

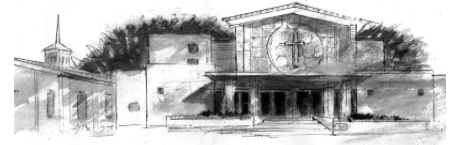


# HORIZON

monthly newsletter

## St. Luke Lutheran Church

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

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...  
and to the ends of the earth."  
Acts 1:8, NRSV*



*May 2026*

## 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, May 2, 9 & 30, at 5 PM;  
Sunday, May 24, at 8:15 AM; Sunday, May 17, at 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 (*May 10: last session for current school year*)

◆ 9:25 AM Adult Forum, in Zuni room

## Pastor Brad Ponders the Emmaus story in Luke 24 . . .

### Grief and Deep Joy

Luke tells a marvelous story at the end of his gospel in Luke chapter 24. In Luke's Easter story ending, we hear Jesus, himself, preach to his followers and speak to them and us as modern-day hearers about what his whole life's work had been about and what He accomplished in his death, loving sacrifice, and resurrection victory: restoration, recovery, reclamation, forgiveness. We also hear Luke's "bridge" story from Easter evening to Jesus' ascension and Pentecost Spirit arrival in Acts 2. The Spirit will come upon the Church so that it might bring Easter's good news from the past into our daily world and present moments today.

It is in the story that Saint Luke tells, in chapter 24, that the identity and significance of the Unknown Stranger, the guest at Emmaus now back in the Upper Room with the Eleven in Jerusalem, who is the risen Lord Jesus, becomes known. They had witnessed his cruel death. There was only loss, questions, grief. They "had hoped" that he was their Savior, the one who would redeem/ free God's oppressed people. But he had died and was buried. Locked doors, closed minds. Hungry hearts. Sad lives. Fear all around. Could there be a word to turn around all that? Luke's Emmaus meal story and the appearances of Jesus again in the Upper Room of Passover just afterward brings us to today's story, to this setting. We note the following:

Connections by language and vocabulary are made to our table meal we call Holy Communion, to the *Upper Room* and the *Lakeshore meals* of forgiveness and revelation all rolled into one. When God opened the door to the Tomb, God opened the door to humanity's possibility of eternal life. So, when our bodies die, God will reverse the ashen/ dusty verdict spoken over us in death and at burial. God promised to do for us what God did for Jesus, i.e., raise us up and give us new life, eternal life. Because Jesus is alive, so shall we live. And we are alive. Here is the first teaching we receive from the Easter story.

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We also hear in this larger Easter story that Jesus' resurrection was the fulfillment of the necessary, intentional plan of God to mend, restore, reclaim, reconcile, a lost creation. This theme "pulses" through Luke's story of Easter. Luke shares this theme many times in these Easter appearance stories. E.g., Jesus explains to his disciples that it was "necessary" for the Christ to die to fulfill the Laws of Moses and the prophets' words and the Psalms. Jesus becomes the fulfillment of the old hopes for Isaiah's Suffering Servant, Isaiah 52-53. Jesus fulfilled God's plan for life, the creation's wholeness, humanity's restoration, and our reclamation/redemption.

The experiences of the first disciples, having their guilty pasts being forgiven, their lives being restored and reclaimed, assure us that we, too, --we who accept these events-- do not live in meaninglessness and chaos, dread or fear. We are not abandoned to the powers of death and sin and hell. The Easter story's events reflect the rhythm of God's life-giving, restoring, blessing and saving work in the world through both Old and New Testaments. The story guides us into this pattern wherein God is present to sustain and guide our lives even when we can't explain it all. What comes to a climax in the Easter story is God's whole plan to "save and redeem a lost creation" and a broken humanity. Life now has meaning, a goal, a purpose, a center. We do not live in chaos; and our lives are no longer meaningless. Our world has been given meaning and purpose. There is a "second chance," (esp. for denier/ failure, Peter) all because Jesus carried out God's saving, restoring plan. And, we have been commissioned, as were those first witnesses so long ago, to go out and tell this good news.

These stories of Easter evening and those of a week later, including Emmaus, invite us to see faith as a gift, faith as the gradual "opening of our eyes" and faith as an unfolding revelation for our minds. The Emmaus disciples, and the 11 male disciples in the Upper Room fared no better than the several witnesses (women) at the tomb on Easter morning. Jesus appeared; their eyes were "kept from recognizing him." Here is a clue as to the gradual "coming to faith and belief, trust" and the vacillations of the faith/ witness coming to life in us with all their ups and downs. We know that reality of being simultaneously weak and strong, sinful and right, in our own lives. God comes to open our eyes, hearts, and minds. The first disciples could not have anticipated what God was "up to" in this Jesus. It would take the Risen One, himself, to teach them how to know /understand God's plan. As with them, so with us. Each time the disciples meet their Lord after his Easter Rising, they recognize Jesus but only "slowly" by his words and prayers and their post-easter echo of words and prayers previously spoken, in the breaking of bread and blessings. Faith takes time. "We walk by faith and not by sight" just like the Thomas story from John, just like the hymn by that title suggests.

