

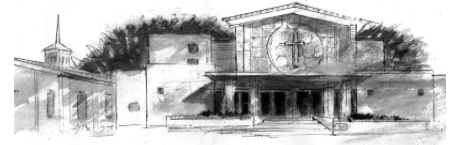


HORIZON

monthly newsletter

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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



ST LUKE WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Nursery care available during services

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Live-Stream service at StLukeABQ.org on: Saturdays, Feb. 14, 28, 5 PM;

Sunday, Feb. 8, 8:15 AM; Sunday, Feb. 22, 10:30 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, Kindergarten— 5th grade ages, in Youth room
- ◆ 9:25 AM Adult Forum, in Zuni room

Love God, Love Neighbor: Sunday, February 8, 12:45-2:45 PM at Luther House, UNM Campus. Service Project: Blessing Box for the UNM community

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18

“Come back to me, with all your heart, don't let fear tear us apart”

– God, in the prophet Hosea.

Lent begins with Ashes and Confession of Sin on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Psalm 51 will be central to our prayers. Create in me a clean heart, O God.” Opportunities: “Ashes on the Go” at Preschool, at Noon from our first Service in the Nave, and an evening worship liturgy at 6:00 P.M. Alternate Ash Wednesday Texts will populate our Readings at Noon and 6:00 P.M. Services. Lenten Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, February 25. at 5:00 P.M. and then we gather for worship the remaining Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Midweek's Wednesday themes: (based on the Sunday Gospel reading each week from John, “Conversations With Jesus.” (friends and adversaries). We will seek to enter into the drama and “conversations with Jesus” from the Gospel of John's long Sunday stories: The satanic Tempter in Matthew 3, Nicodemus in John 3, the Woman at the well of Sychar in Samaria in John 4, the Man Born Blind who received healing and restoration to beloved community, then Mary/ Martha – Lazarus' sisters- at his death in John 11, and then the pilgrims at Passover in Jerusalem, Matthew 21 as well as the Centurion at the Cross, Matthew 27. Each week we will enter into the conversation with Jesus by means of some contemporary tool to overhear the Gospel story in a new way. Each mid-week Liturgy will end with an optional Service of the Word and Healing for Lent. The stories we overhear are the teachings & content for the ancient pre-baptism “catechumenate process” still used today.

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Sundays Themes and preaching focus: On Sundays we'll think together about Paul's message of the Gospel in the book of Romans heard each weekend. Paul's images in Romans 1-8 were borrowed from the arenas of the courtroom, the slave market, the Jerusalem Temple/ Passover & ritual sacrifices, i.e., meat markets and pagan temples/ supper clubs, and the labor room. From those cultural arenas we receive our Images of the gospel and our Lenten vocabulary: "justification, redemption, expiation/ propitiation, liberation" (as well as the words, "transformation, new creation, resurrection/ and hope"). ELCA Devotional booklets have been ordered. Churchwide devotions this Lent are also based on the New Testament Book of Paul's Romans and were an impetus for our focus on Romans here at St. Luke church. Pastor Brad will also offer a Bible Study class on Romans, "Paul's Images of the Gospel," on Thursdays at Noon (interactive in person and Zoomed Class from the Conference Room).

Holy Thursday will be celebrated as Maundy Thursday with a return to the liturgy of the Washing of Feet in addition to the celebration of/ institution of the Eucharist. Our Youth will have a central place in this Maundy Thursday liturgy. Stay tuned for more details as Lenten planning evolves and see the other Lenten events on the February calendar and advertised.

Worship times that the Worship Planning Group has recommended throughout Lent and Easter: On Midweek Wednesdays- 5 P.M. Supper and 6 P.M. Worship. Ash Wednesday & Holy Week Services of Worship, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday all at 6:00 P.M. Saturday's Easter Eve Worship Service will be at 5:00 P.M. a shortened/ modified Vigil. On the weekends: our Regular Sat. scheduled at 5:00 P.M. and regular / Sunday schedule, 8:15 and 10:30. Easter Morning: Early Sunrise Service at 8:15 A.M. and Festival Easter Worship at 10:30 A.M.

