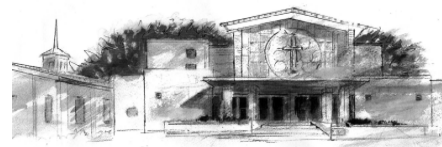




St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



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 (*resumes Jan. 14*)

- † 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 - meet in the Fellowship Hall
- † Nursery Care for infants - 5 years old; during worship services and Sunday School

Journeys with Pastors Christa and Wayne



2023 Years End Reflections on "Get Your ACTS Together" and Life's Detours

THIS PAST YEAR, A SMALL GROUP OF ST. LUKERS, Christa and I (finally) finished our study of Luke's 2nd book of early church history, the Acts of the Apostles. The story of Jesus doesn't end at the end of Luke's gospel but continues in the lives of those who follow him. The supernatural doesn't stop with Jesus, but continues through the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians.

AS WE READ AND TALKED ABOUT ACTS, I was reminded how my father never seemed to mind detours and taking new routes to get to our destination. In my memory, my Dad would drive to a new place, he would say, "I think I know a shortcut or another way of getting there!" [Also, when inevitably some of those "shortcuts" led us madly astray, he would say, "Well, at least we learned not to go THAT way again."] My Mom would sigh deeply. I'm glad to report that my wife and I continue this family tradition in our own lives too! I think, my Dad, would have appreciated Robert Louis Stephenson's words: **"To travel hopefully, is a better thing than to arrive."**



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THE BOOK OF ACTS IS FULL OF STORIES of weaves and turns. In some way it follows the stories of the characters in the Old and New Testament. Abraham and Sarah left their homes with a vague sense of where they were going and spent the rest of their lives wandering and learning to live by faith. The Hebrews spent 40 years wandering through a desert, learning to pay attention to a God who traveled with them. David spent 10 years trying to avoid Saul, but during those years he wrote some of his most powerful Psalms. Jesus also spent time on the roads of Galilee trying to open their eyes to who he was – their Savior!

IN ACTS, WE ACCOMPANY PETER, AND ESPECIALLY, PAUL on their trips and voyages. More than once they are led into **strange detours by the Holy Spirit**. It seems that the Holy Spirit was continually pushing the church to engage with the “outside” world. The more the early church “engaged” (sharing the story of Jesus – his death and resurrection), the more it grew and changed. As Christians, do you think, **“We go nowhere by accident”?**

Three stories of detours and Holy Spirit interventions:

- ◆ Peter and Cornelius (a Roman Centurion) are given strange visions which push them both out of their own sanctuaries. For Peter, it was the sanctuary of his own Jewish tradition and for Cornelius, it was the sanctuary of his Roman garrison.
- ◆ Paul has a vision of a man from Macedonia begging him: “Come over to Macedonia to help us.” Before that, the Acts text strangely says that Paul attempted to travel into Asia Minor, but “the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them.” Paul and his entourage then arrive in Philippi and it is Lydia and her household who greets them (not a man!)... and it is believed that this affluent woman later helped to finance Paul’s later journeys!
- ◆ Paul experiences a storm at sea and a shipwreck (Acts 28) on his way to Rome. The scene is intense! The crew begins throwing their cargo overboard. The sailors let down the lifeboat into the raging sea and Paul stops them from doing so! He tells them, “Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved!” (those words are something to meditate on!).....You see, the night before an angel visited Paul telling him: “Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.”

DON’T YOU THINK OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN FULL OF STORMS AT SEA, near shipwrecks, interventions, detours and divine rescues? Christa’s and my life together has been chock-full!

