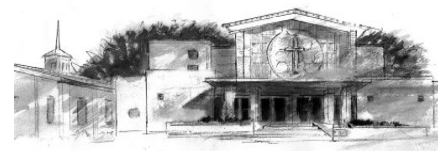


# HORIZON

monthly newsletter

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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 services

SUMMER SCHEDULE - \*Through August 4, 2025

Services on Sundays

8:15 AM - Outdoor service in the Courtyard

10:30 AM - Service in the church

10:30 AM - Simultaneous Live-stream service at [StLukeABQ.org](http://StLukeABQ.org)

\* Saturday service suspended at this time. We invite Saturday worshippers to join us on Sunday mornings.

No Sunday classes in the summer. All will resume in the fall.

*Pastor Brad's "Ponderings" ...*

**July 2025**

## Just WHO is the Holy Spirit?

(Part 2 of 3)

The Holy Spirit comes to magnify Jesus Christ and not the Spirit nor an individual. When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, that person is least conscious of it, he or she, they /them, wishes to serve Jesus Christ and feels that the believer is only an unprofitable, humble servant, a vessel, a conduit of the love of Jesus. This is quite different from the theology and praxis advocated by some Charismatics and Pentecostals who mostly stress experience, external signs, being "filled with" the Holy Spirit, and speaking tongues and evidencing prophetic powers.

As F.D. Bruner says in his book the "Holy Spirit, the Shy Member of the Trinity," the work of the Holy Spirit is simply to thrill us with Christ, to infect us with enthusiasm for all that Christ can do for men and women and for the world to change things, to renew institutions, and to salvage lives. More than anything else, they cared that Jesus be preached, believed, and obeyed. And the caring is exactly what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit, 'Here is God's priceless Son, with whom God is deeply pleased.

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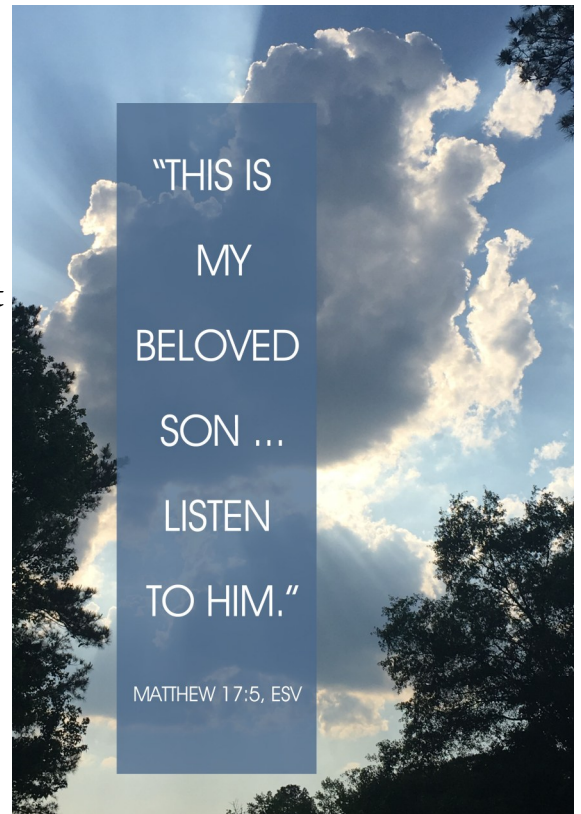
'Listen to Him!' William Hordern, in the same book, stresses the theology of the cross rather than triumphalism or the "theology of glory" which regards health, wealth and good fortune as evidence that one has gained the divine favor. Hordern writes, "When the presence of the Holy Spirit is identified with the spectacular, the unusual, and the ecstatic, many Christians are made to feel that they lack the Holy Spirit (second class Christians) and its fullness. But this is not what the New Testament says. If people believe in Jesus Christ, that is itself evidence that they are Spirit-filled (e.g., see 1 Corinthians 12:3.)"

Faith is the evidence of the indwelling, empowering Holy Spirit. Christians who show loving concern for their neighbors – e.g., taking a bowl of soup to a sick/ bereaved person, giving a word of encouragement to a discouraged/ addicted/ struggling one, visiting a lonely person, visiting and praying for the ill of body, mind, and spirit, giving one's life away as if giving a cold drink to a thirsty beggar in Jesus' name, and so on - are acting "in the Spirit" according to the New Testament.