Join us as we begin a Holy Lent together on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

- The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

February 18

 Ash Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICE AT NOON AND 6:00 PM

— LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES — FEB 25 — MARCH 25



5:00 PM

SOUP SUPPER



A CONVERSATIONAL
VIDEO SERIES



6:00 PM

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

- Feb 25 → JESUS & THE TEMPTER
- March 4 → JESUS & NICODEMUS
- March 11 → JESUS & THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
- March 18 → JESUS & THE MAN BORN BLIND
- March 25 → JESUS & MARTHA AND MARY,
GRIEVING SISTERS



CONVERSATIONS
WITH JESUS

— LENTEN SERMON SERIES — A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Each Sunday we will read from the book of Romans, exploring Paul's powerful images of the Gospel — drawn from the courtroom, the marketplace, temple sacrifice, and the labor room. These images shape our understanding of righteousness, redemption, hope, and the longing of creation.

MARCH 1



THE COURT ROOM

Romans 3: 4b-24a

MARCH 8



THE SLAVE MARKET

Romans 3: 22b-24,
6: 1-11

MARCH 15



RITUAL SACRIFICE

Romans 3: 22-25a,
5: 12-14

MARCH 22



LABOR ROOM

Romans 8:18-25

Lenten Fair!

**Sunday, Feb. 15th 9:15-10:15AM
Fellowship Hall**

**LEARN ABOUT AND PREPARE FOR YOUR
LENTEN JOURNEY WITH ARTS, CRAFTS,
SNACKS AND GAMES FOR ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!**

Come one, come all!

We are looking for volunteers to participate in and support the Lenten Fair. No prep or cleanup required, just come and have fun supporting craft activities and games. Sunday, February 15th 9:15-10:15AM. For more information or to lend a hand, contact Allie @ stluke.abrandt@gmail.com or Holly @ htrujillo1624@gmail.com

February Sunday School Announcements

Godly Play

Our stories this month are:

- 2/1: Parable of the Pearl
- 2/8: St. Valentine
- 2/15: Lenten Fair
- 2/22: TBD

Please check your email for opportunities to volunteer with Godly Play.

February 15th we will learn about the time of Lent at the Lenten Fair with Kids Spark!

Kids SPARK

February Lessons:

- 2/1: Beatitudes
- 2/8: Salt and Light
- 2/15: Lenten Fair
- 2/22: The First Sin

February 15th we will learn about the time of Lent at the Lenten Fair with Kids Spark!

Salt & Spark Lenten Small Group Ensemble will start meeting in February to prepare a song for Maundy Thursday! See Ms. Danielle for more information

Mark Your Calendars!



2/8/26: Youth Group Brainstorm meeting @ 9:15AM, Fellowship Hall

2/8/26: LGLN @ Luther House, 12:30PM reschedule

2/15/26: Lenten Fair, 9:15-10:15, Fellowship Hall

2/22/26: Learners & Servers trip to the Wheels Museum! This is a fun field trip for St. Luke members of all ages

Confirmation

Weekly Confirmation instruction will not begin until Sunday School (9:15-10:15 am) starts in September 2026

See Tom's email regarding information on Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, 21-27 June 2026

(Tentative) Confirmation pre-meetings: 2/8/25, 3/8/25, 4/19/25, and 5/17/25), during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15 am). Get to know your instructor, Tom, and what Confirmation is all about!

Youth Group

Youth grades 6-12th are encouraged to join us for a brainstorming forum to share your ideas on creating a St. Luke Youth group!

We will meet in Fellowship Hall. February 8th. 9:15AM. We will bring the snacks; you bring the ideas!

Friday Film Forum

Friday, February 13

7:00 PM at the Quarles' home

The movies to see have not yet been selected. More information will be published in the St. Luke GPS.

St. Luke Church Field Trip to the Wheels Museum



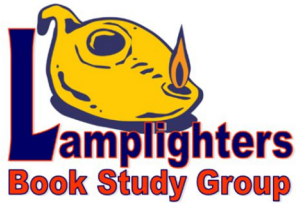
Sunday, February 22, after the 10:30 AM service
Around noon: meet at the entrance of Wheels Museum
Location: 1100 Second Street SW.

