

Please plan on joining us at Cross of Hope Friday May 13 through Sunday May 15 to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our many ministries. There is still time to sign-up to be a Volunteer, participate in Special Projects, Food donation to Rio Grand Food Project, Dinner on Saturday evening, Food for Sunday's Picnic. You can do this on-line or on the forms located in the alcove in the Great Hall.



Abounding in Hope

Celebrating
40 Years of Ministry

The Schedule of Events are on page 3

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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 News



Debra Alba, School Ministry Director



"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." (Hebrews 12:1)

We are the Cross of Hope Roadrunners!

Earlier this year ALL of our students excitedly voted the Roadrunner as our School Mascot!

We have worked with a team of graphic designers and are excited to officially introduce our new little friend!

If you'd like to purchase some Cross of Hope Roadrunner swag you may do so at this site:

<https://www.nowprints.com/chs> (Password: CoHS2022)



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

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Here is a glimpse at what our weekend will look like:

FRIDAY, May 13

12:00pm – 3:00pm

FAMILY FUN DAY

Come help celebrate the last day of school here at Cross of Hope. You won't want to miss this time to celebrate God's transforming relationships through the family of faith at Cross of Hope. There will be bouncy houses, a magician, fun activities, entertainment and food. There will be lots of activities for kids, and yet it's also a day of fun for adults as well.

SATURDAY, May 14

9:00am – 11:00am

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There are two service projects planned where we can spend time serving others as God calls us to do at Cross of Hope.

Project #1: Clean-up Day at Mariposa Park (20 people) led by Jan Anderson.

Project #2: Food Drive to benefit the Rio Grande Food Pantry (RGFP). See food list in the Great Hall or contact Sheri Phillips for more information.

5:00pm-6:00pm

RECEPTION

We'll gather for an evening reception, dinner and entertainment highlighting and honoring 40 years of ministry. You'll have the opportunity to check - in, pick-up your badge, select a spot at a table and have plenty of time to visit with other church members and former pastors.

There will be a photo booth set up where the photographer will help you capture a picture of you and yours. A power point presentation on the History of COH will run on the TV screens.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Carmine Rosetti.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

CELEBRATION DINNER

A delicious catered buffet dinner will be served to you as your table is called to the buffet by a volunteer. A child's plate will be available.

7:00pm – 8:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT in the SANCTUARY

We'll have entertainment, speakers, former Pastors and our Bishop who will share stories and more.

SUNDAY, May 15

10:00am

WORSHIP WITH THE CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

11:30am

POTLUCK PICNIC

Following our meal prayer, fried chicken, various salads, chips and rolls are available to you when your table is called to the buffet.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the morning will be Greg Morrison.

12:30pm

ENTERTAINMENT in the SANCTUARY

We'll return to the Sanctuary where we will once again be entertained, hear more stories and the closing prayer.

Event coordinators, Ron Cordova, Margie Reed and Genie Rossetti

COH School Reflections

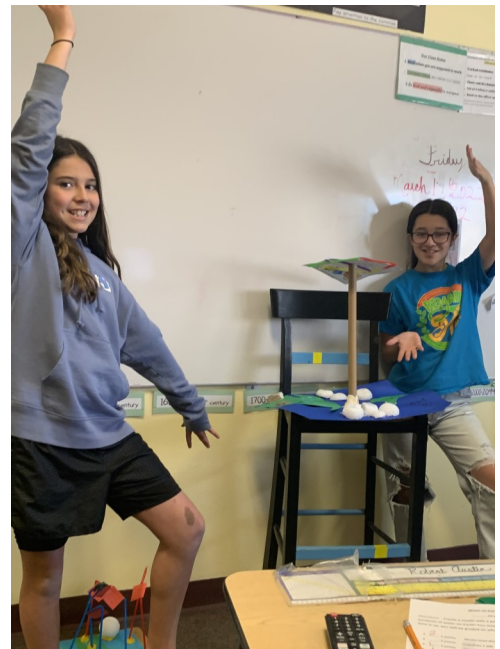
From Our Five "Graduating" 5th Graders!