During these summer Sundays, we continue to read and learn from stories in the New Testament about the work of the Holy Spirit made visible through the acts/ deeds of the holy first Apostles (book of Acts). In July you will hear stories about how the Holy Spirit was active in the lives of the believers in Galatia and Colossae. Let us continue to pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our Call Committee, our Congregation Council, our ministry leaders, our Staff, our musicians, and all our ministries and the work of the St. Luke Preschool and its entire Village. Concurrently with our thinking about Colossians and Galatians, you'll be overhearing stories from the Gospel of Luke, chapters 10 and 11: the mission of the 70 who were sent, the lawyer's question about how one 'inherits' "Eternal Life", the surprising story of the Good Samaritan who turned out to be the best 'neighbor,' Mary and Martha, Jesus' sayings about prayer and teaching us the 'Lord's Prayer.'

Join us each Sunday as we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit and pray for the gifts, guidance, consolation, help, advocacy, wise counsel and the fruit that Spirit gives and grows within us. Join us around the Story of the Risen Lord Jesus and the work of his life-giving Presence called the Holy Spirit!

*Pastor Brad*





# Love the Preschool

(maintenance morning)

Saturday, July 26, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

At the St. Luke Preschool

Tasks for volunteers will include: playground tree and shrub trimming, playground toy scrubbing, window washing, playground spider web removal, etc.

## BUCKET OF CHANGE

*“Noisy Offering”*

Our St. Luke “Bucket of Change” offerings for July 2025 will go to:

### Family Promise of Albuquerque



Family Promise of Albuquerque assists families who are at risk for homelessness, currently experiencing homelessness or recently exiting homelessness. It’s a community of over 700 volunteers from 21 faith communities that wraps its arms around the families it serves to provide them with a network of support.

Website: [FamilyPromiseAlbuquerqueNM.org](http://FamilyPromiseAlbuquerqueNM.org)

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



# Off for the summer!

*All resume in the fall*

### Children’s Ministry Sunday classes

- ☀ Frolic Baby Bible Club - for families with infants & toddlers ages 0 - 3 years
- ☀ Godly Play - for ages 2.5 through pre-kindergarten ages, with a parent or guardian
- ☀ Kids Spark - for kindergarten through 6th grade ages
- ☀ Salt & Spark Children’s Choir

### Youth

- ☀ Love God, Love Neighbor: ABQ Youth Collaborative (6th grade & up)
- ☀ Confirmation class (7th & 8th grades)

### Adult Forum

### Lamplighters Book Study Group

### Men’s Bible Study

### Women’s *gather* Bible Study, Brunch, Mini-Retreat



# JULY CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

- 4 Oksana Filatova
- 5 Steven Tise
- 6 Spencer Gerwin
- 7 Margery Musser
- 9 Kim Lee Guericke
- 9 Sharon Ormiston
- 9 Dianne Otto
- 12 Steve Azar
- 13 Debbie Werner
- 15 Gebhard Long
- 16 Brian Bentz
- 17 Larry Shore
- 18 Kaye Martin

- 20 Vanessa Anderson
- 21 Marie Lenard
- 22 Kay Dunbar
- 22 Elian Shore
- 23 William Tierney
- 25 Mike Abramovich
- 25 Janice Corcoran
- 27 Clay Koontz, Jr.
- 28 Tom Berardinelli

## Youth Baptism Anniversaries

- 18 Braxton Brandt
- 24 Beau Griswold

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Laura Eaton-Ortega & Anthony Ortega
- 6 Judy & Larry Moore
- 8 Robert & Sherri Domres
- 11 Robert & Holly Trujillo
- 13 Shane & Laura Jorgensen
- 18 Lori & Dusty Erven
- 18 Debbie Werner & Doug Crist
- 24 Georgia & Edward Adams
- 29 Ken & Mary Sorenson



## David Roger Begeal

(June 29, 1940 - June 25, 2025)

Please join Dave's family, wife Betty, their children Kathryn and Carlton and their families at

A Celebration of Dave's life on Saturday, July 12 1:30 PM, at St. Luke

*Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him - Proverbs 30:5*

Wk 25	JEREMIAH	PROVERBS	Wk 27	EZEKIEL	PROVERBS
Day 1	49-50	14	Day 1	31-33	28
Day 2	51-52	15	Day 2	34-36	29
	<b>LAMENTATIONS</b>		Day 3	37-39	30
Day 3	1-2	16	Day 4	40-44	31
Day 4	3	17	Day 5	45-48	
Day 5	4-5	18		<b>EZRA</b>	<b>PSALMS</b>
	<b>EZEKIEL</b>		Day 6	1-3	1
Day 6	1-4	19	Day 7	4-7	2
Day 7	5-8	20			
Wk 26	EZEKIEL	PROVERBS	Wk 28	EZRA	PSALMS
Day 1	9-12	21	Day 1	8-10	3
Day 2	13-15	22		<b>NEHEMIAH</b>	
Day 3	16-18	23	Day 2	1-3	4
Day 4	19-21	24	Day 3	4-6	5
Day 5	<b>22-24</b>	25	Day 4	7-9	6
Day 6	25-27	26	Day 5	10-11	7
Day 7	28-30	27	Day 6	12-13	8
<b>Suggested Bible Reading Plan</b> From BibleProject.com			Day 6	<b>ESTHER 1-5</b>	9
			Day 7	<b>ESTHER 6-10</b>	10



