

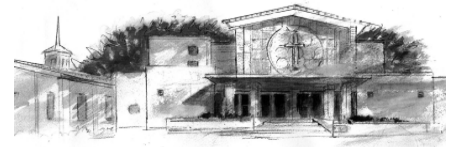


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monthly newsletter

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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

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Live-Stream service at StLukeABQ.org on: Saturdays, Oct. 4 & 25, at 5 PM;
Sundays, Oct. 12 & 19, at 8:15 AM

Christian Education: Sundays, *between services*

- ◆ 9:15 AM Salt & Spark Multigenerational Ensemble, in Sanctuary, followed by Godly Play, 2.5-preschool ages, in Admin. Building; Kids Spark, Kinder-5th grade, in Youth room
- ◆ 9:25 AM Adult Forum, in Zuni room

Love God Love Neighbor (*for youth and their adult mentors*): Sunday, Oct. 19
(note: *third Sunday this month*), 12:45 - 2:45 PM, at Mandy's Farm

Getting our Theological Ducks in a Row

By The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor

Read: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 51, and Luke 13:6-9

First, a story . . . It was the religious program she had heard on the Christian Radio a few weeks back that sent Shawn Rose on a mission to see her pastor. Shawn had been a solid church-going member all of her life. She took her faith seriously. She had taken it seriously already in her Sunday school years. In high school, too, she really tried to live out the truth of her religious belief in the midst of incredible peer pressure to do otherwise. Shawn played the piano for a gospel group Pastor Chung sang in. Shawn's growing up years tested her faith conviction a lot, but nothing prepared her for the difficulty of living out her faith as a single adult in a world with many religious voices and ideas and choices and temptations. Shawn wanted desperately to be obedient to her Lord's demands upon her life. Deep inside herself, however, she knew that she was not living up to the letter of the law. In personal relationships, in business relationships and in just plain living she found that she just did not always measure up to God's standards. Something was horribly wrong, she thought. And then she heard this religious radio program sponsored by another denomination that had simply pushed her over the edge. It was a sermon centered on the words God spoke to Jesus when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. God said to Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). The content of the sermon was basically that God was pleased with Jesus because Jesus truly did God's will and was obedient. "If we do God's will," the pastor had said, "then God will speak words of favor to us as well."

Shawn came into Pastor Chung's office very mad and confused. "I didn't like that sermon at all," Shawn told Pastor Chung. Pastor Chung responded. "Why? What was it, in the sermon, that you didn't like?" "I don't know," Shawn replied. "Something is just not right here. It seemed to be all bad news, judgment. 'If I do God's will, only then will God be pleased with me and love me.' I'm having trouble with this "if . . . then" theology. Pastor Chung smiled. He had taught her well to be a (theological crap) detector of false truths even when they come from other well-meaning churches and religions.

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Look, I've been trying all my life to do God's will and please God (Shawn said). I think when I was younger I actually believed I could do it. God's will, I mean. I would just put my mind to it and be obedient. I'm not so sure about that anymore. Maybe I'm the only one in our congregation who has this problem but, quite frankly, there are just too many times when I don't do God's will as I understand it. Is there something wrong with me?"

"I suppose what's wrong with you is that you are a sinner, we are all sinners", Pastor Chung offered softly. "Yeah," said Shawn, "that's what I've heard here all of my life. Yet, in spite of all the sermons that I've heard, all the teaching and all the Bible that I've read, nothing in me really changes very much. What I've heard doesn't seem to have taken very deep root. I hear, but I do not do." "I'm sure you try to do better, Shawn," Pastor Chung said pushing the envelope, looking for her response. "Well I'm not so sure I can do better," Shawn Rose shot back almost in anger. "Do better, do better, do better! It seems that's all I've heard my whole life. And I've tried. God knows I've tried. But I don't get any better. In fact, I think I'm getting worse. But that's where the problem lies," Ms. Rose protested. "How can my inner self be the solution when that's where the real problem is? Myself? My selfishness? You know what? I need a new answer to my dilemma. Something new has got to happen to me. I think what I really need is . . . a new heart." –from "A New Heart" by Dr. Richard A. Jensen (copied with permission)

Pastor Brad writes . . . Shawn Rose was right. There is always a problem in the kind of theology that says, "If only I do [this], then you- O God- will do [that]". That kind of theology always puts the emphasis on what we do rather than on what God has done. When we seek to do God's will, we often fail. We are sinful. We are unclean. We are, like Shawn Rose in the story, often confused. We have no power in and of ourselves to do what God asks or to create a relationship with God based on what we do. There is, always, this side of the Garden of Eden and humanity's fall from grace, a fundamental disconnect between God's will and human will. When we stand before the 10 Commandments, we hear this same message, called the "Law." We know it is true. We are sinners.

- we do not measure up (think yardstick);
- we miss the mark (think errant arrow);
- we trespass. We've all seen and disregarded a "No trespassing" sign. We sin.

We are sinners in God's sight. We break God's Law. We do not live up to and into the new covenant God has made with us through our baptism into the life of Jesus our Christ. Our problem is the same as was God's ancient people's problem. God made a covenant, a relationship with humanity, but humanity failed to keep that covenant. We discover our need, just as Shawn Rose did in the story I retold above. We discover in our great desperate need that we need a new heart-transplant. Our hearts are selfish and hard, turned in on self and arrogant/ full of pride. We need someone from outside of us to come into our human stories and dilemma and clean up our hard, human hearts to make them new again, uniting us to the loving Father and Creator of all things, restoring us to unity with God and Jesus, and to unity and fellowship with others. Here is the bad news.

But there is good news. At the heart of the Bible is a fundamentally more 'correct' kind of theology than that which Shawn rose heard on the radio program. It is not an "If . . . then" theology, it is a "because. . . therefore" kind of theology. "Because, I (your Lord and God) have [saved you and loved you, I have freed you and redeemed you], therefore, you . . . you are invited to respond to my grace. And in responding, seek my will and do it. Remember the covenant; keep the covenant!"

