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# **Rainbow Trail Day Camp BOUNDLESS!**



Thank you to everyone who contributed in making Rainbow Trail Day Camp a success!

This joint effort of All Saints and Cross of Hope combining made the experience for the campers have a week full of God's **Boundless Love Beyond Measure!** 



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Deadline is 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Send E-mail articles to <a href="mailto:office@crossofhope.org">office@crossofhope.org</a> 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.

# Special Needs VBS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Dates: July 25 - July 29

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Registration Form Link** 

Questions or more information, contact Patty Westerfield, pattyw50@aol.com or 505-250-5186.

# **Cross of Hope School News**



Debra Alba, School Ministry Director





#### **School Online Registration**

https://www.crossofhope.org/ schools/

for more information.

Tuition for the 2022-2023 School Year

#### **Elementary Tuition**

### Kindergarten - 5th grade: \$7,075

#### **Preschool Tuition**

T/TH: \$2,290

M/W/F:\$3,430

M-F \$5,720

# **Job Postings**

# **Preschool Director**

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church & School is seeking a Preschool Director for the 2022-2023 school year. Cross of Hope School is a welcoming Christ centered community providing a high-quality education in a nurturing environment that respects each child's development. Our Preschool serves children from age 3 - 5 years-old. An ideal candidate will maintain effective communication with families, hiring and supervising Preschool staff, and work closely with the Director of School Ministry.

#### **Duties**

The Preschool Director is responsible for the efficient and effective daily operation of a comprehensive preschool and early (a.m.) extended care program. The Preschool Director will also handle the daily leadership of the school, including welcoming families, tours, and monthly staff meetings with preschool staff members. The position oversees the required annual reporting for accreditation, ensures the compliance with state and local regulations, and tracks and completes all documentation in a timely manner.

### Requirements

Candidates must meet educational requirements for New Mexico 5-star FOCUS status. A bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child development, or a related field is preferred.

Previous preschool experience as both a teacher and administrator.

Ability to pass a federal background check.

Leadership Certificate or training.

### Compensation

This will be a salaried position 30 hours/week. Compensation will be based on education and experience.

#### **Qualified, Interested Candidates, Please Send:**

1. A letter of interest (not to exceed 2 pages).

Your resume (not to exceed 3 pages).

To: Debra Alba; Email: <a href="mailto:esdirector@crossofhope.org">esdirector@crossofhope.org</a>; Applications must be received by June 17, **2022** 



# **Communications Director**

The Communications Director ensures effective communication across various platforms such as website, social media, email, newsletter, bulletin, PowerPoint, and others as appropriate for Cross of Hope Church and School.

**Scope:** Part-Time **Duties include**: Maintaining and updating all of the following:

Digital Communications: website, social media accounts, weekly community email

Worship Communications - Sunday PowerPoint, Sunday bulletin (Hope-filled Happenings), Sunday leaders guides, special worship services as needed.

Other Print Communications - monthly newsletter (Rays of Hope Journal), and others as needed.

For a complete job description, email <u>office@crossofhope.org</u>. Please send your resume and references to <u>office@crossofhope.org</u> or mail to Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, 6104 Taylor Ranch Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.



# School Supply Drive

CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS - 12 CT
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CRAYOLA JUMBO CRAYONS - 8 CT
CRAYOLA WASHABLE BROAD MARKERS
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ELMERS SMALL WHITE GLUE STICKS
FISKAR SCISSORS - BLUNT & POINTED
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PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY



# Who is our "Masked Hoper" question

Masked Hoper question: Who worked for International Harvester?

See page 7 for the answer.





14-Jul

15-Jul

18-Jul

21-Jul

31-Jul

# **Heart Strings**

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

Eva Hubbard	1-Jul
Diane Carrico	1-Jul
Marjorie Pool	1-Jul
Dave Comfort	1-Jul
Beth Locke	3-Jul

Lynnette Anselmi 3-Jul Linda Ehlers 4-Jul 6-Jul Mary Hughes Liz Sanchez 8-Jul Jackie Taylor 9-Jul Isabel Wickert 9-Jul Dale McCabe 10-Jul 10-Jul Jane Anderson 10-Jul Mia Maldonado Pat Mohr-Kelly 10-Jul Carmen Vargas 11-Jul

**Duane Meneely** Erika Miller

Caroline Alba

Leilani Streff

Stephanie Webb

Guenter Krumlinde	21-Jul
John Romisher	21-Jul
Walter Hubbard	24-Jul
Steven Weiss	26-Jul
Stacey Taylor	26-Jul
Deborah Rivera	29-Jul
Doris Herrmann	30-Jul
Draco Wormwood	30-Jul

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Years

Married



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Kel and Connie Orbinati	20-Jul	26
Jeff and Linda Willoughby	21-Jul	44
David and Diane Pressel	23-Jul	39
Brant and Kristyn St-Martin	23-Jul	6
Russ and Mary Pat Edwards	24-Jul	68
Michael and Dee Gutierrez	25-Jul	33
Louise Hawley and Bob	25-Jul	11
Steven and Laurie Weiss	26-Jul	19
Russ and Cheri Sorensen	29-Jul	50

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# Cross of Hope's High School Graduates





Congratulations to four great graduates who have a future focus and great plans. Best wishes and prayers for your success from all at Cross of Hope.