Website: wheelsmuseum.org

For more information, please contact Nancy Tarman at NancyTarman@gmail.com



Field trip organized by St. Luke Learners & Servers



Lamplighters Book Study Group

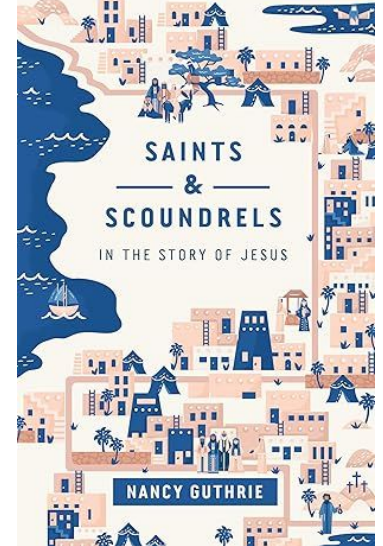
Next meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2026
2:00 - 3:30 PM, in the Library/Lounge

Study: Chapter 2: “The Family” in our book, by Nancy Guthrie titled
“*Saints and Scoundrels*”

There are questions in the back of the book on page 204 that will guide our discussion. Join us! Discussion Leader: Carrie Haugen.
Questions? Please contact Diane Quarles at Diane.quarles@mac.com or at 505-264-5444.

“... *Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus* tells the story of 10 people or groups of people who are integral to the story of Jesus told in the Gospels. ... They are more than examples—they show us a unique angle on the grace available through Jesus for sinners. Each chapter also offers challenging applications to the lives of readers.”

- excerpt from Christianbook.com



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

Saturday, February 21, 2026
9:15 - 11:30 AM

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Library/Lounge

Study: ‘Now let us pray’ by The Rev. Live Larson
Andrews

Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only *for* creation but *with* creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.



Invite a friend. Bring a brunch food to share. Provide a non-perishable food item for the Storehouse.

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

For more information on the Gather magazine, go online to www.gathermagazine.org.

Church St. Luke Council

Email: Council@StLukeABQ.org

Highlights from the Council Meeting on January 29, 2026

By Alison Schuler, President

Dear People of God:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

At its meeting on January 29, 2026, the Council acted as follows:

Welcome of Council Members

With joy, we welcomed Gil Quintana, a new member of the Council, elected by the congregation to a two-year term at the annual meeting on January 25, 2026. We also gave thanks for returning member, DeAnn Eaton Azar, elected, following her completed two-year term, to a one-year term. Congratulations to Gil and DeAnn!

We have one open position, for a two-year term. If YOU are sensing that God is leading you to this service, let us know. This is part of the ministry of God to all of God's people.

Leaving the council at the end of her two-year term was Hazel Mella. We are so grateful to God for you, Hazel. Thank you for sharing your many gifts with us on the Council. May God bless your continuing service in this community.

Election of Officers and Appointments

The Council elected the following as officers of the congregation:

Alison Schuler, President
DeAnn Eaton Azar, Vice President
Gil Quintana, Secretary

The Council appointed the following to these positions:

Treasurer, Judy Moore
Financial Secretary, DeAnn Eaton Azar
Preschool Committee Liaison, Gil Quintana
Nominating Committee Chair, Cindy Callisto
Assistant Secretary, Cindy Callisto

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Council Meeting Times

The Council changed its normal meeting day and time to the 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m., MT.

Finance and Budget

- The 2025 year-end financial statements will be considered by the Council at its next meeting, the Finance Committee not having met for their review by the Council meeting.
- The Budget Committee will be meeting throughout the year.
- Thank you, dear congregation, for your support and approval of the 2026 budget and of the one-time and capital improvement expenditures for 2026. You support our mission with your generosity!

Trust Committee Renamed

The Council approved renaming the Trust Committee as the Investment Committee and the reforming of the charter of the committee. This action was taken to align the title and charter of the committee to its actual service on behalf of the congregation.

Other Business

- We are grateful to each of the members and staff who came together to decide on and give notice to the congregation about weather consequences to our services and annual meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026. It was a flurry of activity (and snow), but because of you, it worked! God is with us, even in ice and snow.
- The revitalization of the Wellness Committee is underway. Stay tuned for more information! We cannot begin to thank the previous members of the committee, chaired by Betty Ann Arner, for their tender care of the members of the congregation. They have been true witnesses of, and the hands of, Christ in our midst.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord: We are so grateful to God for all of you, your love, your generosity, your support and your commitment to Christ in this Church. Thank you for 2025. Just as last year, 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

How shall we overhear Matthew's Sunday Gospel Stories?