In the Jeremiah Oracle, Jeremiah 31, and Psalm 51 that you read, it is clear that God is in the business of creating clean, new human hearts and wishes to pour God's Spirit within us. That's what Psalm 51 says. That's what Jeremiah 31 says. It all depends upon God and God's grace. "Create in me a clean heart, O God," we pray. "I have sinned and am sorry. I humbly repent," we will confess in the Confession of Sin in the worship Book. But repentance is not something we do to earn God's love and favor. Repentance is what takes place in the human heart when, afterward, God changes us "from the inside out" once we've heard the gospel in all its truth and goodness and beauty. We "change mind and heart" (repent) because

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we want to respond to this great gift of loving grace and unearned favor. Here is the stewardship “rub.” We respond to what God has done, worked, and accomplished in us. Here is discipleship. Therefore, repentance is not a fruit problem; *it is a root problem*. The issue of right repentance is always a core issue at the root of the tree that we are that is a problem in God's eyes. So, repentance cannot be composed of “I can” statements. *“I have sinned God. I am sorry God. I can do better.”* Repentance, rather, must be composed of “I can't” statements. *“I have sinned, God. I am sorry. God, I've tried and tried and tried; but I just don't produce good fruit. I can't seem to do better. I need your Vinedresser to go to work on the “roots of my life.” Give me a new life, God. Give me your life. I can't. But You can.”* And God does.

This kind of language, a correct theology, we can borrow from the words of the prophets and their analogies of the biblical vinedresser and the vine or God and the Vineyard, God's people. God must work on the roots of the tree of our life of faith just as the man in the vineyard parable does (Luke 13:6-9). Our obedience, then, follows faith. Faith justifies us; but then faith takes shape. We do not live up to the measuring yardstick of the Law. We must seek to live into the New Covenant God has made with us through faith in Jesus, our baptism into his name. We enact our participation in the covenant God makes as we gather, kneel, and receive the “tokens/ pledges” (Luther) of the bread and wine of our Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion or daily when we remember our identity and status as God's elect children, baptized, loved, forgiven. The events of Jesus' passion and saving death get recreated and history dissolves, placing us back into that moment which, suddenly, is now. What God the Father said about Jesus the Son of God, this heavenly Father also says about each one of us. *‘You are my child; I have forgiven you. I love you; you are mine. With you I am well pleased. I have made a covenant with you.’* In this Jesus, God has provided a Solution for and a Savior from sin. *“Create a clean heart, O God,”* we pray as we recite Psalm 51 and make our confessional prayers. God hears us and does that very work within us. God comes to offer us a heart transplant as the Great Physician. God provides divine mending and healing and restores us. When the human searching soul looks to any place, anyone, for help, care, and hope, we know we must look to God (Psalm 121) Creator, Savior, and life-giving Holy Spirit.

Shawn Rose was right. She confessed to her Pastor, Pastor Chung: “What I heard (in the radio sermon) doesn't seem to have taken very deep root. I hear, but I do not do.” “I'm sure you do try to do better, Shawn,” Pastor Chung said pushing the envelope, with a twinkle in his eye and a smile, looking for her response. “Well I'm not so sure I can do better,” Shawn Rose shot back almost in anger.”

The theology she had learned in Confirmation classes with teacher (Mr. Tom) had not worn off. The solution for sin does not lie within us. It comes from outside of us when Jesus the Savior steps into the human story. Like Shawn Rose, we need a new heart and a new, right spirit within us.

In Jesus Christ, God comes on a mission to save, to restore us, and to create in us clean and new hearts. That is the good news Shawn Rose knew. That is the good news we learn. That is the very good news we need to hear. Our God, in and through Jesus the Savior, has forgiven our iniquity and remembers our sins no more. This God has made a new Covenant with us in grace. (Jer. 31:34). We seek to respond to what God has done in all we do and say and keep that covenant God made with us. Lest we get confused, let's always keep our theological “ducks” in order. – Pastor Brad Brauer

[1] My commentary is based on the teachings and sermons of systematic theology professor Richard A. Jensen, Wartburg Theology (1977-1981). I share them with profound thanksgiving for what he taught me. Reflections on the structure of the Covenants are based on the work and teaching of Dr. Harry Wendt, author of Crossways, 1981, and Divine Drama, 1993.



Affirmation of Baptism

Reformation Sunday, October 26
At the 10:30 AM service

We are excited to announce that our three confirmands, Serenity Apodaca-Gonzales, Beau Griswold, and Hazel Trujillo, will affirm their baptisms at the 10:30 AM service on Reformation Sunday, 26 October 2025. We encourage as many members of the congregation as possible to attend this service to show your support for our confirmands. You are also invited to attend a reception immediately following the 10:30 AM service to celebrate with our confirmands and their families! This is an important step in their baptism journeys and we are thrilled to have a huge turnout to show them they are loved and supported by the congregation!

- Tom Berardinelli, Confirmation Teacher and Adult Leader

Meet the Confirmands



*Serenity
Apodaca-
Gonzales*

*Beau
Griswold*

Hazel Trujillo

During service the weekends of October 4 & 5 and October 18 & 19, let us surround our confirmands: Serenity, Beau, and Hazel, giving them support through prayer, blessings and gift-giving as they prepare to boldly and confidently reaffirm their Baptismal promises (on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26). We, as a congregation, are reminded to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the 10 Commandments, place in their hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer.

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Meet the Confirmands ... *continued*

SERENITY APODACA-GONZALES

I play in band, act in theater and enjoy baking and plants.

What is one memorable moment during your confirmation classes?

High ropes at camp.

What is one Bible verse that is meaningful to you?

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:27

Who is your favorite Bible hero and/or villain and why?

My favorite Bible villain is Judas because he represents human nature and greed.

In what ways do you hope to use your gifts and talents to serve in God’s world?

Learn more to understand the word of God better.

What piece of advice would you like to give to incoming confirmands?

It is important to remember God is always with you, even when you’re sad.



I was born on December 7. I am 13 years old and go to Corrales K-8 school. I am in the 8th grade. I love crocheting, archery, eating macaroni and cheese, baking cakes, going to church camp and hanging out with my family and cats.

HAZEL TRUJILLO

What is one memorable moment during your confirmation classes?

My most memorable moment during my confirmation classes was when we went to confirmation camp and we ate fish for breakfast while watching the sunrise at Ball Field at Rainbow Trail Camp.

What is one Bible verse that is meaningful to you?

My favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 4:32: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ also forgave you.

Who is your favorite Bible hero and/or villain and why?

My favorite hero from the Bible is David because he was

able to forgive King Solomon for trying to kill him and fought King Solomon for justice.