Joy Thornhill
4th/5th Grade Teacher



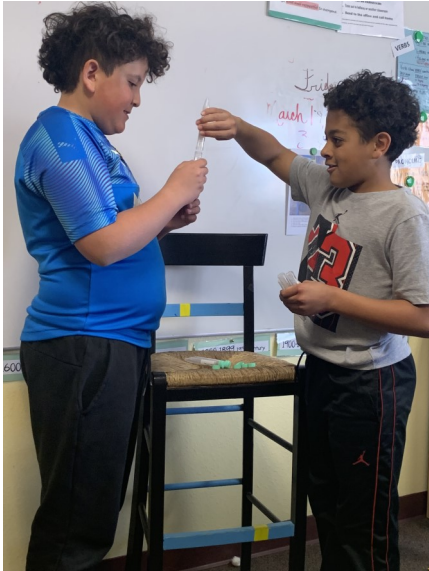
Ariana Monarski - Cross of Hope School has had a really huge impact on me and my life. I have been here since preschool and I have made really good friends. I loved second grade and first grade because they were both nice and had a different approach to teaching. For example, Ms. Hipple made mostly everything a game, one time we even had a math lesson involving gum. Then Ms. Halsted did fun reading activities with us by using stuffed animals. One of the memories I have at Cross of Hope is when we made pretzels - we made them to symbolize how Christians used to pray. After we made the pretzels, we got to watch a video and relax the rest of the day. One of my other favorite memories is when we did balloon day - Ms. Hipple taught us all about hot air balloons and towards the end of the year we got to go to Mariposa Park and see a balloon take off. For a part of the year, we did online school and personally I hated it. I never got to see my friends and I was locked up in my house. The only thing I liked about it was that I got to work outside in my hammock - my dad made me. Other than that, online school was the worst and I was thrilled when we were told we were going back in person. I am sad that I am leaving Cross of Hope but I will be going to AIMS with Marissa and Julian. I love Cross of Hope and even though I won't be a student here anymore, I will always remember Cross of Hope.

Marissa Jaramillo - Cross of Hope School has been my home since preschool. Everyone here is funny, generous, and good to hang out with. Cross of Hope has had such a big impact in my life, I have made so many wonderful friends, and even a best friend. Cross of Hope even has a mission statement of what we are in this community. "Cross of Hope School is welcoming Christ centered community providing high education in a nurturing environment that respects each child's development." Cross of Hope doesn't only challenge us students in our education but also gives us a view of what middle school is going to be like. Next, one of the hardest things we and many other people had to go through is school during Covid-19. During this pandemic, we had to go online for school. This was very hard for us because of internet and trying to figure out what the code was to get in. For me, I was so thankful for our governor getting rid of the mask mandate. I've had so many memories of Cross of Hope, but so far my favorite memory was 2021's water day - we had so much fun! We got to play tug of war, have a water balloon fight, a sponge race, and a scooter race. Everyone loved this water day because it was so fun and entertaining. Another favorite memory is when our teacher Mrs. Joy let us teach the class a new skill. For me, I chose to teach the class how to bake cookies. This was so funny to see everyone use their imagination in cooking. One of the funny events that happened was when Sophia from last year poured in all the salt. That is something that is so funny to me! For middle school, I plan to go to AIMS, a math and science school. One exciting part is that I get to go with my best friend Ari and my friend Julian! I have known both of them since preschool. Overall, Cross of Hope has had such a big impact on my life and is something I think I will always remember...from the people to the history.



School Reflections continued from page 4

Julian Smith Jr. - Cross of Hope School has been a very fun place and has brought a lot of different memories. But near the end of third grade, we had to go online because of Covid. Covid took away a lot of things from school. But as I think back, I remember all the fun things I did as a student and the first thing that came to mind was water day last year. I remember being sad because all of the 5th grade had to leave. People from our class had already left the previous year and people were not coming back the next year. So, that was the last water day for a lot of people. Anyway, all I can remember is that everyone was having fun and everyone forget about their problems. This is a story I think back to because this story reminds me to always think about the positive things in life. This is super impactful to me because ever after that day, I have been a generally better person. Overall, this story is helping me with my problems and is also helping me stay positive even when I realize that in only three weeks left before I have to leave the school that I have been to my whole entire life.



Eli Gilmore - Cross of Hope School is a school that as you move through the years and you can make great friends while you learn. Covid did not help us to learn and but we had fun with masks on and it was weird not being able to take them off. It will be sad leaving this school and my three friends: Robert, Julian, and Elias. My plan for middle school is to attend Hope Christian School and this will be a big change from here. This school really was a good experience for

me to live and grow through the Lord. My favorite memory of this school is when Julian forgot his shoes at water day and had to walk barefoot! That is why it is going to be very hard to leave this school and move onto middle school.

