



St Paul this Fall 2023

Rally & God's Work Our Hands Sunday,
Ministry & Faith Development Opportunities,
Reformation & All Saints Sunday, Advent, and more!

St. Paul this Fall

YOU ARE INVITED to a fall packed with worship and faith sharing & growing opportunities! Engage, serve, and fellowship with one another and the greater community of Albuquerque:

Calico Butterfly Preschool, a powerful outreach ministry of St. Paul, continues to make positive impacts in our community. We get to nurture and support about 45 littles and their families, Monday through Friday every week. The new play area is completed and an exciting, forward-thinking strategic planning effort is underway. Please connect with Paula Eglinton or other board members: Mary Thompson, Cheryl Schultz, Andi Trybus, Pastor Koppel, Peggy Burnett; or Marisol Flores, Director, if you have questions, kudos, or are interested in supporting this ministry in some way.

Rally Sunday is the 24th of September. It's a long-standing tradition to make an *ollie ollie oxen free* call to come-on back after a summer of travel and R&R. The glory of streaming our services means that you may still join in worship from wherever you may be, but if you are able and in the ABQ area, you might want to consider joining us in person this day as the El Faro Youth Chorus will help lift our voices in song!

Following worship, we'll gather for a good ol' fashioned potluck. Thank you, to one of our Adopted Families, for making homemade enchiladas and beans! Beverages will be supplied, too. You just need to bring yourself and a salad or dessert to share. Would you also consider bringing non-perishable food to share with the Storehouse NM? Bins to receive items anytime are located in the Welcome Center.

Following the potluck, you'll have the opportunity to assemble the plethora of hygiene items we've been collecting for a **God's Work Our Hands** service project. This year, we as a denomination, celebrate 10 years (and counting) of this annual, churchwide, yet local community day of service, showing *who we are as God's people — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors* (ELCA Congregational Toolkit 2022)!

If you'd like to contribute either with donated items or a cash gift, it's not too late, bring it with you. Here's a list of the items needed: *socks and underwear (new), bar soap (travel size), feminine products, deodorant (travel size), mini shampoo & conditioner, wet wipes, chap stick, razor, lotion (travel size)*. Or a \$20 gift is enough to cover a whole kit. **OLLIE OLLIE OXEN FREE!**

Faith Development opportunities aren't just on Sunday mornings! For **Sunday mornings**, check out the schedule on page 8 for forums with our community partners and a 5-session study on *unlocking our potential as a disciple*.

For **Logos Login**, in addition to the Tuesday morning, 9am time we've added a second option on Mondays at 6pm. Both meet via ZOOM (see page 9 for more information). For **Book Groups**, there are now three options. *Women Rowing North*, gained its name from the first book that they read. There are two options to meet in-person starting in September. And starting in October a ZOOM book group option will be offered (see *1st Wednesday Book Group*, page 10 for more information).

Fellowship takes place in all kinds of ways. Formally organized opportunities are Sundays right after worship in Friendship Corner, 1st Tuesdays at a brewery, and 3rd Wednesdays at church (see page 11 for more information). If you'd like to provide the refreshments for the morning, the sign-up sheet is in Friendship Corner over the water dispenser!

Congregational Meetings are set for December 10, 2023, and April 21, 2024 following worship.

The fall/winter meeting will hold discussion and vote on a financial plan for the ministry year ahead. It's a good time to be reminded that while we are currently operating on and have historically passed deficit budgets, our 2023 goals are geared toward growing and increasing revenue. Those goals are:

- 1: Increase administrative support to grow community building use and generate revenue.
- 2: Stabilize our Music Ministry Staff to continue providing beautiful/meaningful music for worship.
- 3: Sanctuary Infill & Ramp project. Both additions will make it accessible for everyone and a more flexible/useful space for community use.

At this meeting we also elect individuals to serve on Council and to engage in our annual Synod Assembly, and have changes to our constitution to adopt. If a member of the Nominating Team approaches you, please prayerfully consider offering your leadership.

During the spring meeting we comprehensively report-out on all the amazing things God has done through us! As always you are invited to take snap shots along the

way to help us chronicle our reporting with pictures. Just email or text them to the office!

Partners who enjoy our space for worship, meetings, concerts, and more are listed on the back cover. This page includes their websites and ways to sign-up for their newsletters. A fantastic way to learn more about them.

Liturgical Seasons & Worship

Reformation Sunday, October 29th is a day we lift up Martin Luther and the many other reformers who were catalysts for the Protestant movement in Western Christianity. Mark your calendars for movie night showing *Luther* as well. It was not the first major reformation, nor will it be the last. The church is constantly being reformed. Good to keep this in mind when we say things like “we’ve always done it that way” or “that’s the tradition of the church”! May we always be open to God’s gentle, and sometimes not so gentle, shaping.

