

Stewardship

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Thank you for the ways you use the gifts you have received from God to serve others. Thank you, specifically, for the ways you use and give the gifts you have received from God to serve others through the ministry of your church, Cross of Hope. As we strive to follow the way of Jesus together as the Body of Christ here, our stewardship of God's gifts – how we manage and take care of everything God has given us – allows us to faithfully live out God's call in mission; to share Christ's love through worship, education, and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God.

This mission is what drives our ministry and our stewardship impacts the ways in which we are able to gather, learn, grow, and serve as the church in this place at this time. There are new people to invite and welcome into ministry; there are new opportunities for faith formation to deepen and enliven the connection of faith and life. We can grow from the beautiful foundation of ministry with our youth and families that Rowynn Adams and Nancy Lacher are laying. Stepping faithfully into this future takes the gift of time and money given for the love and grace of God to be experienced through our ministry. It takes people to give the gift of their time to both lead and participate. It takes people to give the gift of money to both support God's work in this community and give shape to God's work.

Communication is important to faithful stewardship. When we communicate about our intentions to give faithfully through the ministries of our church, we allow for faithful decisions to be made about what ministry looks like in a particular season of the journey. You are invited and encouraged to prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you and commit to generously giving to God through the ministry of Cross of Hope by filling out the Intent-to-Give Card that was mailed this week. ***Please bring it with you to worship at 10a on Sunday, February 19 when we will offer our commitments and celebrate together with a pot-luck lunch to follow.***

Communicating about your intent to give through Cross of Hope will allow the Church Council to put together a faithful spending plan for the year to be offered to you at our annual meeting later this spring. Together, we continue to live out God's mission through Cross of Hope! It's a joy to give with you!

Peace,

Pr. Adam



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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 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
 Upcoming Events**

100 Days of School

On Monday, February 6, we will celebrate 100 days of school! Children will come dressed like they are 100 years old.

Elementary Friday Fun

Sign your child up for the Learner's Chess Club and/or Sports School!

2023-2024 Online Registration

Returning students February 13

New students February 27

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](mailto:esdirector@crossofhope.org) 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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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



January Events at Cross of Hope School



Crazy Hair Day



Cross of Hope School Open House

We will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 8th from 4-6p. This will be great opportunity for prospective families to meet our Preschool through 5th grade teachers and to visit our classrooms.

Online Registration will begin for Returning students on Monday, February 13th and New students on February 27th.

There is a \$150 registration fee for all students. There is an Instructional Materials Fee of \$250 for each elementary student and \$50 for each preschool student.

Our tuition rates for the 2023-2024 academic year are as follows:

Elementary - \$7,075

Preschool -

T/TH- \$2,290

MWF - \$3,430

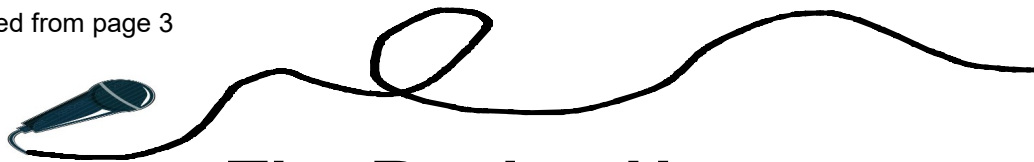
M-F - \$5,720

On Fridays, from 12-3 we offer After School Enrichment opportunities for our Elementary students for an additional fee of \$20.



We offer "Our Little Nest", an After School camp for our Preschool students Monday-Friday from 12:30 to 3:00p for an extra \$20/day.

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The Roving Hoper

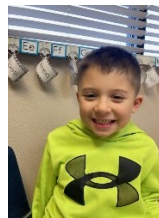
February has arrived and with it the Roving Hoper needed to learn what was on the children’s mind for Valentine’s Day. The question is “What is your favorite thing about Valentine’s Day?”

Kindergarten - Evelette



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s Day is that it is all about love. I give people hugs, kisses and cards but no kisses at school.”

1st grade - Joshua



“It’s all full of love. You give people gifts and stuff – heart candies. My brother who is two just eats and eats them. I gave erasers to my classmates this morning.”

2nd grade - Addison



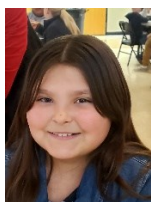
“I like the love the best. I show it by cards I give and get them.”

