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Mission Statement

Cross of Hope is a Spirit-centered community that shares in Christ's love through worship, education and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God.

On Our Way, Together!

Were not our hearts burning within us while Jesus was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? Luke 24:32

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We abound together through this season of Easter. On April 23-26, Greg and Nancy Morrison and I journeyed to Loveland, Colorado for the annual Assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod. We were joined as voting members by Pr. Russ Sorensen who went as retired clergy. Greg and Nancy will offer their reflection at our annual meeting of Cross of Hope in September just before our new Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, is installed on October 6, 2024. Together, with over 400 faithful voting members, we discerned God's will for the journey that we share as our unique and faithful expression of the body of Christ. I came away encouraged, convicted, and humbled by the work of the Spirit and the blessing of God's presence through the church. In a world that would try to divide, isolate, and keep us from the hope that is found in one another through Christ, it is inspiring to experience the hope of God that we share. We really are on our way, together, to proclaim and embody God's uniting and unconditional love for the sake of the world. It is a blessing to gather with you all in God's grace as church through the ministries of Cross of Hope.

In the hope of peace,

Pr. Adam



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SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Online Registration for the 2024-2025 year

Click Here for Registration Details

Field Day (On-site), May 3, 9:15am - 11:30am
Preschool Mother's Day Teas, May 7, 8, and 9
Astronomy night at Mariposa Park, May 10, 8 pm
Preschool Moving Up Ceremonies, May 21, and 22
4th & 5th Grade Lock-in, May 15
5th Grade Celebration, May 24
Last day of school, May 24
Family Fun Day, May 24, 12:30 pm

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WE WANT YOUR NEWS ITEMS

Deadline is 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Send E-mail articles to office@crossofhope.org, or deliver to church office.

Stewardship

Stewardship involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the church office for assistance in getting started in any of our ministries. Please remember Cross of Hope in preparing your will.

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A note from Susan Rivera, School Ministry Director:



On April 15, and 16 the Preschool had a successful Dads and Donuts. Dad's of the Pre K4s loved the "tie" gift, highlighting all their qualities and areas of improvement needed. The Prek3s Dads received a beautiful hand print coffee coaster.

Community Night on April 17 was such a joy listening to conversations, watching children playing and laughing, sharing a meal and acknowledging all who support our school. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We could not make the impact we currently have without you!

On May 3 Field Day, will be filled with friendly competition, games, Otter Pops and reward ribbons. Thank you to all the incredible parent volunteers for making this a fun, successful event!

A Mother's Day Tea will be held on May 7, 8, and 9 for preschool moms, aunts and grandmas.

We will also be having a Family Fun Day on May 24 from 12:30 pm - 2:30pm. Come and join us!







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K-2nd grades are combining math (fractions) and science to learn!

Here's a note from Ms. Carly, Art Teacher!

"Hi families! Firstly, I'd like to thank the families who donated prizes for our K-2 art students for our mini art show that took place during Community Night. Your donations were deeply appreciated and the recipients were so excited and thankful! A big congratulations to the students below who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd or received Honorable Mention for their artwork. These students were honored for a specific art piece, and also displayed excellent craftmanship, growth, and dedication to their artwork all year!

1st Place - Isela Marquez, Kindergarten, Dragon Eye Oil Pastel

2nd Place - Isla Haynes, 2nd Grade, Wild Thing Family Colored Pencil Texture

3rd Place - Milo Gacinski-Nunez, 2nd Grade, Van Gough Apple Still Life

Honorable Mention-

Diego Horst, Kindergarten, Sunrise Oil Pastel

Ollie Montoya, Kindergarten, Paper Quilting Texture Piece

Rowen Martinez, Kindergarten, Polar Bear Oil Pastel

Ellie Gutierrez, 1st Grade, Watercolor Architecture Castle

Miles Bettencourt, 2nd Grade, Mountaintop Oil Pastel

Thank you to all of our kiddos for their hard work! It was an honor to teach art to all of the K-2nd student this school year.