## Thank you from D'Ann Anderson

Thank you to my church family, for your thoughts and prayers, cards, phone calls, your presence at Les's funeral service and at the following beautiful reception —with delicious foods and warm fellowship.

Thank you for your love and care.  
- D'Ann



## Talk About Navajo Code Talkers

Sunday, July 13

1:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall

Guest: Dr. Zonnie Gorman, to speak about her father Dr. Carl Gorman's service; he was one of first Navajo Code Talkers in WWII

Zonnie earned her Ph. D. from UNM and is a nationally sought speaker. She will also talk about her family and how the war affected them. *Join us! All are welcome.*

### About Dr. Zonnie Gorman:

Zonnie Gorman is a recognized historian on the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II and has served as a consultant to numerous documentaries, museum exhibitions and magazine and book authors. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Carl Gorman; artist, teacher and one of the original "first twenty-nine" Navajo Code Talkers, the pilot group that devised the initial Navajo code. She is also the youngest sister to the legendary and renowned Navajo artist, the late R.C. Gorman.

Zonnie has lectured extensively about the Navajo Code Talkers throughout the United States and Canada at universities, museums, and a variety of organizational conferences and meetings, as well as several Native American and First Nations communities. She has appeared in, and served as consultant to a number of documentaries, including the History Channel documentary, Navajo Code Talkers and the PBS documentary True Whispers.

Zonnie holds a PhD in History from the University of New Mexico and is currently a Center for Regional Studies Post Doctoral Fellow at the Center for Southwest Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Coming up ... in August ... **CHURCH** *in the park*  
picnic 

### Thank you from Marie Lenard



Dear St. Luke,  
Thank you for your prayers and for the Eucharistic ministers who visit me and bring holy communion. I so much appreciate it.

God bless,  
Marie Lenard

### Thank you from Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless (AHCCO)

The first day of summer, we reflect on the strength and kindness of the communities we serve and the thousands of lives we've transformed at AHCC. Our impact is only possible because of the support and compassion of people like you. ...Thank you for your meaningful gift. Your donation of \$1,068.75 to the 2025 Annual First Day of Summer Campaign helps us reach out to more people to deliver lifesaving care. ... Thank you for standing with us.  
Jennifer L. Metzler, Chief Executive Officer

# St. Luke Global, National & Local Outreach Ministry



## Many Institutions Supported By St. Luke Church are Impacted by Federal Funding Cuts

*Submitted by David Follstaedt, St Luke Outreach Committee*

In Luke's gospel, Jesus is asked "...who is my neighbor?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan. Its message is that the persons we are to respond to with neighborly love are not just those who live next to us, but anyone in need of our help. St. Luke responds to this command by financially supporting institutions assisting those who need help. These institutions operate locally, nationally and globally, in many cases working with government to accomplish their ministries.

In 2025, many Federal expenditures are being cut, and the proposed Budget (approved by House of Representatives, going to Senate at this writing) suggests that even greater funding cuts are likely to occur. These cuts impact humanitarian assistance worldwide as well as reducing the U.S. social safety network and that of New Mexico. We ask you to consider how these cuts impact the missions of institutions (**named in bold**) that St. Luke supports. Some examples are:

The government has proposed dramatic changes to refugee programs, including suspending funding for resettlement agencies and making significant cuts to State Department funding of refugee support and the admissions program. This potentially leaves recently arrived refugees without support for basic necessities and no place to live and work. The president and CEO of **Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Services), Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, stated that this suspension "paralyzes the program." James Horan of **Lutheran Family Services of the Rockies** (partner of Global Refuge in NM and CO) "seconds" this critique and said at the recent Synod Assembly that such cuts and layoffs have devastated our ministries and "zeroed" Federal funding. In addition, USAID is being cut by 83%, although court proceedings are not yet final. This cut creates a greater need for food supplies for refugees overseas, as served by **ELCA World Hunger**.