By Pastor Brad Brauer

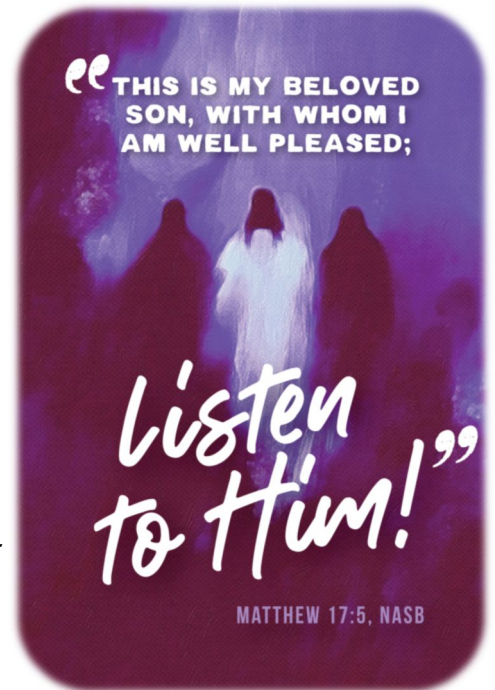
Preaching & Teaching the Gospel of Jesus from Matthew . . . Here are some thoughts from Richard A. Jensen, my preaching mentor, as we think together about the themes of Matthew's gospel stories in the weeks to come and their implications for overhearing Matthew's story in our contemporary culture . . .

1) *I am most intrigued by the call now, for 45 years, for preachers to be better storytellers of the faith and biblical story. Preachers ought to tell more stories that evoke Christian reality. We have been conditioned for centuries in the church to present ideas for the mind that explain Christian reality. Evoke or explain? This is not an either/or situation. Preaching & teaching ought to do both. I believe that this is the basic choice that faces the preacher each week. As I study the texts for each Sunday and move towards a sermon I always have a choice. Shall I tell stories that evoke the gospel reality for ears and heart or shall I make points that explain this reality? Some scriptures call for evocation. Other scriptures call for explanation, teaching, didactic ideas, images. I have a foot in both worlds. Evoke or explain? We preachers must make this decision each week about our preaching.*

2) *The only evangelism that speaks the language of today's media-saturated culture is a story-oriented, narrative evangelism. It gives us a point of connection in our everyday lives, enabling us to see how God has interacted with human history and how God can interact with our own individual lives. "God is in our stories," so sings a contemporary worship song on the Christian radio. Stories are intensely important to Generation X. We want the feelings, the action, the story. It should come as no surprise, then, that the vehicle of story is a powerful and effective vehicle for reaching Generation X. In fact, the story of Jesus Christ seems custom-designed to give Gen Xers a story to identify with.*

3) *Storytelling works best for us post-literate people, postmodern people, and for Generation X. So I try to take up Matthew's Gospel and tell (enflesh or act out) stories from a variety of sources in my Sunday Messages. Matthew's great story about Jesus the Savior, set within the Divine Drama that is the biblical narrative, is my focus week to week. Lent will interrupt this sequence and we'll be hearing long stories and conversations and dialogues from John's gospel.*

Matthew's gospel's origins? . . . Many believe that Matthew's Gospel is a product of the dialogue between leaders of two communities, church and synagogue. Both competed for the loyalties of the same people, offering divergent interpretations of the life of Jesus and events of the recent past. Matthew's church (in Syria?) found itself as a community living on the edge of history. They were a minority community living in a large and very diverse urban area filled, some suggest, with pagans. They were also in the minority in relationship to the Jewish religious community of Antioch. So Matthew urges his Christian community to "live against the grain," of the culture and its deceptive, demonic, selfish values. Living "against the grain" of one's culture might also describe our need at the present time. Matthew, therefore, might be a very relevant Gospel for our days. Richard Jensen, my beloved seminary professor of systematic theology and preaching in the D. Min. program (Chicago) taught us that Matthew the Christian sage must have been disturbed primarily by developments inside the Christian community. He recalls harsh words of Jesus against Pharisees and other leaders, not because he is locked in combat with the Pharisaic leaders of Jamnia, but because he is



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probing the mind of Jesus regarding issues of authority, worship, community life, and leadership. In his own day Matthew saw Christian leaders displaying the very sorts of behavior and attitudes that were criticized by Jesus. He trusted his first readers to catch or overhear the point when he retold Jesus' story of servanthood in order to make the appropriate applications to their lives (see end note). During these weeks to come in February and March as we enter the weeks before Lent and then after Lent on Palm Sunday, March 29, we will enter back into Matthew's Gospel. One story in Matthew may allude to one, two, three or more other stories in the First Gospel. These narrative connections and allusions are important. Matthew interprets his stories by alluding to other stories.