In what ways do you hope to use your gifts and talents to serve in God’s world?

I hope to use my gifts and talents by helping in Godly Play, the nursery, and later after college I would like to be a pediatrician.

What piece of advice would you like to give to incoming confirmands?

My advice for in-coming confirmands is for them to, “Pay attention and have fun!”

BEAU GRISWOLD

I am a 13-year-old eighth-grade student at Eisenhower Middle School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. My primary interest is hockey; I have competed at a high level with the Durango Ice Devils and currently play for the Rio Rancho Warriors. In addition, I enjoy mountain biking and socializing with friends.

What is one memorable moment during your confirmation classes?

One memorable moment I had during my confirmation classes was attending Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Colorado.

What is one Bible verse that is meaningful to you?

One Bible verse that is memorable to me is Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Who is your favorite Bible hero and/or villain and why?

My favorite Bible hero is, of course, Jesus!

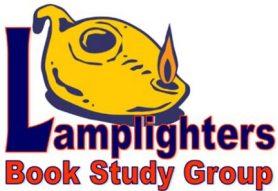
In what ways do you hope to use your gifts and talents to serve in God’s world?

I hope to serve God by using my talent of kindness.

What piece of advice would you like to give to incoming confirmands?

One piece of advice I would give to upcoming confirmands is to pay attention in class.



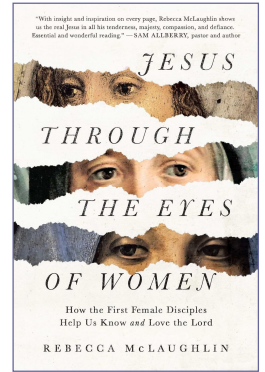


Lamplogos Book Study Group

First Thursday of the month
October 2

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

Study chapter 5 of “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Discussion Leader: Betty Ann Arner
We would love for anyone interested to come and join us!
Any questions contact Diane Quarles at 505-264-5444.



Friday Film Forum

October 17, 7 PM

At David & Diane Follstaedt’s home

Stay tuned for the movies we’ll be discussing. Contact Dave or Diane at dfollstd@unm.edu for additional information.



Women’s “gather” Bible Study, Brunch, & Mini-Retreat

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:15 - 11:30 AM

At St. Luke Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall

Fall 2025 “Money, Stewardship and Generosity” by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin Session Two: *Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure?*

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God’s high expectations for tending treasure.

For “Show & Tell”, think about something that has grown and flourished under your stewardship, and bring a picture or symbol of it.

Invite a friend. Bring a brunch food to share. Provide a non-perishable food item for the Storehouse. As part of this Bible study series, please bring a financial gift of love of any size for our special outreach program.



For more Information: contact Bev Berardinelli at womensbiblestudy@stlukeabq.org



LOVE GOD LOVE NEIGHBOR

ABQ YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH.
VOLUNTEER AT MANDY'S FARM
12:45 - 2:45 PM



We will meet at Mandy's Farm Barn Location: 346 Clark Rd SW

Guardians are welcomed and encouraged to stay. Come dressed to work and get dirty. We will be helping Mandy's Farm get ready for their annual Halloween Haunted House!

6TH GRADE AND UP **ADULT MENTORS ENCOURAGED** **CONNECT & SERVE**

About Mandy's Farm: Mandy's Farm is a nonprofit organization that assists individuals with developmental disabilities in achieving their goals for living, learning, and working in the community.



This event is limited to 15 volunteers, so please RSVP quickly to reserve your spot.
 RSVP to Allie Brandt:
stluke.abrandt@gmail.com

Love God, Love Neighbor September 2025, at St. John's UMC

Youth from local churches teamed up to clean up the St. John's Food and Garden Ministry's garden. Produce from the garden is used to help feed over 500 people per month! Meals made right at the St. John's kitchen feed those in the local community who are food insecure. Meals are provided to organizations such as HopeWorks, Breaking Bread, and Zuni Elementary School.

Do you want to share the love of God with marginalized groups in our Albuquerque community? Join us next for this month's service learning opportunity, Sunday, October 19th, at Mandy's Farm!
 RSVP: StLuke.ABrandt@gmail.com



A Message from your Interim Pastor

Dear friends, I am writing to share the news that our Organist, Nancy Granert (currently on a contracted leave of absence) is “stepping back” from her *full-time* position here at St. Luke Church as Organist into an evolving role in the Music Department with the help of Staff, our Director of Music, the Personnel Committee, Worship/ Music/ Arts, and the Church Council. I am saddened by this but support her as she manages her health in this move to a new position. Nancy and her splendid ministry of music has touched many lives, mine included, and I am grateful for the gifts she has shared with this community during her larger tenure. She has my best wishes and support as she turns now to a new evolving role. More about that in the coming weeks. Please join me in thanking Nancy for her ministry among us and blessing her in what comes next. At the Council’s direction, let me share, first, Danielle’s note to us and then Nancy’s letter to us.

Faithfully yours, -

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff

Danielle Cordova, Director of Music Ministries, writes:

“It is with a heavy heart that I share the attached message from Nancy Granert. She wishes to share this letter with the congregation as well, as members’ prayers and phone check-ins have been constant reminders that she is loved and missed. Nancy and I, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, have been in communication to explore serving St. Luke in new ways. We will follow up with a formal proposal once the details are finalized. Thank you for your lovingkindness in the journey as we transition to the next phase in St. Luke's music life.”

A Message from Nancy Granert

“Dear Friends, I send love and greetings to you all as I continue to work towards restoring my health and energy. I’m very grateful to have been with you from Lent through much of the Easter Season. Working on Service details with Danielle, Pastor Brad, and others on the worship staff during this time was a true joy, exemplifying community sharing and cooperation with the goal of lifting up our best efforts for our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Services. I was proud to be a small part of that. I was also so grateful to be able to accompany the Fauré Requiem for our Good Friday Service, one of my favorite choral works! I have made the decision to step back from my position as your Organist. This was such a difficult decision, after nearly 60 years on the organ bench, but I feel in my heart that it was the right decision for me. I’m working toward restoring my energy, and hoping to be back in a new and still evolving role within the Music Department. I love St. Luke, and the friends and community that have embraced me so warmly. Many blessings to everyone.” - Nancy

Email: Council@StLukeABQ.org

Highlights from the Council Meeting on September 25, 2025

By Alison Schuler, President

Dear People of God:

Let me tell you why you are here ... You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. ... Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. From Matthew 5

At its meeting on September 25, 2025, the Council acted as follows:

Confirmation

Three confirmands were joyously given council-required approval to be received as voting members of the congregation by Rite of Reaffirmation of holy baptism upon completion of their instruction in confirmation. They are: Serenity Madrid Apodaca-Gonzales, Beau Carter Griswold, and Hazel Grace Trujillo. May the Lord bless them abundantly!

