

**Lutheran
Advocacy
Ministry**
New Mexico

**Rocky Mountain Synod
ELCA**

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - NM is called to advocate for justice in public policy with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger and supporting ELCA members and congregations, as well as our ecumenical and interfaith partners in the ministry of advocacy.

September 2022

Upcoming Events...

Dear Partners in Advocacy,

September marks what I would say is the beginning of our busy season. Potential priorities for the 2023 legislative session are becoming more clear, the advocacy agenda will be developed in October, and coalitions we are active participants with are hard at work on both legislation and session strategy. Exciting times indeed!

I wanted to share with you information regarding a number of upcoming events. I hope you will participate as you are able as well as share these opportunities with your congregation and friends. *Note the return of our annual **Fall Advocacy Conference!*** Don't hesitate to be in touch with questions or for more information.

Peace,

Kurt

Thirsty for Water

Saturday, September 17, 2022 - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Zoom option * Zoom Option

Join the RMS Hunger Team, Lutheran Advocacy, and the Creation Care Team on September 17 for a day of holy conversation &

community-building with faithful people from the Rocky Mountain Synod and beyond. We'll learn the facts about the drought affecting our region, engage in theological reflection and story-telling, hear stories of the impact on agriculture, consider policy and advocacy, and contemplate how we can respond to the crisis together.

When: Saturday, September 17, 2022 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 East Hampden Avenue, Denver • *Also available by Zoom*

Fee: \$25 in-person (lunch included), **\$15 online**

You may register for the event ***HERE!***

You can find more detailed information about the event ***HERE!***



The Challenges and Responses to Wildfires in Northern New Mexico

Join us online on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., to learn about the impact of wildfires in New Mexico on food insecurity. Learn how local pantries, The Food Depot, and others responded to the disaster. Our special guests are:

- Jill Dixon, deputy director of The Food Depot
- State Rep. Roger Montoya, District 40
- Joseph Griego (director of Mora Head Start)
- Frances and Art Romero (First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry in Mora)
- Rachel Martinez (food service director Mora Independent School District)

RSVP to ***nminterfaithhungercoalition@gmail.com*** to get the Zoom link.



Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Linking community resources and needs in New Mexico

**** Save the Date! ****

Fall Advocacy Conference Returns!

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the annual LAM-NM Fall Advocacy Conference returns! Please save Saturday, November 19th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on your calendar. More information will be shared in a separate email.

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2023 Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon

February 21st - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advocating Congregations

St. Paul Lutheran (Alb.) * First Presbyterian (Santa Fe) * Bethlehem Lutheran (Los Alamos) * St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal (Alb.) * All Saints Lutheran (Alb.) * St. Luke Lutheran (Alb.) * Peace Lutheran (Las Cruces) * Christ Lutheran (Santa Fe) * St. Timothy Lutheran (Alb.) * St. Andrew Presbyterian (Alb.) * Albuquerque Mennonite Church (Alb.) * First Presbyterian (Las Vegas) * Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal (Edgewood) * Monte Vista Christian (Abq.) * United Methodist Women of New Mexico

Learn more about joining the Advocating Congregation Program [HERE!](#)

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM works in advocacy partnerships with the NM Conference of Churches and the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Connecting faith and public life: We believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God uses our hands, through our direct service work and our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. Through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good.



Office Location

Our office is located in Albuquerque at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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Always grateful for your advocacy,

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