So, we celebrate the Lord's Meal each Sunday. We continue to gather around Word and sacraments to lift up the central symbols and clearest Gospel stories to make connections between the Thursday evening Last Supper in the Upper Room and our Holy Communion Meal on Sunday mornings and we must remember the Lukan Emmaus Table revelations and the lakeshore meals of restoration and commissioning. It was at table that the disciples saw their risen Lord. In our Holy Communion liturgy, we drink in and eat anew the meaning of the Easter story and meet the Risen One. He speaks to us through ordinary human words and gestures, an ordinary bit of bread and a small sip from the Cup, these little "hungry tokens" and "seals" of a "New Covenant in his Blood," (Martin Luther) From his life, and from his altar-table we draw life. Life here and now, life forever. And we are called to be witnesses of these things!

Faithfully your,  
The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor

"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people."

Joel 2:28, NIV



# Pentecost Sunday

## May 24

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. - Acts 2:1-4*

*Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*

– Acts 2:36-39



## Worship, Music & the Arts Committee

## May Update

by Tom Berardinelli, WMA Chair

Greetings to the St. Luke Family from your WMA Team. There is much to share with you on the worship life of our congregation, so here it goes ...

- **Holy Week:** A huge thank you to Pastor Brad, Danielle, our choirs and musicians, all of our worship service volunteers, and the WMA Team for making all of our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday services especially meaningful. The combined attendance on Easter Sunday was over 230!
- **Summer Worship Schedule:** We will begin the standard 10-week summer worship schedule on Sunday, 7 June. During this time:
  - ◇ The Saturday, 5:00 pm service will be paused with the last Saturday service prior to the pause on Saturday, 30 May. Saturday, 5:00 pm services will resume on Saturday, 15 August.
  - ◇ The 8:15 am Sunday service will be held outdoors in the Courtyard (weather permitting). We will return to 8:15 am service in the Sanctuary beginning on Sunday, 16 August. We will also need volunteer help for setting up and taking down the seating for the Courtyard service (please see the item below on volunteer opportunities).
  - ◇ The 10:30 am service remains in the Sanctuary during this period.
- **Organist/Accompanist Hiring Update:** The Hiring Panel for this position is very excited about our progress in finding our next organist/accompanist. We are currently completing the process and hope to have a new organist/accompanist on board by 1 June 2026 ... stand by for more announcements later in May. Thank you for your support and patience as we have worked this process. And a huge thanks to Danielle for doing double duty as both our Coordinator for Music Ministries as well as our accompanist since Nancy's retirement.
- **Furniture and Pew Removal Update:**
  - ◇ Narthex/Lounge Furniture & Folding Chairs: A huge thanks to the Capital Committee for the work they've done in arranging and furnishing the Narthex and Lounge. This has freed up space as well as provide better opportunities for fellowship before and after worship. We also appreciate the new padded folding chairs!

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- ◇ Pew Removal: If you recall our previous Horizon article on pew configuration in the Nave, in cooperation with the Capital Committee, we are tentatively scheduled to remove those pews on 6 May. This pew removal will improve accessibility for those with mobility challenges as well as provide for a more permanent location for the baptismal font. The intent for the pews we remove is to use them to build some additional furniture (mostly tables and cabinet) that match the current furniture in use in the Nave and Narthex. More to come as this project progresses.
- Volunteers Always Needed: Please contact us using the Goldenrod sheets, the Church Office, or our WMA email address ([wma@stlukeabq.org](mailto:wma@stlukeabq.org)), if you are interested in being a volunteer in the worship life of the congregation. A special thanks to all those that are currently volunteering in these roles...we are blessed by your generous contribution of time and talent! But we can always use more help. There are always a plethora of needs and opportunities to include the following:
  - ◇ Sound Technicians
  - ◇ Summer Courtyard Service Set-up and Take-down
  - ◇ Ushers
  - ◇ Greeters
  - ◇ Readers
  - ◇ Communion Assistants
  - ◇ Sacristy Care
  - ◇ Sanctuary Choir
  - ◇ Bells of St. Luke
  - ◇ Crucifers
  - ◇ Acolytes
  - ◇ WMA Team Member



## Worship Service Summer 2026 Schedule

From June 7th - August 9th, 2026

St. Luke will continue its practice of having a 10-week summer worship schedule. During this time we will suspend our Saturday evening service. We invite our Saturday night worshippers to join us on Sunday mornings.