Elias Casaus - Cross of Hope School is my childhood and will always be in my heart. I loved this place for its calmness and understanding me well, and also for being welcoming.

Take any kid and put him in this school and he would say it is a place where he feels calm and safe.

We had our bumps in the road that were challenging but we all got through it together. When I was in this school felt on top of this world like I could climb the highest mountains.

But now it feels like every other bump I bet I'll be able to pass. I have no idea what I'm going to do for middle school. But like every bump, I will look past it with my head up. I am proud to say I was a student at Cross of Hope Elementary School!



Who is our “Masked Hoper” question
Name the couple who met on-line?

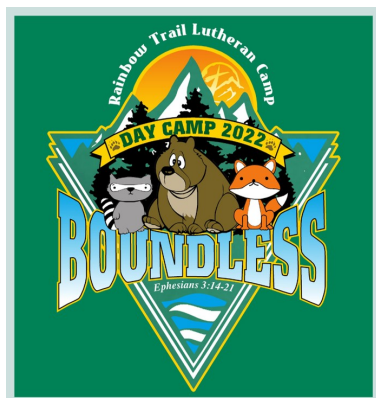
See page 11 for the answer.



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.



REGISTER NOW !!

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Day Camp
(our VBS program) dates are
June 13-17

For youth entering K- Grade 5 in the fall

Register today:

Forms in the Great Hall or
[Online at crossofhope.org](https://www.crossofhope.org)

Event sponsored with Cross of Hope and
All Saints Lutheran

Making Faith Connections Worship and Small Group series

**Experience the Mystery of Easter.
Cross of Hope Worship and Small Group Series for
the Season of Easter 2022**

Part of the mystery of Easter is that something happens that is unexpected...way beyond our own doing. By the grace and love of God, in the face of death, life is reborn! It is an awesome mystery to comprehend that God's love can transform life as a result of the Word being shared. It is a matter of bold trust in what God can do, even through us and in spite of our own limitations.

We begin this new series on April 24 with the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples and Thomas. Thomas hungers to find assurance in the face of doubt.

Come and experience the mystery of Easter as the good news of the resurrection and the work of the Holy Spirit bring a message of life into our world! Contact the Cross of Hope Church office (phone or email) if you would like to try out one of the Making Faith Connections small groups for this special Easter series!

Experience the Mystery of Easter

5/8 4th Sunday of Easter

Guidance in the Face of the Shepherd
John 10:22-30

5/15 5th Sunday of Easter

Confidence in the Face of Love
John 13:31-35

5/22 6th Sunday of Easter

Peace in the Face of an Advocate
John 14:23-29

5/29 7th Sunday of Easter

Fulfillment in the Face of Jesus
John 17:20-26



Heart Strings

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

Kristen Case	2-May
CJ Kymes	2-May
Elena Jones	2-May
Jeremy Hinton	4-May
Brianne Mares	4-May
David Humble	5-May
Gary Warner	5-May
Louise Hawley	5-May
Diane Pressel	8-May
Shayna Kymes	9-May
Barbara Wright	10-May
Susan Case	11-May
Tim Fuller	11-May
Michele Moser	12-May
Genie Rossetti	12-May
Sheri Phillips	12-May
Kristi Valdez	12-May
Carolyn Bye	14-May
Robert Bye	15-May
Pete Wormwood	16-May
Elizabeth Shay	17-May
Sarah Monarski	17-May
David Bagby	17-May
Janet Wormwood	18-May
Gloria Hubbard	22-May
Christian Wylie	22-May
Morgan O'Roark	24-May
Oliver Kouri	24-May
Florence Begay	25-May
Herb Delker	25-May
Toby Fuller	26-May
Miriam Anspach	27-May
Bob Reed	28-May
Julie Morgan	31-May

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		Years Married
Louise Hawley and Bob	6-May	50
Charlie and Jane Anderson	25-May	48
Mike and Patty Westerfield	27-May	44
David and Kathy Albin	28-May	45
Rick and Kimberly O'Roark	28-May	28