The proposed Budget would cut New Mexico's Medicaid funding by \$3.4 billion in the first year. Medicaid is the largest payor of health care in New Mexico (40% of our residents). If residents lose Medicaid coverage, this would place greater demand for services on **Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless**, and could affect healthcare for some residents at **Saranam** and **Family Promise of Albuquerque** who are receiving Medicaid until they become financially independent.

**Roadrunner Food Bank** has been cut by \$1.9 million (30% of its Federal funding). This has already resulted in 20 truckloads of food being canceled. The proposed Budget cuts \$300 billion (nationally) from SNAP, which 450,000 New Mexicans (21% of residents) rely on. With these cuts, greater demand can be expected at other food suppliers such as the **Storehouse**, **Meals on Wheels-Albuquerque** and **Hopeworks** (serves meals). Although the **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission** (Rock Point, AZ) receives no direct Federal funding, cuts to Arizona food banks affect the supply of food that it distributes on the reservation.

Such cuts in Federal funding seriously impair on the work of institutions that we consider to be needing our support. So then, is the Outreach Committee asking St. Luke to step up its support for these ministries? We think our congregation has budgeted generously to Lutheran ministries and has been giving generously to other institutions in New Mexico and beyond. Thus we are saying instead: "Thank you! Please keep up the good work!"

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## St. Luke Global, National & Local Outreach Ministry



For information, a list of institutions that we are supporting this year with our Bucket of Change is given below, along with the amounts donated thus far. The changes in our society in 2025 mean that our support for all the ministries we support is needed now more than before. We appreciate very much what you have been doing for our neighbors, both near and far.

— The St. Luke Outreach Committee

### 2025 Bucket of Change

January	Roadrunner Food Bank	\$429.78
February	New Mexico Dream Center	\$448.74
March	Saranam	\$471.17
April	Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity	\$409.96
May	Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless	\$568.75
June	Meals on Wheels Albuquerque	
July	Family Promise of Albuquerque	
August	Cuidando Los Niños	
September	Lutheran Disaster Response	
October	Hopeworks	
November	To be Announced for Christmas Recipient	
December	ELCA World Hunger	

Note: The amounts donated by members, shown here, are matched by St. Luke church, up to \$500/month.

# IT'S BLING BOX TIME



and a great time to do your spring cleaning!

If you have unused jewelry, scarves, purses, hats or accessories please bring them to church to place in the BLING BOX located in the Narthex. We will be collecting items through **July 27, 2025**.

The proceeds from our twice-yearly Bling Show fundraisers supports Shine Partnership. Shine Partnership is a nonprofit organization which serves students and school families wanting to enhance their economic stability. Participants receive guidance on achieving self-sufficiency and breaking the cycle of generational poverty, with scholarship assistance covering transportation and food insecurity.

Check out our website: [blingshowfundraiser.com](http://blingshowfundraiser.com)

— DeAnn Azar

# St. Luke Global, National & Local Outreach Ministry

I am told that in the last elections,



**The Rev. Carolyn Schneider, Ph.D., ELCA Missionary serving in Guyana**



June 2025

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed. Here in Guyana, where I am assisting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) to strengthen its leadership development program, people have a beautiful way of celebrating Christ's resurrection. On Easter day, children do not hunt for eggs or chocolate bunnies; instead, they go out with their families to fly kites. This year, it was pouring down rain all morning on Easter day, but by mid-afternoon, the sun had come out and so had the children and the kites.

The message of God's victory over sin and death came at a time when it needed to be heard in Guyana for all the seven weeks of the Easter season, while the country went through a tragedy that affected everyone, including the Lutheran church. On April 24, the body of an eleven-year-old girl named Adrianna Younge was found dead in the swimming pool of a hotel, where her family had spent the previous day. Since the hotel owner and the police mishandled the initial investigation of what happened to her, controversy began to swirl, with the result that international pathologists were asked to do the autopsy so that their finding would be accepted as impartial. However, when their finding was that Adrianna had drowned and that there had been no violence involved, the family refused to accept it, and protests took place all over the country as people accused the police and the government of covering up a crime. Some protesters looted shops and burned tires and branches across the highway, causing much of the country to shut down for a few days.

