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Sharing Christ's Love, Growing God's Family

Community of Joy
Lutheran Church...ELCA

The Weekly Newsletter of Community of Joy Lutheran Church

Walking the Labyrinth



Today during the **9:30 a.m. Adult Education** hour Pastor Michael will share his experience and pictures of walking the labyrinth as part of a spiritual journey.

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 28th** as we meet at **San Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church** in Corrales at **7:00 p.m.** We will be walking a labyrinth on the church grounds, and receive a brief orientation by the **Reverend Rhonda Smith McIntire**, Vicar.

After our walk, there will be time to share experiences with each other. We will finish by 8:30 p.m.

The labyrinth is an ancient tool for centering and prayer. It is a symbol of our journey with God, and a path for deepening our relationship with the holy. Walking a labyrinth is a calming, creative, right-brain activity, often used in the healing professions. There is no one "right way" to engage with the labyrinth -- only a desire to learn and grow.

DIRECTIONS: San Gabriel's is located on the west side of Corrales Road behind the *Ole Quilts Shop*. If you are coming from the south, 3923 Corrales Road is 2.04 miles north of the Coors-Corrales/Alameda Road intersection. If you are coming from the north via Hwy. 528, the church is 4.76 miles south of the Corrales/Hwy. 528 intersection.



RALLY SUNDAY

We are on for **Rally Sunday, August 22nd**, to open our new church school year. Our Sunday School festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Parents are invited to meet the teachers, and children will get a chance to see their classrooms.

Sunday School classes will begin on August 29th. We want to thank all of our Sunday School teachers and **Debbie Hutton** for the overall leadership of our Sunday School.

This Week of JOY ***July 25, 2010***

7/25 **Worship Services**
8:15 & 10:45am

Adult Education
9:30am

7/27 **Tuesday Morning Prayers** 9:30am

7/28 **ReJOYce Rehearsal**
7:00 pm

The Bible Sharing Group that meets on **Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.** will not meet again until **September 2, 2010.**

What, another vacation?

Earlene Shroyer, our Administrative Assistant, and her family will be on vacation next week.

Pastor Michael will be in, and there will be someone in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon to answer the telephone.

Earlene will return on Monday morning, August 2nd.



People Page

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

- Greeters:** (8:15) Virginia Wilcox
(10:45) Sammy Moore
- Acolyte:** (8:15) Christina Engel
(10:45) Jackie Conner
- Altar:** (8:15) David & Tracy Lizon
(10:45) Brian Werner
- Communion:** (8:15) Jane Fiedler & Pat Shodean
(10:45) Julie Laybourne
- Readers:** (8:15) Harold Fiedler
(10:45) Dick Tool & Fran Young
- Ushers:** (8:15) Dave & Pat Shodean
(10:45)
- Music/Tech/Sound Team:**
- Aaron Howe Katie Bastian
- Anne Kinney Kelsey Hutton
- Daniel Maynard Nicholas Boder-Szarkowski
- David Lizon Pelly Hutton
- Debbie Hutton Rachel Shroyer
- Jamil Howe Rico Leyva
- Jamila Mamuya Susan Hurl-Bastian
- Jean Pratschner Ternel Martinez
- Jelani Jackson Tom Garcia
- Kara Robertson Trula Howe
- Katheryn Josselyn

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Parish Nurse: Gretchen Comfort 994-3703

Treasurer: Dick Tool 771-1618

Bookkeeper: Ardeth Lewon

Financial Secretary: Tracy Lizon

Congregation Council

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Gretchen Comfort 994-3703
Jason Engel 891-3660
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V.P. Jim Shotwell 867-2837
Brian Zack 350-1757

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Sunday School: Debbie Hutton 688-1291

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307-6172

Fellowship: Neal Shotwell 228-9808

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Communications: Earlene Shroyer

Volunteer & Leadership Development:

Rich Nelson 897-4272

There are no treats today...
Please sign up to bring treats one
Sunday—the sign-up sheet is on
the table in the narthex.



