Limited office hours: Monday–Friday 9 am to Noon: The sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and meditation. The staff continues to work primarily from home. We continue remotely checking the phone for messages. For pastoral care needs reach Pr. Adam at 505-916-1823

Worship with us at www.crossofhope.org or our Facebook page, search Cross of Hope Church
- Sundays at 9:10 am now on all 3 platforms!
- Devotions daily at 9 am
- In-person communion today, between 10am-11am on the front lawn!
- 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm on the church lawn (July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26)

Archived resources on our YouTube channel, search Cross of Hope Church and Schools

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DAILY READINGS

We appreciate your continued giving through the ministries of Cross of Hope:

Giving Tab on crossofhope.org @PAY, text 505-629-4012
Via US Mail
Auto pay through your bank

Your giving may be mailed to our P.O.Box:
Cross of Hope Church
8201 Golf Course Rd NW
Suite D3, #285
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If you are currently not receiving our resources through email and wish to, please email office@crossofhope.org to be added to the list.

As part of our Sunday worship experience, we will offer in-person Communion on our front lawn the 1st and 3rd Sundays 10am-11am.
- Sunday – July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, August 30
- Come as you are able after digital worship (or before if you worship later in the day/week) and gather at markings around the table.
- If the table is full, please wait on the markings to be invited for prayer and communion.
- **Masks will be required** (unless medically advised not to).
- Please maintain a minimum of 6ft. of distance between you and others not of your household.
- Those who are sick or particularly vulnerable should not attend.*

Be invited to share no-contact signs of Peace (the holy bow, peace sign, friendly wave) to one another while continuing on your way.

Friday, July 3  Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 5
9:10 a.m.  Digital Worship Experience
10:00-11:00 a.m.  In-person Communion on the lawn

Wednesday July 8
7:00 p.m.  Wednesday Outdoor Worship

Saturday, July 11
10:00 a.m.  Making Faith Connections
Introductory Session at Cross of Hope

Sunday, July 12
9:10 a.m.  Digital Worship Experience
10:00 a.m.  Zoom Coffee Hour
"Making Faith Connections" Introduction

We will hold Wednesday evening outdoor worship. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm.
- Wednesdays – July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26
- We will gather, physically distanced, on the front lawn for a brief (30min) service of the word: a reading(s), reflection, prayers, some offered music (sorry no community singing).
- **Masks will be required** (unless medically advised not to).
- Please bring your own chairs and maintain a minimum of 6ft. of distance between you and others not of your household.
- Those who are sick or particularly vulnerable should not attend.*
- If the weather is unsuitable, we will cancel.
- Depending on response, Communion may be included in the future with clear instructions and expectation to follow.
- Everyone will need to sign-in with the Host to assist in contact tracing should that become necessary.

Weird Challenges 
Help Wanted!

The Property Team is pleased to announce that all the COH school hallways and classrooms have been painted.

A clean and safe place for our teachers and students is needed and required in order to return to the building for school. We are planning to clean and disinfect all the furniture in the classrooms.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this project. If you would like to help please contact Margie Reed at 505-366-7149 or margiereed@msn.com.

Off to camp!

Although things at camp may be a little different this summer we still do have two Senior High Youth and five confirmation (MHY) heading off to camp very soon. Senior High Camp is July 5-11 and Confirmation camp is July 12-18. We have raised some funds for this trip, but if anyone would like to make an additional donation to help these families send their kids that would certainly be appreciated. Best route would be to shoot me an email and then drop it by or mail it to the church.

Thank you all so much for your help and support!

Christ in Our Home

The July-August-September 2020 devotional has arrived. You may pick up a copy at the church, Monday-Friday between 9 and Noon.

505 Ministry

Our SHY/MHY (middle and senior high youth groups) are currently serving our neighbors with distribution of your donations to Operation 505. More donations are needed specifically smaller items like soap, shampoo, reusable totes, dental supplies and socks. There is a tub for your donations outside of the church building or contact Richard Hielkema at music@crossofhope.org to schedule a pick up from your home.