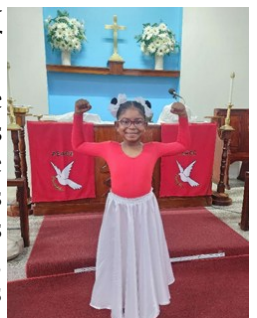
The date set for Adrianna's funeral was May 5, right in the middle of the annual convention scheduled for the Lutheran church. Fearing much unrest on that day, the Executive Council of the ELCG postponed the convention to May 25-27. The family of Adrianna also postponed the funeral to an undetermined date so that they could send Adrianna's body to the United States for a second autopsy. I investigation into the case proceeds, just as the country is preparing for national elections in September. Many Guyanese are praying that the campaign season does not take a violent turn because of the turbulence around the death of Adrianna Younge.

tensions between Afro-Guyanese and Indo-Guyanese broke out into open conflict and that this conflict threatened to invade the ELCG, which is proud that it is an ethnically mixed church in which people of every heritage live, work, and worship together peacefully. During the last election season, Pastor Amanda Singh addressed the violence with the congregations in her care, saying, "Not in this church! We are one in the Lord." Please pray with all of us here in Guyana that the elections are peaceful and that the ELCG can continue to model what it is to be a respectful and loving multi ethnic community.

The church's convention was held at the end of May, and all went smoothly. This new date corresponded with Guyana's Independence Day, May 26, so as I drove to and from the convention site, I passed rows and rows of national flags hanging from the utility poles along the highway. As I crossed the Berbice River Bridge, I saw another colorful sight. For the first time in my life, I witnessed a full rainbow, end-to-end, emerging from the middle of the river.



At the opening worship service of the convention, a beautiful young dancer named Zoraya, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Georgetown, illustrated through her movements the power of Jesus' name, which means "The Lord saves." That is indeed the message of Easter, that the Lord saves us from sin, death, and all evil powers that would drive us to violence, despair, hatred and bitterness. That is what Pastor Amanda was telling the congregations in her care, and it is what all of us need to hear, not only in Guyana, but also wherever you live. I pray that it may comfort you and let you soar with confidence throughout the year.



*Carolyn*



# St. Luke Preschool

## Growing with God Since 1956

(505) 292-8812 | STLUKESC@thuntek.net | stlukepreschool.org



Summer Preschool is sailing along! Children are happy and their families are pleased with the engaging STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) and nature based explorations that are taking place. Weekly music classes with Danielle, weekly worship, and water play days, are rounding out the robust curriculum.

The summer program will finish up on July 11. The weeks between the end of Summer Preschool and the start of the new school year serve us well and include space for staff time off, floor care and maintenance, and preparations for the new school year.

We were thrilled to participate in the Rainbow Trail Vacation Bible Day Camp that took place in June! The pre-k children and their families valued the opportunity to learn about God through camp songs, Bible stories, crafts, games, and more. Many thanks to Allie, Mary, Holly, Danielle, Pamela, and Angie for including the preschool and for their organization, time, and talents that brought the VBDC to life.

Enroll Now



For Preschool

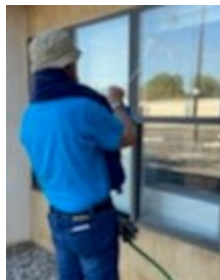
**We still have openings for our school year program. Thank you for telling others about St. Luke Preschool!**

## Love the Preschool




You are invited to give the gift of time and elbow grease to spruce up the preschool, as we prepare for the upcoming school year! Join us at the preschool on


**Saturday, July twenty sixth at nine o'clock am**



for a morning of window washing, chair scrubbing, tree trimming, spider web removing, weed pulling, playground toy scrubbing, and more! Please contact Lori for more information at [stlukesc@thuntek.net](mailto:stlukesc@thuntek.net) or 505-292-8812.



