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Mission Statement

Cross of Hope is a Spirit-centered community that shares in Christ's love through worship, education and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God.

Holy Week April 2-9, 2023

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' Matthew 26:38

Holy Week is the focal point of the whole Christian year. It is the time each year that we enter into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus passing over from death to life so that we might live! It is in this week that we hear and remember our commission to go live in loving service to God and our neighbor; pause in reverent awe at the cross and contemplate the death of Jesus; and to anticipate the joy of the resurrection on Easter morning. To honor this holy week, you are invited to worship each day throughout the week. This has not been the typical practice at Cross of Hope and so we'll share some of the worship opportunities with our friends at St. Francis and the Episcopal Church. Monday and Wednesday will be brief Service of the Word; Tuesday is a worship downtown with the blessing of oil. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we are more familiar with while the Vigil of Easter on Saturday is the climax of the week. God bless you on your Holy Week.

Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Cross of Hope

9 and 10:45am

Holy Monday Worship -

St. Francis Episcopal Church- Rio Rancho

12noon

(2903 Cabezon Blvd SE, Rio Ranch0 87124)

Chrism Mass -Tuesday

Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque

11am

(318 Silver SW, Albuquerque 87102)

Holy Wednesday Worship

Cross of Hope

12noon

Maundy Thursday Worship

Cross of Hope

7pm

Good Friday Worship

Cross of Hope

7pm

Vigil of Easter - Saturday

St. Francis Episcopal Church - Rio Rancho

8pm

(2903 Cabezon Blvd SE, Rio Ranch0 87124)

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day

Cross of Hope

9 and 10:45am

Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 am

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WE WANT YOUR NEWS ITEMS

Deadline is 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Send E-mail articles to office@crossofhope.org, lbagby@crossofhope.org, or deliver to church office.

Stewardship

Stewardship involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the church office for assistance in getting started in any of our ministries. Please remember Cross of Hope in preparing your will.

Cross of Hope School



Now enrolling new students at Cross of Hope School

Please click on this link to begin our Online Registration process:

<https://ch-nm.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=2059>
 Campus tours are available for those families interested in becoming more familiar with Cross of Hope School. To schedule a tour prior to registering your child/children, please contact Debra Alba, Director of School Ministry at 505-897-1832 or email esdirector@crossofhope.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

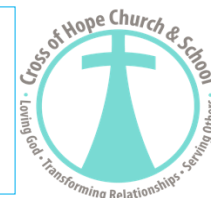
Cross of Hope School is a welcoming, Christ-centered community providing high quality education in a nurturing environment that respects each child's development.

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Cross of Hope School (Preschool-5th Grade)

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The Roving Hoper

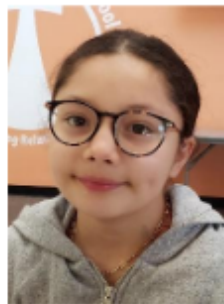
April has arrived with spring vacation in the rear-view mirror. The Roving Hoper had to find out what the children did during Spring Break. The question is: "During Spring Break what did you do that was the most fun?"

3rd Grade - Addy



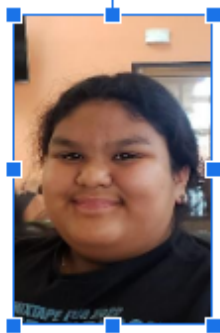
"I raced my brother and cousin down a hill at White Sands. I put extra wax on my sled and won. That was unexpected! I also went shopping in Ruidoso with my mom and saw a store with my name - Addy's Place."

4th Grade - Tina



Tina plays volleyball with the Duke City Volleyball Academy - DCVA. "We had a volleyball tournament. We played like ten games and won eight. We won second place in the gold bracket."

5th Grade - Maia



"I like to go to Gallup. I went to prepare for my "coming of age" ceremony. People sing, dance; they wash my hair with several different oils and braid it. I run for lifespan(tells how long life is going to be).

I will wear a purple velvet dress and I will get to wear my grandmother's squash blossom. I wear traditional moccasins. I will be blessed by the medicine man. I will also grind corn. This will all happen at the end of April."



Playground fun with new equipment and playground design.



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Cross of Hope School



Mrs. Pratt's class studied and celebrated the 2023 Iditarod with various events and contests. This year, students created drawings, tracked mushers on the internet, and wrote creative narratives. To commemorate the event, Aspen, Mrs. Pratt's Siberian Husky visited and Beanie Boo huskies were given to students for their participation.