Cross of Hope School is hiring elementary school teachers for the 2020-2021 academic year!
The ideal candidate LOVES children and Jesus, has 3-5 years of experience teaching elementary school children, has a NM teaching license, has online teaching experience, is wonderfully flexible and collaborates well with others. If interested in applying, please send a cover letter, resume, and copy of your NM teaching license to our Director of School Ministry, Debra Alba at: esdirector@crossofhope.org

Preparation for Worship

King of the nations, thank you for the freedoms we enjoy.
Empower us to work for basic freedoms for all people worldwide. Amen.
You are invited to discover the benefits that can be gained by meeting together on a regular basis with old and new friends in a small Faith Connection group either on-line or face to face. It gives us great joy to share this new life enhancing experience with you, especially in these times when it has been challenging to get together to support one another.

The Mission of Cross of Hope Faith Connections Groups
   To provide an opportunity for all people to share Christ’s love and authentic community in a small group setting where lives are transformed through growth in faith and service to others.

Faith Connection Groups will be made up of three to ten people gathering in small face to face or on-line settings…Connecting Friends, Faith and Everyday life! Session materials and flexible guidelines will be provided for each session beginning with worship Sunday, July 26. No worries…Pastor Adam Berndt and Pastor Russ Sorensen will recruit, train and support Facilitators for each group. All you need to do is email office@crossofhope.org or call 505-897-0047 (Church office) with your interest in participating in this new Faith Connections experience! This initiative is not restricted to current members of Cross of Hope! Questions?

New Faith Connections small groups will closely fit Cross of Hope’s vision of “Loving God, Transforming Relationships and Serving Others.” These groups will be purposely designed to welcome all people who would like to explore the ways that our faith connects with the many aspects of our life. The focus of worship and the Faith Connections sessions will tie together during this time as well. There will also be options for where, when and how often to meet. Group creativity is encouraged as you meet together.

How can I find out more about Making Faith Connections?

Pastor Russ and Cheri Sorensen are sharing a ministry moment about Making Faith Connections during Cross of Hope worship service on Sunday, July 5. An in-person introductory session will be at Cross of Hope on Saturday, July 11, 10 am. Yes we will practice appropriate social distancing and yes, wear your mask. There will also be an introductory Zoom session on Sunday morning, July 12 Zoom Coffee Hour at 10 am following the regular digital Cross of Hope Worship service at 9:10 am.

We are very excited to begin this new venture with you as we Make Faith Connections with Friends, Faith and Everyday Life!

Making Faith Connections: Friends, Faith, Everyday Life - please take 30 seconds and fill out this survey to let us know your interest in this small group initiative. Thanks!
GENERAL INFORMATION
More information about public assistance and the state’s response to COVID-19 can be found at https://www.newmexico.gov/i-need-assistance/

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE
The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a 24/7, toll-free hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Call 800-273-8255 for support or go to https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 800-799-7233. You can chat online with an advocate at www.thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 122522.

FARMER CRISIS HOTLINE
Farmers who are facing challenges during the pandemic can contact Farm Aid at 800-FARM-AID. More resources can be found at the National Farmers Union’s Farm Crisis Center at https://farmcrisis.nfu.org.

UNEMPLOYMENT
Federal legislation has made unemployment benefits available to workers who may not have qualified before. To learn more about resources for workers impacted by COVID-19 in New Mexico, visit https://www.dws.state.nm.us/COVID-19-Info. To file an unemployment claim, visit https://www.jobs.state.nm.us/vosnet/Default.aspx.

SNAP
For more information on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in New Mexico and to apply, visit https://www.yes.state.nm.us/. New Mexico’s Senior Food Hotline can be reached at 800-432-2080.

