

A Season for Everything: Sabbatical

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow. Exodus 23: 10-11a



The Sabbatical has its roots in the agricultural context of the biblical world. Rest as part of the care for the land that produces is an important season of the cycle of life. In the Hebrew Law code it was tied to the forgiveness of debts. A healthy 'reset' may be a helpful way to understand the sabbatical period. Your Rocky Mountain Synod encourages its congregations to use a sabbatical period to care for the healthy partnership between their rostered ministers (pastors and deacons) and people. A sabbatical offers opportunity to get off the treadmill and provides an opportunity for renewal of vision and hope. It's more than just a chance to recharge your batteries for another year. It can be a life and soul-changing time, a time when perspective and the Holy Spirit can come together.

Cross of Hope has offered me an 8 week sabbatical period after each 7 years of ministry as part of my call as your pastor. With encouragement and consultation with Church Council, we will be in a sabbatical period from June 3 until July 29 of this year. The guiding title for my sabbatical is:

Into the Silence: an extrovert's journey into contemplation

After a period of rest and renewal with my family exploring some National Parks, I will engage in a time of learning and growing through studying, experiencing, and exploring the role of contemplation on the journey. Through the wisdom of Father Richard Rohr and the Center for Action and Contemplation. This time of sabbatical will offer the space and time to read, practice and experience new patterns of prayer and being with God through silence and stillness that can offer personal growth that will benefit those in relationship with me as well.

Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation will introduce me to this gift. Everything Belongs: the Gift of Contemplative Prayer will continue the journey while the Naked Now and Falling Upward with the journal companion. This journal will help me process this time in silent retreat which will be the center of the sabbatical experience. The Monastery of Christ in the Desert will be my place of retreat. It is a Benedictine monastery near Abiquiu, NM. I'm excited to experience God in a way that both challenges my innate extroversion and is what my spirit longs to know; what is the role of silent contemplation to the spiritual journey that is our life of faith?

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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](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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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.

Care Outreach

Transportation

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Assistance is available:

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- In the Great hall
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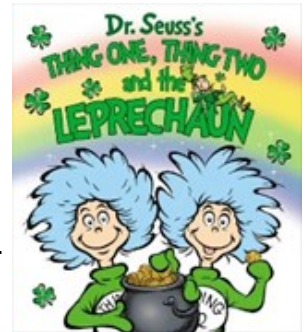
Love • Transform • Serve

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The Roving Hoper

March has arrived and with it comes St. Patrick's Day. The children at Cross of Hope School were celebrating Dr. Seuss week when the Roving Hoper came to visit. They were wearing green remembering the book, Green Eggs and Ham. How perfect for the Roving Hoper. Dr. Seuss wrote another book, Thing 1, Thing 2 and the Leprechaun. Our question was: "If you were a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day, what trickery would you do?"

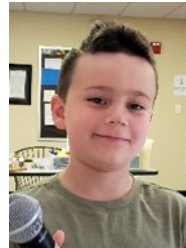


Kindergarten - Bennett



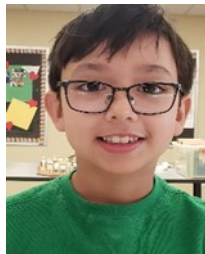
I would set a trap for my sister. She would scream. My mother and I would laugh.

1st grade - Milo



I would get a cage, get in it and jump out. Then I would put my dad in the cage, so he has to break out. I'd probably get "time out", but it would be worth it.

2nd grade - Jayce



I would get invisible cloaks to cover all the high towers (high rises) in downtown Chicago. When people looked, they wouldn't see them. It would probably take more than a trillion cloaks. I picked Chicago because they do the most Irish stuff (and my dad is from there).

3rd grade - Saylee



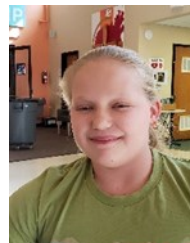
I would go into people's houses and place an invisible trip wire. Then I would dye their hair green while they were sleeping.