Finance

- The financials as submitted by the Finance Committee for August 31, 2025 were accepted. We have a favorable revenue budget variance of about \$0.5k as of the end of August. Pledged revenue is down compared to budget, but unpledged was over budget, bringing us to approximate budget for simply giving. Because we have underspent in expenses, total net income variance shows as total favorable variance of \$25k. *Please continue and increase your giving as you are able; this enables us to carry out and expand our ministries as people of God, to look forward vigorously. We can be truly welcoming in every way!*
- The Budget Committee is following its timeline to prepare and submit a timely 2026 budget to the congregation.

Retreat Follow-up

Efforts are continuing to deepen and transform our ministry together to be the bearers of God's radiance and love in the world.

- The council continued to explore what changes would need to occur, both in programs and building facility, for St Luke Lutheran to live into

its name and to become a "Hub" of life-affirming activity for our community. As part of that, the council created a capital acquisition, implementation, projects and expenditures committee (name to be finalized later). This committee will focus on the capital and financing needs aspect of the possible changes and support proper planning for capital expenditures that are needed to repair and improve our facilities. More information will come on this as ideas are developed.

- The council further discussed security needs for the facilities, including further camera placements and improved feeds.
- The council discussed, but has not yet approved, possible nonbudgeted expenditures for related to improvements in our spaces to enable greater ministry.

Other Business

- The Council was updated on the New Mexico Universal Access to Child Care program which is scheduled to go into effect on November 1, 2025. The Preschool Committee is continuing to assess the impact of this program on the Preschool, as to numbers of students, qualification of families to be reimbursed through the program, levels of reimbursement to the Preschool, requirements for staff and compensation, and more. We hope for more information and clarification soon.
- We received Nancy Granert's letter respecting her anticipated transition from the organist position at St. Luke to other participation to be finalized after discussion and agreement with the appropriate committees of St. Luke. We are so very grateful to Nancy for her ministry with us.

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Highlights from the Council Meeting ... continued from previous page

- And, we celebrated council member Cindy Callisto's promotion to central medical director at her practice, and council member De Ann Eaton's three first places and six second places in a recent dance competition!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord, the Holy Spirit is calling us to live into being St. Luke Lutheran Church in an even greater way and is being poured out on the church as a whole and on us, in God's beloved congregation. Please pray for the Council and the Call Committee, and that all of us together may fulfill our calling, to offer God's love to all through the joyful sharing of the Word, and healing of spirit, mind and body. 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. Come! Participate! Renew and be renewed!

Blessings and Peace, Alison Schuler, President



The Wired WORD

On Sunday October 12, Adult Forum will begin a new series of studies using The Wired Word lessons. Each week, The Wired Word sends us a lesson about a current news event and analyses it for discussion from religious and societal points of view. Typically, there are many items in the news that deserve attention to give us a better understanding of our world. We will begin on October 12 by discussing political violence in the U.S., using the example of the recent shooting of Charlie Kirk.

Between the 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM services, around 9:25 AM
In the Zuni room,
in the Admin. building

If you have not been regularly attending Forum, this series permits you to drop in for individual lessons each week on different topics. Please join us in the Zuni room after the first service on Sunday mornings.

Questions? Please see David Follstaedt or contact him at DFollstd@unm.edu

Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Remembering Our Loved Ones at St. Luke

November 1 and 2, 2025, at all the worship services

You are invited to bring a framed picture of any size of your deceased family members and friends for All Saints & All Souls weekend, November 1st & 2nd. The pictures will be arranged on the high altar so that we can remember loved ones that have made their heavenly journey before us, whether recently or long ago. If the frame is unable to stand on its own, please bring a stand with your picture.



Please bring your framed pictures by Wednesday, October 29, to allow us time to set up.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (505) 299-2621 or at StLuke@thuntek.net.



NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 2, "All Saints Sunday" will also be the Sunday in which we welcome our newest members and adult Inquirers/Seekers who are joining us by way of Holy Baptism, Affirmation of Faith and Baptism, Confirmation, and by Transfer In from other Churches and congregations. As planning for this event with principal ministry team leaders and Staff has just begun, watch for more news about the shape of that Day, the names of our newest members, and our worship services crafted to celebrate these themes on that Sunday. At a minimum, we will welcome our newest members at the receptions and fellowship in the Narthex that normally follows worship.

Stewardship is ...

Everything that follows “I Believe”

Clarence Stoughton, President Wittenberg University 1949-1963

When you hear the word *stewardship* in the context of our faith community, what comes to mind? How long before you move on to something else because you don't want to think about money?

Stewardship is not what God wants from us but for us. It is continually asking the question, “Is this how God calls us to live in God’s grace, goodness, and mercy?”

Ultimately, your life and everything in your life is a moral instrument. What you have and what you do (or not do) with what you have expresses what you value. Hence, stewardship encompasses every aspect of your personal life and our life together as the body of Christ. Finances are just one aspect of how we show what we value. Consider these others:

Body – How we care for our health

Time – How we use our hours

Praise and Prayer – How we connect with God

Voice – How we advocate for others

Relationship – How we interact with our neighbors

Land – How we use our property

Facilities - How we use our space

Creation – How we care for the world

Community – How we care for and connect with our community

The Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen said that stewardship is always a call to conversion. Just as we are reminded daily that we are washed in the waters of baptism, so is our journey to live into our new life in Christ. It is not a one-time conversion, but a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly renewal that lasts a lifetime. Sometimes renewal doesn't mean trying harder to do more, but allowing room in our lives to discover or re-discover the joy of responding to God's grace by how we use all that God has given us. This fall, we encourage you to find some new aspect of stewardship in your personal life or in our communal life at St. Luke that can energize your faith.