**8:15 AM COURTYARD WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10:30 SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE - LIVE STREAMED**

The last Saturday evening service prior to this summer schedule will be Saturday, May 30th. We will return to our normal three-worship service schedule the weekend of August 15 - 16

Thank you very much and make sure to mark you calendars.

# May Sunday School Announcements

## Godly Play

Our stories this month are:

5/3: God's House

5/10: Last Day Celebration! Classes  
resume Sept. 13th

## Kids SPARK

May Lessons:

5/3: Fruit of the Spirit

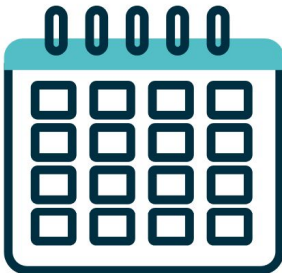
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GP Families and Kids SPARK classes, let's celebrate the end of another awesome Sunday School year! We will have a large group lesson, bouncy house, and treats!

# Mark Your Calendars!

5/10: Last Day of Sunday School. Large group celebration outside!

5/10: Pre-Camp Session w/Tom, Fellowship Hall 9:15am



5/24: Pentecost

5/31: Last day to Register for Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Day  
Camp

6/21-27: Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (Confirmation)

6/22-26: Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Day Camp, 8:45-11:30AM

6/6-7: No Saturday services or nursery care on Saturdays. Sunday  
8:15 nursery care available in youth room, 10:30 in nursery

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

**MAY 10th 9:15 - 10:15 AM, OUTSIDE!**

**Godly Play Families & Kids SPARK Classes!**

**Let's celebrate the end of another awesome Sunday School year and the start of summer! We will have a large group lesson, bouncy house, and treats!**



## Confirmation

5/10: Pre-Camp Confirmation Session, during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall.

This session is intended for all who will attend Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in June. Tom will also provide class materials for the new confirmation cohort.

We can't wait for RTLCL (confirmation session) June 21-27!!

Confirmation Instruction Begins: 13 September.

Please contact Tom Berardinelli with any questions (tomberardinelli@gmail.com)

## Youth Group

Shout out to Summer and Hazel for volunteering with Love God Love Neighbor at Tres Hermanas Farm! Thank you for getting your hands dirty and "sharing your loaves and fish" with our community. This work helps to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war.

# “New Member Welcome” Weekend Announced

*(What do you seek? Welcoming the Adult Inquirer)*

During the worship services on May 30 and 31, 2026



We will welcome our newest members, joining us officially (many of them who have been with us for months now experiencing life with us in community) on May 30 and 31 at each of our worship services. Some may join us by way of Lutherans transferring into the congregation. Others will be received by a simple Affirmation of Faith and Baptism or Rite of Confirmation from other traditions or congregations. We hope to gather around the Font that day together with them and renew our Easter promises as we recite together the great deeds of a gracious God by claiming the words of the baptismal Apostles' Creed. We are gathering their names now, making connections, having chosen a date following inquiry about their availability and their schedules this Spring, and will be sure to identify them /introduce them to you on that Sunday. A partial list of our newest members includes:

More news to come later. Watch for a complete listing of new members and be sure to join us for worship that weekend to welcome these newest treasured members.—Pastor Brad

- ◆ Sophia Sanger
- ◆ Diana Everett
- ◆ Stormy Trujillo
- ◆ Kim & David Kenoyer
- ◆ Shannon & Brian Steinacher and family
- ◆ Mike & Cindy Kelly
- ◆ Luke & Norma Jean Drinkwin

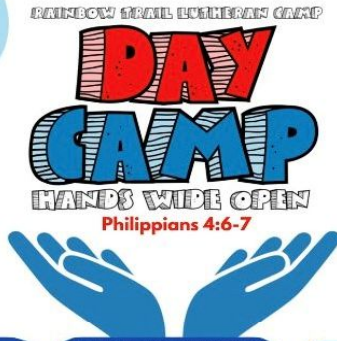
*“What are you looking for?” Jesus asked them. “Where are you staying?” those who followed Jesus asked him. “Come and see!” Jesus told them. Little did they know that Jesus would be “abiding”/ “staying” with them forever. . . .*



*The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. — Psalm 118:27*

**Children’s Ministries**—From top left: Lenten Fair; Acolytes/Crucifer; Book Bearer; Godly Play; Maundy Thurs. musicians; Nursery; (middle) Godly Play

# VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2026



**JUNE 22- 26 2026**  
**8:45 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**AGES K- 5TH GRADE**

**NON-CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME**



**REGISTRATION QR CODE**  
**\$10 REGISTRATION FEE**  
(COVERS T-SHIRT & CRAFTS SUPPLIES)



## LOVE GOD LOVE NEIGHBOR

ABQ YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

**TRES HERMANAS FARM**  
Sunday, April 19th,

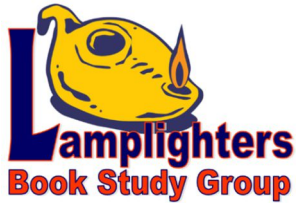
On Sunday 4/19/26, our ecumenical group, Love God Love Neighbor, volunteered at Tres Hermanas Farm. Tres Hermanas' amazing garden manager, Liana, shared that this agricultural program of Lutheran Family Services empowers new American families through agricultural education, resources, and strengthening cultural food security. We helped prepare the garden for the spring planting season by weeding, raking, laying mulch, and more. We were so busy working and enjoying each other's company that I forgot to take more pictures!

Thank you St. John's and St. Luke youth for "sharing your loaves and fish" with our community. This work helps to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war; It provides a way to break down barriers in our hearts and minds.

This was our final LGLN service learning project of the 2025-26 school year. Throughout the year, we were able to share our time at Luther House, UNM and CNM Food Banks, Saranam, Tres Hermanas Farm and the St. John's UMC Garden Program. It was a joy to see our youth respond to God's call to generously share our abundance and love our neighbors!

- Allie Brandt, St. Luke Multigenerational Ministries Coordinator





# Lamplighters Book Study Group

Thursdays - next meeting: May 14, 2026  
2:00 - 3:30 PM, in the Library/Lounge

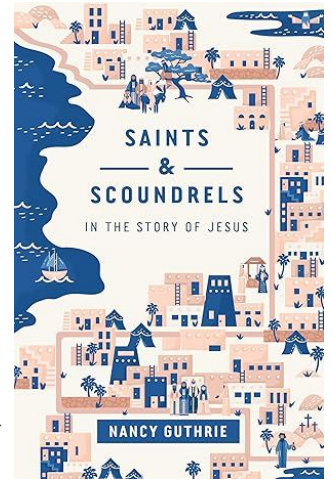
Study: Chapter 5: "The Crook" in our book, by Nancy Guthrie titled  
*"Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus"*

There are questions in the back of the book that will guide our discussion.  
Join us! Vicki Grewe will be leading the discussion.

Coordinator: Diane Quarles (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

We are NOT meeting in May. We will meet again for our study in September, 2026.  
We hope you can join us.



(photo below) Sharing our blessings with gifts of food for The Storehouse — NM food pantry that provides food, at no charge, to our neighbors in need.

Information: contact Bev Berardinelli  
at [womensbiblestudy@stlukeabq.org](mailto:womensbiblestudy@stlukeabq.org)



*I praise you,  
(Lord), for I am  
fearfully and  
wonderfully  
made. Wonderful  
are your works;  
my soul knows it  
very well.  
— Psalm 139:14*





# Bon Voyage, Handbells!

By Danielle Cordova, Coordinator of Music Ministries

This June, St. Luke's set of handbells will be taking a vacation to Bucks County, PA, for a grand makeover. The bells have started to show signs of just how much they are loved: screws are falling out, clappers are floppy, handles are falling apart, and stains aren't scrubbing out during polishing. Handbells are recommended to be refurbished every 7-10 years depending on how much they are played, and the last time our bells were sent out was 2008—a refurbishment is overdue!



Thanks for your support of the music program here at St. Luke, we have been able to budget this year for manufacturer Malmark to refresh and repair our handbells over an estimated 4 - 6 week period (possibly longer if extra replacements need to happen). We expect have them back at St. Luke some time in August.



The Bells of St. Luke will be taking a well-deserved break in June, but you will still see them playing in July on our set of handchimes.

## St. Luke Preschool



Growing with God Since 1956

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

St. Luke Preschool, a faith based, Five Star, NAEYC accredited early learning center, is hiring now for positions that will begin in August, 2026. We are seeking creative, fun loving, and flexible Educational Assistants to work in these portions of our day:

6:45 AM—1:15 PM

7:00 AM—3:00 PM

and in our PM Extended Care portion of the day, from 2:30 pm—5:30 pm.

Responsibilities include working together as members of a team to care for and nurture children ages 2-5, implementing a social/emotional play-based curriculum, and serving as resources for families and their young children.

Applicants must have completed the 45-hour Entry Level Course or be willing to complete it. In addition, applicants must have at least a Child Development Certificate (CDC) or be willing to work toward earning one.

