

Christ himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12



Praying Through Change

Nancy Morrison has blessed the ministries of Cross of Hope professionally for the past 26 years. Her faithfulness has been steeped in prayer, devotion, and good humor, and I am so grateful for the blessing to work with her these few years of her professional journey here. Of course, I am not alone, and you can read a small sampling of the lives she has touched on page 6 and 7 of this issue. Nancy is a model life-long learner and the grace with which she lived her call in building up the body of Christ is commendable. To learn and grow beside her these 7 plus years is a gift to me, and I will miss her. The love my kids have for 'Office Nancy' is great and not just because she loved them through feeding them M&M's after school. She let them 'work' beside her when their dad was still busy and gave them a place to feel at home. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow alongside Nancy and Greg in their retirements as we share this journey in life and faith in new and exciting ways. Always praying through change.

Ross Langford has spent a few weeks being trained and oriented by Nancy, and I am excited for the gifts and skills he brings to our staff team. He is not replacing Nancy. Rather, he is picking up the call to communicate the good news of Jesus through the ways God has equipped him to build up the body of Christ. Thank you for joining me in welcoming Ross and praying with me through change.

Debra Alba has blessed the ministries of Cross of Hope as the Director of School Ministry for these unique and challenging 4 years. Alongside this full-time call, she has been mother and daughter in two deeply life-marking events with Lydia's accident and Elaine's death. Through it all, Debra has worked toward God's call equipping her to serve as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through study, faith formation and Clinical Pastoral Education through a cohort from the Pacifica Synod. Thanks be to God that she has been approved for ordination by the Candidacy Committee of our Rocky Mountain Synod! Join me in praying for and with Debra and our community of faith as we enter a new season of discerning God's work of ministry for building up the body of Christ for our journey.

Praying through change is especially helpful at the start of the new academic year. We pray for Courtney Knutilla and her leadership with our pre-school level and all our wonderful School Ministry staff as we learn and grow together this year!

We have all been given gifts through the Holy Spirit, and I give thanks for all the ways in which we share those gifts in ministry for the building up of the body of Christ.

Peace,

Pr. Adam

Cross of Hope School News

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COH School Teacher's trip to Santa Fe



First Day of School at Cross of Hope

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.

School Online Registration

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

For more information:

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

or contact Debra Alba (505) 897-0047, ext. 110

School Staff 2022-2023



Debra Alba
Director of School



Susan Rivera
Kindergarten Teacher



Debra Gonzales
1st Grade
Teacher



Lea Vera
2nd Grade



Elaine Pratt
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Joy Thornhill
4th-5th Grade



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Marisa Lent -
Koop
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Amanda Horn
Substitute



Florence Begay
Preschool Helper

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Congratulation Courtney Knutla, COH Preschool Director



Hello Cross of Hope Community!

My name is Courtney Knutla and this is my eighth year here at Cross of Hope preschool. I am honored to be the new director of COH preschool. My educational background is a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Multicultural Education, and I will be completing a Master's degree in education in May, 2023. My teaching experience is with children between the ages of 6 months to 5 years old, for more than 15 years.

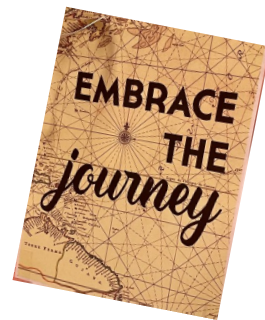
The preschool means a lot to me and I want to continue building the program, as well as keeping the aspects that make the school special. Because of this school, I have grown not only as a person, but spiritually, and professionally. Through my experience, I want to give back everything I can, in order to advance the goals and traditions the preschool has to offer. I am excited to travel through this journey with the amazing families and staff and continuing the legacy, integrity and excellence the preschool is known for.

I look forward to meeting all of you and having an amazing school year! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will do everything I can to help.

In HIS name,

Courtney Knutla

Theme for the 2022-2023 school year at Cross of Hope School:



Back to School Ice Cream Party



The ice cream was yummy as well as outside fun with friends.

Cross of Hope School will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** September 26-30. On Sunday September 25, the Book Fair will be open to Cross of Hope Church members between services in the Great Hall. This is a great way to get ahead on Christmas shopping. Information for online ordering will be in upcoming Hope-Filled Happenings.