The theme for our fall stewardship emphasis is “What we can do – responding to God’s generosity.” We invite you to dwell on the gospel readings in our weekly lectionary from St Luke, chapters 16-19 for nine weeks:

Luke 16:1-13, 16:19-31, 17:5-10, 17:11-19, 18:1-8, 18:9-14, 19:1-10, 18:18-27, 19:29-35a.

We encourage you to discover fresh ideas for stewardship in these texts.

The financial goal of our appeal focuses on strengthening our ministries at St. Luke to prepare for welcoming new pastoral leadership. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars...

October 18/19 – Announcement Weekend

November 1/2 and November 8/9 – Temple Talk Videos


November 22/23 – Commitment Weekend

Let us explore what we can do, responding to God’s generosity.

Your 2025 Stewardship Team:

Greg Haschke (chair), Diane Follstaedt, Mary Beth Garrett, and Pastor Brad Brauer



Sun	Mon	Tue
 <p>October 2025</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coat Drive for students of Janet Kahn Integrated Arts elementary school - continues through Oct 31 • Treats and other food items for the St Luke Halloween Drive Up - continues through Oct 19 Place donations in church lobby
<p>5 Pentecost 17 Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service 8:15am Worship Service 9:15am Salt & Spark Ensemble in church; then to Godly Play in admin. bldg. & Kids Sparks in Youth room No Confirmation Class, we'll meet 10/19 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>6 9:30-11:45AM Preschool Worship: NOAH</p>	<p>7 3:30-5:30pm Preschool Staff meeting, in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>12 Pentecost 18 Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service 8:15am Worship Service & Live Stream service at StLuke@ABQ.org 9:15am Salt & Spark Ensemble in church; then to Godly Play in admin. bldg. & Kids Sparks in Youth room 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum (The Wired Word starts), Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>13 9:15-11:45am Preschool Music classes, in Taos room</p> <p><i>Angie out of the office</i></p>	<p>14 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music classes, in Taos room</p>
<p>19 Pentecost 19 Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service 8:15am Worship service 9:15am Salt & Spark Ensemble in church; then to Godly Play in admin. bldg. & Kids Sparks in Youth room 9:15am Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall 9:15am Fill up treat bags for Halloween Drive Up, church lobby 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service 12:45pm Love God, Love Neighbor @ Mandy's Farm</p>	<p>20 9:15-11:45am Preschool Music classes, in Taos room</p>	<p>21 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music classes, in Taos room</p> <p>7pm Preschool Committee meeting on Zoom</p>
<p>26 Reformation Sunday Coffee Fellowship after each service Nursery Care during each service 8:15am Worship Service & Live Stream service at StLuke@ABQ.org 9:15am Salt & Spark Ensemble in church; then to Godly Play in admin. bldg. & Kids Sparks in Youth room 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30am-11:45 Preschool Worship: TEN BEST WAYS TO LIVE</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:30am Preschool ABQ Speech Language Hearing Screenings, Fellowship Hall, Youth room</p> <p>12:15pm Worship Planning in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2 9:30am-11:45 Preschool Worship: NOAH</p> <p>2-3:30pm Lamplighters Book Study, Lounge/ Library</p> <p>WMA Committee meeting moved to 10/9</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5pm Worship Service Nursery care during the service</p> <p>5pm Live Stream service at StLuke@ABQ.org</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Preschool Field Trip at Wildlife West Nature Park</p> <p>12pm Interim Pastors' meeting on Zoom</p> <p>No Staff meeting because of Preschool field trip</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Preschool Fall Break</p> <p>6:30pm Worship, Music & the Arts Committee meeting on Zoom</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp</p> <p>Preschool Fall Break</p> <p><i>Angie out of the office</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp</p> <p>1pm Survivors of Suicide</p> <p>5pm Worship service Nursery care during the service</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Deadline: articles & items for November Horizon newsletter and calendar</p> <p>12:15pm Worship planning</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am-11:45 Preschool Worship: MOSES</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am St Luke Singers</p> <p>7pm Friday Film Forum, at the Follstaedts' home</p>	<p>18 FEAST OF ST LUKE</p> <p>9:30am Women's <i>gather</i> Bible Study, Brunch, Mini-Retreat, in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5pm Worship Service Nursery care during the service</p> <p>5pm Live Stream service at StLuke@ABQ.org</p> <p>6pm Fill up treat bags for Halloween Drive Up, church lobby</p>
<p>22</p> <p>11:45am Preschool Village Mtg</p> <p>12:30pm Staff meeting in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:45am Preschool Village meeting in Courtyard</p> <p>6pm Council meeting on Zoom</p> <p><i>Afternoon: Angie out of the office</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30am-11:45 Preschool Worship: MOSES</p>	<p>25 Reformation Saturday</p> <p>1pm Survivors of Suicide</p> <p>3-4:30pm Halloween Drive-up</p> <p>5pm Worship Service & Blessing of Eucharistic Visitor Communion kits Nursery care during the service</p> <p>5pm Worship Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10am Trust Committee mtg</p> <p>12:15pm Worship Planning in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:15am Costume parade</p>	<p>31 REFORMATION 508th anniversary</p> <p>9:15am Costume Parade</p>	






BUCKET OF CHANGE

“Noisy Offering”

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


 Hopeworks provides access to day shelter, housing, & mental/behavioral health services. It addresses the complex challenges and trauma that many of us face, offering healing, safety, and support through love and community. Website: <https://hopeworksnm.org/>



Healing Homelessness: Mind, Body, and Spirit



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

 Hopeworks celebrates 40 years of service, Friday, November 7, 6 PM at National Hispanic Cultural Center Honoring our vulnerable community together. For more information, contact Clarice Honahnie at CHonahnie@hopeworksnm.org

THE STOREHOUSE NEW MEXICO

By Deb Werner, Coordinator of Storehouse Ministry at St. Luke

STOREHOUSE MATH: \$0.98 of every dollar goes to feeding the individuals who receive food. Every \$1 provides 5 meals.