Class Winners:
 Serenity - 4th grade Art
 Valentina - 4th grade Creative Writing
 Jordan - 3rd Grade Creative Writing
 Natalie - 1st Musher



Box Tops For Education

Cross of Hope school competition will run from March 13 through April 30.

Thanks to the wonders of technology, box tops are now virtual!

1. Download the App to your phone.
2. Create account and scan.
3. Add Cross of Hope to your account.
4. Begin scanning receipts.
5. When scanning receipts, choose any classroom to support.



Thank you for participating and supporting our school.

Council Corner

by Margie Reed

He is risen! Hallelujah! Happy and Blessed Easter

The COH Council held a very productive meeting on March 28, 2023. The agenda was full of topics which provided a lot of discussion among the members.

The meeting began with an inspirational prayer and a thoughtful devotional by Janet Conlon.

School Update - was provided by Debra Alba, Director of School Ministry. There are currently 51 students registered for the 2023-2024 school year with another 10 students in process.

The school recently launched a marketing program which now appears on Facebook. Brochures were produced and distributed to friends, families, the congregation and several businesses in the community.

A new banner, outside of the school, contains on-line registration as do smaller signs placed along the front of the property.

The school requested two additional financial incentives be included in the Employee Manual.

\$300 sibling discount for second and third child enrolled at Cross of Hope school.

\$100 incentive for referral of a student to Cross of Hope school.

Members of the council discussed the matter and after quite a few questions the request was approved

The Consent Agenda – the Council has adopted the use of a consent agenda and finds it to be a valuable tool. The consent agenda is a component of a meeting agenda that enables the council to group routine items and resolutions under one umbrella and approve them with one motion without separate discussion. A consent agenda saves valuable time and allows the council to focus on the substantive issues facing the organization.

Annual Review time – After a lot of research and collaboration, members of the personnel review committee sent surveys to members of the staff, volunteers, and members of the Church community requesting their input to questions regarding the Pastor’s performance at COH. We had a positive response to the check list and questions that helped prepare a Personnel Evaluation for Pastor Adam. This is the first evaluation Pastor received in his eight years of service. Now Pastor is working on reviews for his staff members.

The Sabbatical - Margie Reed and Sherrie Simek are heading up the team for all of the necessary coverage during Pastor Adam’s Sabbatical. The Sabbatical is June 3 to July 29, 2023. Pastor will return to work on August 5, 2023.

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Please Note: Pastor Adam will be unavailable by phone, text, and email during his sabbatical. For any type of assistance contact the church office. We are currently working on details to provide pastoral coverage for Sunday services, for home visits, hospital visits, funerals, etc. We plan to have a Council member available before and after each service to assist the pastor or answer any questions.

Once all the information regarding the Sabbatical is complete, it will be available on our website, in the Rays of Hope and on our Church Bulletin board (outside of the office)

Property

Lots of hammering, sawing, painting, cementing, and more took place during school break.

- The roof over the offices and alcove was replaced
- New ceiling tiles were cut and installed wherever water-stained tiles appeared.
- The wood overhang, located outside the stained window, was repaired and LED lights were installed.
- The climbing structure and spinner in the playground were relocated. There are two last preschool structures to be installed.
- Since the Preschool classrooms are required to have carbon monoxide alarms –it was decided to have them installed around other sites in the building to maintain safety of our school and church community.
- What makes this all so special is that everything is paid for.

A Congregational Meeting - is planned for Sunday, May 7, 2023. There will be one service, at 10:00am, followed by a potluck. Annual Reports will be distributed. The purpose of this meeting is for leadership transition and election of Church Council members. In February our current members agreed to serve another two years. They will be on the ballot along with two open slots – one for Sharon Halstead who moved out of state and one for Pat Benchik who has served multiple terms. I wanted this to be his Council farewell, at least for a year or so, but he will be visiting with his 98 year-old mother that day.

Minutes of Council meetings are on the bulletin board outside of the office. Take a look at them and you will see what we have been doing for COH. Until next time this is Margie Reed, President.