All Saints Sunday is November 5th. It’s a beautiful day lifting up ALL the saints: those who have gone before us, those newly joining (the recently baptized), and you and me, living saints! Please see the Visual Choir’s invitation for ways to add to this celebration (page 12).

Christ the King is Sunday, November 24th and marks the end of the liturgical year. It’s a beautiful testament to our *both/and* theology. Christ is indeed our King, has power over all things. However, this power is not ruled by force or violence, but by love and acceptance.

Advent begins on December 3rd and marks the start of the church’s new year. These four Sundays before

Christmas signals a time of reflective waiting for the gift of Jesus who is Immanuel – God with us. This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve! Stay tuned for how we'll celebrate the unfolding of *hope, peace, joy, and love* into Christmas Eve and Day.

With a grateful heart for all we do together in responding to God's amazing love. ~Pr. Koppel



Calico Butterfly Preschool has gotten a face lift inside and out! Our 2022 dreams of a creative new playground became reality, culminating with a dedication and blessing in May 2023. The classrooms have been brightened with new furniture and, thanks to

Ryan Millis, the bathrooms have been painted and refreshed with new lighting and fixtures...all to communicate how greatly we value our children and their families.

Hannah Peterson led the board and our director Marisol Flores through a day of strategic planning which will guide us into the future of our early childhood ministry. Calico and St. Paul are one, committed to the healthy, happy development of "our littles." We are proud of the community of which we are a part.
~Paula Eglinton



RALLY SUNDAY

24 SEPTEMBER 2023

St Paul Lutheran Church 1100 Indian School Road, ABO, NM 87102 505 242 5942



10am Worship with *El Faro Youth Chorus*
Sanctuary

11am Potluck

Fellowship Hall

**Bring a Dish to Share!
Homemade Enchiladas &
Drinks Provided.**

**11:45am God's
Work Our Hands
Service Project:**
Fellowship Hall



**Sept. 24
2023**

Assemble 50 Hygiene Kits

Adult Faith Development

Opportunities for Adult Faith Development abound!

Sunday mornings, starting in October

11:15am, Conference Room, schedule follows

Take with you goodies from Friendship Corner

Logos Login, starting in October

6pm Mondays & 9am Tuesdays, both via ZOOM

See page 9 for login information

2 Book Groups

Women Rowing North (named after the 1st book read)

Starting in September with *Dusk at Dawn* by Anne Lamott

1pm 3rd Tuesdays & 9am 3rd Thursdays, Chapel

Accidental Saints, (1st book, we'll see if the name sticks)

Starting in October, 6pm 1st Wednesdays, via ZOOM

Here's the line-up for Sunday mornings (in Conf. Room):

October, Community Partners in Ministry

1 ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative

8 HopeWorks

15 Luther House

22 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - NM

29 Lutheran Family Services

November, *Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple*, 5 sessions

5 Belonging 1 of 5

12 Belonging 2 of 5

19 Belonging 3 of 5

26 Belonging 4 of 5

December

3 Belonging 5 of 5

10 Congregational Meeting (no class)

17 NM Conference of Churches

24 4th Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve (no class)

31 No class

Weekly Connection & Exploration of Sunday's Scripture.

Logos Log-in



every Monday @ 6pm via ZOOM

Use Meeting ID: 895 3126 7414 & Passcode: 604731

every Tuesday @ 9am via ZOOM

Use Meeting ID: 818 2224 4340 & Passcode: 702748

Logos and its various forms are used more than a thousand times in the New Testament. We know this Greek word as *message* or *teaching* or most poetically as *Word*, as in *the Word became flesh and dwelled among us*.

This weekly on-line gathering is a first glance at the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. After we begin with a brief time of connecting and praying with one another, we read the *logos* and to listen for where and how the *Word* is speaking to us today. Join us on Monday evenings at 6pm (new time!) or Tuesday mornings at 9am starting October 2! ~ Pr. Koppel

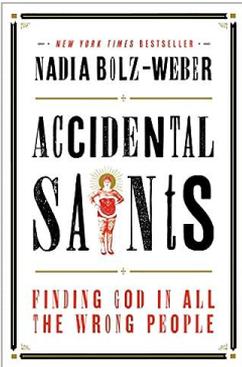
New St. Paul Directory

The St. Paul directory will be made available online via our SimpleChurch database. This will provide a safe and secure method for the congregation to access contact information via secure login. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to launch when we will provide individual login instructions. While a long time coming, it will be worth the wait! ~Deborah Ash

Women Rowing North Book Group

Women Rowing North was the name of the first book this group read together, and they continue to meet. There are two time/day options on the 3rd Tuesday and Thursday of each month starting in September. First up is *Dusk at Dawn* by Anne Lamott. Need more information? Contact Linda FitzGerald or Nancy Jenkins.

