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Community of Joy
Lutheran Church...ELCA

Sharing Christ's Love, Growing God's Family

The Monthly Newsletter of Community of Joy Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At both worship services today there will be special music offered by
Nathan Maass



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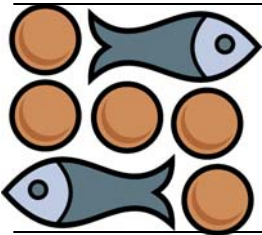
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May Adult Education

May 13th and 20th: **Miracles and Us** led by **Cliff Walker**

COJ's Helping Hands

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Register Today!
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COJ's 2012 VBS
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6:30–8:30 p.m.



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Earlene will be off hiking in Utah!

Announcements

COJ's Helping Hands



The youth who are traveling to New Orleans this summer would like to offer their time and talents to serve our COJ members.

Services* offered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ♦ Yard work (e.g., raking leaves, mowing grass, etc.)
- ♦ House work (e.g., vacuuming, window washing, etc.)
- ♦ Babysitting
- ♦ Hauling items to waste management (please include at least \$7 for each trip in your donation).

***NOTE: There is a 4-hour limit on each service.**

If interested, please complete a form located in the fellowship hall beneath the picture of the airplane flying to New Orleans. Include your name, address, phone number, type of service you'd like, best day(s)/time(s), and your donation amount. Place the form in the box. You will be contacted by **Christina Engel** to set up a date.

***If you have any questions, call 934-8315.
Thank you in advance for your continued support!***

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

➔Youth Fund Raiser Breakfast←

June 9, 2012 from 8:00—10:00 a.m. at Applebee's in Rio Rancho

Ticket price is **\$5.00**
and includes pancakes,
eggs, sausage and
beverage.



Proceeds will help our youth get
to the 2012 ELCA National Youth
Gathering in New Orleans.

**COME ON EVERYONE AND
HAVE BREAKFAST WITH
COJ'S YOUTH AT APPLEBEE'S!**

Announcements



Happy Birthday, Alvin

Last Thursday, April 19th was **Alvin Messersmith's** 90th birthday! Alvin says *"THANK YOU for the two piles of Birthday cards—no two cards were the same. They brightened the present and the future!"*



COJ's 2012 Strategic Planning Retreat Saturday, April 21st



Twenty-one members of Community of Joy gathered on Saturday, April 21st for the 2012 Strategic Planning Retreat led by **Rich Nelson**.

Forty-six "Wow" things were identified; there were seventeen "Whoops" things mentioned. The group then explored potential strategic initiatives of which twelve were identified.



Announcements

Deven and Erik Schei of COJ participate in Washington Wounded Veterans Bike Ride



A group of military veterans has been riding bikes this week in and around Washington, D.C. Many of the bikes have been reconfigured so that soldiers who lost limbs and suffered wounds in war could feel the power in their grace and the wind in their faces.

They joined the annual, four-day Soldier Ride, held in cities across the country and organized by the Wounded Warriors Project.

Deven Schei and his brother Erik participated in the Soldier Ride.

Erik was shot in the head by a sniper in Iraq in 2005. He's talking again, but can't walk. Deven was wounded in his legs, back, shoulder and head in Afghanistan in 2010.

He has had 15 surgeries and is making his second Wounded Warriors ride — pulling his brother, Erik, behind him.

"I do the pedaling, and my brother's job is pretty much to tell me to row," Deven says. "He's my motivation to keep me going. When I'm almost ready to quit, he motivates me. He makes fun of me, and that's our own little thing. ... It kind of gets me in the mood to push myself a little bit further."

"Before, I was sitting in my room not doing anything," Deven says. "Pretty much felt sorry for myself. And then pretty much a kick in the butt from somebody else that said, 'Hey ... you got both your legs. Look at the other guys — they don't have both theirs, and they're riding a bike — why can't you do it?'"

After three Wounded Warrior Soldier Rides, Michael Owens thinks he knows the word for what riding together gives to people who gave so much: camaraderie.

"Riding with other veterans, riding with other wounded warriors, so to speak, is fun. It's the same kind of fun you had in the military and now we're not in the military — we can't be in the military — but we can have that same camaraderie," he says.

"Going out with big groups like this — 15 to 40 different warriors all riding together. You look back and you got guys missing legs, missing arms — it doesn't matter. We're just all riding together."

To see the entire article go to:

<http://www.wbur.org/npr/151047341/a-chance-to-start-over-wounded-vets-ride-again>

Did you know that the Experience Joy! Newsletter is also online?