SPRING GARDENING ACTIVITIES

by Margie Reed

Spring Ahead - Clocks weren't the only things that we recognize as part of Spring. I love the saying, "plant and it will grow", and I have used it many times. Well now it's April and guess what? It's time to finish cleaning up the leaves and plants. March is probably the best time to get those bulbs in the ground, but we can still plant them.



Hyacinths and daffodils have been poking up in the Circle Garden in front of the Church and the garden on the south side of the building.



FRIENDS + FAITH + EVERYDAY LIFE

COH Small Group Ministry

The Mission of Cross of Hope Faith Connections Group

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.

In the Desert ...Living Water!

We are filled with the living water of Christ's presence and promise that there is nothing that can separate us from God's love through Christ Jesus!

- Sundays at 9:50am Facilitated by Rich Neely and located at COH*
- Sundays at 12:30pm Facilitated by John Valdez and located at COH
- Sundays at 1:30pm Facilitated by Jan Wormwood and located at COH
- Wednesdays at 10:30am Facilitated by Sheri Phillips and located at group members homes
- Wednesdays at 6:30pm Coordinated by Pastor Russ and located at COH*
- Thursdays at 1:00pm Facilitated by Jan Anderson and Lois Caipen only over Zoom

The Faith Connection groups on Sunday Morning at 9:50am and Wednesday Night at 6:30pm are specially designed as drop-in opportunities for those interested.

April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday Passion Matthew 27:11-54

Living Water: Transforming Life!

Just as Jesus offers himself as living water in the desert, so too does Jesus show us how this living water gushes up to eternal life. This good news changes us. It transforms life to be a new creation for the love and grace of God to grow and abound in this world. From death comes new life rooted in God's action of redemption to inspire faith! This Easter come and play in the living water and let God transform your life through the gospel message!

- April 9** Easter Resurrection Joy Matthew 28:1-10
- April 16** Healing
- April 23** Hope
- April 30** Confidence

For Specific information or questions about these groups please contact:
 Pastor Russ Sorensen 505-400-8206
 Email: r2csorensen@gmail.com



Camp @ COH (Wednesday Evenings)

Come and Gather for some time of faith formation on Wednesdays at Cross of Hope from 5-7:30pm.

To Start we'll gather in the Great Hall with Pastor Adam

5p - K-5th grade Bible Study with Pr. Adam

5:30p - All camp activity for all ages (Great Hall)

6:00p - Great hall for worship until weather permits to meet outside with campfire.

6:00p - Financial Peace (those pre-registered only) Rm 206 Hans Zimmer

Bible Study/Fellowship:

6:30p – 7:30p Mid-High Youth/Confirmation Rm 302 Pastor Adam

6:30p – 7:30p Sr. High Youth – Rm 304 Rowynn Adams

6:30p – 7:30p Adult Making Faith Connection group – Coordinated by Russ Sorensen– Rm 306

(*The Faith Connection group on Wednesday night is specially designed as a drop-in opportunity for those interested).

6:30p - 7:30p Voices of Hope (Choir) Sanctuary Thomas Ropp

7:00p - 8:00p Girl Scouts Troop 10624 Rm 205 Annette Hatch



Youth @ COH



COH Youth have had a busy and fun month. Our Love God, Love Neighbor monthly service learning project was held at St Luke's Lutheran Church. This month we experienced having a disability. We were helped by our own Patty Westerfield and Cody Broyles. They provided the ELCA youth from around our city how it feels to be blind as well as how our neighbors who are sight impaired are able to navigate using technology and different devices. In addition we learned all about Special Needs VBS held each summer at Cross of Hope.

At Camp @ COH our youth combined the MHY and SHY groups to just have some silly fun together. We created our own Dr. Seuss books to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We held a dance party and even had a formal night where the kids chose to dress up. More fun experiences to come.



April Birthdays

- Zach Zimmer 2
- Judy Will 4
- David Wilson 4
- Herah LaChance 4
- Kimberly O’Roark 6
- Boden Bencomo 6
- Kathy Bramley 7
- Tanya Zynda 9
- Pat Holman 10
- Elyse Benhem 11
- Steve Spinks 12
- April Abeyta 14
- Philip Wangberg 16
- Zoey Gentile/Martinez 18
- Charlie Anderson 21
- Debra Alba 21
- Hunter Streff 22
- Brant St-Martin 22
- Brantley St-Martin 28
- Dawna Pascarella 29
- Laura Benchik 29



Property Updates completed in March.