UTILITIES ASSISTANCE
For information on applying for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in New Mexico, visit https://www.bsd.state.nm.us/lookingforassistance/low_income_home_energy_assistance_program.aspx. Applicants can get more information by calling 800-283-4465.

RENT AND EVICTIONS
Federal law has placed a moratorium on evictions from certain properties, including those backed by federal mortgages through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. To learn more, visit https://arsen.house.gov/uploadedfiles/covid_toolkit_3.30.20.pdf. This, however, does not apply to most private residences. For rental assistance and housing help, visit https://www.hud.gov/states/new_mexico.

NUTRITION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN
Information about WIC, including how to apply, can be found at https://www.nm.wic.org/how-to-apply/ or by calling 866-867-3124. Federal law has waived the requirement for applicants to appear in person. Check with your local office to verify the application process.

CHILD CARE
Information about child care assistance can be found at https://cyfd.org/child-care-services/child-care-assistance.

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

Mental Health and Faith
During the COVID-19 pandemic, the ELCA churchwide organization is here to support its members, schools, centers, congregations, synods and partners. Call 800-638-3522 and press #4 or email HereToServe@ELCA.org for prayer, support and answers to questions.
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM has adopted an ongoing strategy of following the recommendations of the CDC and other health agencies regarding reopening in order to protect the health of staff and visitors.

It is clear at this point that without an effective treatment or vaccine, we will all continue to be at some risk as stay-at-home restrictions are lifted and people venture back into a “new normal.” Privacy laws about protected health information do not allow us to screen, test, or obtain a full medical history from our guests, visitors, or staff.

We request and expect that the organizer of any meetings or events that take place at Cross of Hope, will monitor the health status of participants so that staff and other visitors at Cross of Hope, will not be exposed to the virus. Until further notice, masks are required.

We will do our part in taking reasonable steps to limit exposure to the virus, but since the virus has not yet been eliminated, we are making full disclosure to all participants that your presence at Cross of Hope, may result in inadvertent exposure to COVID 19, especially for at-risk age groups. Until the all-clear is given by health authorities, your presence at Cross of Hope, and any gatherings on the premises includes your express understanding and agreement that you have understood and accepted those known risks and are willing to assume responsibility for your own health and safety.

Cross of Hope Preschool
Programs for 3 and 4 year old children
“Cross of Hope Preschool teaches children the truths of God in a loving environment through a quality educational program that respects each child’s development.”

Register for 2020-2021 school year
Contact: the Preschool Office
899-0928
*Preschool + Elementary= $50 discount in preschool registration fee

Cross of Hope Elementary School
Grades K-5th
Our enrollment for the 2020-2021 Academic year is now open!

We offer Singapore Math, Lucy Calkins Writing, Next Gen Science, Computer Science, Physical Education, Music and After School Care

Applications may be found on the Cross of Hope Elementary School website
https://www.crossofhope.org/elementary-school-admissions/

Please contact the school office at 505-897-1832 or esdirector@crossofhope.org to request more information.

from Lutheran World Relief- Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge!

COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Sign up for more info, go to www.lwr.org/masks

Interested in volunteering with NM Makers United assembling facemasks for health care workers!

At this time NM Makers United is awaiting back orders on supplies. We’ll let you know when they resume mask assemblies if you’d like to volunteer to help.
**July’s Stewardship theme: We the people: Steward our Democracy**

Why is this a stewardship issue? Christian stewardship is the discipline of taking care of and using wisely all that God has given us – whether it be money, health, relationships, or even governments. God has entrusted us with a vibrant democracy. It’s up to us to take care of it.

**July 5, 2020 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9) Jesus taught, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” —Matthew 11:28-29**

The hard work of democracy, ensuring that all citizens have voice and a place, can be wearying. We aren’t alone in our efforts as allies and advocates of those who have been excluded. Jesus goes with us, shouldering the burden and helping to form beloved community.

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**Rough Road Ahead**

It had been an especially long trip home, and the weary traveler still had many more miles to go. So he winced at a sign warning “Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles.”