So here are some facts:

- ◆ In 2024 nearly 80,000 people came to the pantry for free groceries, shattering past averages. On open pantry days, an average 485 people received groceries.
- ◆ NM residents of all ages, infants to seniors, are eligible to receive food. Children make up 28% of the people they serve, while seniors account for 20%. The remaining 52% are working adults.
- ◆ The Storehouse provides not just canned goods, but also milk, eggs, and fresh fruit/vegetables. For unhoused neighbors they provide snacks and hygiene supplies.
- ◆ The Storehouse also delivers 100 boxes of food every Thursday to homebound seniors and those with disabilities.. There is a waiting list for these deliveries.
- ◆ The Storehouse has a monthly Pet Food Pantry day and also hosts a pet clinic with Los Sueños Community Services.

Thank you for all your donations to the STOREHOUSE. Reminder the big food bin is in the lobby of the church.



ST. LUKE HALLOWEEN

DRIVE-UP

HEY, ST. LUKE FAMILIES! WE WILL BE PACKAGING AND HANDING OUT BAGS OF HALLOWEEN TREATS AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS FROM THE ST. LUKE WEST PARKING LOT TO CHILDREN IN NEED FROM THE JANET KAHN INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED. DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR SPOOKY SPIRIT THIS HALLOWEEN SEASON? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE HALLOWEEN DRIVE-UP EVENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- HELP ASSEMBLE HALLOWEEN PACKAGES SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH FOLLOWING 5PM SERVICE AND/OR SUNDAY, OCT. 19TH 9:15AM IN THE ST. LUKE NARTHEX.
- WEAR YOUR COSTUMES (YOUNG AND OLD!) AND JOIN US IN HANDING OUT HALLOWEEN PACKAGES SATURDAY, OCT. 25TH 3:00-4:30PM FROM THE ST. LUKE PARKING LOT.
- DONATE NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH OCTOBER 19TH. A LIST OF REQUESTED FOOD ITEMS IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Please let Allie Brandt (stluke.abrandt@gmail.com) or Diane Follstaedt know of your desire to volunteer or need more information. Or use the link to sign-up:





ST. LUKE LEARNERS & SERVERS

**3RD ANNUAL
TALENT/
NO TALENT SHOW**



**3 PM
FELLOWSHIP
HALL**



**NOVEMBER
2ND**



**ALL KIDS &
GROWN-UPS
ARE INVITED**



There will be Minute-to-Win-It games, a costume contest, and awards for all youth participants!

Don't miss the chance to be part of this dazzling showcase of creativity and skill!





The Wellness Ministry

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

MEMBERS: (Chair) Betty Ann Arner (bettyannarner@gmail.com), Gayle Carleton, Sandy Williams Clark, and Else Couzin

Heart Valve Disease

By Betty Ann Arner, BSN, RN

People ask:

1) WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A HEART VALVE PROBLEM?

Some physical signs can include

- chest pain or palpitations (rapid rhythms or skips)
- Shortness of breath, difficulty catching your breath, fatigue, weakness, or inability to maintain regular activity level
- lightheadedness or fainting
- swollen ankles, feet or abdomen

Symptoms don't necessarily determine the seriousness of a person's valve problems.

VALVES CAN BE SEVERE WITH NO SYMPTOMS, a valve problem also can be insignificant in terms of leakage, but problematic because of the symptoms. It's important to tell your health care provider any time you notice new or irregular symptoms that may relate to your condition.

IN 2016, I HAD OPEN HEART SURGERY for a valve problem. I hadn't had any noticeable symptoms; the problem was discovered after a routine echocardiogram that had been ordered because of a high cholesterol count. I put it off for awhile because it was hard for me to believe, since I felt so good. Besides that, I had tickets to Boston to visit family; but while I was there I sought a second opinion, and the medical people came up with the same conclusion. Finally, after going out of state for a family reunion, I started having some symptoms. I decided to have the surgery because I wanted to be as well as possible. I recuperated well after being in the Intensive Care Unit, having to be on oxygen even after discharge, physical therapy and cardiac rehab. To this day I am doing well.

2) WHAT HAPPENS IF HEART VALVES ARE NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY?

If the valve does not close properly, it will allow blood to leak backwards. This is called valve incompetence, regurgitation or a leaky valve. This can put extra strain on your heart and may mean that your heart has to do

extra work to pump the required volume of blood.

3) HOW LONG CAN YOU LIVE WITH A BAD HEART VALVE?

Around 80% of patients with mild symptoms live for at least ten years after diagnosis. However, my surgeon told me that 50% of patients with my condition would be dead in two years without having the surgery. I said to him, "I can't be dead in two years, I have stuff to do!"

Without the replacement of the aortic valve, only a few people with the disease survive past five years. The good news is that there is hope and a less invasive treatment option available for some patients. If you are experiencing symptoms, or if you think you have severe aortic stenosis, talk to your doctor.

4) TOP REASONS WHY SEVERE AORTIC STENOSIS IS DANGEROUS.

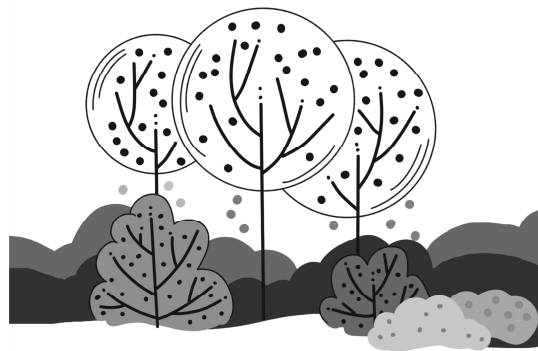
When the aortic valve has a severe buildup of calcium, it has a difficult time opening and closing. Patients with severe aortic stenosis may find it hard to participate in regular activities like walking to get the mail, or climbing up the stairs.

When this happens, your risk for heart failure increases significantly. This is why the outlook is poorer than many cancers that have metastasized in the body, such as metastatic breast cancer and in lung cancer.

According to the American Heart Association, about 5 million Americans are diagnosed with heart valve disease each year. Recently, there has been a trend toward less surgery, since some alternate treatment methods are preferred for some patients.