July 25th: Anne Econopouly
Noah Blom
28th: Tiffani Lovell

Happy Anniversary!



July 25th: Richard & Nancy Brunson

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

Last week's attendance: **126**

For any reports or information, contact the appropriate person listed above.

Announcements



Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday, July 27th at 7:00pm

August Pantry Needs

We are re-stocking the COJ pantry and could use your help to fill the shelves!! Thank you to everyone who has generously donated items — they are surely appreciated!

Here is a list of items we can always use in the **kitchen**:

- Oreos or similar long-lasting snack cookies**
- Plastic forks**
- 8 oz. coffee cups**

Here is a list of items we can always use in the **nursery**:

- Fish Crackers**
- Animal Crackers**
- Cheerios®**



Please bring donations to **Neal Shotwell** or leave them in the kitchen on the back counter by the mural. If donations are for the nursery, please leave a note on it.

Big Thank YOU! for all the donations to the kitchen!
Everyone was VERY generous this month.

THE REFRIGERATOR IS GOING TO BE CLEANED TODAY IF ANYTHING IS YOURS, PLEASE TAKE IT HOME OR ELSE....



Where's the Treats?

We have no one signed up to bring treats for the entire month of August...oh no! There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



Hospital Visits and Pastoral Care



When you or a loved one require in-patient hospital care, a direct phone call to the church office (896-2543) is the only way to make sure that your information gets passed along. **Pastor Michael** and **COJ's Care Ministry** will visit and pray with you during your hospital stay. But you must contact the church office and let us know of your needs. Pastor Michael is grateful for this information as he would like to visit with you during your hospital stay and offer Home Communion to you.

Beyond Our Walls



REMEMBER - When you purchase items from the **COFFEE CART**, you are contributing to **HUNGER RELIEF**. The items on the cart are produced in areas where wages are low.

FAIR TRADE items on the cart are purchased from cooperatives and a more fair price is given for the product thus helping families to educate their children and to encourage a healthier life. Fair Trade helps farmers to learn ways of production that conserve soil and do organic growing. These are all ways to help relieve hunger in the area.

The coffee cart is available each Sunday, and is in the office during the week. Stock up on wonderful coffees, teas and chocolate bars, and help those who are truly in need.

Storehouse West Donations

In spite of difficult times for many, our congregation has continued to help **Storehouse West** help members of our community who are in need. From January through March, Community of Joy members contributed approximately **821 pounds** of food to **Storehouse West**. (This is a revised number from the March report.) From April through June, an additional 295 pounds were contributed. This only includes what is left in the collection bin on Sunday mornings. Other members have delivered their donations directly to Storehouse.



When you shop, please continue to think of our neighbors who rely on **Storehouse West**. All help is greatly appreciated!

Storehouse West Needs

Storehouse West is always in need of:

- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Canned refried beans, pork & beans, chili**
- **Cake mix and icing**
- **Regular teabags**
- **Cold cereals**
- **Juice boxes or pouches** (usually comes 10 to a package)



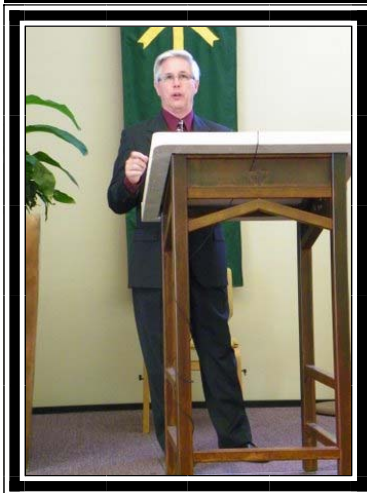
- **Cookies**
- **Jell-O**
- **Macaroni and cheese**
- **Ramen pasta**
- **Canned fruit**

