



St Paul this Fall

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

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YOU ARE INVITED to a fall packed with 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 40 littles and their families, Monday through Friday every week. There are some exciting new things happening and the play area update is a BIG one. Please see Paula Eglinton's (Calico Board Chair) article for more details. And connect with Paula and other board members (Mary Thompson, Cheryl Schultz, Andi Trybus, Marisol Flores, Peggy Burnett, or me) if you have questions, kudos, or are interested in supporting this ministry.

God's Work Our Hands is Saturday, September 10th. It has become an annual, churchwide, yet local community celebration of *who we are as God's people — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors* (ELCA Congregational Toolkit 2022)! In collaboration with our partners of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, there are 3 service opportunities: Habitat for Humanity, HopeWorks, and Luther House. Sign-up sheets and all the details are in the Welcome Center.

The next day is **Rally Sunday**, September 11th. 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 and faith formation 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.

Following worship, we'll gather for a good ol' fashioned potluck. Stone oven baked pizza from Zia Bros. will be provided and you are invited to bring a salad or dessert. Would you also consider bringing non-perishable food to share with the Storehouse NM? There will be a photo booth to snap your picture for the new directory AND a station to add your color to a congregational-wide Advent project (see more about Advent below). OLLIE OLLIE OXEN FREE!

The **Adult Faith Development** Team has quite a line up for digging into important topics and into scripture! Check out the schedule. Thank you, Bob, Ivan, and Jan for coordinating this, including working on an upgrade to the Conference Room equipment to make these sessions available to those engaging digitally.

Congregational Meetings are set for December 11, 2022, and March 5, 2023. Typically, during the fall/winter meeting we discuss and vote on a financial plan for the ministry year ahead. We also elect individuals to serve on Council, to engage in our annual Synod Assembly, and more. If a member of the Nomination Team approaches you, please prayerfully consider offering your leadership. This year's fall/winter meeting will also include adopting goals to help us live into our vision:

"St. Paul is a hub for a variety of ministries and a central learning space, teaching people to live their faith in many ministry opportunities. The worship experience in our beautiful sacred space nurtures us as a community, so that we can be connected to many community outreach and social justice activities."

During the spring meeting we comprehensively report-out on all the amazing things God has done through us! This year 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 30th 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 6th. 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.

Christ the King is Sunday, November 20th 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 November 27th and marks the start of the church’s new year. These four Sundays before Christmas signal a time of reflective waiting for the gift of Jesus who is Immanuel – God with us. The traditional themes of *hope, peace, joy, and love* will hold us in our congregation-wide devotions (adult and youth/family resource), worship, faith formation, and fellowship.

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



Calico Butterfly Preschool completed its first week in the new school year with the opening of a second infant room. It is exciting to have babies. We get to watch them grow and help them explore their surroundings. Those surroundings are about to be improved.

Thanks to a substantial Child Care Stabilization Grant awarded by the state, we are in the beginning stages of a playground renovation. The old centerpiece play structure has been rehabilitated several times and needs to be removed. This new money will allow Calico to replace this splintered old workhorse. In keeping up with new safety codes, the ground surface material will be changed out. The sand will be removed, and engineered chips will be laid down. A concrete track will encircle the play area so that the children can have a place to pedal their little vehicles.

There will be some more surprises so ask questions and keep watching for more updates. The removal of the old has already begun because the large play structure pieces, 2600 lbs. worth, were delivered on Tuesday, August 16th. The new swing will arrive by the end of August. Our contractor was anxious to get started and we were just as anxious to see the old go away and the new take shape! There will be an opportunity for you to contribute to the fleet of toddler trikes if you are interested.

A blessing on the construction of this area is being planned – stay tuned for details! ~Paula Eglinton



Saturday, September 10, 8am–1pm

St. Paul is joining with St. Timothy to work in our community on these projects:

- ✚ Habitat for Humanity
- ✚ HopeWorks
- ✚ Luther House

For more details and to sign up, see the clipboards in the Welcome Center. Sign up by September 4.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Sept. 11
2022



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God’s work. Our hands.

St. Paul Rally Sunday

- ✚ Bring a can of food for Storehouse NM
- ✚ Potluck after Service (bring a salad or dessert)
- ✚ Photos for the new Directory
- ✚ Coloring Advent posters for the Sanctuary

Adult Faith Development

The Adult Faith Formation calendar for the fall has been prepared. In addition to learning about the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly and the ELCA Assembly, there will be two Bible Study offerings. The first is a study of the Book of Acts. Participants are encouraged to read the entire book throughout the eight weeks. Bring your own Bible to allow you to make notes as you wish.