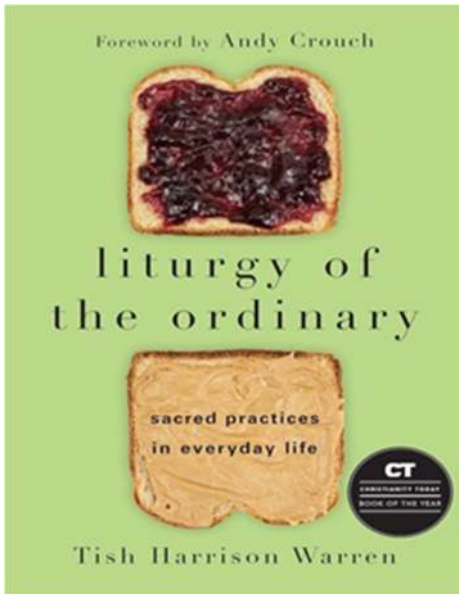


IN DANTE’S DIVINE COMEDY, DANTE WROTE, “In the middle of the journey of my life, I came to my senses in a dark forest, for I had lost the straight path.” Acts has taught me, once again, that detours and wanderings are opportunities to listen to the Holy Spirit and discover the grace of God that often comes our way.....in (nearly) all life’s experiences.

Pastor Wayne (and Christa)

Moravian Daily Text Prayer (Wednesday, December 27th, 2023):

Our Father in heaven, with our whole being we worship you. In your name, we offer our petitions and supplications. In the assurance of your great mercy and love, lead us forward with courage! Amen.



Wednesday Study
Beginning: January 17, 2023
Time: Noon

Topic: *Liturgy of the Ordinary – Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*

Author: Tish Harrison Warren

Facilitator: Pastor Wayne

For this New Year, we will be reading a short book by **Tish Harrison Warren**, “**Liturgy of the Ordinary – Sacred Practices in Every Day.**” Tish Harrison Warren is an Anglican priest who has worked in a variety of settings: from parish and campus ministry, to addiction centers. She is presently a Anglican priest with her husband in Austin, Texas as the “Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others.”

Liturgy of the Ordinary won Christianity Today’s “***Book of the Year***” for 2018 and our church leadership discussed the first chapter for our St. Luke church leadership!

- She wrote at one time a weekly newsletter for the New York Times which can be found here: (<https://www.nytimes.com/column/tish-harrison-warren>)
- AND is a columnist for Christianity Today.

One reviewer’s thoughts on Liturgy of the Ordinary:

“Tish Harrison Warren is both a priest and a mother who changes poopy diapers. She embodies the high calling of the church and the high calling of the home and in those dual vocations has written a book of tremendous importance. Tish writes with candor, insight, and intelligence about the sacredness of quotidian living. The highest compliment I can offer is that her book inspired me to go back to my dirty sink and my screaming kids with a renewed sense of purpose.” (Andrea Palpant Dilley, contributing editor, Christianity Today)

Note: “Liturgy of the Ordinary” can be ordered from Amazon at the price of \$11.99.

FROM OUR ST. LUKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Celebration Weekend January 6/7, 2024

Thank you all – members of the body of Christ here at St. Luke – for generously sharing your gifts in God’s ministry!

Our generosity allowed us to finish 2023 financially sound as we do God’s work both inside and outside the walls of St. Luke. Here are a few highlights:

- ◆ Through our annual budget, we contributed \$52,000 to support God’s work locally, nationally, and globally in a variety of ministries including the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Lutheran Family Services, Global Mission, Rainbow Trail, and the many ministries of the ELCA.
- ◆ Through our Bucket of Change we contributed over 7,000 additional dollars to support even more ministries that are especially important to St. Luke such as Saranam, Cuidando Los Niños, and Storehouse, among others.
- ◆ We fully supported our church’s core Word & Sacrament ministry including our pastors, staff, and growing music & Christian education ministry...
- ◆ And last but not least, we exceeded our financial goal and contributed almost \$22,000 to fund our student pastor intern program – for the first time in many years, and I think you’ll all agree it’s an important enrichment for our church to have Ben Bernstein with us in ministry this year!



And our generosity is growing in 2024! Already, 79 households have committed over \$488,000 to grow God’s work through St. Luke, including 10 households who have made a commitment for the first time. It’s not too late for YOU to join us in pledging your financial commitment for our shared ministry.

ALSO Please join us in planning for 2024 at our annual meeting in two weeks on January 21st.

And - FINALLY- Please join us in celebrating our gifts after worship today in the narthex. It is fitting that we celebrate our gifts on this epiphany weekend because our gifts that we offer for God’s work make Jesus Christ known in the world.