April Anniversaries

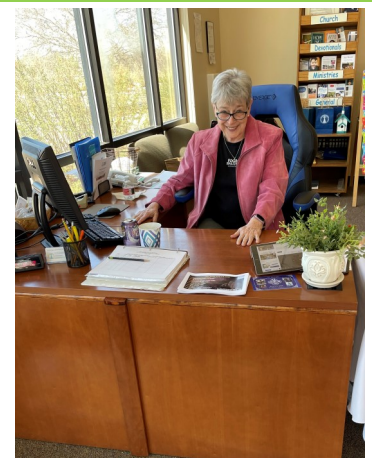
	Day	Years Married
Jan Anderson and Dale McCabe	1	31
Dave and Gretchen Comfort	15	45
Anthony and Deborah Rivera	17	47
Pete and Janet Wormwood	20	33
Gregg and Sharon Halstead	25	36
Richard and Pat Mohr-Kelly	28	23

Teacup Collection Sunday!

The Banner Babes will have a teacup collection Sunday, April 16. No mugs please, just teacups! We need them for our upcoming tea.



We Love Our Desk Volunteers



Heart Strings

Members of COH unable to worship with us on a regular basis.



Dale and Edee Bauer
4905 Wagon Mound Trail NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Karen Reiten
899-1504
4841 Shin Avenue NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

John Fries
Gardens - Retreat Villas Assisted
Living
4100 Jackie Road SE, #15
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Carroll Werling
Palmilla Senior Living, 10301
Golf Course Rd NW - Room 267
Albuquerque, NM 87114

The family of Brenda Zachary would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy, and for the outpouring of love, support and prayers during this time of sadness and I am so grateful to have you in our lives.

Austin Zachary and Family
Sheri and Robert Phillips and Family
Bev Gourdin and Family
Ron Rutherford and Family
Robert Rutherford and Family



“Death is not a wall, but a door....Those we love are with the Lord and He has promised to be with us. If she is with Him and He is with us, she can't be far away.”

Deaths and Memorials



Robert Hauert

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him

The memorial worship for Robert (Bob) Hauert will be Saturday, April 15 at 1pm

You may send cards to:
Sheryl Gentile and Scott Hauert
5120 Cordoniz St. NW
Albuquerque NM 87120



The Happy Hoper

Joy Thornhill

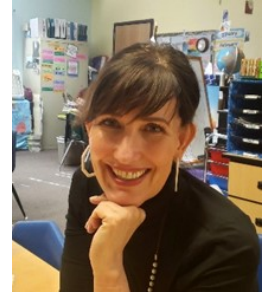
Birthdate: November 17, 1970

Birthplace: Dallas, TX

Children: Sophie & Reed

Occupation: Teacher

Hobbies: Taking guitar lessons, reading, sewing, home improvement maintenance, women’s art group (seeing & doing), destination book club, cultural history



Joy was born in Texas. Her mother, Kay Walch, moved to Pueblo, CO before Joy started school. Her mother always wanted to live in the mountains or close enough to see them. She was a Master level nurse who worked as the Director of Nursing for the Pueblo City Health Department. Joy was raised by her mother and stepfather, Jim Walch. Jim was the Director of Social Services in Pueblo. Jim passed away in 2022 at the age of 91. Her mother, at the age of 80, lives in Colorado Springs with her cat, Minnie.

When it was time for Joy to think about college, she knew New Mexico and Colorado had reciprocity agreements. This would help with tuition. She chose UNM and received a BS in Anthropology and Biology in 1993. While there, she met her husband and never left New Mexico. About a year and a half after graduation, Joy realized she was not going to find a job in this field since it would mean time away from the family on the site of a project. So now what? UNM offered an eighteen-month program in partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) for a Post Baccalaureate in teaching K – 8. It paid for tuition and gave a stipend. Seventeen months were spent in the classroom. Unfortunately, the program no longer exists. Upon completion Joy taught 5th grade at Inez Elementary School here in Albuquerque.