Hourly wage is based on years of experience and education level. Benefits include paid holidays, paid sick leave and personal days, a 403b retirement plan, a positive working environment with welcoming and dedicated coworkers, as well as the joy of serving young children and their families.

Interested applicants please send a cover letter and resume to: Lori Erven at [stlukesc@thuntek.net](mailto:stlukesc@thuntek.net).

More information about St. Luke Preschool can be found at [www.stlukepreschool.org](http://www.stlukepreschool.org).



# “Journeys Ended, New Journeys Begun”

*Pastor Brad Brauer*

This month and next, as best we can judge it and prepare for it, we will experience both endings and new beginnings. Journeys ended, journeys begun. This pastor loses his doggie companion of 15 years to aging and cancer. Staff members join us and then leave, moving for work and deployment. This old Interim Pastor will eventually leave and a new Pastor will be called and arrive. Beloved members age and die and leave us. New members will join us and become our friends and companions on the faith journey. This week, thinking about what may come, preparing for changes and transitions with some grief, I remembered the words of a song sung by some Benedictine monks at Weston Priory in the State of Vermont: I offer them to you as prayerful words for what will necessarily unfold in the weeks to come as seasons change, journeys end, and new journeys begin:

*“Journeys ended, journeys begun:*

*to go where we have never been, to be beyond our past,  
moments of lifting up, transcending death., rising in transparent light  
to the fullness of God’s presence.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled: trust in God and trust in me, you shall not be alone.*

*To prepare a place for you I go but shall return so that you may be with me in the mystery of rising  
to new life. (Jesus)*

*Loving one another in truth, going beyond self, living in the spirit of one who gave his life so that we  
might come to know how profound (is) the gift of God in Jesus Christ.*

*There can be no greater love than this: to give our lives for others: our joy will be complete.*

*I have told you all this so that you may find peace in the sharing of your life and know the depth of  
love to which we’re called.*

*Journeys ended, journeys begun: to go where we have never been, to be beyond our past  
moments of lifting up, transcending death., rising in transparent light  
to the fullness of God’s presence.”*


These words invite us, at the beginning of a season of all kinds of transitions and changes, to remember our “moorings” and the joys we have shared. May we be ever so thankful for these daily mercies the Lord gives us which we encounter in good friends in the family of Faith. <sup>1</sup>

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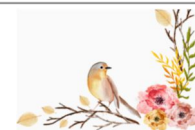
<sup>1</sup> lyrics (by Gregory Norbet and Mary David Callahan, Weston Priory, 1997, Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.)




Teach me your way,  
O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart  
to revere your name.  
- Psalm 86:11

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><b>31 THE HOLY TRINITY</b>  <b>New Member Welcome</b> at each service  <b>Blessing of Eucharistic</b> Visitor Communion kits  Nursery care available during services  Coffee Fellowship after each service  <b>8:15am</b> Worship Service  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship Service</p>		
<p><b>3 Easter 5</b>  Presider &amp; Preacher: Pastor Ben Larzelere  Nursery care available during services  <b>8:15am</b> Worship  <b>9:15am</b> Kids Spark and Godly Play start in the Sanctuary  <b>9:25am</b> Adult Forum in Zuni room  <b>10:30</b> Worship Service</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>10:15 - 11:45am</b> Preschool rehearsals</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>10:15 - 11:45am</b> Preschool rehearsals   <b>3:30-5:30pm</b> Preschool Staff meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>10 Easter 6</b>  <i>Mother's Day</i>  Nursery care available during services /classes  Coffee Fellowship after each service  <b>8:15am</b> Worship Service and e-worship  <b>9:15am</b> Kids Spark and Godly Play end-school-year celebration, in Fellowship Hall  <b>9:25am</b> Adult Forum in Zuni Room  <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>9am and 11:15am</b> Preschool Spring Programs  Reception in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>9am and 11:15am</b> Preschool Spring Programs  Reception in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>17 Easter 7</b>  Nursery care available during services /classes  Coffee Fellowship after each service  <b>8:15am</b> Worship Service  <b>9:25am</b> Adult Forum in Zuni Room  <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service Live Stream Worship at StLukeABQ.org</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>8am</b> Preschool Teacher Inservice in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>1:30pm</b> Alzheimer's Presentation, by St. Luke Learners &amp; Servers, in Fellowship Hall   <b>7pm</b> Preschool Comm. Meeting on Zoom</p>
<p><b>24 DAY OF PENTECOST</b>  Nursery care available during services /classes  Coffee Fellowship after each service  <b>8:15am</b> Worship Service &amp; Simultaneous Live-Stream at StLukeABQ.org  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship Service  <b>9:25am</b> Adult Forum in Zuni room</p>	<p><b>25 Memorial Day</b>   Church Office closed</p>	<p><b>26</b>  Summer Preschool starts</p>