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



2024 St. Luke Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2024

11:30 AM (*right after the last service*)

In the Sanctuary

The main topics of business will be a review of the preceding year, passing of the 2024 budget, and election of new Church Council members. We hope to see you there. Your vote counts! And so does your presence, your perspective and participation!

2024 Budget Q & A

Adult Forum class on Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:15 AM (immediately following the 8:15 AM service)

In the Fellowship Hall

You are invited to preview the 2024 Budget before the annual congregational meeting and to have your questions answered by the St. Luke Budget Committee. Just for this one session of Adult Forum, we will take a break from The Wired Word.

Lutheran
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Lutheran Advocacy of New Mexico

2024 Legislative Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon

Tuesday, January 23

The Briefing will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe on January 23, 2024, beginning at 8:45am. Guest speakers will discuss selected topics in depth that the organization supports, followed by a briefing on specific bills that are being advocated for in the upcoming legislative session (begins January 16). Afterwards, the group will move to the La Posada de Santa Fe Hotel for the luncheon at 12:15 pm.

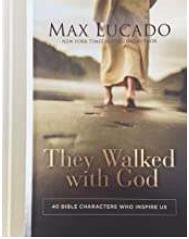
Attending this Briefing will inform you about what issues being addressed by our State Legislature this year and specific bills that people of faith in the Advocacy organization believe are important.

Cost is \$40/person before January 16, or \$45/person afterwards.

You can learn more and register at: <https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/>

First Presbyterian is located at: 208 Grant Ave, in Santa Fe

For any questions, please contact St. Luke member David Follstaedt.



Lamplighters Book Study Group

We are not meeting in January.

See you on Thursday, February 1

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

Watch for more information on the weekly St. Luke GPS

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



Saturday, January 20

9:15 - 11:45 AM

At St. Luke, in the Fellowship Hall

Winter/Spring 2024 Study: "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith"

by The Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Study will be led by Pastor Christa

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it's not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God's story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

January Session: Weather: Powerful force for change

We can't control the weather, but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of human and non-human beings, both in scripture and today. As we face catastrophic storms and the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us how to live faithfully, moving us to act even when we feel powerless. The study is available in the January-February 2024 Gather magazine.

For this session we'd like to invite everybody to bring a "Show & Tell" picture, item, poem, piece of music, or fabric which illustrates:

"A memorable weather event I've experienced."

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

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH

6TH Grade and Up

LOVE GOD LOVE NEIGHBOR

ABQ YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Jan 14 ST. PAUL - 1100 Indian School Rd NE Therapy Dogs & Conversations with folks living at Beehive Homes 🐕🐶🐕 (We'll get to see some of the same therapy dogs we met last fall in action, and accompany them with short conversations with the Beehive residents)

grade 6 and up

Feb. 11 ALL SAINTS - 4800 All Saints Rd NW Quilts!



March 10 CROSS of HOPE - Taylor Ranch Rd, NW (and Loving Thunder Horse Therapy)

April 14 TBA



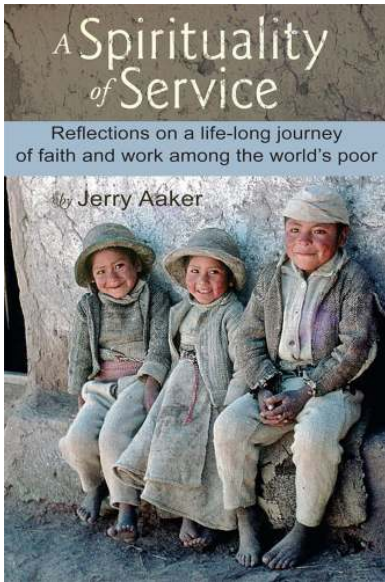
adult mentors encouraged

2nd. Sundays (Jan-April) After church (noonish) - 4pm (usually we end earlier)

Contact pastorchristaabq@gmail.com for any question

Love God. Love Neighbor. in December 2023—at St. Luke and at Saranam





Elders Alive!