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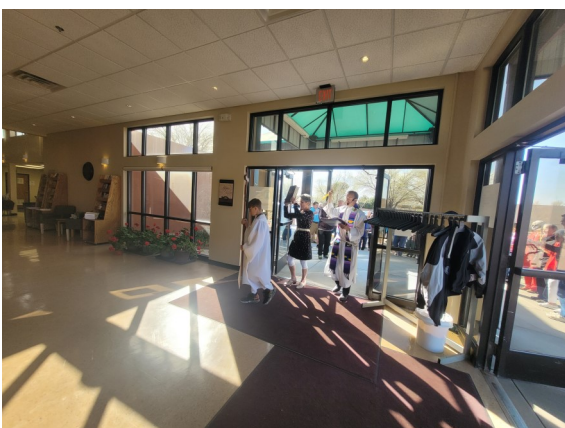
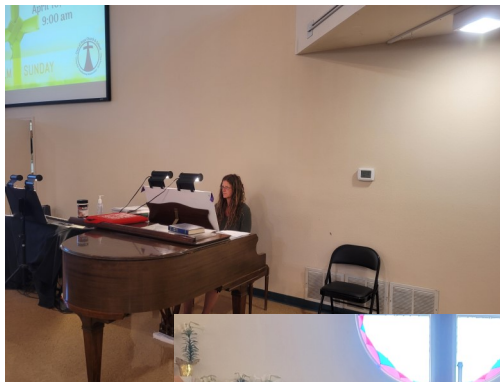
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Photos from Holy Week

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Nurse's Notes

Gretchen Comfort, RN

Being A Positive Person

I like to think I am a positive person but once in a while someone will ask me “is everything ok, you look upset”. Without realizing it, I have let my thoughts take over my face. Definitely not always pleasant. So, I started to do some research and found dozens of opinions and ideas on being positive. Here are a few that I think I can use in my life!

A positive person will let go of the negative beliefs and thoughts in their life, by letting those worries go. Continued worry does not help you.

Positive people will work to make changes to feel better in tough times. Try to be pro-active by looking for the positive side of things.

Keep the past in the past. Memories have a time and place in our daily lives but we cannot change the past. Look forward to making new memories.

Be grateful. We all have low points in our lives and we can be glad they were there, but learn from them and move ahead.

All of our problems do not have perfect solutions. We learn to live with certain situations but try to think of different solutions.

Do not be afraid to try new things. Change your routine. Start at the beginning of the day. Reroute a daily drive, try a new type of food or read a book that is not your usual subject. Call a “long lost” friend or relative. You may be giving them a treat that they didn’t have the courage to try.

SMILE A LOT! Enough said.

Be confident in communicating with others. Smile (it can be heard over the phone) and try not to judge comments made by others.

You do not need to be happy all the time. A positive person realizes that if you live long enough, there are times of pain and sadness to face. But, as a positive person, keep in mind there is always an end in sight.

As a positive person, try to limit interactions with those who are toxic or negative by being too critical of others and complaining continuously. Don’t hold grudges and be a forgiving person.

Be kind to yourself, even positive people need a break. Some days simply do not go as we would like them to, so pat yourself on the back. Think of the good things you do and let some time pass. Call a friend or smile at yourself, and know that your attitude is good for you and others. You can handle it!

Council Corner

By Pat Benchik, COH Council President



An important role of Cross of Hope’s Church Council is to represent the concerns of the congregation’s members.

Being an open and accessible Church Council was discussed at the April Council Meeting.

Over the next months the Church Council will try new ways to be in touch, to listen differently and to share ideas with the people we represent.

There are a number of ways to be accessible and communicate and we started with the direct approach.

Last Sunday, I represented the Council at the Church Service. Pastor Adam asked me to address the group during the Ministry Moment. I asked the attendees to seek me out after the service, and share their feedback, questions, and concerns.

This is some of what I heard...

- Cross of Hope is a great place,
- The Wednesday evening youth activities are missed,
- It would be helpful if a “Council News” insert was included in the Sunday bulletin, following a Church Council Meeting,
- Some wish we would all wear name tags during Sunday Service,
- We should make “welcoming” stronger on Sundays,
- Our yard marketing signage could be improved,
- The Nursery is so important for bringing in families,
- The Family Fun hours at the 40th Anniversary should have been longer than 12 to 3pm,
- It may be good to distribute COH decals during the 40th weekend festivities, and
- Cross of Hope is getting better!

I enjoyed listening and visiting with about 10 people. Thanks to each of you for connecting with your Church Council.