**Xander Bencomo** will be graduating from Corrales International School. He will attend Adam's State University in Alamosa CO with a dual major in Secondary Education and Sports Business Management. Then he can be a high school history teacher and coach baseball.

Zander loves all sports especially baseball. He likes hanging out with his friends and family. He is excited to pass on his knowledge to the next generation.



**Eva Hubbard** graduated from Volcano Vista High School. She will attend UNM majoring in biology. Eva attended both preschool and elementary school at Cross of Hope. She enjoys playing guitar, spending time with friends and reading.



**Alexis Manning** graduated from West Mesa High School. She plans on attending UNM majoring in Political Science. She wants to make a difference in the world. She doesn't like that our country is going backward instead of forward particularly in the way we treat each other. Family is her priority.

Alexis enjoys reading about different worlds. She plays the guitar, enjoys shopping. Working at Marshall's helps with the shopping part.



**Hayden Yost** graduated from The ASK Academy. He will be attending NM Tech, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Aerospace Engineering.

He enjoys hanging out with his friends, tinkering with their trucks, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, wakeboarding, as well as other water sports.





# **Mimi Anspach**

As interviewed by: Mary Bresnahan

# Mariam (Mimi) Anspach

Birthdate: May 27, 1926

Birthplace: Newark, OH

**Married:** Divorced – Paul "Parker" Anspach

Children: Two girls & two boys

**Hobbies:** Cross word puzzles; used to cook a lot & read

Mimi's father, Orville, died in 1937 when she was 11 and a half of heart disease which runs on the male side of the family. Her mother, Mary, raised six children. Mimi was the 5<sup>th</sup> child and had four brothers. Her mother was a firm believer that girls should go to college and have a professional career. This belief was not lost on Mimi. She earned a B.S. in Nursing from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. Mimi worked her way through school by working part-time. The summer after high school she had a job at International Harvester. (A manufacturer of farm and transportation equipment. Many of its divisions have been sold off to other companies. What remains is the trucking division known as Navistar. It was purchased by Volkswagen in 2020.) There she did filing and worked on the "message machine." I imagine today this may be called a "dispatcher" even though she didn't dispatch anyone. She was earning money to go on to college.

When Mimi's dad died her mother wanted to move closer to the college so the children wouldn't have the expense of college room and board. That was an 80 mile move from Newark, OH to Springfield, OH. In those days a woman could not get a loan without the signature of a man. The president of the seminary, whom they knew because Mimi's father had attended school there, helped negotiate a loan so her mother could buy a house within walking distance of the Wittenberg University campus.

Mimi's father was a pastor in the Lutheran church as was the father of her "to be" husband, Parker. The two fathers went to seminary together at Wittenberg Seminary in Springfield, OH. Of course, the children were bound to meet. Parker's dad was a missionary in China. Every five years they returned to the states for a family reunion.

When Mimi was a senior the nursing school required the nursing students to live at the school. Mimi arranged it so she could live at home the last three months of school. At this point Mimi and Parker were in a serious relationship. Parker was also a senior getting his degree from seminary school. Mimi was not inclined to get married until she earned her degree. When they both graduated, they got married.

In December of that year, they went to Japan where they lived for 15 years. All four of Mimi's children were born there. The children are listed in the Osaka American Embassy since they are American citizens.

Mimi Anspach continued

The family returned to the U.S. in 1967. Parker had a call in Los Alamos. They lived there for about 15 years. All the children graduated from Los Alamos High School. While there Mimi went back to nursing getting a job in Espanola. They were gracious enough to take her on and help her brush up on her skills since they were a bit rusty. Yes, you guessed it, she did not work while in Japan. Because of the commute to Espanola, Mimi learned to drive. Another big step for a woman.

She and Parker divorced in 1982 and Mimi moved to Albuquerque. She worked at Presbyterian Kaseman Hospital working nights because she got a 10% pay differential (more money). While there she worked in orthopedics, surgical and general medical departments. Parker went back to Japan where he taught English.

Mimi's two boys are in the Albuquerque area. One daughter in Tucson, AZ and one in Billings, MT. At the age of 96 Mimi has reached the point in life were she no longer drives and is pretty reliant on others for things like driving, cleaning, cooking. In spite of that she enjoys life, especially not getting up at 5:30 A.M. She still would love to go on a cruise. (Any takers?!) Mimi crossed the ocean (to Japan) six times (back and forth). She described it as two weeks of relaxation. Understandable with four children to look after. She liked being waited on – except she still wanted to do her own laundry – and still does.