Introducing Ross Langford, Communications Director

Please welcome Ross Langford to Cross of Hope! Ross began as our new Communication’s Director on August 15. Ross will steward all the outgoing communication for our ministries both print and digital. We’re excited to share Ross’s gifts and skills in our shared ministry. Currently his office hours are Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm and the email will remain media@crossofhope.org.



A New Sunday Morning Class Offering



A class is being offered on Sunday mornings beginning September 18, from 10:00 to 10:45 (right after first service and just before second service). **“The Bible, Four Gospels, and Acts”**.

This is an introductory type of course that will relate basic information that every pastor knows, but that few lay people have been exposed to.

In the first session we will explore what the Bible is and how it came to be. We will also discuss how it is organized. Subsequent sessions will examine the four gospels, one by one. Dating, authorship, major themes, and agenda will be explained as well as mysteries and controversies. All will be

touched on.

We will explore the Book of Acts for the final session. Acts is short for “The Acts of the Apostles”. This book is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke, and reveals how the ministry of Christ carried on, after Christ’s ascension, through the Apostles in the formation of the church.

Each class will be no more than forty-five minutes. There will be a time for comments and questions after each talk. You are welcome to bring your own Bibles.

(The course will be taught by Pastor Rick Alpers.)

Women on Wednesday (WOW)

This year is all about good women in the Bible and good women in our lives. The first meeting begins September 7 at 4 pm. If you would like to participate, or if you would like more information, email Kathy Gorman klgorman@aol.com.



Women’s Fellowship



Heavenly Humor

Happy Retirement Nancy Morrison!



A time of celebration for Nancy will be September 11!

The time has arrived...retirement. I am saying goodbye with a mixture of excitement and melancholy. I've had the opportunity to work with an amazing array of people throughout the past 26 years, who've touched my life in so many different ways. It has been a wonderful experience to see the multitude of children pass through our halls each year, and how they've taught me there is always time for a hug or a smile.

Things I will gladly leave behind: copier paper jams along with the "Call for Service message" and especially the "hard drive not found" on my computer. Challenges that I thankfully, in most cases, could find a way around to get the Sunday bulletins and PowerPoints finished.

I feel that this is truly not a goodbye, but a see you next Sunday (when we are not traveling). Greg and I will remain members of Cross of Hope. I'm looking forward to having time to rest, relax, repeat and learn some new skills. We plan to travel and visit family that we haven't seen in over a year. Thank you...it has been a joy and a blessing, Nancy Morrison

Dearest Nancy, You are loved beyond measure here at Cross of Hope Church and School. We celebrate your retirement as our Communications Director. Members of Cross of Hope have some great reflections and bits of gratitude to share with you:

Cross of Hope Staff -

Thank you Nancy for the many, many years of service at Cross of Hope. You have been a faithful steward in preparing the weekly Hope-filled Happenings, setting up the media for services, assisting with the monthly Rays of Hope, and covering in the office. May God Bless You as you enter the new phase in your life of retirement! Sincerely,
Linda Willoughby, Church Administrator

Nancy has welcomed me with a warm smile this year at Cross of Hope, and was nothing but helpful and wonderful in the short time I was able to work with her. I wish her all the best on her new adventures! Thank you Nancy everything! I have loved hearing all your wonderful stories and have appreciated all the help! Enjoy your retirement! -

Brianne Mares, Bookkeeper and Payroll Clerk

I have appreciated working with Nancy for as long as I've known her. I enjoyed her company and stories that she would tell me, even the trips she took with her husband. I am going to miss working with Nancy and having her assist me with anything I need help with. She has been a great friend and coworker. Thanks for everything you've done for our church. Good luck ! Love,

Florence Begay, Cross of Hope Staff

Cross of Hope School Teachers -

It has been an absolute delight to work alongside Nancy these past three years. She is incredibly knowledgeable and can assist with just about any question I ever have! Her smile is broad and her laughter so genuine. She always has vivid stories to share and easily draws in her listeners. She rarely gets flustered and her calm demeanor is so refreshing. I will tremendously miss working with her and wish her the very best in this new season of retirement! Much Peace,

Debra Alba, School Ministry Director

Nancy was one of the first to welcome me to my new classroom and school. Her friendly, light-hearted manner set me at ease and made me feel so at home. Nancy has gone out of her way to help me find tools, supplies, and whatever else I may need. She made time for my questions, and always shared a story to keep me smiling. I will miss her kind heart and her willing spirit in our building.