Warmly, Ms. Carly

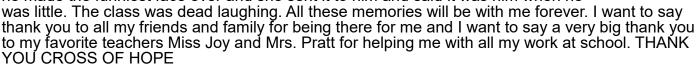


The school year is coming to a close. That certainly can't happen without learning where our fifth-grade graduates will be going to school next year. In addition, we must hear about their favorite memory.



Shayla (Her teddy bear to the left.) Cross of Hope school has helped me so much in the past 6 years! I will always remember this school as a big part of my childhood. I am so overjoyed that I was able to learn and grow at this astonishing school! I was so blissful when I made so many friends throughout these years. One memorable moment I will always remember is when I met Natalie in 2nd, Tina in 3rd, and Saylie in 4th because they're fun, loyal, and kind! I will always cherish these people in my heart forever no matter what happens next year in middle school! Another great memory is when this class would make hilarious jokes! My goals for middle school are to get better in knowledge and have fun! I will be going to either St Pius X or Hope Christian! Thank you for these incredible years here at Cross of Hope.

My 4 years at Cross of Hope have been the best. I was behind a little, so I had to stay in 3rd two times. But the two years in 3rd was the best because Mrs. Pratt helped me with all my work. My favorite thing in 3rd was doing the Iditarod. Mrs. Pratt was kind, fun, and helpful. I went to Miss Joy for 4th and she is funny, sweet, helpful, and fun. My favorite memories are when the class laughs at random things and when I fell going outside. When the class makes jokes, we all laugh. One of the funny memories is when Miss Joy wanted to text her son and Noah looks like her son, so he made the funniest face ever and she sent it to him and said it was him when he





Jackson (His flag behind him.) Cross of Hope Elementary has been spectacular for me. I have been here since kindergarten, and I have made really good friends. I loved first and third grade because I learned a lot about the old history of the US and multiplying and dividing. One of the memories I had here was making candy wreaths and I made mine so big. Another memory I had was playing soccer and I was scoring goals a lot and I helped the team out. I loved learning about the Constitution's Bill of Rights that has 10 amendments. Overall, this school has really been spectacular for me from kindergarten all the way through fifth grade. It was really exciting when we did the handwashing experiment and the hand sanitizer group had two apples covered in black spots BLEH! After Cross of Hope, I am going to St. Pius, and I hope it's going to

be spectacular. I made great memories here at the fantastic Cross of Hope and I hope I make even more memories at the super awesome St. Pius.

Cross of Hope school is a place where I feel safe. It made me feel like I could overcome anything. They helped me with my writing, math and literacy. I had a lot of mind-blowing experiences. Like the Puye Cliff Dwellings, or like the OUTSTANDING times in preschool. I also liked to see and learn about the animals in the zoo!!! I was also amazed to see the chocolate river at the Water Reclamation Plant. There were so many fun projects too. There was also the handwashing experiment. It was so unexpected that the hand sanitizer ones were the grossest. BLEH! I also am mind blown that the teachers are the nicest people. There also have so many fun projects

to do. They also try to make everything as fun and entertaining as possible, to make us feel encouraged to learn more. I also made some OUTSTANDING friends. I love this school and I am going to be sad to leave it. But this school has made me feel like I could do anything!!! I definitely feel ready to take on St. Pius middle school!!!

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Syren

My years at Cross of Hope have been amazing! Next year I'll be going to LBJ. My favorite memory is when we did the owl pellet dissection, and even though it was a little bit gross, it was still fun. We did the lab with the 1st and 2nd graders, and it was really funny to see how wild up they were when they found a skull. In her interview Syren mentioned the field trip to Puye. She said she got over her fear of heights and she liked going into the little houses.

Tina (Her bear on her left.) Cross of Hope School has helped me with many things in life. It has also helped me get closer to Jesus. I've only been here for three years but it feels like I've been here since preschool. In this time, I have made the best of friends. They are my favorite. We have made the best memories. One of my favorite memories is when I met Shayla and Natalie in 3rd grade, then in 4th when I met Saylie. Another one of my favorite memories is when me and my friends were on a field trip and there was mud and I slipped and fell. After I fell, we had a laugh attack. I will always miss that. Another thing I will miss is the people my friends and teachers. Even though some might

come with me to middle school. Time has gone by so fast, and I can't believe I'm going to middle school. The middle school I'm going to be attending is St. Pius. I can't wait for what the future brings me. One of my goals in middle school is to do good, same in high school so I can get a good job and make money. Overall, I'm very sad I'm leaving this school. I will miss it so very much. All the activities, all the fun the baking, the cooking, the friends I made, the charity, and last of all my teacher. I'd like to give credit to my mama and my papo and nana who have always been there for me and for signing me up to go to this school. I will always remember this amazing place!