Tuesday, January 16

1:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall

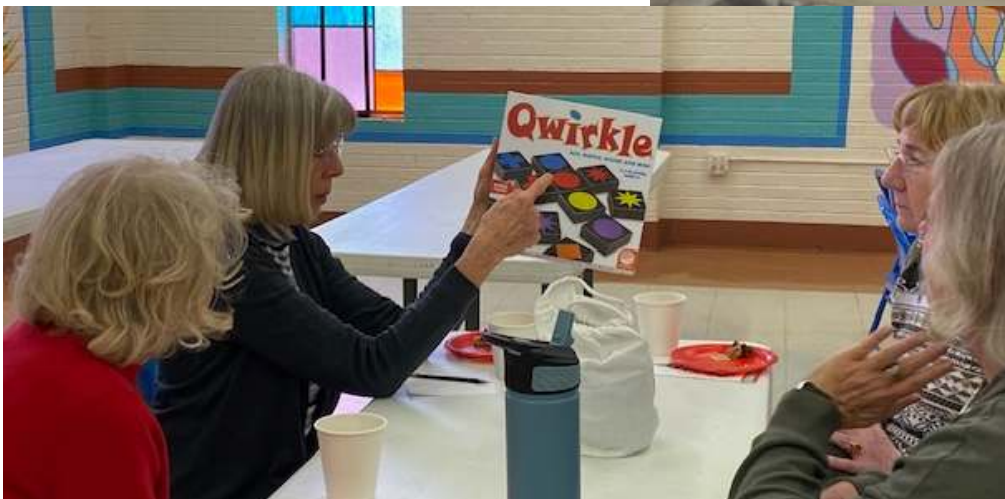
Our own Jerry Aaker has just published his book “A Spirituality of Service: Reflections on a Life-Long Journey of Faith and Work Among the World's Poor” and he will talk to us about his book as well as the process of publishing his story.

We want to also consider a change of name for Elders Alive! Maybe our name is not really addressing our story?

We would love for you to join us. Bring a friend, a neighbor.

The next planning meeting is on Tuesday, January 9, 1 PM, on Zoom.
Contact: Judy Moore at EldersAlive@StLukeABQ.org.

At the Elders Alive Session of Games and Cookies





NEW MEMBERS AND INQUIRERS* LUNCH

Sunday, February 4
Noon - 1:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED during the worship services on SAT. & SUN., FEBRUARY 10 & 11.

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

* Please come even if you're not sure if you're ready to join as a new member.



Adult Forum Series: *The Wired Word*

You are invited for conversations!
Sundays, 9:15 AM (*between worship services*)
In the Fellowship Hall

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.

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.


Church Women United, an ecumenical women's group,

will meet for their annual retreat on Saturday, January 13th

At St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd NE

Theme: "Reset, Refresh, Restore" and will be led by Susan Brumbaugh,
a licensed mental health counselor

Susan will focus on reflection, acceptance and intentionality. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m and the retreat will be until 12:00. Please join us and bring a friend! For more information, contact Shirley Nilsson at 505-884-2467.

Sun	Mon	Tue
 <h1 style="color: #8B4513;">January</h1> <h2 style="color: #8B4513;">2024</h2>	1 Happy New Year Church office closed	2 <i>Angie out of the office</i>
7 Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Nursery Care during services & classes After each service: Celebration Coffee Fellowship - Narthex 8:15am Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service	8 Preschool back in session	9 1:30pm Elders Alive Planning meeting on Zoom 2pm Staff meeting, in the Conference room 2:30pm Preschool Staff meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Worship, Music & the Arts Comm. meeting on Zoom
14 Nursery Care during services & classes After each service: Coffee Fellowship-Narthex 8:15am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum [2024 Budget Q & A], in the Fellowship Hall 9:15am Salt & Spark Sunday School Opening, in the Sanctuary, followed by Godly Play & Spark 10:30am Worship Service 12-4pm Love God, Love Neighbor Youth Service-Learning Adventures at St. Paul Lutheran Church; Youth service adventure: Therapy Dogs & Conversations with folks living at Beehive Homes	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Deadline: articles for February Horizon newsletter Church Office and Preschool closed	16 9:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship, in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Elders Alive presents Jerry Aaker, St Luke member and author of "A Spirituality of Service: Reflections on a Life-Long Journey of Faith and Work Among the World's Poor" 7pm Preschool Comm. meeting on Zoom
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<i>Note: Pastors Christa & Wayne will be out of the office June 22</i>		
28 Nursery Care during morning services 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	29 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music class in Taos room	30 9-11:45am Preschool Music class in Taos room