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Volunteers-

Nancy has been a smiling support for Cross of Hope. She has always been there for me every time I've required assistance with something. Always a hug, smile and laugh to greet me as well. Her expertise with communications has been very beneficial for our church community. So happy she and Greg will remain members of COH. Congratulations. Blessings and Hugs **Dee Gutierrez**

Nancy was the driving force behind the transition from analog to digital in the COH office as well as the worship media. What made that transition enjoyable was Nancy's demeanor, always pleasant with a story about life in the Midwest for good measure. **Sam Jones**

I have loved working with Nancy. In all the years I have worked with her she has always been kind, helpful, and patient. Whether it has been scheduling events, getting notices into the bulletin, or just answering people or logistical questions for me, Nancy was always eager to help. Her love for God, and all of us, has truly been a blessing to Cross of Hope. **Patty Westerfield**

Nancy was the first person I met when I came knocking at the side door of COH in December of 2001. You welcomed me, showed me around, and allowed me to sit in the chapel for quiet meditation. Your kindness let me know that I found my Church home. Countless times since then your encouraging smile helped me tackle assignments when I doubted myself. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Joy and blessings to you, **Ruth Hinkel**

Nancy, you will definitely be missed! "Nancy, do you know where...?" "Nancy, do you know who..." Nancy, when did ... happen?" are all questions we ask over and over, and almost always, you have the answer. It has taken many years to build up all this information. Your smiling presence is going to move to a new location, but we hope to see you often at church. Blessings in your retirement as you explore and enjoy new pleasures and purposes!

Jan Wormwood

As a Volunteer, I'm in the Church office quite a bit. I had the opportunity to see Nancy in action. She always had a smile on her face and was always willing to help anyone who needed it. Nancy did a great job with everything she touched – Hope-Filled Happenings, recording and streaming the services, Friday morning devotions and more. I hope you enjoy your retirement. Have fun travelling, grocery shopping, and spending time with your one and only. I'll miss you Nancy – stay in touch. **Margie Reed**, Church Council President

Former Staff -

I have always considered Nancy a gift of the Holy Spirit –reflected by her faith in the Gospel and her extraordinary media skills –to advance the Kingdom and ministry of Cross of Hope. Thank you so very much. **Dale Bauer** –Former Pastor at COH

Nancy, Wow, what to say! For thirteen years you tried to teach me the importance of planning, organizing, and submitting things on time, and for thirteen years, I tried to teach you, "Relax, it'll all work out. Nancy, you were the rock that tied all aspects of my time at Cross of Hope together. You humored me through so many changes. I will forever remember you shaking your head and saying, "Richard" in that lovingly disappointed voice, only to have me do it again the next week! Congrats on your retirement! **Richard Hielkema**



New Address:

Sharon and Gregg Halstead
 620 Larks Nest Way
 Monument, CO 80132

Happy memories, and tearful goodbyes.
 Farewell to the Halstead's.



FRIENDS + FAITH + EVERYDAY LIFE

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.

The Nature of Faith
Fall, 2022 Worship and Small Group Series

The word faith is often used in the context of the Christian experience, but what really is the nature of faith? The Message version by Eugene Peterson of Hebrews 11:1 in the Bible takes this approach...“The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It’s our handle on what we can’t see.” What do you think? Wouldn’t it be great to have a chance to spend a little bit of time together with others trying to explore “faith” connections between worship and the rest of your week, between supportive family and friends, between challenges and changes as God brings light and hope to every day?

That is what Making Faith Connections is all about!...Connecting Friends + Faith + Everyday Life! Need more info, and/or like to get connected for this series?

Conversation will be available with Pastor Russ Sorensen at Cross of Hope Sunday mornings September 4 and 11, Wednesday conversations will also be available September 7 and 14.