Cooper (His flag behind him.) Cross of Hope school has been the best experience ever. I have been here for 7 years, and it's been amazing. The memories and the friends you make will always be special. My memories are when my class went to Explora Museum and me and Matthew and Luke had so much fun. I also enjoyed the hand washing experiment with hand sanitizer or hand washing and the apple slices covered with mold and bacteria. EWW, right?! We also got owl pellets and dissected them and found bones of animals that the owl ate. I found a shrew skull and rib bones. Also, at the end of each year we have a lock-in at our school. We play lights out sardines which is reverse hide and seek and 1 person hides, and everyone has to be quiet and when you find them you have to hide with them too. It was really funny. This was an amazing school and I'm sad that I have to leave. The school that I'm going to attend is

SAM's Academy. In his interview Cooper mentioned becoming an Air Traffic Controller. He also told me he would take good care of us when we are flying and he is directing

Natalie

Cross of Hope has helped me realize many important things in my life. It helped me make many friends and believe in Jesus more. I have many friends who have been there since 2nd grade when I first came to Cross of Hope. I met Shayla in 2nd grade, Tina in 3rd grade and Saylie in 4th grade!! For Middle School, I will be going to Hope Christian or Cottonwood Classical! I will miss my classmates and best friends very much, but I am certain I will make many more friends at my middle school. My favorite memories at this school are all the field trips that my nice teacher Ms. Joy planned. But my favorite field trip had to be The Natural History Museum and the Planetarium!!! One of my teachers had us track the Iditarod and do an art contest. Cross of Hope has taught me soooo much in Math, Literacy, Reading and so much more! Every teacher and classmate are always soooooo kind and extraordinary!



Council Corner

by Bob Arseneau, Council Member

Hello fellow church members!

This Church Council update is brought to you by Bob Arseneau. Here is an update on the latest news/activity from Cross of Hope's Council. I wish to extend my personal thanks to several people who help make COH what it is, a wonderful, welcoming Church community.

Prior to moving to Rio Rancho, I served on two other church councils, one in Grand Prairie, Texas, and the other in Rogers, Minnesota. There are two distinct differences to my experience here at COH compared to my previous church council experiences. First, as mentioned in last month's update, our Church has a school, which is managed by the Church Council. Much of the Council's time is spent on school matters. The second difference is that COH's financial situation is in a much better position than either of the other churches where I served.

I would like to take a moment to thank the current and previous Council members and Pastor Adam for their wonderful stewardship of the Church's finances. I also want to thank you, the congregation, for your faithful giving/support of COH.

At April's Council meeting, Susan Rivera, Director of School Ministry, provided the Council with an update of what is going on in the school. First, she reminded us that there are only six weeks left to this school year. Where does the time go! Second, the first day of classes for next school year will be August 12, 2024. Third, currently 64 of the 97 students have already enrolled for next year. And finally, Susan is working with the School Ministry Team to fill several faculty vacancies so that we will be fully staffed when the next school year commences.

I would like to take a moment to thank Nancy Lacher for all the work she does with our school and youth ministries. Nancy, thank you for stepping in and filling the void by being one of our classroom teachers for half of the year.

The Council and Susan Rivera are working on getting our elementary school accredited. The outside review process of our school should start in January 2025, and be completed by June 2025. This accreditation should make our school more attractive to new families looking for alternative education options for their children.

Options for providing shade for the school playground are still being pursued.

Todd Bramley provided the Council with an update on COH's finances which showed COH is presently in a good financial position! Initial discussions began on COH's budget for next year.

Pastor Adam and Greg Morrison are working on a Memorandum of Understanding, a document that lays out the goals, responsibilities, and expectations for how the Church Council, the School Ministry Team, and the school management will work together to run the school as efficiently as possible. A draft of this document was distributed to the Council members to review and provide comments at the next meeting.

