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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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angel be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen. (Martin Luther)

The COJ Youth Choir will sing today during the 10:45 a.m. worship service!



Reception of New Members

Today during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we will be receiving new members into our congregation. Welcome Andrew and Hayley Dumas!!



Adult Education
Sunday, May 20th at 9:45 a.m.
Miracles and Us Part II led by Cliff Walker

BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

JUNIOR HIGH VS. HIGH SCHOOL
at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship area

Come watch the fun—the winning team will win a prize!



This Week of JOY May 20, 2012

5/20 **Worship Services**
8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School
Adult Education
9:30am

Sunday School
Teachers' Meeting
12:15pm

Confirmation
Rehearsal 12:15pm

5/21 **Joy Quilters** 12:30pm

5/22 **Tuesday Morning**
Prayers 9:30am

5/23 **ReJOYce Rehearsal**
7:00 pm

5/24 **Bible Sharing Group**
2:00pm

5/26 **Men Alive!** 8:00am
Memorial Service for
Catherine
Messersmith 2:00pm

Memorial Service for Catherine Messersmith
Saturday, May 26th

Community of Joy Lutheran Church
at 2:00 p.m.

People Page

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

- **Greeters:** (8:15) (10:45)
- **Altar:** (8:15) Karen Pirlot (10:45) April Mortensen
- **Acolyte** (8:15) (10:45) Star Cooley
- **Communion:** (8:15) Brian, Debbie, Tyler Zack (10:45) Rich & Diane Smith, Nathan Bland
- **Readers:** (8:15) David Lizon (10:45) Aaron Howe
- **Ushers:** (8:15) Dick & Peg Tool (10:45) Mark & Julie Evans
- **Music/Tech/Sound Team:**
 - Aaron Howe Johnny Econopouly
 - Alex Laird Kara Robertson
 - Andrew Dumas Nathan Bland
 - Anne Kinney Pelly Hutton
 - David Lizon Rachel Shroyer
 - Hayley Dumas Rico Leyva
 - Heidi Bailey Susan Hurl-Bastian
 - Jamil Howe Trula Howe
 - Jean Pratschner Zach Shotwell
 - Jim Shotwell

Treats are provided by Miss Dorothy, and by the Laybournes in Celebration of Andrew's Graduation



May 24th: Dorothy Tetrev
Mary Colangelo

Happy Anniversary!

May 23rd:
Tony & Kitty Boder-Szarkowski



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■ **Office Volunteers:** Peg Tool, Fran Young

■ **Facilities/Property:**

■ **Nursery Attendant:** Anne Econopouly

■ **Parish Nurse:** Gretchen Comfort 994-3703

■ **Treasurer:** Dick Tool 771-1618

■ **Bookkeeper:** Earlene Shroyer

■ **Financial Secretary:** Tracy Lizon

Congregation Council

■ President Stephanie Belmore 250-4615

■ Vice-Pres. Al Guardado 697-9200

■ Secretary Kristen Maass 896-9629

Jo Ann Nelson 897-4272

Lee Roberts 892-5802

Brian Zack 350-1757

Ministries Teams

■ **Worship:** Pastor Michael, Anne Kinney, Aaron Howe

■ **Grow:**

■ **Hospitality:** April Mortensen, Earlene Shroyer

■ **Sunday School:** Debbie Hutton 891-1290

■ **Care & Support:** Gretchen Comfort 994-3703
307-6172 (cell)

■ **Fellowship:** Neal Shotwell 228-9808

■ **Stewardship:**

■ **Communications:** Earlene Shroyer 896-2543

■ **Volunteer & Leadership Development:**

Rich Nelson 897-4272

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

Announcements

The Good... The Bad... and the REALLY BAD Women in the Bible

May 23, June 6 & 20; 3-4 p.m at COJ

This week we learn more about how God makes the most of any woman's life despite our circumstances. God will turn any woman onto His path at any time for His purposes. Join us and read Genesis Chapter 38 to learn how devious and wicked Tamar became so she could have children. This was sooooooo bad, we waited until AFTER Mothers' Day to read it!

Call Jackie Anderson for your personal invitation! 463-3431



Help send our Youth to New Orleans for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering!

Applebee's (High Resort/528) is sponsoring a pancake breakfast **Saturday June 9th, 8:00—10:00 a.m.** to help our kids on their way to **2012 ELCA Youth Gathering.**

Tickets are **\$5.00** each and will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday in May.