**John: "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." - 1 John 5:13**



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. – Luke 12:6-7</i></p>	 <p>May 2026</p>	<p><b>1 9am</b> Council Meeting on Zoom  <b>9:30</b> Preschool Worship: JESUS &amp; THE CHILDREN  <i>Pastor Brad out of the office through May 5</i></p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>5pm</b> Worship Service &amp; Simultaneous live stream at StLukeABQ.org          Presider and Preacher: Pastor Ben Larzelere          Nursery care during service</p>
<p><b>6 ~ 9:30am</b> Capital Committee meeting  <b>10am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray in Fellowship Hall  <b>12:15pm</b> Worship Planning in Conference room  <b>2pm</b> Bells of St. Luke practice in Sanctuary  <b>4pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray, in the Fellowship Hall  <b>7-8:30pm</b> Sanctuary Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>7 National Day of Prayer</b>  <i>Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. - 1 Chronicles 16:24</i>  <a href="http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org">www.nationaldayofprayer.org</a>  <b>4pm</b> National Day of Prayer NM - Albuquerque Civic Plaza [website: <a href="http://lovenm.org">lovenm.org</a>]  <i>Lamplighters meeting next week</i>  <i>WMA meeting 5/21</i></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>9am</b> Spring Programs Reception in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>No</b> Women's Gather Bible Study, Brunch, &amp; Mini-retreat. We will meet again in September.  <b>1pm</b> Survivor's of Suicide  <b>5pm</b> Worship Service &amp; Simultaneous live stream at StLukeABQ.org          Nursery care during service</p>
<p><b>13 10am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray in Fellowship Hall  <b>10am</b> Finance Comm. Meeting on Zoom  <b>12pm</b> Interim Pastor's Meeting  <b>12:30 pm</b> Staff meeting in Conference Room  <b>2pm</b> Bells of St. Luke practice  <b>4pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray, in the Fellowship Hall  <b>5pm</b> ABQ Barbershop, c/o Bev Berardinelli, in Fellowship Hall  <b>7pm</b> Sanctuary Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>14</b>          Last Day of Preschool    <b>2pm</b> Lamplighters Book Study Group, in Lounge/Library</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Deadline:</b> articles and items for the June Horizon newsletter and calendar</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>5pm</b> Worship Service          Nursery care during service</p>
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<p><b>27</b>  <b>10am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray in Fellowship Hall  <b>12:30 pm</b> Staff meeting in Conference Room  <b>4pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray, in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>5pm</b> Worship &amp; Simultaneous live stream at StLuke-ABQ.org  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Member Welcome</li> <li>• Blessing of Eucharistic Visitor Communion kits</li> </ul>         Nursery care during service  <i>Last Saturday service before</i></p>





# St. Luke Preschool

## Growing with God Since 1956

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Here We Are At the End of Another School Year!

With the month of May comes Spring Programs, the annual picnic in the park, popsicles, goodbyes, hugs, thank yous, and well wishes.

**You are warmly invited to join us**

at 9:15 am or 11:15 am on

**Monday, May 11th or Tuesday, May 12th**

in the sanctuary of the church to experience our

**~ God's Creation Spring Program ~**

We are blessed by the guidance and creative talents of Danielle Cordova and Judy and Jerry Aaker.



Again this year, **Preschool & Church Cooperative (PCC)** members Allie Brandt, Danielle Cordova, Mary Fidler and Holly Trujillo worked together to create beautiful opportunities for us to gather in community with one another. As part of their work, **Preschool Village Meet-Ups** were held in the courtyard, with the goal of bringing families and their young children together.



### Preschool Committee

Members Michelle Barba, Allie Brandt, Clare Castiglia, Mary Fidler, Taylor Hollowwa, Dick Lynch, Daleen Olson, Diane Quarles, Gil Quintana, Alison Schuler, Leeondra Schuler, and Marge Zinser-Knorovsky have given of their time and talents in numerous ways throughout this school year. In addition to attending monthly meetings and serving on preschool sub-committees, committee members attended preschool events to help with a variety of tasks including: greeting families; assisting with activities; setting up; cleaning up; and so much more.

**The Preschool Committee** is made up of an outstanding group of people whose kindness and unwavering support make a difference in the lives of young children and their families. If you are looking for a rewarding and joyful volunteer experience, please **consider joining the Preschool Committee**. You will be most welcomed!

**CELEBRATING 70  
WONDERFUL YEARS!**



## BUCKET OF CHANGE "Noisy Offering"

Our St. Luke "Bucket of Change" offerings for **May 2026** will go to  
**THE STOREHOUSE NEW MEXICO**

Its mission: fight hunger in our community by offering FREE groceries to people in need. New Mexico ranks among the worst in the nation for hunger, for both children and adults.