A member of the Church Council will be available after the next Council Meeting.

Happy 40th Anniversary Celebration to Cross of Hope Church, Pat Benchik



John and Kristi Valdez

As interviewed by: Mary Bresnahan

Married: Jan. 20, 2007

Where: Albuquerque, NM

They both enjoy watching British mysteries, cats

Kristi Valdez

Birthday: May 12, 1970,
Minneapolis, MN

Registered Dietitian & Certified
Diabetes Care Education Specialist
Playing piano, listening to music,
biking, playing board games

John Valdez

Birthdate: Feb. 6, 1970, Santa Fe, NM,
Occupation: City Planner

Hobbies: Team sports, reading, die-
cast passenger planes, main cook

While Kristi was born in Minneapolis, her family shortly thereafter moved to Idaho, where her uncle lived. Her dad worked in a wood mill and built their house. Later he worked for the Forest Service. Kristi was the youngest with two sisters. Her dad migrated to the U.S. from Tilsit, Germany, close to the Lithuanian border. They fled because the Russians invaded the area. The Russians destroyed everything in their path. It became part of Russia in 1945 and was renamed Sovetsk in 1946. Both of her parents still live in Idaho. Kristi's mother was born in Heron Lake, MN. She was a registered nurse and spent most of her time as a psych nurse.

John was born and raised in Santa Fe. Like Kristi, John was the youngest – one brother and three sisters. John's father was a Civil Engineer and his mother a homemaker.

Kristi attended the University of Idaho on a scholastic scholarship. As a junior she still was unsure what she wanted to do. She took a class in nutrition and found her direction. She obtained a BS degree in Nutrition and became a Registered Dietitian. When she started working, she became interested in diabetes. She went on to become a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist. She currently works for Pinon Perinatal.

John attended the University of New Mexico and received his BA in history. He wanted to go into foreign affairs or military history. His adviser told him it would be difficult to get a job. So he went on to get an MA in Public Administration/Community & Regional Planning, particularly urban planning. As it worked out, his interests are useful in his job. The state agency he works for does planning for school districts around the state (but not APS). They review demographics to choose a new school site observing how cities grow.

John and Kristi Valdez continued from page 11

John and Kristi celebrated their 15th anniversary in January. They recalled how much snow had fallen (at the end of 2006 —12 inches on the West side). This begged the question as to how they met. It was on-line. Kristi was living in the Seattle area. She knew John was the one for her even before they met in person. She came to New Mexico several times to visit before she decided to move here. Kristi’s dad rented a U-Haul to move her. He had a good sense of John’s character. However, Kristi’s mother, never having met John, had a few concerns, including moving without a job. Her dad was reassuring. Kristi leased an apartment for six months. When her lease was up, it was time for the next step—marriage. Things work out when you are in love!

At the time, Kristi and John were attending Sagebrush Church. The church building had not been erected yet so wedding arrangements needed to be made at another church. That church happened to be Cross of Hope.

Everything had been arranged and it was verbally agreed that the pastor from Sagebrush would perform the ceremony. Oops, minor detail—the church Council had to approve the arrangements. A month before the wedding, it was not approved since Kristi and John were not members. They had to find another venue which was Our Savior Lutheran Church.

After about ten years at Sagebrush Church they got tired of the “mega church”. As the story goes they went “church hunting” and found Cross of Hope. They have gotten involved and NOW are members. (Maybe they should get married again!!!)

John owned a house when Kristi arrived in town. After the wedding, Kristi moved in with her two parakeets to join John and his two cats. Eventually the parakeets died and they stuck with cats. A neighborhood cat lost her home and came over. Kristi tried to coax her into the house but she was too frightened. One day, Kristi noticed her carrying two kittens over the wall. With that Kristi and John constructed a place for her and her two kittens in their backyard. This is where they still live—happy as clams. The make up of their furry family has changed. They have three indoor and three outdoor cats. And a happy family they are.

On Sunday you may find John in the video booth and Kristi helping with communion.



Photos from Holy Week

Photos taken by Nancy Morrison



Lutheran Men in Mission

Attention Men! Attention Men! Attention Men!



My name is Rich Mohr-Kelly and I am new to Cross of Hope. My passion in ministry is in Men’s Ministry. Upon coming to Cross of Hope, I was delighted and excited by the great number of men in our church....