3rd grade - Christian



“I can send gifts to those I love, and I get gifts back – friends, cousins. My Auntie Maria likes to get M & Ms for Valentine’s Day.”

4th grade - Syrenity



“I like spending time with family and friends.”

5th grade - Deja



My favorite thing is “friends and candy. Friends give you candy and you give candy back.”

Elementary School
Director – Debra Alba



“My favorite thing about Valentine’s Day is the children’s excitement to give and receive Valentine’s.”



Council Corner

by Pat Benchik COH Council Vice-President

Cross of Hope (COH) is half-way through the fiscal year.

I provide this agenda update from the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting to provide a glimpse of what is happening behind the scenes at our Church.

- Financially the Church started the year with a belt tightening budget process as overall trends reflected decreased tithing expectations, and lower total tuition income. It is a credit to the continued support of the congregation and Church leadership that we are doing better than expected and operating in the black through December 31, 2022 financial reporting.
- Pastor Adam will be having a well deserved sabbatical in the early months of summer and planning is underway to seize this opportunity for his personal growth, time with family, covering his responsibilities, and maximizing the benefits a sabbatical will bring to our Church.
- The School Ministry Team is working with Church Council to pursue new accreditation for both Preschool and Elementary School that will continue to improve our education system and attract more families to our Church.
- Marketing plans have also been forwarded to Church Council from the School Ministry Team to promote the school and inform the community about the excellent education ministry of COH. At the same time, complementing marketing strategies are being developed to welcome new people to our Church community and increase community awareness about Cross of Hope.
- The Council is receiving and compiling input from a group of council and congregation members to evaluate Pastor Adam, reflect on his 7 years of leadership at Cross of Hope Church, provide him performance feedback, and facilitate discussion that will look into his goals and our future together this summer.
- Several other Council Members' terms expire soon. Serving on the Council is a volunteer opportunity to give back by helping the pastor in guidance and practice to manage the Church's operations, finances and property. Please consider serving as a council member starting this coming summer. If you are interested in this role please reach out and talk with a CoH Church Council Member about the time commitment required and the skills that may be helpful.

Your current Church Council members are Adam Berndt, Pastor, Margie Reed, President, Pat Benchik, Vice President, Janet Conlon, Secretary, Tim Fuller, Kathy Gorman, Sherrie Simek, Kristi Valdez, and Todd Bramley, Congregational Treasurer.

Thank you all for being part of Cross of Hope Church.

Mark Your Calendars

February 19 - 10:00 am service only with Potluck to follow.

February 22 - Ash Wednesday. There will be School Chapel at 2:20p and an Ash Wednesday Service at 7p. Camp @ Cross will not meet that evening.

Property Update by Margie Reed, COH Council President

Plant it and it will grow...

Hope Gardeners and Property Team Update!



I sat down today to write an article on the Property Team and another on the Hope Gardeners when I realized that the members of both the ministries consist of the same volunteers. So, here is a two-for-one update!

Successful gardening depends on a combination of planning and execution as well as knowledge and understanding of plants. For many, many years, Ruth Hinkel has devoted hours upon hours nurturing the Cross of Hope Garden. You need to select the right plants for just the right position in the garden and care for them so they won't die. Each year Ruth selects plants and bulbs and plants them in the two circles in front of the Church as well as the garden on the south side of the building.

Ruth recently told me that she won't be donning her knee pads and climbing through the garden but will more than likely be at COH from time to time to answer questions or share her knowledge of plants. February is a special time! It's starting to stay lighter later in the day and it's so exciting to see the plants starting to pop out of the ground. I can't wait to start working in the garden.

The Property team and Hope Gardeners will start-up the clean-up and gardening process in March. Sometimes I think Rudy and Sherrie Simek live at the Church. They are there constantly cleaning up leaves in the parking lot and all around the perimeter of the Church. Before the new year, both Rudy and Sherrie managed to rake in 85 - 55 gallon bags. All bags went to a senior citizen center in Ponderosa. Rudy is extremely busy when the weeds start popping up like last year. Sometimes it looked like the weeds were thriving better than the plants.

Other members of the gardening team are, Lynne Bagby, Terry Caipen, John Lacher, Margie Reed and Laurie Weiss – they all do a great job. We are looking for volunteers who like to care for plants, rose bushes, shrubs, and help keep weeds out of the flower gardens. The team gathers Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm during cooler weather and 8:00am to 12:00pm during the summer. If you would like to help keep our landscaping looking beautiful, please contact the office at 505-897-0047 or via email at office@crossofhope.org.