Someone recently asked me again, "Just how do you preach? Where do you begin? What's your strategy? My goal will be to suggest, where possible, other Matthean narratives that can be "stitched together" (Jensen's terminology) with the lectionary's given gospel narrative from Matthew's collection into a story sermon. And, as you know I do, I'll be trying to link up the gospel to our lives with stories from the culture that work as a lens to invite us into the drama.

Back to Matthew's stories . . . Matthew stories lead the preacher to speak for God. It's that simple. Direct address. Declarative theology. Because God [], therefore you []! "Here is what Jesus is saying to us today through these stories!" I say it on behalf of Jesus our Christ. I learned this approach to gospel proclamation from the giants of faith: Martin Luther, Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Rudolf Bultmann, Gustav Wingren, and Harry Wendt. The gospel of God's love for sinners is by far the most important message we have to proclaim to the world. Just about anything else we might say our listeners can hear elsewhere. It is only in the gathering of "two or three witnesses" who 'seek peace and build shalom' (Matthew 18), wherein Christ is present in the midst of them as the I AM God & Emmanuel, where we can hear God speak good news to us about life here and now, life abundant, and life eternal. Matthew the gospeler on the streets with his oral then written "good news-release" called a "Gospel" travels with me now in my mind and imagination as his stories of Jesus guide and shape my Christian life. Thank you, Matthew. Thank you Dr. Richard Jensen for your teachings. Thank you Jesus!

-Pastor Brad Brauer, (a fellow student-disciple of the scriptures and "biblical bloodhound," a term coined by Dr., Harry Wendt)

The above material is a condensation of chapters in Richard A. Jensen, *Preaching Matthew's Gospel; Thinking in Story: Preaching in a Postliterate Age* (Lima, Ohio: CSS, 1993). *Preaching Mark's Gospel* (CSS, 1996) and *Preaching Luke's Gospel* (CSS, 1997).



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 EPIPHANY 4 Nursery Care during each service & classes 8:15am Worship Service & Simultaneous Live Stream at StLukeABQ.org 9:15am Godly Play 9:15am Kids Sparks in Youth room 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service 3-5pm Preschool Open House 3pm Math Counts (Judy Moore), Zuni room</p>	<p>2 Preschool Enrollment for current preschool families and St Luke church families 9:15-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room</p>	<p>3 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room 10am Finance: Insurance meeting, in Conference room 3:30-5:30pm Preschool Staff Meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>8 EPIPHANY 5 Nursery Care during each service & classes 8:15am Worship Service & Simultaneous Live-Stream Worship at StLukeABQ.org 9:15am Godly Play 9:15am Kids Sparks in Youth room 9:15am Youth Group Brainstorming, in Fellowship Hall 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship 12:45-2:45pm Love God, Love Neighbor at Luther house, UNM Campus 3pm Math Counts (Judy Moore), Zuni room</p>	<p>9 9:15-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room</p>	<p>10 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room</p>
<p>15 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Presider & Preacher: Pastor Ben Larzelere Nursery Care during each service & classes 8:15am Worship 9:15am Lenten Fair, in Fellowship Hall 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service 3pm Math Counts (Judy Moore), Zuni room</p>	<p>16 Presidents' Day Deadline: articles & items for the March Horizon and calendar No Preschool 3pm Math Counts (Judy Moore), Zuni room</p>	<p>17 Preschool Open Enrollment begins 7pm Preschool Committee meeting on Zoom</p>
<p>22 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Nursery Care during each service & classes Blessing of Eucharistic Visitor Communion kits 8:15am Worship service 9:15am Kids Sparks and Godly Play, start in Sanctuary 9:25-10:20am Adult Forum, Zuni room 10:30am Worship Service & Simultaneous Live-Stream Worship at StLukeABQ.org 12pm St Luke Field Trip to Wheels Museum 3pm Math Counts (Judy Moore), Zuni room</p>	<p>23 9:15-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room</p>	<p>24 9:50-11:45am Preschool Music Class, Taos room 5pm Contemplative Group Spiritual Direction, led by Jerry Aaker</p>

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me ...