### Storehouse Stats:

- ⇒ Supports approximately 55,000 individuals
- ⇒ Supplies the average client with about 50 meals per month
- ⇒ 12,000 pounds of food go out the door each day the pantry is open

### Hunger in New Mexico

- ⇒ 12.9% of New Mexicans don't know where their next meal will come from
- ⇒ New Mexico is ranked #1 in childhood hunger in the United States and among the highest for adult hunger, too



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



## Thank you

### From Meals On Wheels New Mexico

Thank you for your recent gift of 873.82 received on 4/10/2026. Because of you, nutritious meals and friendly visits are reaching neighbors who count on this support everyday. ...

Every meal you provide is more than food. It's a check-in. A moment of connection. A reminder that someone cares. ...

Sincerely,  
Renee Ruybal, Chief Advancement Officer



### From Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless

You make that change possible. Thank you for being a part of that change. ...

Your donation of \$573.00 ensures access to outreach and site-based services, including medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare, social supports, and drop-in spaces where people get respite from the streets, receive basic resources and linkages to housing ... Without you, this can't happen. ...

Your gift is a helping hand and an immediate step out of homelessness for thousands of men, women, and families ...

On behalf of all of us at AHCH, thank you.  
Jennifer L. Metzler, Chief Executive Officer



## Proclaiming and Practicing the Love of Jesus

The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) Inc. humbly serves the Navajo community of Rock Point, AZ. Every day, our 100% Navajo staff feed the hungry, prioritize Christian and cultural learning, focus on community engagement, and work towards fulfilling basic community needs. In our spiritual and social work, we strive to embody and teach the grace of Jesus and listen to the call of the gospel to serve one another in love.

## Humbly Serving Since 1955

For 65 years, Navajo Lutheran Mission (better known locally as Rock Point Mission) has partnered with the Navajo people to be an outpost of love and hope. Every day, the 100% Navajo staff feed the hungry, prioritize learning for grades K-6, and focus on fulfilling basic community needs.

- <https://nelm.org/>

## What holds it all together is You!

Dear Friend Unknown

Helpful...resourceful...being the first point of contact...fun job...historical...challenging... fulfilling – these are all words that the Mission Staff have shared about their new Coordinator position descriptions. Working together as a team, this talented staff is busy planning for summer guests, remodeling projects, water well improvements, and expanded options for a school year 2026-27.

**This is where Friend Unknown steps in.**



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(928) 659-4201 <https://nelm.org/>

In mid-2025, the NELM Board of Directors launched a process of restructuring the Board and Staff to be responsive to the challenges of being a '21st Century' Mission. We don't know exactly what that involves! But changing tax laws, evolving community concerns and successes, lagging finances, and an unstable economy are pointing us toward the opportunity to adapt the Mission's structure and equip the Mission Staff to guide the next generation of leadership in the Rock Point community.

We need your help! We hope you will want to be involved. Why not write a brief email to your friends highlighting your involvement at the Mission and providing our website contact information [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org). Or write a short article for your congregation's newsletter recalling the story of your congregation's Mission memories? The early missionaries built a foundation of trust by sharing love, caring for one another and seeking to assist with basic needs. This legacy continues to inspire our vision.



Visitors from St. Luke church family, in the fall of 2023, Jerry & Judy Aaker, Elaine Kovach, and our pastoral student intern





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

Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry, April 2026

As we said in church today, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” – and we rise in him from whatever dark places have held us. That is a promise from God, who always keeps promises. Just yesterday, Holy Saturday, I heard two of the students of the Lutheran Lay Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) preaching this promise at a memorial service of thanksgiving for the life of the late Rev. Leroy Nicholson. Since my primary responsibility here in Guyana is to strengthen the ELCG’s Lay Academy in order to prepare more people more thoroughly for leadership in the congregations, their fine and faithful leadership made me thank God that the work is bearing fruit!



I celebrated Easter Sunday with two congregations of the ELCG: St. Luke, in the small town of Philippi; and St. James, in the equally small town of Whim. Both congregations are part of St. Michael parish, where the parish council is led by Marika Grimmond, a former student of the Lutheran Lay Academy, and now a nurse. In the photo, she is pictured greeting the congregation of St. Luke, following our Easter Sunday worship.