HAPPY PLANTING!



We love volunteers at Cross of Hope. Sheri Phillips (left) volunteers at the Welcome Desk, while Glenna Meneely (right) is a recent school library volunteer.





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.

-The Nature of Faith-

There are now multiple small groups and locations for Making Faith Connections.

Sundays @ 9:50am Facilitated by Rich Neely and located at COH

Sundays @ 12:30pm Facilitated by John Valdez and located at COH

Sundays @ 1:30pm Facilitated by Jan Wormwood and located at COH

Wednesdays @ 10:30am Facilitated by Sheri Phillips and located at group members homes

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm Facilitated by Pastor Pat and located at COH*

Thursdays @ 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.

Weekly topics in February

February 5 Sent to be Salt and Light Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 Sent into New Life Matthew 5: 21-37

February 19 Sent Transformed Matthew 17: 1-9

For Specific information or questions about these groups please contact Pastor Russ

Contact: Pastor Russ Sorensen 505-400-8206

Email: r2csorensen@gmail.com

Sunday AM Classes

- Childcare (age 0-10) 8:50a - Noon Rm 115 (Florence Begay)
- K—5th Grade 10:00-10:30a Rm 203 (Nancy Lacher)
- MidHigh and SHY 10:00 - 10:45a Rm 304 (Rowynn Adams)

Thank You!

On behalf of the Banner Babe Ministry, a donation of \$500.00 has been made to the following organizations:

- Heifer International
- Rio Grande food Project
- Cross of Hope School
- Cross of Hope Good Samaritan Fund.

We are humbled by the generosity of the Tea attendees and donations from the congregation.

In Christ, Banner Babes



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 (*Open to drop-in) – Pastor Pat – 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



(February 22 is Ash Wednesday. There will not be Camp @ COH)

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Ways of Giving

Did you know there are ways to give other than the Sunday offering basket?

- You can give through secure direct deposit with Simply Giving by Vanco.
Simply contact the office to get set up!
- You can give online through the Giving tab on crossofhope.org
- Text to give through @PAY. Simply text 505-629-4012 to get started giving through your phone!
- You can even give through your bank via online bill pay. It's not a bill, but it is a useful tool!
- If you're over 71 1/2, don't forget about Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA.
Again, contact the office for information!
- You can mail a check through US Mail to our P.O. Box:
Cross of Hope Church, 8201 Golf Course Rd NW, Suite D3, #285,
Albuquerque, NM 87120



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Fuller	5
John Valdez	6
Nancy Leon	7
Mike Sakelaris	8
Greta Williams	11
Karen Wilson	15
Carroll Werling	16
Lisa Jones	17
Glenna Meneely	18
Lucy Benham	18
Robert Phillips	24
Leaf Strand	24
Corbin Bencomo	24
Leeon Carrico	24
David Albin	25
Lydia Alba	25
Morgan Case	27
JanaLee Sponburg	28

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Sylvia Oelsner
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Albuquerque, NM 87109



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

	Day	Years Married
Bob and Bonny Arseneau	2	38
David and Lynne Bagby	14	14
Bob and Margie Reed	19	57
Kevin and Deney Perkins	21	14
Bruce and Linda Molde	26	57

HeBrews...a cup of joy!
At COH Church and School

Open on Sundays and for Special Events!



Featuring coffees, teas, special drinks and offering baked goods, muffins, scones, cookies and more! Join us on Sundays. We have comfy chairs, areas to relax, and great books and magazines to read. Not only that, this is a great opportunity to meet up with old and new friends.

Heart Strings

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



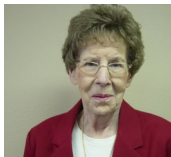
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899-1504
4841 Shin Avenue NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

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

Deaths and Memorials



Cross of Hope member, Bobbi Dopsلاف died on January 6, 2023. Her memorial was held on January 28, 2023.

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



Cross of Hope member, Miriam (Mimi) Anspach died January 14, 2023. The memorial service for Mimi will be February 25 at 10a.

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



Cross of Hope member, Herb Delker passed away on January 20, 2023. There will be a memorial service for Herb February 11 at 1p.