Sun	Mon	Tue
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 2025</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> <b>9:30-11:20am</b> Preschool Music class, in Taos room</p> <p>Worship, Music, &amp; the Arts Committee meeting postponed until July 29</p>
<p><b>6 PENTECOST 4</b> Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service <b>8:15am</b> Outdoor service, in Courtyard <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service &amp; Live-stream worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Angie out of the office July 7 - 11</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>9:30-11:20am</b> Preschool Music class, in Taos room</p>
<p><b>13 PENTECOST 5</b> Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service <b>8:15am</b> Outdoor service, in Courtyard <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service &amp; Live-stream worship at StLukeABQ.org <b>1:30pm</b> Navajo Code Talkers Presentation in Fellowship Hall, hosted by St Luke Learners &amp; Servers</p>	<p><b>14</b> Preschool closed</p> <p><i>Preschool floor care: July 14 - 25</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>DEADLINE:</b> articles &amp; items for August Horizon newsletter &amp; calendar</p> <p><b>2pm</b> Finance meeting on Zoom</p>
<p><b>20 PENTECOST 6</b> Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service <b>8:15am</b> Outdoor service, in Courtyard <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service &amp; Live-stream worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math Counts Class, in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math Counts Class, in Zuni room</p>
<p><b>27 PENTECOST 7</b> Blessing of Eucharistic Visitor Communion kits during services Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service <b>8:15am</b> Outdoor service, in Courtyard <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service &amp; Live-stream worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>	<p><b>28</b> Preschool office opens</p> <p><b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math Counts Class, in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math Counts Class, in Zuni room</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Worship, Music, &amp; the Arts Committee meeting on Zoom Note: no meeting on Aug. 5</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b>  <b>9:30-11:20am</b> Preschool  Worship  <b>12:30pm</b> Staff meeting in  Conference room  <b>6pm</b> Property Committee  meeting on Zoom</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>INDEPENDENCE  <i>Day</i></p> <p>Church office and St Luke  Preschool closed.</p>	<p><b>5</b>  No Saturday service  through August 2  Saturday night  worshippers are invited to  attend the Sunday  services</p>
<p><b>9</b>  <b>9:30-11:20am</b> Preschool  Worship  <b>12pm</b> Interim Pastors'  meeting on Zoom  <b>12:15pm</b> Worship Planning  in Conference room</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  Preschool Summer  session ends</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>1pm</b> Survivors of Suicide,  in Zuni room  <b>1:30pm</b> Dave Begeal's  memorial service  No Saturday service  through August 2</p>
<p><b>16</b>  <b>12:30pm</b> Staff meeting in  Conference room</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>10:30am</b> St Luke Singers</p> <p><i>July 18-21 Pastor Brad out of  the office</i></p>	<p><b>19</b>  No Saturday service  through August 2</p>
<p><b>23</b>  <b>12:15pm</b> Worship Planning  in Conference room  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class, in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class, in Zuni room  <b>6pm</b> Church Council  meeting on Zoom</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class, in Zuni  room</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>1pm</b> Survivors of Suicide,  in Zuni room  No Saturday service  through August 2</p>
<p><b>30</b>  <b>12:30pm</b> Staff meeting in  Conference room, in Zuni  room  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class, in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>August 1</b>  <b>1pm</b> Judy Moore's Math  Counts Class, in Zuni  room</p>	<p><b>August 2</b>  Saturday 5 pm service  starts next week: August 9</p>



# JULY 2025



Email: [Council@StLukeABQ.org](mailto:Council@StLukeABQ.org)

## Highlights from the Council in June, 2025

*By Alison Schuler, President*

Dear People of God:

*Jesus has become for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption ...  
(from I Corinthians 1:30) Sow righteousness; reap love!  
(from Hosea 10:12)*

The Council did not meet during June, but the work of God continued through all of you.

### Call of New Pastor: Committee and Process:

- The Call Committee is providing to you frequent reports. Most recently, each of us was asked to submit to the committee responses it can use to frame questions and provide information to candidates. Thank you, Call Committee, for all the work on this important and joyous task that God has entrusted to you.

### Finance

- Simply Giving improved during June as compared to the budget as some larger pledges were paid. We are so blessed by the Lord that we can provide for our ministries and for the needs of our congregation and neighbors.
- Thanks be to God that through the efforts of DeAnn Eaton, Chair, and the generous volunteering of some of our members, the Trust Committee now has the required five members and is beginning its work!

### Other Business

- Our confirmands have been on retreat at Rainbow Trail, with Tom Berardinelli as their mentor.

- The Hospitality Group, led by Diane Quarles, has come together in generous and loving ways to support the gatherings of the congregation at the receptions following the memorial services of Charles Clark and Les Anderson. We are fed in body and in spirit as we grieve by this deeply caring ministry of our congregation.
- The Preschool summer program is in full swing and providing its nurturing and faithful environment to children.
- Worship, Music and Arts, Stewardship, and Outreach are providing the Lord's presence in so many ways. Watch for more information.

Please participate in and support these ministries! You will find yourself in awe of the goodness of God at St. Luke as you deepen your commitment to God.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord, let Christ, our righteousness, be sowed in us, and let us reap Love through Him! The Holy Spirit is being poured out on the church as a whole and on us, in this beloved congregation. Please pray for the Council and the Call Committee, and that all of us together may fulfill our calling as a church and as witnesses to the Resurrection in a needy world.

If you have any questions or comments, please do talk to or email a council member or a committee chair who has responsibility for and knowledge of the subject matter. We welcome your thoughts and covet your prayers as we seek to be faithful to our Risen Lord.

Blessings and Peace,  
Alison Schuler, President

# The Wellness Ministry



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

**MEMBERS** Betty Ann Arner (Chair), Cindy Callisto, Gayle Carleton, and Sandy Williams Clark, Else Couzin

**NEXT WELLNESS MINISTRY MEETING** Monday, August 11, 4 PM in the Zuni room. Contact Betty Ann Arner at [bettyannarner@gmail.com](mailto:bettyannarner@gmail.com).