Rough, indeed. The lanes narrowed, and the shoulder disappeared. Traffic slowed to a crawl as drivers navigated around potholes and moving construction equipment. But sure enough, after exactly four miles, the road became smooth again.

“In this world you will have trouble,” Jesus said. “But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33, NIV). Notice that Jesus didn’t say we “might” have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled on by hope.
Prayer Partners Needs for July 5 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

If you wish to add names to the prayers, please call or email the church office:

Health and Wellness:
Tim Benchik; Florence Begay; David Pressel; Paula Phillips; Baby Remy; Frank Knoll; Nick Garcia; Melissa Bergstrom; Sabrina; Robert Hauert; Elisa Mclellan; Great-grandpa Paul; ER workers in CO: Dr. Breanna, Dr. Sarah; Kev Lister; Kathy Gorman; Sheri Phillips; Judy Mondlack; Bob G; Michael S; Karen Wilson; Chris Warner; Bill C.; Carroll Werling; Robert Montoya; Margaret Sachs; Dante Rossetti; Nancy Nelson; Judy Eide; Denise Zacharias; Sharon Gulbransen; David Dees; Karen Johnson; Carol Ray; Jessie; Penny M, Grace D, Steve S.; Betty Banks; Kathy Lovell; Judy Will; Dolores Hughes; Jason Ortega; Wendy Harrison; Carmine Rossetti; Todd McWilliam; John Romisher; John Fries; Lisa Fields and family

Ongoing Needs:
The O’Roark Family; Tami Ellis; Maxine; Betty; Karen; Nancy; Jenny; Wes; Michelle; Michael; Scott Sylvester; Meagan Warner and family; Riana Manley and family; Kathy O’Roark; Herb K; Sharon H; Robina S; Evelyn H & family; Daniel M.; Rick O’Roark; Deanna and Marie; Blayne Murillo; Jennifer and Tony Crumpton; Emma, Kaden and Riley Spoon; Rick and Teresa Rose; Bill and Paula Phillips; Janet Bigheart and family; Chase, Robin and Harvey Johnson; Harry Bachman; Mary Rutland; Baby Mason; Peter McWilliam and family who are in Okinawa, Japan; Mike Snyder; Bill and Gem Harris; Carolyn Bye; Robert Bye; Deney Perkins; Russ and Mary Pat Edwards; Tony Rivera; Shirley McCan; Carice the grandmother of Pastor Adam; Norma Goewey; Charles and Gini Murphy; Kay Hendrickson; Ruth Franz; David Pressel; Bobbi Dopslaf; Cap Fritz

Those serving our country in the Armed Forces: Allison Martin; Dreyson Robertson and Nolan Schwab; Jack Morrison; Tyonna Sanchez; Bryce Mitchell; Bryce Bouloy; Preston Smart; Zach Vaughn; Matt Saiz; Beth Vaughn; Allen Kelly; Jack Hedenburg; Kandahar Brewer; Aaron Swingle; Ariel Higgins; Jaxon Rose and squadron; Sam Potter; Shawn Maestas; Matt Zamora; Matthew Coates; Marcos Gonzalez; Erin Gonzalez; Chris Warner; Mark Webb; Ken Bisconer; Josh Orbinati; Stephanie Hightower; Peter McWilliam; Sam Fischer; Derek Evers; Tony Savee; Jason Toledo; Christopher Toledo; Brion Stroud; Gabe Martinez

We pray for those families who are a part of Cross of Hope’s “52 Weeks of Prayer Initiative” - Mary Rutland; Carol Sabrowsky; Erin Sachs, Rudy III and Tegan Myers.

We pray for the work of the whole church and the Rocky Mountain Synod through the ministries of Centennial Lutheran Church, Englewood, CO and Christ Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, CO.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 14 – The mystery of God’s ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ’s invitation: “Come to me, all you that are weary.” Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.