4th grade - Jackson



I would spray green paint on the wall in the picture of a leprechaun. I would write, "I was here."

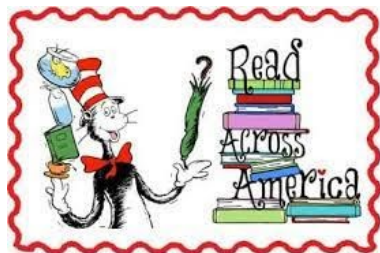
5th grade - Sophie



I would turn everything that is not green into cardboard (except for houses, the ground and people). People would be dressed like cardboard boxes, but food, like an orange, would still be orange, but it would be cardboard.

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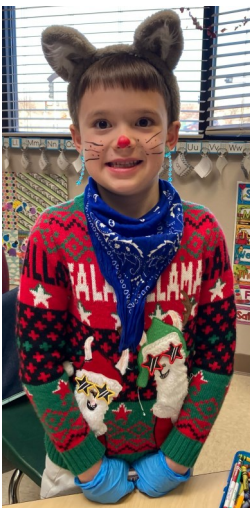
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss



Crazy Sock Day



Cross of Hope Celebrates Read Across America



Wacky Wednesday



Reading Buddies



Farewell Pastor Pat

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The period of sabbatical is for Cross of Hope as well. During this time you may consider the patterns of ministry and how we are equipped to support one another to experience God and live out our call in mission together. This is not the time for major changes, rather it is a time for prayer, reflection, and recommitment to the ministry that we share. Council members Margie Reed and Sherrie Simek are leading the discernment of pastoral coverage during this time when I am unavailable to serve in this role. Thank you for your continued prayer, faithfulness in ministry and spirit of love and care on the journey and especially during this upcoming time of sabbatical. I look forward to returning from sabbatical refreshed, renewed, and ready to share the wisdom and energy that this time apart will offer.

Abounding in hope and peace,
Pr. Adam

Council Corner

*“Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.
It is a great blessing to journey together!”*



I share this message, which is offered by Pastor Adam at each worship service, as a reminder of the love, sharing and caring that embody the family atmosphere found at Cross of Hope. We definitely are blessed to journey together as we strengthen and enhance our relationships with God and share Christ’s love with one another!

As a member of your Church Council, I wanted to highlight some of the information from our February 21, 2023 Council Meeting.

- Opening and closing prayers were provided by Pastor Adam.
- A devotional was offered by Sherrie Simek.
- The Consent Agenda was approved, which consisted of the January, 2023 Council meeting minutes and approval of the School Marketing Plan.
- Todd Bramley provided a comprehensive review of the budget/balance sheets and the Treasurer’s report received unanimous approval.
- Debra Alba gave a school update and shared information about the Open House held 2/8/23. Online registration for current students opened on 2/13/23 and registration for the 2023/2024 school year is definitely under way.
- Courtney Knutilla shared the importance of maintaining the ACSI 5 star Preschool Accreditation.
- Sherrie Simek provided information about the Blood Drive being held at Cross of Hope on 2/26/23.
- Pastor Adam updated the Council on the progress of the Stewardship and Tithing Campaign that began on Commitment Sunday.
- Pat Benchik gave detailed information about investment strategies for Cross of Hope.
- Budget discussion for the upcoming fiscal year is beginning and the annual Congregational meeting will be scheduled for September, 2023.
- Pastor Adam provided the Church Council with his Sabbatical Planning Guide (Dates of Sabbatical: Saturday, 6/3/23- Saturday, 7/29/23)
- Funds were allocated for necessary repairs around the church.
- Council Member Terms were discussed

If anyone would like additional information, the Council Minutes will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Church office. Please reach out to one of the Council Members if you have additional questions.

As we begin this season of Lent, I am sharing one of my favorite Bible verses.