## National Cataract Awareness Month

### Prevent Blindness America

By Betty Ann Arner, BSN, RN, Wellness Committee member

Prevent Blindness has as their goal of the organization to provide patients, care partners, and allied health professionals with free educational resources on cataract, including fact sheets, shareable social media graphics, a dedicated webpage, a Focus On Eye Health Expert video, and a listing of financial assistance resources in English and in Spanish.



A cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens, which blocks or changes the passage of light into the eye. The lens of the eye is located behind the pupil and the colored iris and is normally transparent. The lens helps to focus images into the retina, which transmits the images to the brain. Cataract is the leading cause of blindness worldwide and the leading cause of vision loss in the United States.

In addition to aging, other facts may cause cataracts to form.

- ◆ Eye infections
- ◆ Some medicines, such as steroids
- ◆ Injuries or exposure to intense heat or radiation
- ◆ Too much exposure to non-visible sunlight, called UV or ultraviolet light
- ◆ Various diseases, such as diabetes or metabolic disorders

Symptoms of cataract include:

- ◆ Vision is cloudy or blurry
- ◆ Colors appear faded
- ◆ Difficulty in seeing well at night
- ◆ Lamps, sunlight, or headlights seem too bright
- ◆ Halos appear around lights
- ◆ Double vision (this sometimes goes away as the cataract gets bigger)

- ◆ Frequent change in the prescription of glasses or contact lenses

The American Academy of Ophthalmology states that during cataract surgery, an eye surgeon will remove the cloudy natural lens. Then, the surgeon will replace it with an artificial lens. This new lens is called an intraocular lens (IOL).

We know that with age, "the likelihood of developing cataract increases," said Jeff Todd, president & CEO of Prevent Blindness. We encourage everyone to be proactive about their eye health, including getting regular eye care, and talking to your eye professional about cataract risks and what steps you can take to protect your vision today and tomorrow.

#### References:



- ⇒ Guide to Cataract Surgery
- ⇒ Vision Care Financial Assistance

# St. Luke Prays

God, have mercy on me according to your faithful love.  
- Psalm 51-1a

**For the peace from above and for our salvation.**

**For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray:**

† Our country; Synod Bishop The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni; churches in our Synod, especially those searching for a pastor; ELCA missionary in Guayana Carolyn Schneider, Ph.D.; outreach Lutheran Family Services; ministry to students Luther House UNM-CNM; Navajo Lutheran Mission which serves Navajo community in Rock Point, AZ

† Our brothers and sisters in midst of conflicts  
† The persecuted church – ongoing persecution in Nigeria (congregations continue worshipping the Lord with joy); children in crisis in the midst of conflicts from Ukraine to Middle East and Sudan [[www.mnnonline.org/news](http://www.mnnonline.org/news)]

**For this holy house, St Luke church, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray:**

*God of All Things, we thank you for the opportunity and freedom to be a part of St Luke Lutheran Church. Lord, we give thanks that we belong to this community of believers where we worship and learn to deepen our relationship with you. We ask you to guide the pastoral call process. Lead us through your Holy Spirit and provide this church with a pastor who is the right fit for us at this time. Help us go grow and strengthen us for the ministries of St Luke as we strive to be of service to others. In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen [from St Luke Lenten Prayer Group]*

† Interim Pastor Brad; Church Council, Call Committee, and for all servants (church committees/ministries); St. Luke Preschool students, families & staff; church office staff; and for all who come to worship.

**For blessings of our faithful and loving Lord, we give thanks**

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ... James 1:17*

† St Luke Vacation Bible Day Camp June 23 - 27, 2025, coordinators Allie Brandt and Mary Fidler, volunteers, Rainbow Trail Counselors, campers and their families  
† Confirmation Camp (June 22 - 28, 2025) at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp: attended by Confirmands Sofia Franco, Serenity Gonzales, Hazel Trujillo, and Beau Griswold, with adult leader Tom Berardinelli

**For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray.**

† When we gather to worship our Lord - those who lead the congregation in singing praises to our Lord; those who read scripture readings; those who teach the Lord's Word; the faithful who facilitate worship; and those who pray for the church.