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 No Lamplighters Book Study Group. We meet on Feb. 1	5 7pm First Friday Film Forum at the Follstaedts'	6 Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus 5pm Worship service 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org After the service: Celebration Coffee Fellowship
10 9:30, 11, 11:30 am Preschool Worship, in the Sanctuary 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary	7	8	13 1-2:30pm Survivors of Suicide, Zuni room 5pm Worship service 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org
17 Noon Wednesday study: Liturgy of the Ordinary 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary	18 6pm Church Council meeting on Zoom	19 10:30am St. Luke Singers at (TBA)	20 9:15-11:45am Women's GATHER Bible Study, Brunch, & Mini-Retreat, in Fellowship Hall 5pm Worship service 5pm Live streamed worship at StLukeABQ.org
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28 - 29 — in case of pastoral emergency, please contact Intern Pastor Ben Bernstein			

31 Noon Wednesday study: Liturgy of the Ordinary 2pm Bells of St. Luke practice, in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir practice, in the Sanctuary
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January 2024





St. Luke Preschool



Growing with God Since 1956

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Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, or anyone you know who has young children, to our



Open House from 3:00-5:00 pm on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

That afternoon, families will be able to meet and talk with our kind and dedicated teachers, ask questions, take a tour of the classrooms, and pick up pre-registration materials for the 2024--2025 school year.

Enrollment for in-house families and church congregation members will begin on **Monday, February 5**. Open enrollment for the public will begin on **Tuesday, February 20**.



In January, the New Mexico Lion's Club will be onsite at the preschool to provide eye screenings for the children through the Operation KidSight Program. We're thankful that we can offer this worthwhile service, and we value the partnerships we have with outside agencies.

Prospective and current preschool families often comment about the beauty of the foliage in the courtyard and around the property. We are grateful for all who give of their time to tend to the plants and the landscaping, including Mike Sanchez, Sandy & Charles Clark, Moses Mares, Property Committee Members, and all of the volunteers from the Church Clean Up Day in December!

thank you!



We are diligently searching for an 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 Lori at stlukesesc@thuntek.net for more details and the job description.

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 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.

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.



Our children at the 2023 Christmas Eve worship service



BUCKET OF CHANGE

Schedule of Recipient Organizations for 2024

By Diane Follstaedt

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/>.



January	Saranam SaranamABQ.org	Mission: To empower families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and supportive communities
February	The Storehouse New Mexico, in Albuquerque StorehouseNM.org	Founded by Lutheran Pastor Titus Scholl and his wife Charlotte in the 70s. The first Storehouse board was made up of individuals from 7 denominations: Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, Methodist, and Episcopal. Mission: To provide free groceries to people in need.
March	HopeWorks HopeWorksNM.org	Mission: Healing Homelessness: Mind, Body, and Spirit. Its whole-person approach addresses the complex challenges and trauma that many of us face, offering healing, safety, and support through love and community
April	Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity HabitatABQ.org	Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.
May	Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless www.AbqHCH.org	Mission: Fueled by compassion and driven by equity, we lead boldly, create exceptional health care experiences, and raise voices to end homelessness.
June	Meals on Wheels Albuquerque MOW-NM.org	Mission: Delivering health meals and friendship - neighbor to neighbor.
July	Family Promise of Albuquerque FamilyPromiseAlbuquerqueNM.org	Mission: To empower families in the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho communities who are at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness, to achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Vision (Locally): To have sufficient support congregations, volunteers, and paid staff that there will never be a waiting list for families that qualify for our service.
August	Cuidando Los Niños CLNabq.org	Mission: To break the cycle of homelessness for children and families, by providing high-quality early childhood education, case management, supportive housing and parent education.
September	Lutheran World Relief LWR.org	Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threatened their livelihoods and well-being.
October	Camino de Vida CaminoDeVida.com	Camino de Vida is a ministry that shares the love of Christ in the New Mexico Community. Mission of the Hispanic/Latino Way of Life Ministry is for you to have a personal spiritual growth with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We bring the Good News to this community through our faith and our actions.
November	To be Announced- for Christmas recipient	
December	ELCA World Hunger ELCA.org/hunger	Working with and through congregations in the U.S.A., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger reaches communities in need.