... to provide for those who mourn in Zion; to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, festive oil instead of mourning, and splendid clothes instead of despair. And they will be called righteous trees, planted by the Lord to glorify him. – Isaiah 1a; 3

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 10:30am Lutheran Advocacy NM Legislative Briefing & Bishop's Luncheon in Santa Fe</p> <p>12:30pm Staff meeting in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke practice</p> <p>6pm Lenten Midweek Music rehearsal</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>5 9:30-11:45am Preschool Worship: Zacchaeus</p> <p>2pm Lamplighters Book study group, Lounge/ Library</p> <p>6:30pm Worship, Music & the Arts Comm. meeting on Zoom</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 11am Dottie Donohoe's memorial service Reception in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5pm Worship Nursery care during service</p>
<p>11 12pm Interim Pastors' meeting</p> <p>12:15pm Worship Planning meeting in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke practice</p> <p>6pm Lenten Midweek Music rehearsal</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30-11:45am Preschool Worship: Zacchaeus</p> <p>7pm Friday Film Forum at Quarles' home</p>	<p>14 1pm Survivors of Suicide in Zuni room</p> <p>5pm Worship service & Simultaneous Live-stream worship at StLukeABQ.org Presider & Preacher: Pastor Ben Larzelere Nursery care during service</p>
<p>*****  Feb. 13 - 16: Pastor Brad out of the office *****</p>			
<p>18 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>8:45-9:15am Ashes to Go at the Preschool entrance</p> <p>10:30am Capital meeting</p> <p>12pm Ash Wed. Worship</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>6pm Ash Wed. Worship</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9:30-11:45am Preschool Worship: The Good Shepherd</p> <p>12pm Thursday in Lent: Book of Romans Study, Conference room</p>	<p>20 10:30am St Luke Singers singing at Brookdale Memory Care, 4910 Tramway Ridge NE (contact Ginny Fisher at (505) 280-2012 or at vcfisher@comcast.net to attend)</p>	<p>21 9:15-11:45am Women's Gather Bible Study, Brunch, Mini-Retreat, in Lounge/ Library</p> <p>5pm Worship Service Nursery care during service</p>
<p>25 12:15pm Worship Planning meeting in Conference room</p> <p>2pm Bells of St. Luke</p> <p>5-6pm Lenten Soup Supper, in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6pm Lenten Midweek service</p> <p>7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 12pm Thursdays in Lent: Book of Romans Study, in Conference room</p>	<p>27 9:30-11:45am Preschool Worship: The Good Shepherd</p> <p>9:30am Church Council meeting on Zoom</p>	<p>28 1pm Survivors of Suicide in Zuni room</p> <p>5pm Worship Service & Simultaneous Live-Stream worship at StLukeABQ.org Nursery care during service Blessing of Eucharistic Visitor Communion kits</p>



St. Luke Preschool

Growing with God Since 1956

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Preschool Registration

2026-2027 School Year



Monday, February 2—Registration opens for current families and church congregation members.

Tuesday, February 17—Open registration begins.

Visit www.stlukepreschool.org for more information.
Be sure to view our virtual tour!

Throughout the years, word-of-mouth has been our most effective marketing tool.

Thank you for telling your family, friends and coworkers about us!



St. Luke Preschool

**CELEBRATING 70
WONDERFUL YEARS!**



BUCKET OF CHANGE

“Noisy Offering”

Our St. Luke “Bucket of Change” offerings for **February 2026** will go to **ALBUQUERQUE HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS (ABQHCH)**

www.abqhch.org

Designed as a Patient-Centered Medical Home, AHCH meets the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness through a variety of alternative entryways to care. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ABQHCH provides a continuum of wrap-around supportive services and integrated health care to address the causes and consequences of homelessness. Services offered: Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Outreach, Social, Counseling, and ArtStreet



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

CELEBRATION



Dorothy "Dottie" Donohoe

(October 1923 - January 17, 2026)