References:

National Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day
Heart Valve Disease Guide---Cleveland Clinic



A Message from your Pastor . . . There is much weighing on our hearts in this increasingly complex political season of fear, uncertainty, grief, and questions. We live in a “messy world” where we kill each other with weapons of all kinds and words as our vocation. The speedy ugliness of road rage and could-care-lessness on the roads I travel daily, Paseo del Norte and Wyoming, are but a minute example of a larger rage, hurry, nasty set of me-first attitudes that mark our contemporary life. We replicate the stoic uncaring, hate-filled attitudes of our brother, Cain, who killed his brother Abel and then told the Lord that he was “not” his “brother’s keeper.” (Genesis 4:9-10) Politically inspired violence is all around us. Killings, an assassination, the deaths of democratic state-house leaders, children killed by gun violence at Mass, thousands killed in an unjust war in Ukraine and in the occupation/demolition of the cities of Gaza for the sake of the god of “security.” Political violence, in speech and actions, is unacceptable and immoral, says the Gospel of Jesus. All violence is to be condemned. The larger context of the genocide in the West Bank and Gaza is unacceptable. Weaponizing government to ‘kill’ political rivals or detractors is unacceptable. Just as hate-speech is unacceptable, so is limiting free-speech and constitutional rights.

I cannot, here, speak to all the political situations we face, but I do ask you, as one of your pastors in Christ, to lay claim to the Faith and your Church’s moral compass and authority (scriptural) which is desperately needed if we are to “navigate” the current crises and find our moorings and our voices. Let us look to the wisdoms and guidance of our ELCA Lutheran bishops, national and synod, and to the work/ writings/ guidance of other Church leaders on these issues, esp. the Episcopal Church. A recent [Christian Century](#) magazine editorial is worth finding, reading, and exploring ([Christian Century](#) editorial, issue dated 9/11/2025). Look for it on-line.

Let us step onto the footings of Jesus’ gospel values and let us rest beside the cornerstones of the Faith we share. Let us hold ourselves before the Commandments and, when judged, condemned, and killed, then let us be driven to Jesus our Savior and the gospel of radical inclusive grace and loving acceptance. In all the arenas of our lives, let us live out the values of our Jesus: compassion, love, forgiveness, acceptance, mercy, justice. It is easier to give up or to be isolated along the faith journey and pilgrimage, but let us not give up. Remain in community and worship among us. Pray with us (and help me shape our Sunday intercessions, inviting us to pray for your own concerns and needs). Show up. Write to your leaders. Protest. Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy, the lonely and the forgotten, the excluded, those on the margins. Do some small acts of random kindness. Act your way into a new way of being Jesus’ disciple. May we all find our way together in worshipping community in these politically troubled divisive times. May love for each other be the powerful center that holds us together across the many spectrums of daily life.

Yours, faithfully,

-The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor



St. Luke Global, National & Local Outreach Ministry



Thank You from 

Dear Friends at St. Luke Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for spending your day of service at Saranam! What a difference your hard work made on our campus! Your team's efforts in Apt. A were phenomenal and will make it so much easier to get decorators prepped and supplied for our next round of homes. And the pillars look brand new! The time you gave makes our campuses places that our families can call home, and what a gift that is. We always enjoy our time together with you and can't wait to work together again soon.

All our appreciation, Saranam

News from Saranam, received late Sept. 2025: "We moved in 10 new families with 12 adults and 19 children. Ten new families! We did it with your help. Together we are stronger!"

*LORD, "your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments."
- Psalm 119:73*



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN MESSAGE

(top photo) Pastor Brad reading the Gospel (The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin) to the children.

(bottom photo) Pastor Hal teaches about faith, caring, and doing for others.



Week 41	ROMANS	PSALMS	Week 43	1 CORINTHIANS	PSALMS
Day 1	3-4	96	Day 1	15-16	110
Day 2	5-6	97	Day 2	2 CORINTHIANS 1-2	111
Day 3	7-8	98	Day 3	3-4	112
Day 4	9-10	99	Day 4	5-6	113
Day 5	11-12	100	Day 5	7-8	114
Day 6	13-14	101	Day 6	9-10	115
Day 7	15-16	102	Day 7	11-13	116
Week 42	1 CORINTHIANS	PSALMS	Week 44	GALATIANS	PSALMS
Day 1	1-2	103	Day 1	1-2	117
Day 2	3-4	104	Day 2	3-4	118
Day 3	5-6	105	Day 3	5-7	119:1-32
Day 4	7-8	106	Day 4	EPHESIANS 1-2	119:33-64
Day 5	9-10	107	Day 5	3-4	119:65-96
Day 6	11-12	108	Day 6	5-6	119:97-128
Day 7	13-14	109	Day 7	PHILIPPIANS 1-2	119:129-152

Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God’s mercy for the whole world —

For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider in Guyana
† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of the Rocky Mountain Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

For the well-being of your creation; that we may be good stewards of all your gifts and share generously with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and justice in the world,

† Healing for our country and unity for God’s people
† Especially in Gaza and the larger Middle East and in the Ukraine and for Oksana’s family in Ukraine, for safety and an end to war and terror

† Avery, Rebecca Horton’s granddaughter and daughter, Liam & Richard, Marissa & Gene, Brandon & Chris & Peter (from Nancy Espy), Janie (from Daleen Olson), Thomas Young’s medical work (from Cindy Callisto), Don, safety as he travels, Mark Mooty, Elisa, Felisa, Joshua Kiniaard (16 yrs), Andy, Nancy, Dave, Sam, Andrew, Scott & Beels, Emily, Seth, Nora & Logan, Kathy, Lisa Gail & Mary, Chele, Debra, Roseann Schneider, Sofia, Michael R, Joan & Dave, Kaela, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner, Magdalena Barba & family, Jean Klinke

For the nations and those in authority, rulers, legislators, and judges,

† *People in Southeast Asia in the midst of monsoon season and earthquakes; believers in India, that may continue to share the good news of Jesus as they face new laws on religion*

† *The youth, especially those living in unsafe environment, that they would hear and accept the good news of Jesus*

† This community; for peace and security for all peoples, for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† Starving children and families in Gaza and in Sudan; *families struggling in India where there’s widespread flooding, persecution in Pakistan*

† *October Bucket of Change recipient HopeWorks New Mexico*

For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last stage cancer, and polio

† Fern Knudsen on hospice, Ellen Seylar (& husband Roland) on her health and settling in their home in an assisted living near family in Maryland, Lola, for mental health and care; Karin Duda, for health procedures

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those who will have surgery: *Donna who was in hospital, Pastor Zach*

Cook, *Steve*, Rebecca Horton’s husband, Tina, Felisa, Karen Carlson, Pastor Brad’s daughter Erinn Brauer Brown and his niece, Renae Brauer, Don, Daleen Olson, Myra Lynch

† For the bereaved and sad: *Eric, son-in-law of Daleen Olson, and family, on death of Eric’s father Bill Jones on Sept. 24, Pam and family on death of her husband Rob, on Sept. 16, Family & friends of Betty Jewell, family of Stephen Smith, that they might have peace, and hope and receive your Presence and promises with faith*

For the hungry and homeless on our streets and neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the lonely

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by unable to help them sufficiently

For the congregation and its needs, and for its special concerns,

† Our confirmands Serenity, Beau, and Hazel, and teacher & adult leader Tom Berardinelli at Confirmation Camp on Oct. 10-12 and at their Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† St. Luke Preschool and the children and families

† Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, & staff

† Nancy Granert, Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri Domres, Ray Prudhomme, Chrystal Vaughan, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole, Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills (ride to church)

† For aging parents, whose caregivers we become.