John 3:16 / “ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Blessings,

Janet Conlon, COH Secretary

Property Challenges Gives a Purpose



On a Sunday morning, seven years ago, I attended a “New Members” meeting at Cross of Hope. Pastor Matt was assisting Pastor Adam at the time. After introductions, Pastor Matt passed out a form that offered a menu of ways that a new member could donate their time at Cross of Hope.

My wife, Laura Benchik, looked over the form and said, “Look, you can volunteer to help with the property.”

I have always liked working in the yard. I said, “okay, write in my name”. I had no idea that a door was opening that would change my life.

Helping with property became property manager. Property manager became Council Member. Council Member became President of Council.

I quickly realized that caring for property was a wonderful opportunity to serve. It was a wonderful way to thank God. It became my new hobby in retirement. I met new people. I made new relationships.

There is always a new property challenge that gives me purpose. There is always a property matter that needs to be fixed, improved or changed. The current property projects are finishing the playground upgrades and reroofing the administration wing. The property work never stops.

Thanks to all of you for making Cross of Hope a great place.
 It’s a great place to worship.
 It’s a great place to serve.
 It’s a great place to volunteer.
 It’s a wonderful place to spend extra time.

Pat Benchik, COH Council Vice-President

Teacups for Banner Babes



The Banner Babes are collecting teacups for their teas. If you have teacups you would like to get off your hands, please bring them to the church office and mark them “Banner Babes”.



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!

New Cross of Hope Message and Small Group Series for the Season of Lent 2023

Welcome to the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday service at Cross of Hope on February 22 at 7pm. Our theme is "In the Desert...Living Water!" Lent extends for 40 days, plus the six Sundays where we continue to share the hope of the resurrection. Our 40 days of Lent connect with other times in the desert...40 years for the people of Israel after their release from slavery in Egypt and 40 days for Jesus after his baptism in the Jordan river. During this time we reflect on our own desert experiences, whether they last 40 days, 40 years, 3 years or even a day at a time! Desert experiences are times to be challenged, renewed and re-focused into the people God invites us to be. But they are also times to be 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.

Come, join the journey and invite others to share this time with you.

"In the Desert...Living Water!"

March 5	Second Sunday in Lent	Proclamation	John 3:1-17
March 12	Third Sunday in Lent	Contemplation	John 4:5-42
March 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Transformation	John 9:1-41
March 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Redemption	John 11:1-45
April 2	Palm/Passion Sunday	Passion	Matt 27:11-54
April 9	Easter	Easter	Matt 28:1-10

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

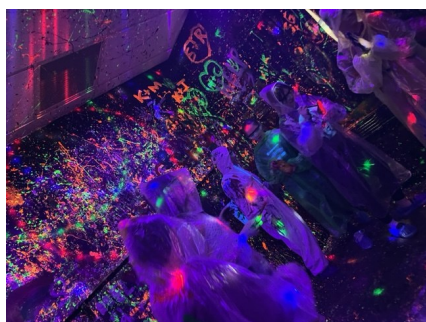


Our youth have been active lately with service projects thru the ELCA city-wide monthly service projects called "Love God, Love Neighbor".

In January we helped at Tres Hermanas Farm an outreach for Lutheran Family Services that helps immigrant and refugee families. We were also able to have fun doing it.

Then we had a Sunday Fun Day at Pinspiration where we did a splatter paint project.

We thank you for your support





Margie Reed	1
John Webb	2
Kevin Perkins	3
Robert Walsh	3
Elaine Pratt	4
Claudia Russo	4
Lindsay O'Roark	6
Sylvia Oelsner	6
John Fries	12
Laura Burton	13
Pat Benchik	15
Alexis Girard	16
Lois Caipen	16
Ethan McClain	17
Kelly Erickson	20
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	Day	Years Married
Duane and Glenna Meneely	1	48
Robert and Carolyn Bye	7	42
Rich and Rosemary Neely	13	41
Richard and Erin Hielkema	25	23
Ken and Lynnette Anselmi	25	56

**Celebrating 8 years at Cross of Hope
March 1, 2023- Pastor Adam**

Graduates Wanted!