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

- A memorial for Ann Marie Pedersen Rocco (Roy Pedersen's mother) will be held on February 18 at 2p
- A memorial for Carol Russell will be held on March 11, 2023 at 1:30p
- A memorial for Alan Johnson March 10, 2023 at 1:30p

Loving God, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.



The Happy Hoper

Kim O’Roark and Family



Birthdate: April 6, 1968

Married: May 28, 1994

Husband: Rick (Richard)

Birthplace: Albuquerque, NM

Place: Albuquerque, NM

Birthplace: Soap Lake, WA (Grew up in Tor C)

Children: Morgan (5/24/95), Lindsay (3/6/98), Emily (1/16/02)

Occupation: Healthcare & Community Outreach Manager for IMA Clinical Research

Hobbies: Photography (particularly landscapes), walking, gardening, audio books

Kim is definitely a hometown girl. As she said, “I don’t wander far.” She is an only child. Her mother remarried when Kim was 13 years old. She considers her stepfather, Neel, her dad. He worked for the Forest Service and passed away in 2006.

Kim’s mother worked for the phone company (Mountain Bell) as a manager. Then she worked for several doctors as an Administrative Assistant.

Kim met her husband, Rick, while country dancing. He likes to cook, which is a good thing since she doesn’t. Their deal was he can cook while she does the cleaning. He is now retired after having a career in HVAC. Since Kim still works, Rick helps with the house and yard, while also doing some computer work.

While trying to decide what her career would be Kim knew it wasn’t sitting behind a desk. Being involved in Girl Scouts her whole life probably helped her know she wasn’t a desk person and that she wanted to help people. While attending UNM, a professor, who was the Director of Recreation, helped guide her. Kim received her BA in Recreation Therapy with a minor in Counseling and Social Work from UNM in 1990.

Kim worked in a psych hospital for twenty years. She worked with students in special education in Los Lunas for ten years. After her grandmother was diagnosed Alzheimer’s Kim transitioned to working with these patients. Kim has been involved with the Alzheimer’s Association since 2006. She transitioned into working in elder care as an independent contractor, creating her own business. She trained staff on dementia and recreation therapy across New Mexico. Through “Linked-In” she was recruited to working in long-term care. Her responsibilities covered nine states, working with over one hundred centers. There was a lot of traveling. After a year and a half, she was laid off.

Her next job was as a Cognitive Therapeutics Manager at a home care company. During COVID, her hours and her pay were threatened and she found herself with the New Mexico Department of Health for a year. Now she is with a company called IMA Clinical Research. Kim uses the knowledge she has gained over the years to help with events and community outreach across the

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US at thirteen sites. That puts her on the road at least once a month for three or four days. (Good thing her husband cooks...!) Sometimes the places where she stays are interesting. While in New Jersey she was housed in a homeless shelter. (As our careers progress, we might wonder how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together, Eventually, we land in job that uses all our skills and learned knowledge. Sounds like Kim is there. If you are in the process, don’t give up. It all works out.)

IMA Clinical Research works closely with the Alzheimer’s Association to increase awareness of the disease through various events. They work with pharmaceutical companies to find possible causes of Alzheimer’s, as well as treatments that may prevent Alzheimer’s from developing, through their various clinical trials. This company has been a perfect fit for Kim as she is able to work in an area she is passionate about.

Two of her daughters live at home. The youngest, Emily, is a junior at UNM majoring in exercise science and wanting to go into Sports Medicine. Lindsay, the middle daughter, is a rehab tech with Presbyterian Hospital. Morgan, the oldest, is an Administrator for an Assisted Living facility. Interestingly, all of Kim and Rick’s girls were born at the former Lovelace Hospital on Gibson. (Apparently all the girls like to stay close to home – like mom.)

Kim loves what she does and has a helping heart. She offered that anyone over the age of fifty, who is interested, can get a free memory screening at IMA’s local office. Just let Kim know. You can find her in the church directory.

Maybe you can share a good audio book title with Kim that she can listen to when she is traveling.

Lunch Bunch

Meeting Wednesday, February 8 at 1p

Jinja Bar & Bristo

5400 Sevilla Ave NW

Coors and Sevilla - South of Dellyne - North of Western

Questions? Contact Beth Cretsinger

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



Care Team Volunteers

Our Care Outreach Team is looking for volunteers in two areas of service:

Transportation - taking members to and from appointments and on necessary trips.

Emergency Meals - Illness, family emergency.