1st Wednesday Book Group



Join us via ZOOM for reading and discussing *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber! Nadia gives us insight into ourselves, our lives, our God, and grace in a world where we are all simultaneously sinner and saint. Beginning Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and every first Wednesday thereafter, we will be discussing the book in thirds (1/3), or in

groups of about 75 pages. The plan is to spend about three months on this book, with the expectation to have our final discussion on Wednesday December 6, 2023 before beginning a new book. Here's the login information – ID: 862 2262 1120 & Passcode: 457116. Please know you can always go to the calendar on our website (stpaulabq.org) for all ZOOM logins. We hope to purchase an OWL Labs Meeting camera to add an in-person/hybrid option soon! Please provide book suggestions for future studies to Pastor Koppel or Kait Kennedy.

1st Tuesday Fellowship

@ Grape and Grain, 3401 Candelaria Rd NE

A monthly gathering on the first Tuesday from 4-6pm. This is a time to gather for conversation and to get to know each other better. Bring your own snack if you wish; beer is for sale but bring your own drink if you prefer. ~Nancy Matthews

3rd Wednesday Fellowship

@ Church

These midmonth events are held in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a movie, game night, or some other activity the group may choose to do! We serve popcorn and beverages, and sometimes ice cream. You are welcome to bring a treat to share. We are starting up again on October 18 at 6pm, with a showing of Coco – a terrific film to watch as we approach All Saints! ~Deborah Ash & Nancy Jenkins

2nd Sunday Love God Love Neighbor

ABQ Youth Collaborative is a shared ministry with All Saints, Cross of Hope, St. Luke, Holy Cross, and St. Paul Lutheran churches. This once-a-month gathering is for youth 6th grade and up. We meet at one of the churches for a meal around noon, engage in serving or learning about our community, and close with a devotional. First up is 10 Sept @ Cross of Hope, then to Tres Hermanas Farm. Questions? Contact Pr. Koppel.

Remembering the Saints, November 5

All Saints will be upon us before we know it!

The Visual Choir will once again be hanging our All Saints photo banners. Many of you have loved ones (Our Saints) represented on these memorial collages. They have proven to be very effective in remembering those who have gone before us!



For anyone who would like to add a photo of someone who has died this year, please bring or email your photo with all of the pertinent information. Your photos will be printed in black and white for the banners and will be displayed on our "Dia de los Muertos" ofrenda, in color or as you provide. You will have your photo returned to you unharmed.

There will be a box in the Welcome Center for you to submit them (or hand them to me, Jo Browning, Jan Krakow, Karen Bunch, Shirley Nilsson, or Kathy Callahan) or email them to: janobowers68@gmail.com by October 22. Thank you! ~Jan Bowers

St. Paul Prayer Chain Ministry is for everyone! The Prayer Chain receives prayers in any way possible, names are submitted from the prayer cards in the pews on Sunday morning, on-line through the St. Paul website, through phone calls, notes, or word of mouth. Only first names are submitted to the printed names that appear for the Prayer Chain or in the Sunday bulletin. The Prayer Chain is sent out mid-week to those who wish to lift names during the week before the printing appears. If you are interested in being added to the Prayer Chain, simply indicate on a prayer card, in a call to the church office or a note left on the front desk in the office and your name will be added. Be sure to leave your email. If you have questions about our Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Koppel or Julie Ambrogio (fambrogio@comcast.net). Thank you to those who lift requests in prayer each week and who carry the worries, needs and celebrations of others.



Visitation Ministry is looking for folks who would like to be a part of our homebound outreach. This team meets monthly, sometimes in person, sometimes in passing but always with the desire to stay in touch with our sick, alone, homebound, short-term illness or long-term journey. We offer communion and/or an oil blessing, prayer, conversation and always

an open heart to their need. Names are divided around the committee and visits happen at the convenience of the visitor and person being visited. The rewards of sharing with someone confined are many and the joy given is long lasting. If you are interested in becoming a Visitation Ministry member, please let Pastor Koppel or Julie Ambrogi know. All are welcome.



Prayer Shawl

Ministry

We have a Prayer Shawl Ministry! If you know anyone who is or has been hospitalized, just had a baby, or is homebound, seriously ill, or just needs a warm, soft cuddly prayer shawl for comfort, pick one up during office hours or on Sunday morning.