Every year the Banner Babes make a quilt for each of our COH graduating seniors. These are seniors who have attended Cross of Hope and are graduating from high school. If you have a senior at your house, would you please contact Diane Carrico 505-554-1128



March 12 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

Heart Strings

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



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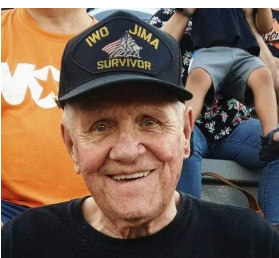
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Rio Rancho, NM 87144

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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



Former Cross of Hope member Clayton Narveson died January 20, 2023. *Rest Eternal grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

You may send cards to his wife:

Betty Narveson
2351 Governors Ct
Maryville, TN 37801

- A memorial for Alan Johnson March 10, 2023 at 1:30p
- A memorial for Carol Russell will be held on March 11, 2023 at 1:30p
- A memorial for Jeff Willoughby will be held on March 25, 2023 at 10a. This will be at the Rio Vista Church of the Nazarene, 8701 Golf Course Rd. NW, Albuquerque NM 87144.

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

Robert Hauert



Birthdate: September 3, 1932

Married: Ruth “Ann” in 1954 (deceased 2006)

Occupation: Worked for an outdoor advertising company for 45 years in multiple positions, ending with Operations Manager

Hobbies: Wooden toys (He sells them through the Blue Portal in Old Town.)

Birthplace: Cortez, CO

Children: 3 (1 deceased) - Scott (a lawyer in Phoenix, Sheryl (human resources for a rehab hospital)

Robert was born in Cortez, Colorado but the family lived on a ranch in Mancos, Colorado. His father, Karl, and grandfather emigrated to the U.S. in 1896 from Germany. Karl was six years old at the time. Robert believes his grandfather did not like the approach Germany was taking at the time to military enlistment. He had a tattoo on his arm regarding his military status (I could find no history regarding this practice). While I couldn't find anything about this the country's conscription for military service was two years active duty and then five years reserve. At the time the country differed in laws from towns and territories. It took many years to unify the political and legal systems and it remained very patriarchal. In the meantime, in the 1890's, the country was growing into industrial dominance. The three surrounding countries, England, France and Russia formed an alliance against what they saw as a threat from Germany. Many of these factors led up to World War I. There could have been multiple reasons that Robert's grandfather decided to immigrate to the United States.

Robert's grandfather originally went to Utah thinking he could find work there as a tailor, which was his profession. Later he decided to try farming and moved to Colorado. Robert said there was a coal mine adjacent to their land. So, his grandfather and father mined and farmed. Mainly they had cattle and alfalfa. They were pretty self-sufficient – they took grain to the granary to be milled into flour, fruit and vegetables from the garden were canned, there were cows for milk, chickens for eggs and meat, along with cattle for meat. The only things they had to go to town for were sugar and coffee. As Robert said, “We lived on a ranch.” The family lived in town most of the year so the children could go to school. During the summer they were on the ranch.

Robert had a sister, Ruth, ten years older and another sister, Shirley, four years younger than him. In 1947, when Robert was in eighth grade, the family moved to Albuquerque because his mother was having health problems. She died at the age of 58. Ruth lived in Albuquerque as an adult and when Shirley married, she moved to Farmington. Robert's father lived to the age of 99. He was a jack-of-all-trades, including blacksmithing, carpentry and plumbing. He worked until he was 72. He worked at the sign company which Robert eventually worked for too. After Robert's mother died his father met another lady, married and returned to Colorado. When she died, Robert's dad moved back to Albuquerque, living between Robert and his sister's houses.

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Robert was in the Navy during the Korean War. He went through basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Next stop was San Diego for diesel engine training. He was shipped off to South Korea. He was on a small ship with a crew of 95. The South Korean's PT (Patrol Torpedo) boats would break down frequently. Robert and his crew mates were sent to pick up the broken-down boats and fix them. He did not see battle.