Please contact Claudia Russo care@crossofhope.org if interested in being part of a growing service opportunity here at Cross of Hope.



Cross of Hope Hosting Family Promise March 5-12, 2023

Family Promise Mission:

To empower families in our community who are at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence through a community based response.

Family Promise Vision:

Locally: The ultimate vision is to have sufficient support congregations, volunteers, and paid staff to prevent a waiting list of families that qualify for Family Promise of Albuquerque (FPA) services.

Nationwide: Family Promise will have a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future. (The current success rate here is over 91 percent.)

Cross of Hope has generously supported Family Promise of Albuquerque as a meaningful Outreach Ministry for 8 years! We are one of 22 churches who volunteer as a support congregation. Beginning Sunday, March 5 and through Saturday, March 12, we will need volunteers to have hot meals delivered to the Montgomery Church of Christ Parish house by 5p each evening.

In-person hosts are needed from 5 to 8p. It works nicely if the host/s want to bring dinner, but for folks who work that is difficult and often others bring dinner. There are usually home care items like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, and weekend grocery items requested by Family Promise staff. We will have a list of those items on sign-up dates.

Our coordinators, Lois Caipen and Jan Anderson organize with the FPA staff and COH members to supply the current needs for our week of hosting. We will have a sign-up table on the two Sundays prior to the hosting - February 19 and February 26. Please call if you have any questions. Lois (505) 306-7694, or Jan (505) 362-3663. Members are also welcome to call Jan to schedule meals or hosting dates if not at church to sign up.

Montgomery Church of Christ Parish House is located 1516 San Pedro Drive NE. This is behind the Montgomery Church of Christ located at 7201 Montgomery NE. Monetary Donations are always welcome. Thank you!!!

Jan Anderson and Lois Caipen



Youth @ COH

The youth here at cross of hope have had a busy start to the year!

This January our youth resumed its participation in Camp @ COH on Wednesday with a team building focus. Also, several of our youth went to a splatter paint event for community building.

The senior high youth attended an event at our partner in ministry, Lutherhouse, and learned about different ways we can support the asylum seekers in Albuquerque. They are currently working tennis shoe drive for asylum seekers.

Earlier in January our youth attended a event with confirmation youth in Albuquerque at Tres Hermanas Farm helping them prepare for their growing season.



There are several events in the works for February. The first is a canned food drive for Super Bowl Sunday. That will start February 5 and run until the Super Bowl. We will also be hosting a big youth event in February with more details to follow.

2023 Issue Briefing and Bishop’s Luncheon

After having to pause this annual event for the last two years, the 2023 Issue Briefing and Bishop’s Luncheon **will be held in person this year!** The events will be held on Tuesday, February 21.

The **Issue Briefing** will take place from **9 a.m. to noon**, at the United Church of Santa Fe. It will be followed by the **Bishop’s Luncheon** which will begin at **12:30p** at the La Fonda Hotel.

Please note, there will be no Zoom option for either event. While most participants do attend both events, those interested may also attend just the luncheon.

The cost for the event will be \$40 per person. *(This amount covers just the charge for lunch at La Fonda. This is not a fundraiser.)*

You may register for the event [HERE!](#)

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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Blood Drive at COH



Cross of Hope School (Preschool-5th Grade)
Debra Alba
 Director of School Ministry
Courtney Knutilla
 Preschool Director

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email: esdirector@crossofhope.org
 website: www.crossofhope.org



Registration for the 2023-24 school year begins (Preschool - 5th Grade).
[Link to School \(PreK-5th\) Registration](#)

Cross of Hope is hosting a blood drive February 26th in our parking lot from 10a to 2p. You can donate before or after whichever service you attend. Please invite your family and friends. You must be at least 16 years old (there is no maximum age) and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate.

They require a minimum of 30 donors and we are a little short.

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Congregational Council Team
cohcouncil@crossofhope.org

Pastor Adam Berndt, Margie Reed- President,
 Pat Benchik- Vice President, Janet Conlon-
 Secretary, Tim Fuller, Kathy Gorman, Sherrie
 Simek, Kristi Valdez

Thanks to those of you who have already signed up. If you would like to sign up please contact Kathy Gorman at klgorman@aol.com or talk to me after services. This is a great way to kick off your New Year's Resolution of doing more for your neighbor.

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Mission Statement

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Worship Times:

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.

February Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

Experiencing God: How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God - Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King

Experiencing God is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator.

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