**For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray**

† For our nation's healing and civic health; US military personnel; law enforcements; first responders

**For those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, let us pray:**

† Law enforcements and medics in greater Albuquerque and neighboring cities; St Luke Bucket of Change recipient in July: Family Promise of Albuquerque

**For our deliverance from all afflictions, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray:**

† For blessed peace in our families, our homes; our places of employment; our communities; and in our churches  
† Unrest in our country's major cities

† Our beloved church family members: Ellen Seylar, Scott, Forrest Blech, Nancy Tarman, Sandy Bowers, Bob Domres, Karin Duda, Sherri Domres, Dorela Cole, Brenda Sanchez, Crystal Vaughan & Shane Kenney-Vaughan, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Lois Rowland, Don Vlasaty, Liz Wills

† Friends & family: Chele, Grace & her parents, Debra, Roseann Schneider, Sofia, Michael R., Joan & Dave, Mooty family, Kaela, Callie (Coughenour), Steve, Bryan Hernandez, Ruth, Katie Stephenson & her unborn child, Sara, Terry Obago, Gary Miana, Magdalena Barba & family, Terry, Debbie, Oscar Rodriguez, Kurt Coughenour, Keith, Skylar Silva, David, Gayle, Robert & Arlene Adams, Kirsten & family, Rossy, Nancy Blizzard, Aleta, Vanessa, Russ Glauner, Cheryl, Don & Annette, Anna Cordova, Jean Klinke, Brandon, Westley, Rogene, Chris, Enrique, Bill

† Near End of Life: Bryan Hernandez's mother; Richard Kilm

**For the families of the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks:**

† Betty Begeal and children Kathryn and Carlton and their families upon the death of Betty's husband David Roger Begeal on June 25

† Family of Lois Rowland, upon her death on June 24

† Carol and family upon the death of her son Todd the week of June 23

† Family of Loretta upon her death on June 21

† Bob & Judy Follis and family, upon the death of Judy's mother on June 7

**Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.**

*Please submit your prayer requests to*

*PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office.*

*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.*



Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday: June 15  
With Luther House Pastor Rhonda Newby-Torres



(picture on top right)  
Pointing our children toward Jesus this summer ...  
**SUMMER TAKE OUT BOX: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**  
Colin reading, with "flat Jesus"



Day Camp  
Bingo  
& Pizza  
Night  
June 25



Watch St Luke Day Camp 2025  
video at [StLukeABQ.org](http://StLukeABQ.org)



Rainbow Trail  
Day Camp  
Sunday  
June 29





# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



A congregation of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, *Presiding Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, *Synod Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, *Interim Pastor*  
Michelle Barba, *Business Manager*

Allie Brandt, *Multi-Generational Ministries Coordinator*

Danielle Cordova, *Music Ministries Coordinator*

Pamela Franco, *Media Ministry Assistant*

Nancy Granert, *Organist*

Precious Goodhart, *Nursery Care on Saturday*

Taylor Hollowwa, *Nursery Care on Sunday*

Angelica Miller, *Office Manager, Ministry*

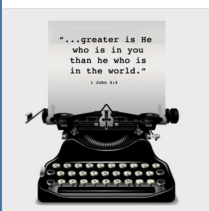
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## ST. LUKE CHURCH OFFICE

*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*

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### Altar Flowers and Candle Offerings

† Sanctuary Candle for July, given by Elaine Kovach, in thanksgiving for family

† Altar Flowers for:

July 6: Given by Trujillo Family, in thanksgiving for 16th wedding anniversary

July 27: Given by Debbie Werner & Vicki Grewe, in memory of parents

**Donations:** Flowers = \$35 per arrangement and Sanctuary Candle = \$25 for the month.

### July and August Worship Assistants

Sign up sheets are posted on the kiosk, in the church lobby. Thank you for your ministries.

### Church Office and Staff Schedule:

⇒ July 4: Church office (and St Luke Preschool) closed

⇒ July 7 - 11: Angie out of the office

⇒ July 18 - 21: Pastor Brad out of the office

⇒ Sunday, July 20: Presider & Preacher: Pastor Ben Larzelere

## Church Council

(Email: [Council@StLukeABQ.org](mailto:Council@StLukeABQ.org))

Alison Schuler: *Council President*

DeAnn Eaton Azar: *Vice-President; Finance Secretary*

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, *Interim Pastor*

Cindy Callisto: *Secretary; Worship Assistant*

Greg Haschke: *Stewardship; Sanctuary Choir*

Hazel Mella: *Adult Forum*

Judy Moore: *Treasurer; Finance; Budget; Personnel;*

*Stewardship; Godly Play;*

*St. Learners & Servers*

Marshall Shore: *Property Committee*

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Please send articles/items to the church office, c/o Angie Miller at [stluke@thuntek.net](mailto:stluke@thuntek.net).

- 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