But not only by the great number, but also by their eager participation and engagement in the ministry we offer. This is indeed a great gift and blessing for which I am thankful and for which I intend to cultivate and grow.

Lutheran Men in Mission is the national organization for men’s ministry in the ELCA. They seek to build men’s faith, relationships, and ministry. This ministry is about men encountering Jesus Christ and assisting the local congregation in helping that happen. They offer retreats around the country to help build men’s ministry in our churches.

I would like to gather a group of men from Cross of Hope to attend the retreat being offered October 21 to 23 in Kerrville, TX. This is a ministry opportunity for the men of Cross of Hope to become bold and daring followers of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me 505-557-9947 or Pastor Adam. You can also learn more about Lutheran Men in Mission online at www.lutheranmeninmission.org.



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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
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Rays of Hope Production Editor

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The Church Mouse

Springtime in New Mexico

Before I forget, I need to ask...how is everyone doing on their thank you jars? If you've forgotten, back in November of 2021, the Church Mouse suggested you get an empty container and cut a slit in the top, then everyday write on a slip of paper what you are thankful for and then put it in the jar. So far, I've kept up and it's amazing all of the things you sometimes take for granted that you are really very thankful for. So, eat all those nuts or M and M's to empty that jar and then start filling it up. You will be amazed at things that come to mind. Good luck.

"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations."

Yes, spring is right around the corner. The end of March brings all kinds of changes to our world. It gets warmer, thank goodness. Then the flowers start to stick up their little heads and there are birds, birds, birds. In some parts of the country, everyone is on the lookout for the first robin. It is a time of celebration.

Springtime just makes us feel better. Those cold, dreary days of winter are a thing of the past. At least here in New Mexico, the sun shines just about everyday, so that helps. So, what else does spring do for us?

For me, it's a time of renewal. Let's do a few home projects, maybe paint a room or how about some new curtains or a new rug. If we go out in the yard, we can plant some flowers, redo a flower bed or maybe paint a little there too.

Yes, it's a new time. So, let's think about doing some clean up in the rest of our lives too. How about an Act of Kindness. A few days ago a member of our congregation told us about a recent trip to McDonald's for a quick lunch. He and a lady coming out of a nearby parking lot arrived at the drive-thru window at the same time. Being a gentleman, he let her go in line in front of him. When it was his turn to order and pay, he found that she had already paid for his lunch. A simple Act of Kindness. Or how about volunteering somewhere or doing something as simple as picking up the trash in your neighborhood.

There are so many little things you can do in this world to make it a better place. Always remember that you have a helper on your journey. The Lord is always with you, spring, summer, fall or winter.



Bart at a church meeting.

Symphony Orchestra of New Mexico Concert

Sunday, May 22 Time - 2:30 P.M.

John XXIII Catholic Community

4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE

Albuquerque, NM

(Martha Hughes and Linda Willoughby play with this symphony)

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COH Kindergarten Teacher Seeking a Place to Rent

Kindergarten teacher at Cross of Hope School, looking for a small 1-2 bedroom home, apartment, casita or basement to rent for herself and cat. Price range of \$800-\$1,000 per month. She is a reliable renter, non-smoker, with renter's insurance. Please contact Susan Rivera at 303-902-7484 if you have an availability, a recommendation, or any questions.

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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.

May Book Readings

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez and Sheri Phillips

The Book of Longings: Sue Monk Kidd

A book of fiction grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her. It is a triumph of storytelling both timely and timeless, from a masterful writer at the height of her powers.

The Life and Prayers of St. Luke: Wyatt North

Nearly every detail about Luke the Evangelist's life has been the subject of heated debate. The scholars of one era have provided explanations that entirely contradict the scholars of an earlier era. That makes the quest for Saint Luke very difficult, but it is important that we try to find and to understand him nonetheless. He is, after all, a man whose work has influenced millions of people, and it is through him alone that we know several of the most popular parables of Jesus.

Winning Balance: What I've Learned So Far About Love, Faith, and Living Your Dreams- Shawn Johnson

American gymnast Shawn Johnson is a four-time Olympic gold and silver medalist; a national- and world-champion athlete. She suffered a staggering injury in a skiing accident that forced her life to a halt and made her rethink what was really important. She wasn't sure who she was anymore. She wasn't sure what her goals were. And she wasn't sure she was satisfied with where she was with her faith and God.