Sherrie Simek presented an update on the Safety Committee. They are in the process of updating the safety manual to include Church and School procedures for coordinating safety, fire, lockdown, and shelter-in-place drills.

Spring is here and our Church grounds look great! I would like to thank Rudy and Sherrie Simek, John Lacher, Rich Mohr-Kelly, and Margie Reed for all the work they have done and are doing to keep everything looking beautiful.

Community Outreach News

Saturday's Successful NMRAMPS build!

COH Ramp Builders:

Hans Zimmer, Holly Reimholz, Joe Poyner, Kevin Kouri, Kevin Perkins, Art Kavanaugh, and JanaLee Sponberg

Thank you so much for showing up Saturday, April 27. This changed Cindy's life by us begin able to build a sturdy new ramp on the south side of her house, also demolishing the rickety, unsafe ramp on the other side. It was a long day, but you persevered through sun, wind, rain, and even hail. Definitely much appreciated, as you can see by the attached victory pictures!

Thanks again! Tim George



Food drive for the Rio Grande Food Project on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12

Please start collecting nonperishable food items to donate. We did a great job last time with 300 pounds of food including a good amount of canned protein. Let's see if we can beat that this time. There will be a cart for you to put your donations on.

Blood Drive

Cross of Hope's next blood drive is scheduled for **Sunday**, **June 9** in the nursery. Sign up information coming soon and asking please "save the date."

Thank you for your wonderful support of the pet food drive and continued support of our outreach ministries.

Camp @ COH (Wednesday Evenings)

Join us at Camp on May 1 and May 8, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. We serve meals, have all camp activities, do Bible study, and end the evening with a campfire worship including s'mores. If you are interested in helping out or being a part of this fun ministry, go to the crossofhope.org website and sign up at the Camp@COH location under Upcoming Events or Youth tab. May 8 will be the last day of camp and will resume in September.

The yellow rose of Texas! Work in progress- new pavers for the garden





Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will get together this month on **May 8 at 1pm.**Red Lobster, 10520 Coors Bypass NW, Albuquerque
If you plan on going please contact Leeon Carrico by phone or email at 505-554-1128, leeon.carrico@gmail.com



Join Us for Astronomy Night

Friday: May 10th, at 8PM.

It will be at Mariposa Park, across the street from the church.

Bring your telescopes and binoculars. Explanations of the various celestial objects will be given by Pastor Rick Alpers.





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.

COH Small Group Ministry

Easter 2024 Searching for . . .

5/5/24 Confidence John 15:9-17 As the Father has loved me... Easter 6
5/12/24 Strength John 17:6-19 Jesus' prayers for his disciples Easter 7
5/19/24 Jesus John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15 Pentecost

4th/5th graders share curiosity dissecting owl pellets.







The Happy Hope-r

Margie Reed

By Mary Bresnahan



Birthdate: March 1, 1945

Marriage: Feb. 19, 1966, to Bob

Children: Cathy and Michael

Occupation: Retired, Executive Secretary, Marketing Communication Specialist, Event

Planner

Birthplace: York, PA

Where:

Grandchildren: 3—Carissa (20), Nathan

(14), Charlotte (13)

Hobbies: Gardening, cross-stitch, ancestry,

Cross of Hope.

Margie's parents were William (Bill) and Jennie Chronister. She had one brother who died in 2015. Her parents were married in July 1940 by a Justice of the Peace in Maryland. Bill was Catholic and Jennie was Presbyterian.

Margie's dad worked as a Tool and Die Maker in a manufacturing facility – Harding Corp. was an international company that provides a full spectrum of highly reliable CNC turning, grinding, and honing machines as well as technologically advanced workholding accessories. Her mom was a homemaker. She sewed and made beautiful clothes. As a matter of fact, she made all of Margie's clothes. Jennie worked as a seamstress in a clothes factory before she married Bill. She was able to make her own patterns. At Christmas she made clothes for everyone. Margie learned to sew from her mom and made all her and Cathy's (daughter) clothes.

