on the kiosk, in the Narthex.

Thank you to all worship assistants. Thank you to new Sound System volunteers: Maribel Alvarez and Tom Berardinelli.



**September
2023**

**God's Work
Our Hands**

Serving beyond our walls!

at Saranam
Website: SaranamABQ.org



The St. Luke Helping Hands

The completed wall at Saranam



St. Luke Prays

*But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. – Psalm 3:3-4*

FOR OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY

† Steve & Cheryl Folkes † Nancy Granert
† Terry & Barb Shirrod † Marie Lenard
† Brenda Sanchez † Marina Mauney
† Ruth & Tom Glauner † Pastor Ben Larzelere

† Our homebound: Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Dorela Cole, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Karin Duda, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Rose McFall, Loretta Roe, Lois Rowland, Ardys Theophilus, Donald Vlasaty, and Liz Wills.

† Praise & Thanksgiving to Our Lord

- Dottie Donohoe on her 100th birthday, Oct. 25
- Cindy, daughter of Leah Coughenour, who had a very rare cancer. With much gratitude, Leah thanks our Lord, St. Luke Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl ministry.
- Baptism of Eliana Shore on Oct. 15th
- Jackson Bentz, born on Sept. 12. Congratulations to parents Brian & Liz Bentz; big brother Maxwell James; and grandparents Mark & Karen Bentz. Thanksgiving for good health update for Jackson.

† For Church Leaders & Staff

- Pastors Christa & Wayne, Student Pastor Ben
- Church Council, Ministry Leaders, and volunteers
- Church office staff
- St. Luke Preschool students, teachers, and staff

FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

† Those Who Mourn: Grince/Gordon Family on death of Jeff Gordon (relatives of Barb & Terry Shirrod); Ben Hamilton & daughter Hannah – death of Ben's wife (from Roesler Family)

† Fighting cancer: Sandy J (from Clare Castiglia & Larry Shore); Marshall Logan, 16 yrs old; Andrew (young relative of St Luke Preschool teacher Daisy); Scott Jackson (from Garrett family); Mary Bruskas (from LeAnne Knudsen); Ruben (from Forrest & Rhonda Blech); Diane P; (friend of DeAnn Azar); Larry Kern (neighbor of Tom & Ruth Glauner); Ruth (sister of Dave Begeal); Corinne (sister of Louanne Saylor); John Regner & Howard Gunning (from visitors DW & Deborah Stephenson); Jack Smith (husband of Judy Stocum's friend); Cindy Bingaman (daughter-in-law of Betty Bailey); Pat (friend of Berardinelli family)

† Recovery/Healing: Marcy, heart surgery (sister-in-law of Charles & Sandy Clark); Jean, recovering from fall (mother of Sharon Ormiston); John, knees in pain (he is one of our church's vendors); Lois (Sandy Williams' friend); Eugene Walter (brother of Nancy Krenz);

Nathan Thomson, has Crohn's disease (nephew of Alison Schuler); Matthew Thomson (Alison Schuler's nephew); Erland (Karen Carlson's brother); Bob F (Angie Miller); Dick, has Parkinson's disease (brother of Marina Mauney); Josie & Doug Mitchell (Doug had stroke; from Pastor Christa); Terry Schelesker, healing & rehab (friend of Magda Renteria); Rod, has surgery (from Charles & Sandy Clark); Penelope (great granddaughter of Rosetta Bidne and grandniece of Dawn Meyer)

† Other Concerns: Bonnie & Lena (from Chuck & Barbara Exley); Christine, homeless (from Betty Ann Arner); Bennett Family (from Roesler Family); Camille, Rogene, Brandon, & Chris (from Nancy Espy); Toby, Eva, & family (from Holly Trujillo); Maxine, 93 yrs old, age-related health issues, & her caregivers daughter & son-in-law (Angie Miller); Peggy (sister of Sally Trigg)

† In Hospice: David (husband of Connie); Marcia McKnight (friend of Cathy Plummer)



FOR CHURCH COMMUNITY

† Carolyn Schneider, Ph.D., ELCA Missionary serving at the United Theological College of the West Indies and her church history students

† Camino de Vida church in Albuquerque, as they go through a pastoral transition

† Lutheran Family Services in Albuquerque

† Luther House UNM/CNM and Campus Pastor Rhonda Newby-Torreson

† Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ

FOR OUR COMMUNITY, COUNTRY & THE WORLD

† Those who are suffering: in Guatemala, conflict over election results; and warfare that has broken out between Israel and Hamas (from Dave & Betty Begeal); and Israelis, Palestinians, the hostages and all who are in the midst of this war (from Angie)

† Camino de Vida, our Bucket of Change recipient for November

**Please submit your prayer requests to
PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church
office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one
month.**



Talent / No Talent Show and Charity Fundraiser

to benefit Lutheran Family Services - October 22 at St. Luke

Funds raised: \$363. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you organizers, talent/no talent presenters, attendees for a very auspicious and enjoyable fundraiser!





More Talents / No Talents!





Alone with God

HENRI J. M. NOUWEN

It is really important that there is a moment in your life that you are alone with God. Some days it can be five minutes. It can be ten minutes. But is it anywhere? Is there any place in your busy day that you stop, and you say, "Here I am, this needy, lonely, anguished, confused person in front of you. And I want to hear again that you love me. Otherwise, I may lose it." And if I lose it, then I will go all over the place. "You are my Shepherd. And there's nothing I shall want (though I want all those things!), but you are my Shepherd. So I want to claim that truth. And the truth is that in the deepest sense, all that I need is given to me."

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- Deadline to submit articles for the next month
Horizon newsletter: 15th day of the current month
- Items for the weekly **St. Luke GPS:** - noon on Wednesday before upcoming weekend service
- Deadlines subject to change during the holidays