We have a variety of times and settings for Faith Connections groups. You are invited...to find out more about Faith Connections, and “The Nature of Faith”.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 NRSV

September 11 **Faith: It’s not just about you!**
 Luke 15:1-10 (Sheep found)

September 18 **Faith: In Spite of Us?**
 Luke 16: 1-13 (The parable of the dishonest manager)

September 25 **Faith: Priceless!**
 Luke 16:19-31 (A rich man and Lazarus)

October 2 **Faith: The Greatest Gift!**
 Luke 17:5-10 (Mustard seed of faith)

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

			Day	Years Married
Shirley McCan	1	Carmine and Genie Rosetti	3	27
Robert Hauert	3	Rudy and Sherrie Simek	3	45
Thomas Hielkema	4	Geoff and Debbie Bokan	13	47
Mary Pat Edwards	5	Robert and Sheri Phillips	14	37
David Kovarik	5			
Mike Walter	5			
John McWilliam	6			
Sherrie Simek	6			
Bennet Berndt	8			
Miranda McNealy	10			
Bill Harris	11			
Lisa Fields	11			
Bob Arseneau	13			
Gary Hveem	18			
Staci Spinks	19			
Khloe St Martin	20			
Mikayla McNealy	21			
Julie Ann Hawkins	22			
Mary Bresnahan	22			
Ron Hiltunen	22			
Roy Pederson	24			
Mike Ropp	26			
Patrick McNealy	27			
Antonio Alba	27			
Nicole Bencomo	28			
Rick Neely	29			

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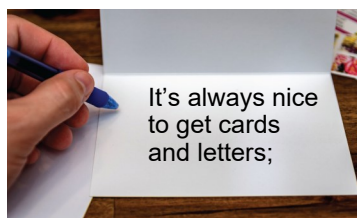
Carol Russell

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Who is our "Masked Hoper" question

Masked Hoper question: Who had their first date at Trombino's?



Heart Strings

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

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Old Fort, North Carolina 28762

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Rio Rancho, NM 87124



Cross of Hope member, Carol Sabrowsky died August 2, 2022.
Please keep the Sabrowsky family and friends in prayer.
Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.
Send cards to:
c/o Jeremy Sabrowsky
1798 112th Ave
Princeton MN 55371



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to my wonderful Church Family for your outpouring of love and care, delicious foods, cards, phone calls, and so much help.

You really carry me in this time of need amidst the celebration of my milestone birthday.

Humbly,

Ruth C. Hinkel





Lynne and David Bagby

As interviewed by: Mary Bresnahan

Lynne

David

Birthdate:	December 8, 1959	May 17, 1950
Birthplace:	El Paso, TX	San Diego, CA
Marriage:	February 14, 2009	Faith Lutheran Church, Albuquerque
Children:	3 - 2 boys & a girl	1 - girl
Hobbies:	Gardening, birding, reading	Dark chocolate, birding, watching the finances, Lobo basketball

David moved to Albuquerque with his parents and brother when he was six years old. His father worked for Fred Harvey. (Are you old enough to remember the Harvey Girls? It is a huge piece of history about the settling of the West. We have a Harvey Museum in Belen. Check it out. There was a Harvey House in Albuquerque located on the site of the Eldorado train station. It didn't survive. There is a restored Harvey House (now called La Posada Hotel) in Winslow, AZ and another, the Castanada, in Las Vegas, NM.) David got his first job at the train station downtown. He met some famous TV stars while there.

David attended UNM, earning a B.A. in Accounting in 1972. Prior to closing, he worked for Sparton Technology Inc, a subsidiary of Sparton Corp, which manufactured PC boards and wiring harnesses for motor coach buses. He worked his way up to accounting supervisor and Comptroller. His last job was with HealthInsight. They are a national, non-profit healthcare consulting firm. Their clients are federal, state and local government agencies, health plans and provides and foundations and other privately funded groups. In 2018 HealthInsight and Qualis Health merged to become Comagine.

Lynne came from a family of six children. She followed her mother into teaching, graduating from The University of Texas at El Paso in 1982 with a B.A in Education. She student taught in the same district as her mother in El Paso. A new housing development was going up and teachers were needed. Lynne got an employment offer before she finished her student teaching. They wanted her to start working immediately. How does that happen? All arrangements were made, and she completed her degree and went right to work. Mother and daughter drove to work together every day. During her time in El Paso, Lynne had some challenging assignments e.g. writing the district curriculum guide for language arts and setting up computers in her middle school (with the help of a gifted student). She became a Professional Development Coordinator for the gifted.