The children were raised Catholic. Jennie was the "lunch lady" at school." She made sure the children were involved in church.

Margie's dad loved to fish and she learned from him. The family had a small cottage/cabin on the Susquehanna River. The area was called Shenks Ferry. The family went there on weekends to swim, water ski and fish. Her dad built their boat. Aunts and uncles would come to the cottage to spend the day. The cabin was small and had an outhouse. That's a memory! They would drive to church in York and then return to the cottage. All the cottages in the area are now gone and replaced with a housing development and wildlife preserve.

Margie met Bob in high school – York Catholic High School. He was a Junior and she a freshman (in 1960). They would see each other around but only went out together a few times. Bob graduated in 1961 and Margie in 1963. In the summer of 1963, Margie was getting ready to go to nursing school. The Viet Nam War was being fought. Margie ran into Bob as he was leaving the Post Office. He had just signed up for the Navy – beating the inevitable draft. He thought about the Air Force but knew he would definitely go to Viet Nam so instead he chose the Submarine Service. Margie and Bob chatted and he asked her out.

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After Margie and Bob married, they moved to Newport News, VA. After two weeks, Bob was assigned to the USS Guadalcanal. This was for a short period of time while his submarine was being built. It was a tough time for Margie. There was no phone in her apartment, she didn't know how to cook and didn't know anyone. She worked at a hospital as a medical secretary.

Bob was transferred to Groton, CT for training on the USS George Washington Carver. The latter was a submarine. They had three-month patrols. During that time Margie and Bob had no communication with each other. The only communication Margie had was "family-grams" which happened once a month and contained 15 words. Bob was not allowed to respond. This was difficult for Margie – she was "off base" since they did not qualify for government housing (no children) and once again didn't know anyone. Cathy, their first born, arrived in Nov. 1967. Margie went to York to deliver her since Bob was at sea. Bob didn't even know Cathy was born since she was very late. The Red Cross messaged Bob that Cathy had arrived. He managed to get home and see the baby when she was a week old.

While in Groton, Margie worked as a secretary for a company that did analysis of submarines. Consequently, she had a security clearance. You know your secrets can be safe with both Margie and Bob!

Bob finished his military duty in Aug. 1969. Bob got a job in Framingham, MA with Honeywell, Corp. and the family moved to Milford, MA. It was a computer company dealing with hardware and quality assurance. He traveled a lot. Their second child, Michael, was born in Aug. 1970. Margie stayed home with the kids. She worked as a waitress in the evening for about five years. Then she got a job with Data General, one of the first micro-computer companies. The kids were in school, so it was easier to have a job that meshed with the school hours.

When she was 50 years old, Margie got caught in a lay-off. She worked various temp jobs. One of the companies was Genzyme, a biotech company focused on rare genetic disease disorders, renal disease, orthopaedics, cancer, transplant and immune disease and diagnostic testing. Margie was in charge of patents and trademarks. It became a full-time job and lasted for seven years, until she retired in 2003. Bob was getting ready to retire so the conversation began about where they would retire. Their daughter, Cathy, had already spent ten years in Albuquerque as the Athletic Trainer at Sandia Prep. She was married and had a child. The decision was made. Margie and Bob moved in 2005.

Their son, Michael, gave up his career as a college baseball coach in Boston after 911 joining the Army. He was in the 101st Airborne and served two tours in Iraq. When he got out of the military he returned to MA and is teaching Physical Education. He is married and has two children. During this time, Margie was a Blue Star Mom supporting active-duty military.

Margie hadn't gone to church for a while. She found the Catholic services depressing and forgot how to pray. Margie didn't feel like God was wrapping his arms around her – and she needed it. Margie felt like the priests were "yelling" at her. There were a lot of funerals she attended and they didn't seem to celebrate the person. In a conversation with Lois Costo, Margie shared that she felt something was missing in her life. Lois suggested she check out Cross of Hope. Margie walked into our church and met Ruth Hinkel and felt welcomed. Our peace exchange "blew me away." Pastor Matt (assistant pastor at the time) gave a sermon that said, "Sometimes we forget how to pray." "Something lifted and I knew that here I could be with God. Here's where I belonged." She went home and told Bob, "This is it."