Joy started her family and stayed at home until her youngest started school. She went part-time to UNM to receive her M.A. in Education and completed it in 2005. Joy went on to teach middle school at a public middle school for four years. Over the years the educational system has changed. I can agree having my first career in education too. Joy returned to school and completed the prerequisites for a B.S. in Nursing (following in her mother’s footsteps and using her biology background). Unfortunately, or fortunately for us, her number was not drawn in the lottery system. So she continued to teach. She came to Cross of Hope in a temporary capacity in 2013. You know how the best laid plans work! Nine years have passed and Joy is still with us. She loves teaching. Here at Cross of Hope she can be creative while meeting the needs of each of her students and complying with the national standards. Additionally, she loves the comradery of the staff. We both agree having a work environment that gives you meaning and fulfillment is what it’s all about.

Joy has an older sister who lives in Denver with her two children. When Joy was expecting, the staff at Inez Elementary gave her a baby shower. They were a very nurturing group and left Joy with fond memories. In these years of parenting her two children, Joy was very active in various “Mom” groups.

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Joy’s two children live at home with her and their three rescue mutts (all under 40 pounds). Sophie, her oldest, is 24 years old. She attended pre-school at Cross of Hope. You never know where the path might lead. Sophie is attending UNM majoring in psychology. She is a lover of plants (all over the house).

Reed is Joy’s 21-year-old son. His interests lie in business and hopes one day to be an entrepreneur. Currently he works at Ruth’s Chris Steak House (so if ever you dine there, look him up). His girlfriend is named Sophie. (Joy also has a Sophie in her class. She fondly says she is surrounded by Sophies.)

The whole family is invested in the dogs – Jackie, June, Daphne. They fulfill their role by being good guard dogs. She said they sleep with everyone every night. They make the rounds from bedroom to bedroom. Isn’t it comforting to know you are checked up on? Those with pets probably understand this.

Joy says she is always thinking – about history of humanity and cultures. She listens to podcasts on these subjects. For sure she sees how history repeats itself. Amazing how we humans don’t always seem to learn from the past. She feels her interests bring richness into her life. She is intrigued with the subject matter. Maybe when she retires, she can get more involved with this. One step would be joining the local Archeology Society. If this is an area of interest, you should check in with Joy. I am sure you would have a stimulating and rich conversation.

We are so lucky to have Joy as one of our Cross of Hope teachers. She has a combined fourth and fifth grade class. She loves teaching, especially here at Cross of Hope. When you see her in church, give a “thanks” for all she does to nurture our children as they grow, learn and become our future.

Lunch Bunch

Meeting Wednesday, April 12 at 1p

Range Café

10019 Coors Blvd NW

Eastside of Cottonwood Mall

Questions? Contact Beth Cretsinger

Call/text (505) 249-1162, or email ddbecrets@gmail.com.



Adventure to Israel



This coming October, Dawn Meyer will lead an adventure into the heart of where Jesus did His ministry and performed miracles. The webpage for this exciting excursion is [webpage](#). Please reach out to Dawn Meyer at 505-401-1296 or email her at dawnmeyer@juno.com for more information or any questions. Dawn Meyer is a member of St. Luke’s. Horizon is their monthly newsletter. Dawn is a friend of Beth Cretsinger, and is coordinating the trip.

COH Family Promise Hosting Update

Cross of Hope is so gracious and generous! All of the volunteer needs were filled promptly last month. We are honored to work with all of you who share your spiritual gifts to serve God and others! Thank you, hosting volunteers and those who donated food and money. Thanks to all who delivered hot meals on six evenings. Many hands made more fun and light work.

One family is due to graduate next week and we are waiting for the office to share a needs list for this family. Civil engineering and architect details are in place and renovation plans are being finalized for the parish house.

Our next hosting is August 6-13. There is now a monthly donation list for the program and it is available if you have time to consider donating to ongoing specific needs. In April there is a Sweet Jazz fundraiser and it is more fun than you can imagine! Please ask us!

In God's Grace,
Lois Caipen and Jan Anderson



COH Outreach Ramp Opportunity



When the Cross of Hope Outreach Team met last August, Pastor Adam reminded us of our mission: "Cross of Hope is a Spirit-centered community that shares Christ's love through worship, education and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God." He then quoted Jesus' words from Matthew 25: 35-36 "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me".

After focusing on these words, the Outreach Team came up with some guiding principles. We focus our outreach activities on basic needs (shelter, food, water, and care). Our hope is that through our outreach opportunities we will provide systemic changes, rather than just charity.