After Lynne and David married, she moved to Albuquerque and got a job in Bernalillo. She was not in the classroom and truly missed it. After three and a half years she quit. Within a week she got a call from the Rio Rancho School District with an offer to be a gifted teacher. She accepted the job and retired in December 2021.

David was widowed and Lynne divorced. After many years of single life, David decided it was time to bring someone new into his life. He signed up on Match.com. Lynne was happy being single, but a friend had other thoughts and signed her up on Match.com. Lynne kept getting responses from "bikers" with long hair and tattoos. Not quite what she had in mind. Then David came along.

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They hit it off. It was important to Lynne that he was a man of faith. In July, David told her he bought a motorcycle and got a tattoo! Oh my gosh! A sense of humor! Lynne hung in there despite the bad biker joke. On Labor Day weekend, Lynne drove to Albuquerque to meet David bringing a girlfriend who was there to rescue her, if necessary. Their first date was a yummy Italian dinner at Trombino's. No rescuing necessary. They sat and talked until 3 A.M. Lynne even met David's daughter before she left to go home.

Lynne moved to Albuquerque after they married. David owned his house (still no motorcycle or tattoos) and it made sense knowing Lynne could easily get a job teaching.

David's first wife was Lutheran and lured him from his Presbyterian church. Lynne was Episcopalian. David brought her to the Lutheran church. They married at Faith Lutheran, on the other side of town, where David had been attending. They tried to get involved but didn't have much success. A sense of community and involvement was something Lynne needed, especially since she is more extroverted than David. She suggested they visit Cross of Hope. David kept saying, "It's a little church." Here they could easily attend the traditional service, which they preferred, since they live close by.

When they came for their first visit at Cross of Hope, Karen and David Wilson gave their usual warm welcome. They immediately felt at home. And so, the story goes for many of us. Thanks Karen and David.

Lynne's daughter lives in Albuquerque and is the Education Director for UNM Children's Center. Lynne is quite proud of her accomplishment. One of her sons is an advanced EMT and the other is a marketing specialist for CIENCE Technology.

David's daughter also lives in Albuquerque. Lynne and David are first time grandparents. They are so excited to welcome Mikolas Mael Montoya into the fold. I'm sure they will make time for him during basketball season – maybe he'll be at some games!

Westside Music Festival Saturday, September 24



It's time to get excited! This is a free event some with "Westside Fun". Plan to attend with friends and family . There will be music (including our Praise + Team), food trucks, a craft fair, and a great chance to get to know our community.

Our mission, through the Westside Music Festival, is to love our neighbors, form lasting relationships, serve our community and provide a family-friendly venue to learn about community programs and family support available in your area. For more information contact Mesa View UMC.



Cross of Hope volunteers showed up in great style to complete this August hosting! The FP staff has such gratitude for your donations in kind, money, and food and staples.

Lois and Jan thank you, sincerely. You are good and faithful servants to our Lord. Our next Hosting will be March 2023 during Lent. A wonderful time to serve our Lord!

Council Corner Update September

Romans 15:13 NIV

“May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Greetings to everyone and hoping that you all had a wonderful summer! I am constantly amazed at how quickly time flies by. It seemed only yesterday that the schoolchildren were starting summer vacation and looking forward to activities with family and friends. It’s already back to school time!

An Open House was held on August 15 for families of all incoming students. A light meal was served, staff was introduced, and families had the opportunity to visit classrooms. Now, the children are back in school, reuniting with classmates and ready to learn and grow with exciting new adventures.

Council members at Cross of Hope are eagerly looking forward to an exciting year as well. We are extremely fortunate to have several new and talented staff members to enhance our church and school environment.

- Ross Langford is our new Communications Director.
 - Courtney Knutila is our new Preschool Director.
 - Pat Mohr-Kelley is our new part-time Librarian.
- God always seems to provide just what, or who, we need!

It has been wonderful seeing so many people participate in the 9AM outdoor worship on Sunday mornings. Weather permitting, we will continue outdoor worship throughout the month of September.

It is truly a blessing to share this time with everyone!

Dates to remember:

September 11 -There will be service at 10.(Rally Day)

September 18- Pastor Rick Alpers will teach a class on scripture from 10-10:45 between services

At the August 16 Council meeting:

Pastor Adam offered the opening prayer and Kristi Valdez shared a devotional.