Thanks, Mimi, for being an independent, accomplished woman. Many of us have lives that don't seem to be "exceptional" to us. Mimi is a lady who has seen much change in her almost one hundred years of life, including things that are considered "normal" for women today e.g. driving a car, going to college, earning a living and getting a bank loan. Give Mimi a call for a chat or to make a date out – but make it in the afternoon since she is no longer an early riser.



Banner Babe
Individually Crafted
Quilts are
Presented to
Graduating High
School Seniors

Xander Bencpmo, Eva Hubbard,

(Not present Alexis Manning and Hayden Yost) RAYS OF HOPE JOURNAL Page 9 July 2022



COH Small Group Ministry

## 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.

Watch the Hope-filled Happenings for the summer discussion questions or click on the following link <u>summer discussion</u> <u>questions</u>.

# **Making Faith Connections Summer 2022**

R Adam Berndt

# **Unlocking Love**

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

The season after Pentecost is the longest season in the liturgical year. During this time, we celebrate our role as the church in the ongoing life of Christ in the world, guided by the companionship and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We encounter scripture that invites us to give faithful attention to our formation, devotion, ministry, and mission on a daily basis as the life of Christ is lived through us. (sacredordinarydays.com/Pentecost)

This summer our Making Faith Connections small groups are invited to consider unlocking love through the scriptures of worship and the 10 commandments. As we contemplate how Christ lives through our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, we'll also consider how the 10 commandments provide clear boundaries that unlock our ability to freely love God and neighbor. The questions for reflection will remain the same as your small group, your family, or yourself in devotion encounter new scripture and commandment each week. The 10 commandments are taken from Exodus 20:1-17 and we'll use the tool for teaching the faith in the home from Martin Luther called the Small Catechism (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 1160) to aid our reflection (Find many options to purchase from Augsburg Fortress by clicking <a href="here">here</a>, get it for your phone or device in the app store, or speak to Pr. Adam if you need a copy).

God bless you as we continue to share the journey of life and faith.

July 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment – Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

July 10 – 4<sup>th</sup> commandment – Honor your father and your mother.

July 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> commandment – You shall not murder.

July 24 – 6<sup>th</sup> commandment – You shall not commit adultery.

July 31 – 7<sup>th</sup> commandment – You shall not steal.

August  $7 - 8^{th}$  commandment – You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

August 14 – 9<sup>th</sup> commandment – You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

August 21 – 10<sup>th</sup> commandment -You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female salve, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

# **July Council Corner**

Sherrie Simek, Council Member

Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will act-- Psalm 37:5

Greetings from you church council! Happy Summer!!



The Annual Congregation Meeting is behind us. We were blessed to enjoy fellowship and great potluck food. Thank you to all the contributing editors for the Annual reports.

June's council meeting was filled with discussion and preparedness for the Annual Congregation Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and role of council members discussed. Todd Bramley presented financial reports in order to prepare a budget to present to the congregation for approval. Staggered rotations and length of council terms were discussed. We are still making our way back to "normal" from the pandemic. Long range goals look to reforming a financial team.

Although summer is in full swing, school was top of mind. There are 80 students enrolled or in the application process. The Preschool Director position has been placed on several job posting sites. The preschool continues to be the recipient of monies received from the Child Care Stabilization Grant in improvements including new flooring, awnings, playground equipment and others in line with grant guidelines. There will be a School Supply Drive throughout the month of July. Keep your eyes and ears open for continued information regarding how you can help.

Review of the Employee Manual is almost complete with a few items pending. The recommendations will be made to council by August 1.

Our church council is comprised of members who care and love Cross of Hope Church/School. Feel free to direct any questions or concerns to any of member and we will do our best to help.

Peace and Joy-- Sherrie Simek

Rainbow Trail Day Camp crafts, games and Bible lesson.







# 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.



# Rainbow Trail Day Camp parachute play.

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Register online now for the 2022-23 school year (Preschool - 5th Grade).

Link to School (PreK-5th) Registration

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# Symphony Orchestra of Albuquerque New Mexico

# Pops Concert Dates July 17, 2 p.m. and July 24, 2 p.m.

Location: Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church 8600 Accademy NE, Albuquerque, NM

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#### **Mission Statement**

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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.

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# July Book Readings

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

#### The Trunk: Treasures of God's Faithfulness - Jean McClure

Sometimes the circumstances of life press in with such force that you are no longer able to clearly see God's goodness and faithfulness. Come away on a journey with Jean McClure as she recounts how faithful and God has been to her.

## Anatomy of the Soul - Curt Thompson, MD.

An amazing journey to discover the surprising pathways for transformation hidden inside your own mind. Integrating new findings in neuroscience and attachment with Christian spirituality, Dr.

Thompson reveals how it is possible to rewire your mind, altering your brain patterns and literally making you more like the person God intended you to be.

#### Let Me Be A Woman - Elisabeth Elliott.

Let Me Be a Woman: Notes to My Daughter on the Meaning of Womanhood is a 1976 book by Elisabeth Elliott



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