Since there are presently not enough leaders to minister to all the congregations in all thirteen of the church’s parishes, I have recently been given responsibility for preaching and administering the Lord’s Supper in four parishes, rotating between them on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. I am in St. Michael parish on the first Sunday, traveling to St. Barnabas, St. Luke, and St. James congregations, one after the other. I am in St. Matthew and Ascension parishes on the third Sunday, where I start at Holy Communion congregation (in St. Matthew parish) and then alternate between King of Glory and Ascension congregations (in Ascension parish). Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month, I am at St. John parish, which contains the three congregations of St. Peter, St. Bartholomew, and St. John. (While I normally keep my newsletters to two pages, I have added a third page this time, with a map of all the Lutheran congregations in Guyana in 1969, highlighting the ones I visit as a supply preacher. Some of the congregations on the map have closed since 1969.)

I will introduce you to just a couple of the congregations that I visit as supply preacher. The last time I was at Holy Communion church, it was Lent, and in this photo, you see a faithful member preparing the sanctuary for worship that day. Holy Communion is in the village of Victoria, a suburb of the capital city, Georgetown. The village was established just after the emancipation of the enslaved Africans in 1838, when a community of formerly enslaved people pooled their hard-won resources and bought the land in order to start their own small businesses. It must have taken enormous courage and industry. Every other month on the third Sunday, I rush out of Holy Communion after worship to make it (always late!) to King of Glory, about 50 minutes away. I am thankful for a new highway that enables me to avoid driving through Georgetown to get to the new high-span bridge over the Demerara River that takes me to West Coast Demerara, where King of Glory is located.



There are times at King of Glory when no adults come to the service, but there are always three committed teens there (see photo), cleaning the church building and setting up for worship, just in case. If no adults come, we have Sunday School together. Here they are: Emily, Ashton, and Ethan, on the day when we studied the story about Jesus teaching his disciples to serve one another instead of competing with one another for glory. I told them that I think cleaning the church, as they do, is a good example of such service.



While I cannot introduce you to all the congregations, I hope this sampling gives you a glimpse into the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, your brothers and sisters in the risen Christ. With much gratitude for your companionship,

*Carolyn*

**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 -**

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. – 1 Corinthians 15:58*

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

† Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, AZ, with the restructuring of its Board and staff to make the Mission better in contributing to the overall wellness of the neighbors it serves; Luther House UNM & CNM Campus

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider serving in Guyana, her students, the churches she visits as a supply preacher, the teens she ministers to at King of Glory church: Emily, Ashton, and Ethan, who would clean the church and setup for worship, whether the adults come to worship or not

† 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 Bible translations to reach minority communities in the Middle East/North Africa region, for hearts to accept Jesus, and wisdom & discernment for the translators (Mission Network News, April 2026)

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

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. – 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

† Replace fear, anger and self-interest with trust in the Lord, love and grace.

† *Bucket of Change recipient for May: The Storehouse-NM*

† 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 sick, hospitalized, or recovering -**

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. – James 5:16*

† *Pastor Janet Morse*, Mike Sanchez, Ruth Glauner, Mary Ann, Carrie, Renee, Leya (toddler), Terry Shirrod, Stephenson's Lodge brother's wife, Frank Johnson, Lindsey, Julie, Wallace, Terry, Diane, Bonnie, & Marjorie Kendrick; Sam, Noel, Larry, Sally Meeks, Myra Lynch, Don Edwards, Steve, Dan Syroid, Jean Klinke, Lola, Andy H., Aleta, Bonnie Paine, John English,

Renae Brauer, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour

† In hospice care: Verne

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

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. – Psalm 147:3*

† *Vera Mae*, Stephen & Samantha Steffoin, Max & Linda Steffoin, and Leah Coughenour; Betty Ann; Michael & wife Dasha; Pamela, Sonny Traeger, Paul & wife Bonnie, Burke family, Julie, Jerry, Pamela, and Erica; Rogene & Peter

† Persecuted church, children, and elderly in the midst of conflicts in the Middle East.

† Aging parents and their caregivers

† Those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones: Family of Dave Dehart; Family of Don Lange (Curtis Lange & Heidi Lange) as they prepare for Don's graveyard service at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque on Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 AM

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

**For the congregation and for special concerns -**

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9*

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

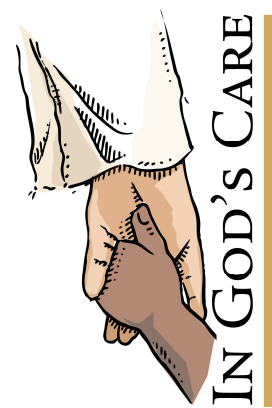
† *The pastor our heavenly Father will send to our congregation, who, with much love for our Lord Jesus and his word, will shepherd St Luke church family*

† 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.*



**Finally,**

# be strong in the Lord

**And in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. - Ephesians 6:10-11**



## ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Taylor Hollowwa, *Nursery Care on Sunday*

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*Jonathan Barba*) *Custodians*

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