Check Our Website for Current Information

www.communityofjoy.com

MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tuesday Morning Prayers 9:30am	2 Supper 5:30pm Children's Activity Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth Activity Children's Choir Rehearsal Adult Bible Study Confirmation 6:30pm ReJOyce Music Team Rehearsal 7:00pm	3 Joyful Journey 7:00pm	4 The Office is Closed	5
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Worship Assistants' Schedule - May 2012

06-May

Service	Altar	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Reader
8:15 a.m.	Karen Piriot	David & Tracy Lizon, Julie Laybourne	Sam & Lynn Sampson	Rich Nelson
10:45 a.m.	April Mortensen	Liz & Bryce Roberts, Janet Cooper	Dave & Pat Shodean	Jim Shotwell

13-May

Service	Altar	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Reader
8:15 a.m.	Laurie Ethier	Rich & Jo Ann Nelson, Fran Young	Karen, Karyl, Virginia Upleger	Tony Boder
10:45 a.m.	Cynthia Damerow	Gretchen Comfort, Pat Shodean, Jane Fiedler	Les & Pat Luehring	Lee Roberts

20-May

Service	Altar	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Reader
8:15 a.m.	Karen Piriot	Brian, Debbie, Tyler Zack	Dick & Peg Tool	David Lizon
10:45 a.m.	April Mortensen	Rich & Diane Smith, Nathan Bland	Mark & Julie Evans	Anne Kinney

27-May

Service	Altar	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Reader
8:15 a.m.	Laurie Ethier	Sam & Lynn Sampson, Patricia Carriveau	Charles & Suzanne Davis	Tiffani Lovell
10:45 a.m.	Cynthia Damerow	Jim & Neal Shotwell, Barbara Shotwell	Ron & Sherri Batnje	Cynthia Damerow

Family Ministries

The Final WEDNESDAY F.E.A.S.T.s May 2 & 9, 2012



F (*Fellowship*) **E** (*Education*) **A** (*Adoration*) **S** (*Song*) **T** (*Together*)

Join us for our final Wednesday evening activities (at least for a while) for the children, youth, and adults mid-week classes and music programs. Come join us at the ***FEAST!***

Here is the schedule:

Supper	5:30 p.m.	
Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.	
Children's Activity	6:00 p.m.	
Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.	
Youth Study	6:30 p.m.	
Adult Study	6:30 p.m.	Led by Rich Nelson
Confirmation	6:30–8:00 p.m.	
Music Team Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	



Wednesday F.E.A.S.T. April 18, 2012



***Vicky Guardado and Kristen Silence
leading the Children's activity***



Rich Nelson leads the Adult Bible study



***Aaron Howe leading the
Youth Choir rehearsal***

Family Ministries

COJ's 2012 Vacation Bible School

June 11—15th 6:30—8:30 p.m.



Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel--torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

Babylon Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Register for VBS!
Sign-up to help!



COJ Hikes! Part 2

Join us on **April 29th** at **2:00 p.m.** for a walk along the **Bosque in Spring**



This hike will be **EASY** and fairly **LEVEL** and under **TREES!**

It is considered an **EASY** hike, distance of about three miles.

There will be flowers blooming.

A view of the mountain and the river. A place to sit and rest/
eat!



Our Church

May Birthdays

1st: Liza Blom	9th: Judy Walker	21st: Steve Kerridge
2nd: Erica Gonzales	10th: Hannah Shotwell	24th: Dorothy Tetreu
Danny Smith	15th: Liam Richardson	Mary Colangelo
6th: Suzanne Davis	16th: Richard Upleger	28th: Cooper Jennings
7th: Liz Roberts	Lois Schneider	30th: Joseph Conner
Brian Werner	18th: Katheryn Josselyn	
8th: Jayda Lyon	Lemuel Mamuya	

Worship text for the month of May



6th:	Acts 8: 26-40; John 15: 1-8
13th:	Acts 10: 44-48; John 15: 9-17
20th:	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19
27th:	Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

Can you help?

Earlene will be away from the office on Monday and Tuesday, May 7th and 8th.

During Earlene's absence, we are asking if you might be available to cover in the office from 9:00–11:00 a.m., which includes answering the phone and to be available for potential visitors.

Please contact Earlene in the office if you can assist with this responsibility.

SERMON ON THE AMOUNTS

Attendance

Last Sunday: **145** Sunday School: **28**

Update on COJ Income and Expenses through April 22, 2012

	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Plan</u>
Giving:	\$20,253.00	\$3,465.00	\$23,718.00	\$20,242.00



Storehouse West 20th Anniversary Event Friday, May 4th

May 4th Storehouse West will mark their 20th anniversary with a **GALA EVENT** at Chamisa Hills. Funds raised by this celebration will go to pay off our mortgage. There will be a silent auction and raffle. Donations may also be sent to Storehouse West marked for the 20th Anniversary.