As a church family, let us join Dottie's family at her Celebration of Life on

Saturday, February 7

11 AM, at St Luke Church

Simultaneous Live-Stream at StLukeABQ.org

or www.facebook.com/stlukeabq

Followed by a reception
in the Fellowship Hall



- 1 Lucille Few
- 1 Evan Shore
- 3 Peter Makarenko
- 4 Lyla Garcia
- 6 Barbara Exley
- 9 Bob Guarnieri
- 12 Cheryl Gerwin
- 12 Lore Wills

- 13 George Allen
- 14 Elaine Kovach
- 14 Dakota Smith
- 15 Barb Shirrod
- 17 Maxwell Gehl
- 19 Bill Abel
- 19 Betty Begeal
- 19 Andrew Fidler

- 19 Frank Johnson
- 20 Beau Griswold
- 21 Brad Carr
- 23 Beverly Davies
- 24 Donna Berardinelli
- 26 Judy Aaker
- 27 Ginny Fisher
- 28 Theo Goodhart

... yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights! – Habakkuk 3:18-19

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel -

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. – 1 Peter 2:9

† Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of the Rocky Mountain Synod and its ministries

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider serving in Guyana

† ELC in Jordan and the Holy Land and its ministries; and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

For peace and justice in all the nations; for communities; for those in authority -

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light – Ephesians 5:8

† Turmoil in Middle East, Europe, Asia

† Turmoil in our cities, towns, states

† Bucket of Change recipient for February: Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless

† Turning back to Jesus, our Lord, healing for our country, preservation of families, Godly direction and leadership models for our youth, God's peace and unity for his people

For the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the bereaved and the lonely -

† Myra Lynch, Ray Prudhomme, Frank Johnson, Don Edwards, Magdalena Barba, Steve, Dan Syroid, Jean Klinke, Lola, Andy H., Aleta, Bonnie Paine, John English, Renae Brauer, Callie Coughenour,

Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner

† Those who are homebound in our church family: Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dorela Cole, Karin Duda, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Fern Knudsen, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills



For all with special concerns, and who suffer in body, mind, or spirit -

† Margaret, newlyweds Brian & Jessie Exley, Lisa W's husband, Jamie M.

† Aging parents and their caregivers

For the congregation and for special concerns -

† Interim Pastor Brad and ministry/committee leaders, and staff

† Church Council and Call Committee

† St. Luke Preschool and children & their families

Into your mercy, Lord, 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. In the absence of any updates, names will remain on the prayer list for a month.

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 for Feb. 7 & 8: Given by Dorthe Carr, in memory of Joyce Bame

Altar Flowers for Feb. 14 & 15: Given by Shirrod Family, in honor of Barb's birthday

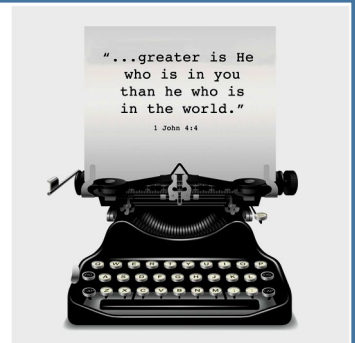
To offer the Sanctuary Candle for the month and weekly Altar Flowers

Please sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the church lobby. Donation: \$25 for candle; \$35 per arrangement

Thank You to ...

Dedicated and faithful Tuesday office volunteer: Sharon Ormiston. Thank you for your sweet spirit, warm welcome of members/guests to the church office, work with recording attendance, producing reports from the goldenrod bulletin inserts, and lots more. Thank you also so much for the gift of music from your music group on several Valentine's days. Sharon is off to another adventure! We will miss you on Tuesdays. To all - please give Sharon a warm thank you when you see her at church.

Many, many, many thanks, Sharon!!!



*Let me hear what God the Lord
will speak,
for he will speak peace
to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back
to folly.*

*Surely his salvation is near
to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell
in our land. – Psalm 85:8-9*

Community Concert

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

2:00 PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6901 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Featuring:

Riverside Brass Ensemble

¡Ay Clarumba! Clarinet Quartet

¡Viva la Cello! Cello Ensemble

Kinnor Studio

(Violin Students of Aaron Carlson)



The concert is free.

Donations will be accepted for the
Holy Cross Community Food Pantry

Bible Study with Pastor Brad Brauer During Lent

WHAT?

Bible Study class on the New Testament Book of Romans, Paul's "Images of the Gospel" in Romans 1-8. *Sessions 1 and 2 scriptures: Romans 1:1 – 2:16 and 3:9-20 (please read in advance)*

WHO?