Council reviewed & approved:

The minutes from the July 19 Council meeting, and the current Treasurer’s report

The finalization of all ECECD grant projects was discussed.

Pastor Adam distributed “A Map of Leadership and Staffing at Cross of Hope” that will be reviewed and utilized to best steward our resources in the future.

Council reviewed:

ELCA guidelines for Rostered Ministers (Word & Sacrament) and

ELCA guidelines for Deacons (Word & Service)

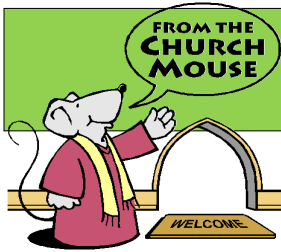
Council also shared a prayer for Debra Alba as her candidacy interview for ordination as a Deacon in the ELCA was scheduled for Friday, 8/19/22.

The employee manual is in the final stages of being updated. Future discussion is planned for streaming of worship services.



Please feel free to contact any of the Church Council members if you have any questions or suggestions.

Blessings and Peace, Janet Conlon, COH Council Secretary



The Church Mouse

Let's Live Wide

“The Lord will keep you from all harm; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore” Psalm 121:7-8

I've always been interested in family history. I don't know about you, but I'd love to know more about my ancestors. Not just their names and when they were born and when they died, but I'd like to know about them, their lives, the things they did with their lives.

I was fortunate in that I knew my grandparents and great grandparents on one side of the family and my grandfather on the other side. I knew that my great grandmother's first name was Tennessee and that my grandfather played semi-pro baseball with the Cincinnati Reds. He took me to baseball games all the time and I once met Ted Williams, although I don't think I was impressed at the time.

I've tried to write a family history so that my children and grandchildren will become more familiar with their ancestors. The other day on the Channel 4 news they had a story where a man went a little farther than just a simple story with a few pictures. Since back in the 90's, he has been taking a picture every day. He didn't always take photos of people, just whatever caught his attention. What a great idea.

Then I was watching America Ninja Warrior, yes, I have to confess that I sometimes sit down and watch that show. One of the contestants, a 17 year old, told how his father had been diagnosed with lung cancer and was given only four months to live. He lived for four years, and during that time he adopted the slogan, "Live Wide." His theory was that we don't know how long we're going to live, but let's live the time we have in the best way possible. Let's Live Wide.

We know the Lord is always with us, always watching us. Let's build on what our ancestors have given us and make the most of the lives we've been given. Yes, Let's Live Wide.

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Register online now for the 2022-23 school year (Preschool - 5th Grade).
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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 10624

COH would like to welcome Girl Scout Troop 10624. Beginning September 14, members, will meet in our facility from 7-8 Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall.

Annette Hatch, a Girl Scout leader with 35 years of experience will work with 14 girls. These girls are Juniors and Cadets. Many of the girls have achieved their Bronze Awards and some are already working on their Silver Awards. There are many adult members and at least two adult members are required at each meeting. Currently Jan Anderson will be attending as an adult member, as her granddaughter Abby is in this troop.

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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.

September Book Readings

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

A Passion for the Impossible: The Life of Lilia's Trotter - Miriam Huffman Rockness

Lilia's Trotter devotion to Christ compelled her to surrender her life of art, privilege, and leisure. Leaving the home of her wealthy parents for a humble dwelling in Algeria, Lilia defied stereotypes and taboos that should have deterred any European woman from ministering in a Muslim country.

Letter's for Lizzie : A Story of Love, Friendship and a Battle for Life - James O'Donnell.

O'Donnell left his Boston life as a high-profile investment executive and took his family to Indiana, here he accepted a position teaching business at a small Christian college. He thought that the family's greatest challenge would be learning to live on a fifth of their former income. But within months of their move, his wife, Lizzie, was diagnosed with stage-three breast cancer and given only a few months to live. These letters chronicle his struggles.

A Mile in Her Shoes: Lessons from the Lives of Old Testament Women - Sharon C. Patterson

Life in ancient times was a struggle for survival, many times removed from the relaxed, comfortable existence most of us enjoy today. For women especially, simply living often meant enduring a harsh society that viewed women as voiceless entities more like property than persons. Still, faith blossomed and thrived. ... Google Books