Our Church



Tony Boder leading the Children's Message last Sunday

COJ member **Pr. Tony Boder** leading the worship service last Sunday

You Can Never Thank People Enough



A big ***Thank You!*** to

Tony Boder — for leading the worship service with such short notice last Sunday in Pastor Michael's absence

April Mortensen — for taking care of the kitchen this past Wednesday night

David Lizon — for running the overhead presentation on Sunday mornings

Neal Shotwell — for setting up the kitchen for Wednesday night's potluck

Les Luehring—for checking on COJ's irrigation system

Treats for Sunday Services

If you would like to bring treats for everyone to honor a birthday, anniversary, special occasion or just because....please sign the sign-up sheet located on the table in the fellowship area.



New address?

New phone number?

Changed e-mail?

**LET US
KNOW!**

earlene@communityofjoy.com

Prayer Page

People of Prayer

Each week we randomly offer names of people connected to Community of Joy for whom to pray. Ask God to protect them and build them up.

- April 29th: **Sharon Smith**
- 30th: **Jo Ann Nelson**
- May 1st: **Phil Klebenow**
- 2nd: **Aaron Howe**
- 3rd: **Nicholas Boder-Szarkowski**
- 4th: **Charlie Shroyer**
- 5th: **Liam Richardson**

COJ Church Council

- Stephanie Belmore—President
- Al Guardado—Vice-President
- Kristen Maass—Secretary
- Jo Ann Nelson
- Lee Roberts
- Brian Zack
- Dick Tool—Treasurer

Together in Mission

- Camino de Vida—Albuquerque
- Iglesia Cristo Rey—El Paso, TX

Safety

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| <u>Afghanistan</u> | <u>Georgia</u> |
| Michael Gurule | Keith Johnson |
| C Company 2nd platoon USMC | <u>USS Jason Dunham</u> |
| Justin Tabeka | Tommy Fiedler |
| Natan Willson | <u>Kosovo</u> |
| David Sarli | Britney Cruickshank |
| Matthew Johnson | <u>Pakistan</u> |
| Sgt. Wallace | Peter Rood |
| Sgt. Beckerman | <u>USS George Washington</u> |
| Sgt. Pittman | Mike Oldenborg |
| Sgt. Smith | <u>Washington, D.C.</u> |
| Spc. Boehm | Kevin Nelson |

Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., a group of COJ members pray for people on this list, as well as names we receive from the attendance sheets.

Prayer List

Please help us keep this list updated.
To add or remove someone from this list, please contact earlene@communityofjoy.com

COJ Family

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| Alvin & Catherine Messersmith | Jason & Joseph Conner |
| Beverly Johnson | Jenny Collins |
| Cynthia Damerow | Julian Roberts |
| Dave Lingnau & family | Paul Laybourne |
| Dottie Geis | Pelly Hutton |
| Ed Belmore | Pierce Boder-Szarkowski |
| Elrine Frosch-Loving | Pr. Michael Bastian |
| Gail & Alexandra Laird | Ron Tafoya |
| Jackie Anderson | Thomas Boder-Szarkowski |

Friends of COJ

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| Bailey McMillan & family | Joan Gunn |
| Bette Malageni | John Rianza |
| Bev Crites | Keith Houser & Silar |
| Blake & Erin Roberts | Kelley Norris |
| Braden Wilcox | Kevin Nelson |
| Bradly Eye | Kim & Yvonne Tracy |
| Brian Raymond & family | Kristen Hollis |
| Brittany Raymond & family | Kyler Garcia |
| Carlos Sedio | Helen Dichiarra |
| Cass Crown | Larry Nelson |
| Diane Kelley | Lil Nelson |
| Earl, Kathy, Lindsey King | Lois Wimbush |
| Ed & Beryl Shotwell and family | Malory Mineke |
| Elijah Spring | Muriel Raub |
| Erik, Devon, Anneka Schei | Mario Jr. Gonzalez |
| Family of Adrian Garcia | Monica Romero & family |
| Family of Diana Maltese | Patricia Malinaro |
| Family of Helen Lisowski | Phyllis Matchett |
| Family of Virginia Adams | Raymond & Monica Mallrid |
| Gary Magnuson | Rene Higgins |
| Halfacre family | Reyes Rivera |
| Helen Patterson | Scott Peterson |
| Jack & Alice Brennan | Ted Pekarek |
| James Peterson | Vanessa Peterson |
| | Violet Trujillo |