When Robert returned home, he had enough of the smell of diesel engine fuel and decided his career was not in that field. He re-met Ann, a friend of his sister, Shirley. One thing led to another. Robert and Ann were married for 55 years before she died in 2006. Robert worked for Donrey Outdoor Advertising for 45 years. He was the Operations Manager for 25 years. Robert retired when the company was bought and became Clear Channel Outdoor Signs.

Robert moved into his house in 1958. His mortgage was \$95. Wouldn't that be nice to have today! Before buying his current house in the North Valley, he lived on the West Mesa for a while. Can you picture that – there wasn't much on the West Mesa then. His daughter lives on the West Mesa now. That is how Robert got introduced to Cross of Hope. He was not a chartered member but arrived shortly thereafter.

Robert's daughter, Sheryl, has a son, Brandon. Brandon has a daughter who is four years old. Robert does make toys for her. His designs are pretty intricate. For example, I saw a train he made and all the pieces fit together like a puzzle. Besides his human family, Robert feeds and is friends with several feral cats. They know good food comes from Robert's house. They are fortunate kitties since they can go to Robert's house or various neighbors. This gives variety in their menu. His closest animal friend is Rosie, his elderly Chihuahua.

Lunch Bunch

Meeting Wednesday, March 8 at 1p

Los Cuates

10051 Coors Blvd

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 from St. Luke's Horizon, a friend of Beth Cretsinger, and coordinating the trip.



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. 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



The Church Mouse

“Love is patient, love is kind...” 1Corinthians 13

This is one of my very favorite Bible verses. I think we have all heard it at weddings and other church functions. As I was thinking about this verse, I couldn't help but think of something that happened in my classroom many years ago.

It was a Speech class and the assignment was to give a persuasive speech. I always found in high school speech classes that students got very creative and quite often they would incorporate their own lives into their speech. That was the case with this one.

The student's name was Joe and he started his speech like this...“Good night Joe. See you in the morning. Those were the last words my mother ever spoke to me.” Joe continued by telling us that at the time he was eleven years old and his brother was 16. His mother and father were going out for dinner with neighbors and the boys stayed home to play games or watch TV. Joe was asleep by the time his parents returned.

Some time during the night Joe's mother died of a brain aneurysm. Joe went on to tell us about his family, especially his mother. He finished his speech by saying, “I know this is a persuasive speech and you all are wondering what I'm trying to persuade you to do. Well, I told my mother I loved her all the time.” Then he paused and asked the class, “Have you told your mother you love her today?” Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in the room. Joe gave many speeches over the semester, but that one always sticks out in my memory. Have you told those you love and care about that you love them? We never know what tomorrow brings.



Commitment Sunday



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

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Tschaikovsky: Symphony No. 5
Sibelius: Finlandia
Berlioz: Spector of the Rose
Puccini Soloc
Special Soprano Soloist Sophia Monroe

March 12, Sunday 2 p Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church
8600 Academy, NE

March 19, Sunday, 2:30 p
St. John XXIII Catholic Community Church
4831 Tramway Ridge Drive, NW

We hope that you can join us for this Gala Presentation!

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Mission Statement

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.

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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.

March Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

The Women of the Bible Speak- Shannon Bream

The women of the Bible lived timeless stories—by examining them, we can understand what it means to be a woman of faith.

The Templars: The Rise and Spectacular Fall of God's Holy Warriors - Dan Jones

In this groundbreaking narrative history, Dan Jones tells the true story of the Templars for the first time in a generation, drawing on extensive original sources to build a gripping account of these Christian holy warriors whose heroism and alleged depravity have been shrouded in myth.

The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust - Edith Hahn Beer

The Gestapo forced Edith Hahn into a ghetto and then into a slave labor camp. When she returned home to Vienna months later, she had become a hunted woman and went underground. With the help of a Christian friend, she emerged in Munich as Grete Denner. There she met Werner Vetter, a Nazi Party member who fell in love with her. Despite Edith's protests and her eventual confession that she was Jewish, he married her and kept her identity a secret.