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Ruth Hinkel invited Margie to be a host at the front door of church. Then she asked Margie to join her in the garden. This was something Margie always enjoyed. Next, she got involved in hospitality. When Pat Benchik was named Property Manager, Margie volunteered to help and became the Property Assistant. There was so much to be fixed. Margie and Pat would talk about what was needed and were told there was no money. At the next Congregational meeting, Margie nominated Pat for President. Margie became his Assistant, taking notes and writing things up. When an opening became available on the Council, Margie was voted in. (She was there anyway.) She remained in the Assistant role later becoming the Vice President and then President. She was also on the Safety Committee which implemented many new things to keep our school children safe. Margie feels honored and blessed to serve as an assistant minister.

Margie often said this is her way of "giving back." "It is such a fulfilling experience." She does not have a lot of money but she has time. She can carry over what she learned in her years of working to Cross of Hope. "I want to make things beautiful and happy here in God's house."

In addition to Cross of Hope being one of Margie's hobbies, she has always loved to garden. When she moved to New Mexico she took up golfing and was President of the NM Women's Golf Assoc. That is in the past due to knee and shoulder repairs.

As you can imagine, Margie is passionate about what she does at Cross of Hope and knows what needs to be done. While the church provides a great place for retirees to volunteer, there are some tasks that could use some help from someone younger. Additionally, some of these older folks may run out of steam one day.

In the garden, anyone with a little time can pick a small plot to help things grow and be beautiful. A great way to have a little meditation time. If you have experience with different kinds of chores, you could put your name on a list to be called when a need arises. Periodically, the sanctuary chairs and bibles need to be wiped off. It wouldn't take much time. It could be a great family project! Your reward is a sense of pride that you helped. If you have 15 minutes or a half hour, let Margie know. Something can be worked out to accommodate you alone or your family.



Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp!

Day Camp Dates: June 10 – 14, 2024

Camp Registration and Volunteer Registration now open.



Kristen Case 2 **Brianne Mares** 4 David Humble 5 5 **Gary Warner** 5 Louise Hawley Diane Pressel 8 Barbara Wright 10 Susan Case 11 Tim Fuller 11 Michele Moser 12 Sheri Phillips 12 Kristi Valdez 12 Carolyn Bye 14 Robert Bye 15 Pete Wormwood 16 17 David Bagby Janet Wormwood 18 22 Gloria Hubbard 22 Christian Wylie Morgan O'Roark 24 Oliver Kouri 24 25 Florence Begay **Toby Fuller** 26 **Bob Reed** 28



Heart Strings

Members of COH unable to worship on site.

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25	50
27	46
28	47
28	30

Years

Death Announcements



May God grant them eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Doris Herrmann

Died on May 1, 2024

A memorial service for Doris will be held at Cross of Hope Church Saturday, May 18 at 2pm.



Please keep Florence, Mary, Martha and Cross of Hope in prayer.

Send cards to:

Mary and Jim Hughes, Martha Hughes 7100 Dodge Trail Florence Begay 6725 Rustler NW

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John Fries

Died on April 2, 2024

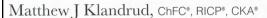


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May Concerts

May 19, Sunday, 2:00 pm **Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church** 8600 Academy, NE

May 26, Sunday, 2:30 pm St. John XXIII Catholic Community Church 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr., NE

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Devotions: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

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May Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

The Measure of a Woman - Gene A. Getz

The Measure of a Woman helps women discover their strengths and learn from their weaknesses so that they can truly live in accordance with Gods Word.

Church: Why Bother? - Philip Yancey

In his candid, thought-provoking manner, award-winning author Philip Yancey reveals the reasons behind his own journey back from skepticism to wholehearted participation in the church.

Women of the Bible: Heroines and the Lessons They Can Still Teach Us - Americans Bible Study

A riveting guide to the women of the Bible, this book will offer the intriguing stories and relevant lessons from Bible characters as Esther, Sarah, Ruth and Mary Magdalene. With engaging biographies, colorful descriptions and a captivating look at each woman's story, WOMEN OF THE BIBLE will resonate with readers around the world and illuminate the legacies of these often-overlooked women from Christian history.