You are invited . . . You'll be hearing the Letter to the Romans each weekend at Worship. So, join us to focus on Paul's images of the Gospel from those weekend scripture texts and rediscover the meaning of Paul's vocabulary of salvation.

WHEN?

Thursdays in Lent, at 12 O' Clock Noon (your lunch hour):
Beginning February 19, then February 26 and March 5, 12, 19, and 26

WHERE?

Join us in the Conference Room across from the Church Offices in the administration building. We intend, if possible, to offer this class and Study by Zoom. Stay tuned for further details.

Let us dig into the Word together as "biblical bloodhounds" to discover the Gospel in Romans 1-8 through a study of Saint Paul's "images."

Message from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southeastern Minnesota Synod
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<https://semnsynod.org/>

January 15, 2026

To the congregations, members, and friends of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Minnesota: We, the six ELCA bishops in the state of Minnesota, are writing today with a word we hope will anchor and sustain all of us in the days to come.

In recent weeks, several thousand ICE and Border Patrol agents have been sent to our state. Their tactics of stopping and questioning our neighbors and their aggressive interactions with the communities where we live have caused fear and anxiety. We grieve the killing of Renee Good on January 7. All of this comes after other experiences of devastating violence in recent months and years. We are tired, and our hearts are broken. Yet we are not deterred. At every act of violence, we have seen you respond with compassion and resilience. This has been a season marked by profound grief. It is also a season in which we have refused to be defined by what the baptismal liturgy names as "the forces that defy God."

To our pastors, deacons, chaplains and ministry leaders, we say this: We are with you. We give thanks for your faithful leadership, for your courage and discernment, and for all the ways you live into the vocation we share. Dear friends, we believe you have been called and anointed for ministry in this time and place. It is our honor to serve with you. To all members of our congregations, and our neighbors throughout Minnesota, we say this: We commit ourselves to continue to pray, to advocate and act alongside you, and to use the resources and

gifts we have to work toward the fulfillment of the reign of God, so that all may know the abundance of life Jesus comes to give (John 10:10). We encourage you to remain connected to one another and actively support the efforts in your communities to meet the needs of those directly impacted in this time of fear and intimidation.

This past Sunday, congregations across our state marked the Baptism of our Lord. It is a celebration and remembrance of the moment when Jesus himself was baptized, and the voice of God broke through the heavens to declare, "This is my Son, the beloved, with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). We believe the voice of God still speaks. We know that all our neighbors bear the image of God. Through the waters of baptism, we have been named and claimed as beloved children of God. It is our sure confidence in this truth that sustains us. We know we are God's children, and we know that you are, too.

We pray that this truth will continue to anchor, guide and compel all of us as we work for justice for all people in every place. We also know there are voices around us that challenge the truth of who we are and who our neighbors are. It is our fervent hope that every one of us would remain deeply rooted in our identity as God's beloved. To that end, we write with a word of encouragement: Go to church or your place of worship, ground yourselves in Scripture, and surround yourselves with those who will echo the voice of God for you. This is the nourishment that will sustain us.

Along with Presiding Bishop Curry, (who has also authored a Statement on behalf of the whole church ELCA) we "join calls for a thorough investigation into this case, accountability for the shooting and a de-escalation of ICE enforcement across the United States." When the challenges that surround us are overwhelming, we cling to what is true. We serve a God who sees us and who enters into the beauty and messiness of human life in the person of Jesus the Christ. Because of what God in Christ has done, we know that God is with us and we are not alone (Romans 8:38-39).

Until the day the reign of God arrives in full, we continue to work for justice and peace, grounded in prayer, rooted in Scripture, and compelled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In sure and confident hope,
Bishop Regina Hassanally
Southeastern Minnesota Synod

Bishop Patricia Lull
Saint Paul Area Synod

Bishop Jen Nagel
Minneapolis Area Synod

Bishop Amy Odgren
Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Bishop Dee Pederson
Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Bishop Bill Tesch
Northwestern Minnesota Synod

*But the path of
the righteous is
like the light of
dawn,
which shines
brighter and
brighter until full
day.*

*The way of the wicked
is like deep darkness;
they do not know
over what they stumble.*

– Proverbs 4:18-19

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ELCA Presiding Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni,

Synod Bishop

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