We have been supplying them for several years. They disappear almost as soon as they are placed in our basket. Last year we also included a prayer shawl for each of our homebound members. That means our current stock is low, and we are now calling on our great shawl makers to replenish our supply. If you knit or crochet, pick up some free yarn in the church office and start making a prayer shawl. Thank you for ALL the shawls that provide a tangible reminder that God wraps us in love. ~Sharon Hamilton

Visual Choir evolved

from our desire to enhance our worship space as we follow the Church Year Calendar. You may have noticed the various banners, displays, and other visual attractions which change throughout the year. This is all made possible by a



dedicated few who make it happen. We would very much welcome anyone who would like to become a part of this valuable ministry! We meet as needed, so it wouldn't be a strict commitment. Help when you can! We will meet in the Sanctuary on Sept. 25th at 10:00 AM to discuss the upcoming church year and new projects. This particular meeting will also entail tidying the upstairs "banner room". (But don't let that scare you off!) Thank you for considering joining us with your creative ideas!
~Jan Bowers (for Visual Choir)

Congregational Meeting December 10, 2023

- Constitutional Updates
- 2024 Budget
- Nominating Committee presents the slate of leadership opportunities

Looking ahead to April 21 Congregational Meeting: Ministry Team Leads – please work with your team members to prepare your reports for the 2023 Annual Report. Deadline to submit to info@stpaulabq.org is February 29. Thank you!

Stewardship

We people of St. Paul have decided to invest in our building, and especially the worship space in our sanctuary to make it accessible for all, a hub for ministry and education, and to share the gift of our building with the community around us. We have now a project to help make this vision a reality. We believe the modifications will allow greater access for people with limited mobility and will make the space more accommodating for performing arts, especially instrumental and vocal music.

The current estimate of project cost is \$40,000. This is where you come in. Your donations to this special appeal can make the sanctuary project possible. Donate as much as you feel is appropriate for you and know that your generosity will ensure our sanctuary continues to uphold St. Paul's ministry of word and sacrament and service for years to come. For details on how to contribute, see the following form.

Note that while we gather money to improve our church home, we also recognize a responsibility for those who lack adequate housing. Therefore we propose to donate a portion of the money we raise to our community partners who are working to provide adequate housing for all. ~Bob Matthews



St. Paul Sanctuary Infill & Ramp Project

Special Offering Summer/Fall 2023

Yes! I want to give to the Sanctuary Infill & Ramp Project!

Name	Amount	Date
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If giving by check, please indicate "sanctuary project" in the memo and place in the offering plate or mail check to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Excellence in LEADERSHIP

Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA

Courageous, resilient, and faithful leaders for the sake of the world

Excellence in Leadership is a ministry born out of the need for courageous and resilient people in the church, in organizations, and in the world. This ministry helps each person learn how to appreciate who they are, how they are embodied, and manage the way they personally respond to challenges and conflict. St. Paul is sponsoring 4 of our members in the EIL program over the next 2 years: Deborah Ash, Nancy Jenkins, Jaz Kennedy, and Kait Kennedy.

PRIDE

Parade Presence

We have, in years past, participated in the annual Pride Parade! It's a lot of fun and full of wonderful positive energy! We'd like to form a group to plan next year's involvement. May of 2024 seems a long way off, but if we want to show off our Pride with flair, then we should start thinking about it now! The first meeting for everyone who might be interested is Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 6:00PM (meet in Sanctuary). If this date and time doesn't work for you, but you still want to be involved, please contact Jan Bowers or Terry Cole.



For Your Calendar

- September 10 Choir resumes rehearsal
- September 18-21 RMS Theological Conference
- September 24 Rally & God's Work Our Hands Sunday
- October 29 Reformation Sunday – **wear red!**
- November 5 All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Ends)
- November 24 Christ the King Sunday End of Church Year
Decorate the Sanctuary after Service
- November 19 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Congregation Albert, 3800 Louisiana Blvd
- December 3 1st Sunday in Advent
Coro Lux Christmas, 4 & 7pm
- December 10 Congregational Meeting
- December 6, 13, 20 Wednesday Advent Services
Holden Evening Prayer
- December 17 NM Brass Quintet Christmas, 3pm
Christmas cookies and hot cider to follow
- December 24 4th Sunday in Advent, 10am &
Christmas Eve, 5pm on the Labyrinth
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 21, 28 Midweek Lenten Gatherings
- March 6, 13, 20
- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 28 Maundy Thursday
- March 29 Good Friday
- March 30 Tomé Hill Hike, Mini-Pilgrimage
- March 31 Easter
- April 21 Congregational Meeting
- May 19 Pentecost



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ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative www.abqfaithworks.org

ABQ Interfaith www.facebook.com/abqinterfaith

Coro Lux, ensemble in residence www.abqcorolux.org

El Faro Youth Chorus www.abqcorolux.org/elfaro

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America www.elca.org

Greater ABQ Church of Christ www.abqcoc.com

HopeWorks www.hopeworksnm.org

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM
www.lutheranadvocacynm.org

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mtns www.lfsm.org

Luther House www.lutherhousenm.org

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service www.lirs.org

Lutheran World Relief www.lwr.org

NM Conference of Churches www.nmchurches.org

Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA www.rmseelca.org

Storehouse New Mexico www.storehousenm.org