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), and Cheryl Folkes.

NEXT WELLNESS MINISTRY MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 4:30 PM, in the Zuni room. Contact Betty Ann Arner at bettyannarner@gmail.com.



♥ *Lucille Few* ♥

is celebrating her 100th birthday
on February 1st!



We are having a birthday card shower for her.
A basket for collecting cards will be available at church.
You may also mail them to the church office.

Homebound Visitation Pastoral Intern Ben with Karin Duda



January Celebrations

Birthdays

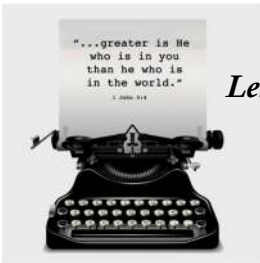
1 Deanna Vendel
2 Nancy Granert
4 Pastor Wayne Nieminen
5 Joshua Tise
6 Pauline "Polly" Brodbeck
6 Dorthe Carr
6 Pastor Christa von Zychlin
7 Ed Lyell
8 Camille Lynn
9 Taylor Hollowwa
10 Frank Abram Cronican
13 Betty Bailey

13 Bev Berardinelli
19 Megan Kalm
22 Jim Otto
24 Roge Rhoades
25 Courtney Bernstein
27 Donald Vlasaty
29 Carol Abramovich

Wedding Anniversaries

23 Jerry & Judy Aaker

*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

Jan. 28 - 29: Mary Voelz, in loving memory of George Voelz

Jan 6-7, 13-14, and 20-21: Flowers available for offering

Sanctuary Candle for January

Available for offering

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

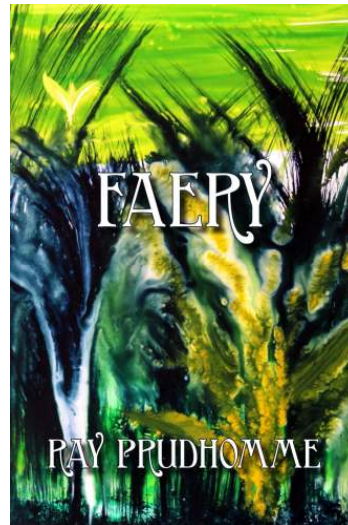
- ♦ Wednesdays at Noon: deadline to submit items for the next weekly St. Luke GPS.
- ♦ Monday, January 15: deadline for articles and items for the February Horizon and calendar

Please submit articles, items, and reports to Angie at the church office at StLuke@thuntek.net.

Thank You

Margery Musser, for replenishing envelopes in the pew holders

Congratulations



Ray Prudhomme
For his newly published book,
FAERY

Published in December 2023, it's available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

St. Luke Prays

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay! – Psalm 70:5

FOR OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY

† Sherri Domres † Gayle Carleton
† Brenda Sanchez † Orvis & Elizabeth Egenes
† 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

- Wedding of Derek Garcia (son of long time member Janet Garcia) and Aaron on Dec. 29, 2023
- Baptism of Jackson Benjamin Bentz, son of Brian & Elizabeth Bentz and brother of Maxwell Bentz, on Dec. 17
- Baptism of Shane Rowan Kenney-Vaughan, son of Crystal Vaughan, and Confirmation of Summer Alexandra Roesler, daughter of Alex & Kate Roesler and sister of Ben Roesler, on Dec. 3.