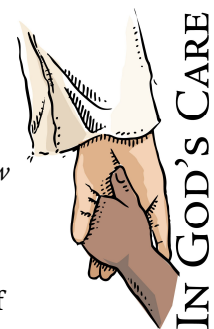
For blessings of our faithful and loving Lord, we give thanks

We remember the faithful departed who now are at rest and all the saints in our lives most dear to us who have lived out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting with them in eternal life with Jesus

† *Bill Jones*, Rob, Betty Jewell (from Cindy Callisto), Stephen Smith (friend of Betty Ann)

Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Alison Schuler
- 8 Benjamin Giralamo
- 9 Carol Allen
- 9 Yvonne Shirley
- 10 Ruth Glauner
- 11 Holly Trujillo
- 13 Danielle Cordova
- 15 Walter Artuso
- 16 Lorenzo Romero
- 17 Sharon Monson
- 19 Nancy Tarman
- 20 Greg Anderson
- 20 Sandy Williams Clark
- 20 Sally Quintana
- 21 Karin Duda
- 22 Adam Bowers

- 25 Dottie Donohoe
- 25 Lorna Hill
- 26 Mary Sorenson
- 27 Sally Trigg
- 28 Myra Lynch
- 28 Hendrix Trujillo
- 29 Dante Matteo Franco
- 31 Cindy Callisto

Youth Baptism Anniversaries

- 10 Parker Lee Smith
- 15 Eliana Clare Shore
- 17 Hope Noelle Trujillo
- 23 Ian Bradley Schuler
- 25 Evan Louis Shore

Wedding Anniversaries

October 18
Marshall & Rebecca Shore



From Ephesians 2:10



*Dear St. Luke,
Thank you for all the prayers for me.
Thank you for sending me copies of the services.
Sincerely, Karin Duda*

Celebrating 101+ birthdays in 2025

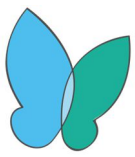


Lucille Few, 101 in February

*Dottie Donohoe,
102 in October*



*Fern Knudsen,
102 in September*



St. Luke Preschool

Growing with God Since 1956

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Preschool Blessing

August 2025

The prayers written on butterfly shapes, the origami butterflies representing transformation, and the interactive Celtic prayer and well wishes were meaningful to all of us. Thank you to Allie and Pastor Brad for creating such a lovely opportunity and thank you to all who participated, as we were blessed into the new school year!



Church Council Retreat

August 2025

Thank you to the Church Council members for their thoughtful visit of the preschool, as part of their retreat in August. It was a joy to show them around the school and to showcase the classrooms, the facility, and the program. The preschool is blessed beyond measure by its partnership with the church!

Preschool Worship

Preschool Worship times began in early September. For many of the children, this is their first time being in a worship space and truly is a sensory experience. Together, we see the sunlight bursts of color through the stained glass windows, see the suspended cross that seems to be floating, smell the candles, feel the texture of the carpet, hear the music, and learn about the love of God. Danielle's gift of music, makes it that much more meaningful.

As always, parents and other family members are invited to attend worship with their child.

Albuquerque Speech Language Hearing Center

Albuquerque Speech Language Hearing Center recently brought their speech language pathologists and audiologists to the preschool for the purpose of providing screenings for children ages 3 and older. We are thrilled that ASLHC could provide this valuable service to us again this year.



Thank You

Thank you to Mike Sanchez and the Property Committee members for allowing the courtyard leaves to accumulate! There is nothing quite like romping in the leaves, taking nature walks around the property, exploring pumpkins, painting with leaves, reading fall stories.



ST. LUKE CHURCH'S TRUST COMMITTEE is looking for additional members. We meet quarterly. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 29, 10 AM**, at St Luke Church, in the Conference room. For more information, please contact DeAnn Eaton Azar at Deaton@swcp.com.



"The Call Committee has recently completed interviews with pastoral candidates. After prayerful consideration, we discerned that they were not the right fit for our congregation. We will continue our search and trust that Holy Spirit will guide us to the pastor God is preparing for us. Thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward in this process."

- Judy Moore, Chair

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

Church Office: 505.299.2621 / stluke@thuntek.net

Altar Flowers and Candle Offerings

- † Sanctuary Candle for October, given by Cindy Callisto, in memory of her mother Jean Chaplis
- † Altar Flowers for October 25-26, given by Mary Voelz, in memory of Ray Mosteller

One altar flower arrangement available for offering: Oct. 4-5; 11-12; and 18-19

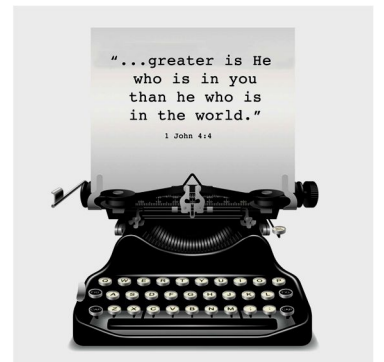
Donations: Flowers = \$35 per arrangement; Sanctuary Candle = \$25 for the month. Please sign up on the Flower Chart on the kiosk in the church lobby or sign up by email: StLuke@thuntek.net

Worship Assistants

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

October 9 and 10: Preschool Fall Break

Friday and Monday, October 10 and 13: Angie out of the office



*And now we thank you, our God,
and praise your glorious name.*

*But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus
to offer willingly? For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you. - 1 Chronicles 29:13-14*

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Yehiel Curry,

ELCA 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*

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