On April 22, 2023, we are inviting you to work with COH as we provide a ramp for a family in Albuquerque. We will work with the New Mexico Ramp Project. They will provide the tools, the ramp modules, and instructions. Cheri Sorensen was told that the only skill needed was to be able to use one's index finger to push the trigger for the drill. The project will take about five hours starting at 8 that morning.

If you would like to be part of this great chance to make a difference in a person's life, please contact Cheri Sorensen, 505-400-8409 or sorensench51@gmail.com.

For more information about The New Mexico Ramp Project, you can access their website at: nmramp.org.

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It's also time to make a few changes to some of the plants in the garden. The rose bush in the center of the circle has been failing so it was dug up and will be replaced by another plant – to be determined.

It's time to clean out leaves and trim the bushes on the islands in the parking lot. Terry Caipen took good care of these last year among a lot of other gardening tasks. Unfortunately for us, Terry and Lois are moving to Colorado to be near family. Both of them will be missed. We really believe Terry should still come to Friday morning gardening time - LOL!

The Hope Gardeners “hope” as the weather gets warmer you would come on Friday mornings from about 8 or 9am to help with the gardens and around the property. It would also be nice if someone would like to occasionally stop by and sweep the sidewalks and both the school and the church entrance areas.

I now have one new knee and am now able to pull weeds, trim flowers and shrubs and just enjoy the sunshine. Come join Rudy, Sherrie, John, Ruth, and others. Come join us! Contact the office for additional information.

Nurses Corner

by Mary Hughes, RN



The Health & Well-being benefits of Music

What's your favorite music? There's probably some kind of music that just soothes your soul. And for good reason. Whatever your preference, a lot of studies show that music can improve your emotional and physical health and well-being.

Research shows that listening to or making music can help chase away the blues, alleviate anxiety and pain, lower your blood pressure and improve your mental alertness and memory.

Music's powerful affect on human emotions has long intrigued researchers. They understand the brain mechanisms that support music's healing powers but have yet to agree on exactly why music can evoke such powerful healing emotions.

Listening to music creates what scientists call “an enriched environment,” in which nearly every region of the brain is lit up simultaneously, helping it to make new connections. Studies with stroke patients that show listening to music can promote healing by stimulating changes in the areas of the brain responsible for verbal memory, language skills and focus.

Everyone can reap music's health benefits. In addition to a healthy lifestyle, science shows that listening to music for just an hour a day can make you feel better. The key is to choose music you really enjoy.

Regularly engaging with music - whether listening, playing an instrument or singing — can help you relax and feel better. (What better reason to join the church choir or praise team?). The Alzheimer's Society offers a singing program for people with dementia because of the benefits singing can have on memory recollection.

So whether it is songs of love, thankfulness or praise, join in, you'll feel better for it!

When you need these services, please think of Rays of Hope sponsors. We thank them for their continued support in offsetting the costs (by \$10 per month) associated with producing Rays of Hope each month.

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Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
Online Registration will open soon

Cross of Hope Care Outreach

Transportation

- Medical Appointments
- Other Appointments
- Necessary Errands




Emergency Meals

- Family Emergency
- Illness
- Death

Assistance is available:

- www.crossofhope.org/forms
- Email: care@crossofhope.org
- In the Great Hall
- Call COH office (505)897-0047x102



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RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP

DAY CAMP 2023


Where: **Cross of Hope Church**
6104 Taylor Ranch Rd NW, Albuquerque 87120

When: **June 12 - June 16, 2023**

It's All About
GRACE



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Ephesians 2: 4-10



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On-Site Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Digital: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Devotions: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

April Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

The Warrior: Encouragement - Francine Rivers

Joshua succeeded Moses as the nation's leader. But it was Caleb's zeal that pushed the people to put their faith into action. Be challenged by this faithful man whose story we must never forget.

The Hidden Flame - Davis Bunn & Jeanette Oke

Abigail loses everything and is left with little promise of a normal life. When she discovers the Messiah and joins his followers, she also discovers new meaning and purpose. Maybe she does have a future after all. But increasing persecution is scattering the burgeoning group "to the ends of the earth." And Abigail may have given her heart to the wrong man.

Reflections on the Psalms -

C.S. Lewis

Lewis examines the Psalms and divines the meaning behind these timeless poetic verses, he makes clear their significance in our daily lives, and reminds us of their power to illuminate moments of grace.