The full title of the book is The Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, apostles refers to the disciples Jesus chooses to carry on his teaching and ministry, and follows the book of Luke in this way. The book of Luke ends with an account of Jesus ascended into heaven (Luke 24:50-53). Acts begins with the same event (Acts 1:9-11). Acts tells the story of the early days of the Christian church. (Lutheran Study Bible, p. 1794.) Could it be that studying this ancient writing has something to tell us about the church today?

Our second Bible study focuses on Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-56). You probably know it as the Magnificat. This study will begin well before Advent because there are some art projects that will be worked on prior to our focus on Mary's Song. The study will begin on November 20 in order to get all four weeks in before Christmas. Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 11. To make a connection with worship, there will also be posters to add your colorful touch.

We anticipate meeting at 11:15am each Sunday. Please watch for notifications concerning where the classes will be meeting. Before Covid, we met in the conference room, and that may be where we will meet again. Regardless, we extend an invitation to you to participate in these studies and discussions. ~Jan Krakow

Adult Faith Development

Sundays at 11:15

September

18 Synod & Churchwide Reports/Polity

ACTS

25 The Spirit Creates Community Acts 2:1-47

October

2 The Empowering Spirit Acts 4:1-37

9 The Spirit on the Margins Acts 8:1-40

16 The Conversion of Peter Acts 10:1-48

23 World Upside Down Acts 17:1-34

30 A Riot in Ephesus Acts 19:1-41

6 On Trial for the Resurrection Acts 24:1-27

November

13 And So We Came to Rome Acts 28:1-31

MARY'S SONG

20 Hope Luke 1:46-50

27 Peace Luke 1:51-53

December

4 Joy Luke 1:54-55

11 No Class: *Winter Congregational Meeting*

18 Love Luke 1:39-45, 56

Congregational Meeting

December 11, 2022

Nominating Committee presents slate

President-Elect for 2023 (to serve as President in 2024)

- Youth Representative to Council for 2023
- 2 General Council Members for 2023-2025
- 1 General Council Member for remainder of 2022-2024 term
- 2 Synod Assembly voting members for 2023
- 1 Nominating Committee Member

2023 Budget

Setting Congregational Goals

Looking Ahead to the Congregational Meeting March 5, 2023

Ministry Team Leads – please work with your team members to prepare your reports for the 2022 Annual Report. Deadline to submit to info@stpaulabq.org is January 31. Thank you!

**Keep an eye out for the next steps on
Vision goal setting!**

All Saints Sunday, November 4

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 Jan Bowers, Jo Browning, Jan Krakow, Karen Bunch, Shirley Nilsson, or Kathy Callahan) or email them to: janobowers@comcast.net by October 21. Thank you! ~Jan Bowers



Other Important Dates

September 11	Choir resumes leading us in song
October 28	Movie Night – “Luther”
October 30	Reformation Sunday – wear red!
November 6	All Saints Sunday Ofrenda – bring in pictures by <u>Oct. 21</u>
November 20	Christ the King Sunday End of Church Year Decorate the Sanctuary after Service
November 27	First Sunday in Advent
December 11	Congregational Meeting Elections & Budget 2023
December 24	Christmas Eve service
December 25	Christmas Day service
January 1	New Year’s Day service

New St. Paul Directory

Work is underway on a new St. Paul Directory to be released in January 2023. As part of this process, we will have personal information sheets from our database for you to review/correct at the Rally Sunday Gathering. You will have an opportunity to have a photo taken of you and/or your family group to be included. An opportunity for makeup photos after that date will be announced. We would love to include your photo! ~Update Team: Julie Ambrogi, Deborah Ash, Paula Eglinton, Nancy Matthews, and Pr. Koppel

Community Partners

Albuquerque Chamber Soloists (www.abqcs.com)
Coro Lux, ensemble in residence (www.abqcorolux.org)
El Faro Youth Chorus (www.abqcorolux.org/elfaro)
Father Anne Ministries (www.fatheranne.com)
Greater Albuquerque Church of Christ
(www.abqcoc.com)

Other Partners

ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative (www.abqfaithworks.org)
Albuquerque Interfaith
(www.facebook.com/abqinterfaith)
HopeWorks (www.hopeworksnm.org)
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico
(www.lutheranadvocacynm.org)
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service-newsletter
(www.lirs.org)
Lutheran World Relief-news alerts (www.lwr.org)
New Mexico Conference of Churches—Midweek Musings
(www.nmchurches.org/featured-news)
Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA—eConnection weekly
newsletter (www.rmseca.org)
Storehouse New Mexico (www.storehousenm.org)

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