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

Check Our Website for Current Information

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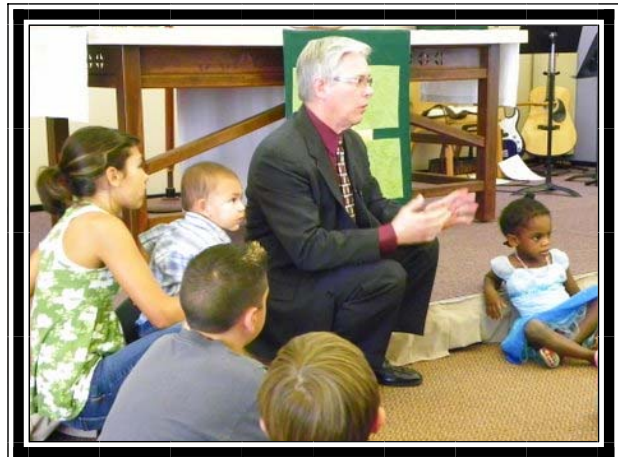
Our Church



Tony Boder leading us in worship last Sunday, July 18th, while Pastor Michael and his family travelled to Germany to attend the 80th birthday of his father.



Rich Nelson leading the Adult Education class for the final session of “**Living Into the Future Together – Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA**”



Tony Boder giving the Children’s Message this past Sunday.

You Can Never Thank People Enough

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

All COJ members and friends who have made donations to the kitchen— they are greatly appreciated!

Tony Boder and **Pr. Russell Lee**—for leading us in worship and being available for pastoral care during Pr. Michael’s absence.

Christina Engel—for helping to coordinate the Worship Assistants—scheduling Readers and Communion Assistants for both the 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services, and for setting up the Altar for the 8:15 am service.

Pastor Michael is in the office and available for meetings, pastoral care or for scheduling events Mondays — Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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.

- July 25th: **Jordan Ayers**
- 26th: **Aidan Forrest**
- 27th: **Jennifer Jennings**
- 28th: **Dani Masconi**
- 29th: **Rich Nelson**
- 30th: **Karen Upleger**
- 31st: **Rudi Pallas**

COJ Church Council

- Paul Anderson
- Gretchen Comfort
- Jason Engel
- Rebbie Garza
- Jim Shotwell
- Brian Zack
- Dick Tool—Treasurer

Safety

Prayers for our military and for those who support them.

Iraq

- SSG Robert Barnes
- Jacksonville, FL
- Tommy Fiedler
- Washington, D.C.

Kevin Nelson

Georgia

Kevin Johnson

Afghanistan

Michael Gurule

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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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| Beverly Johnson | James Robertson |
| Boder-Szarkowski family | Jason Conner |
| Dave Shodean | Joseph Conner |
| Dick Tool | Julian Roberts |
| Eliana Roberts | Mary Bencke |
| Fran Young | Nikki Lingnau |
| Gabe Gaarden | Peg Tool |
| Gail & Alexandra Laird | Ron Tafoya |
| Jackie Anderson | |

Friends of COJ

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| Agustin & Carmen Guardado | Kay Kreiger |
| Al Baca | Larry Vander Werff |
| Ann Bonomo | Laura Rose Barney |
| Anthony Gallegos | Lori Jo Vanderstel |
| Bailey MacMillian | Madeline Watkins |
| Barbara Olson | Mario Gonzalez |
| Blake Roberts | Mark Wayne |
| Brian Young | Mary Casaus |
| Bryan Charles | Monica Romero |
| Dabney family | Nancy & Cody Gibson |
| Dan Reshetar | Pat Doyle, Jr. |
| David Johnson | Pat Kinney |
| Donald McCartney | Pattie Moodie |
| Ed Belmore | Paul Sternberg |
| Ed & Lauren Petersen | Roy & Billie Gawthrop |
| Family of Ernestina Brusuelas | Sandra Werner |
| Heddy Long | Shaila Shodean |
| James Shimp | Shelby Howke |
| Jeanine Colson | Sonya Ruiz |
| Jo Muff | Stevie McCartney |
| Joan Bouty | Tim Lingnau, Desean & Cory |
| Joseph Cocomiglio | Tim Reeves |
| Kate McNutt | Tom & Lisa Nicolai |
| | Yvonne & Kim Tracy |

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.