† 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

† Thanksgiving: Steve, successful surgery (from Chuck & Barbara Exley); Birth of Emi Sofia Nieminen on Dec. 4. Congratulations to parents Soren & Michelle Akazawa Nieminen and to grandparents Pastor Christa and Pastor Wayne; Birth of Nevin Crutchfield (from Chuck & Barbara Exley); Clinton, for improved health (from Steve & DeAnn Eaton Azar)
† Those Who Mourn: Jenny Hathaway (Linda Hathaway's daughter-in-law) and family on death of her brother Bill Marshall; Nancy McGregor on death of her husband (Kate Roesler); Family of David & Diane Follstaedt's daughter-in-law on death of her father; Ann on death of her husband (Sandy & Charles Clark)
† Fighting cancer: Gene Walters, on radiation treatment (brother of Nancy Krenz); Jennifer Wiggins, undergoing treatment (Kate Roesler); Chris Isaac (Alison Schuler's neighbor); Sandy J (from Clare Castiglia & Larry Shore); Marshall Logan, 16 yrs old
† Recovery/Healing: Kerkmans and Marianetti (from Shore Family); Billie Carr, fractured hip (from Dorthie Carr); Jim, shoulder surgery (friend of Berardinelli family); Peggy (sister of Sally Trigg); Zandra, ear surgery (from Scott Strandberg); Betty (Lori's mother); Lois (Sandy & Charles Clark); Dennia Zafft, stroke (Linda Hathaway's brother); Leeanne & Noreen (Fern Knudsen's daughters); Dan & Edith Syroid (from Dave & Betty Begeal); Corrie Boone (recovery from surgery) & her daughter Jasmine Boone (from Shore family); Marcy, heart surgery (sister-in-law of Charles & Sandy Clark); John, knees in pain (he is one of our church's vendors); Lois (Sandy Williams' friend); Eugene Walter (brother of Nancy Krenz); 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)

† Other Concerns: Lee (Trujillo Family); Bill Jones, end stage congestive heart failure (Daleen Olson's son-in-law's father); Ben & Katie (From Shara Kranz, visitor); Visiting relatives from out of state (from Betty Ann Arner); Jimmy (from Sandy & Charles Clark); Cindy, upcoming bone scans (Leah Coughenour's daughter); Bonnie & Lena (from Chuck & Barbara Exley); Christine, homeless (from Betty Ann Arner); Camille, Rogene, Brandon, & Chris (from Nancy Espy); Toby, Eva, & family (from Holly Trujillo)

† Received from our website: Ben & Mel, prayers for their marriage

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

† Survivors of earthquake in Japan
† For our hardest to reach neighbors, like in Castrovirreyna province of Peru, high up in the Andes mountains (from Lutheran World Relief, Dec. 2023)
† Warfare between Israel and Hamas, and situation between Israel and Hezbollah on the north. Pray for Israelis, Palestinians, Lebanese, the hostages and all who are in the midst of these conflicts (*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good."* – Psalm 122:6, 7, 9 - Angie)
† Saranam in Albuquerque, our Bucket of Change recipient for January

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



Global Mission Ministry



From —
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Photo: The nativity scene at Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, 2023. Photo by Ayman Oghanna.
<https://www.opb.org/article/2023/12/16/there-s-no-christmas-in-bethlehem-this-year-with-war-in-gaza-festivities-are-off/>

Dear friends and family,

What sober times we are in this Christmas. I keep reminding myself that it was that way when Jesus was born, too. All the festivities that we are used to now were added much later, in celebration of that birth after it was clear from the way Jesus lived his life, died, and was raised from the dead that the little baby who had been born years earlier was God-with-us, sent to save and to heal us. But at first the only things obvious were his family's poverty and his people's subjugation. These are still the realities for many people in the world, including here in the Caribbean.

In spite of the difficulties, we had a special Christmas dinner here at the United Theological College of the West Indies at which the president of the college, Rev. Dr. Oral Thomas, welcomed us by speaking about joy. He reminded us that joy is not dependent on our circumstances because it comes from a deep assurance that God is with us to save and to heal in all circumstances. After his welcome, we shared Christmas greetings from all the countries represented at the college: Antigua, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitt's, and the United States. One of the students from Haiti echoed the president's remarks when he brought us greetings from "the beautiful country of Haiti," because, as he said, in spite of all its massive problems with gang violence and a collapsing government, "Haiti is still a beautiful country because Jesus is there."

That is the Christmas message that I am holding on to and sharing with you this year. May you have joy this Christmas!

Carolyn



Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. - Psalm 90:1-2



Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

- Psalm 90:14



We thank you for this new year, Lord. We pray ...

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

- Psalm 90:16-17





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