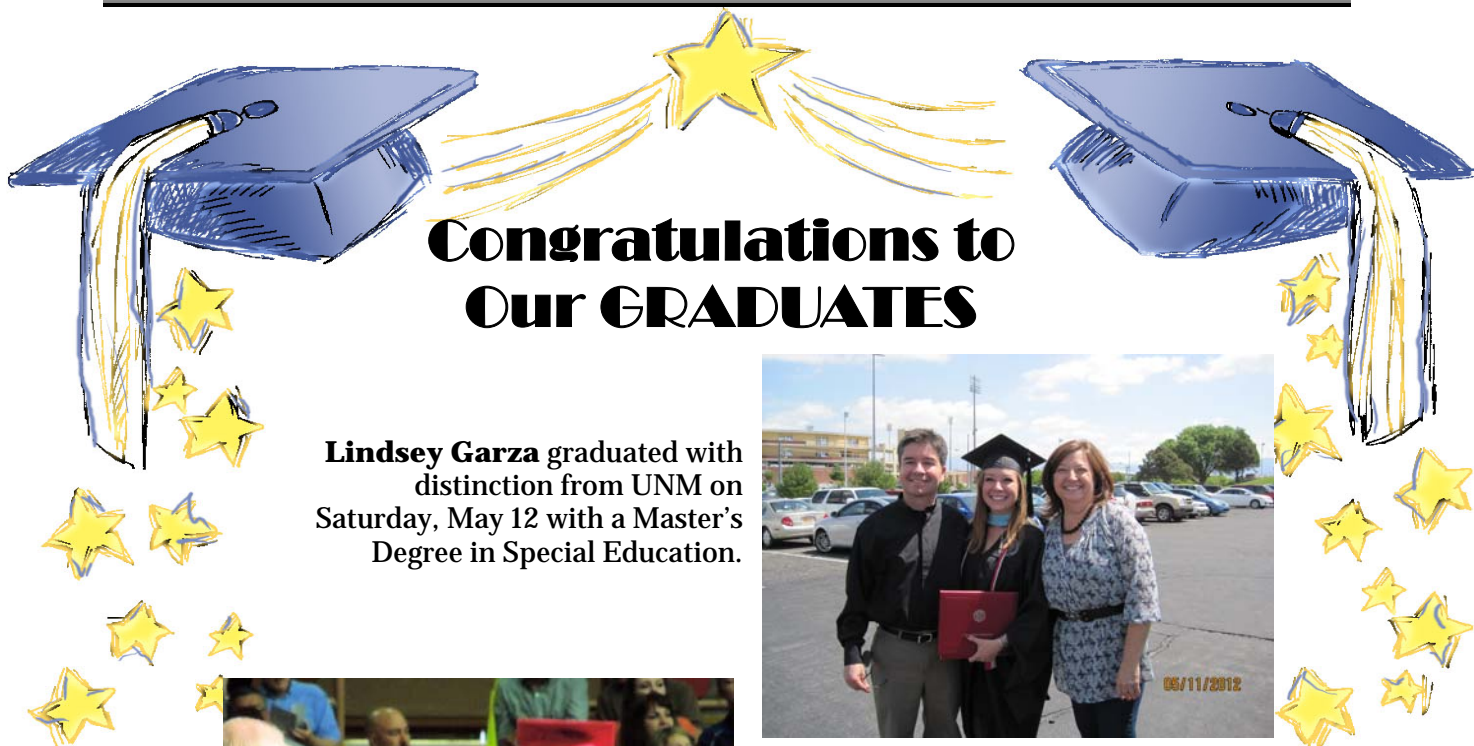
COJ's 2012 Vacation Bible School

June 11—15th 6:30—8:30 p.m.

**Babylon Daniel's
Courage in Captivity
Register for VBS!
Sign-up to help!**



Announcements



Congratulations to Our GRADUATES

Lindsey Garza graduated with distinction from UNM on Saturday, May 12 with a Master's Degree in Special Education.



Andrew Dumas graduated from Sandia High School on Tuesday, May 15th.

GODSPEED and FAREWELL

Today during the **10:45 a.m.** service we will have a Godspeed and Farewell send off blessing for graduating High School students and foreign exchange students **Eugania Bataller, Marie Ines** and **Judith Kirberger** who have been worshipping at COJ.



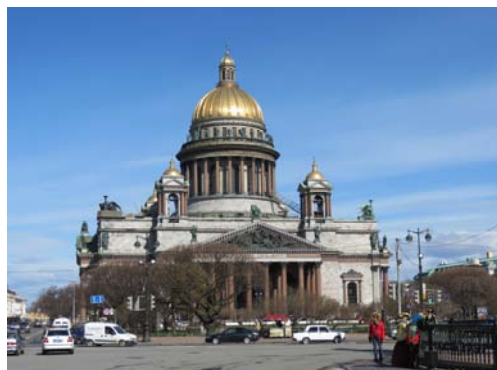
Take and Bake Communion Bread!

A HUGE **Thank You!** to the second-year Confirmation students for measuring, mixing, kneading and creating FROZEN COMMUNION BREAD DOUGH! Ninety-one loaves in all, enough for more than 5 months are now available to take home and bake! Grab a bag (there's 4 dough balls in each), take home, thaw to room temperature and smash into 6-inch rounds on an ungreased baking sheet, in the oven (350 degrees for 16 minutes) and there you go! That was easy!!

Announcements

COJ Travels

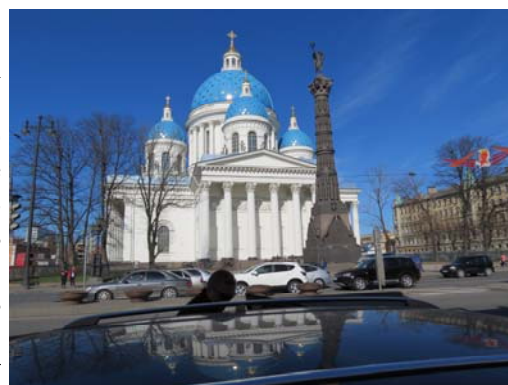
Rudi & Irma Pallas Travels to Germany and Russia.



We are back from our long vacation to Germany and St. Petersburg in Russia. It was an amazing trip although it was long!

We travelled with the son and daughter-in law thru southern part of Germany and Salzburg/Austria. On the way we met our long time friends and also some of my cousins. We visited the most beautiful churches, Catholic and Lutheran; but the most important was to follow the steps of Martin Luther.

Later on Rudi and I went to St. Petersburg in Russia for 5 days. It is a wonderful, historical and interesting city, very clean and is visited by many, many tourist from all over. There we visited churches which are called cathedrals. Interesting was to enter to the Russian-Orthodox Cathedrals which do not have any sittings; people stand thru the sermons. Those cathedrals are rich decorated with icons and gold plated altars. It was overwhelming. We met very nice and polite people, the restaurants had menus in Russian and English, food and drinks were very good and not expensive. Our tourist guide spoke excellent German and her husband served as our driver. Many memories will stick with us.



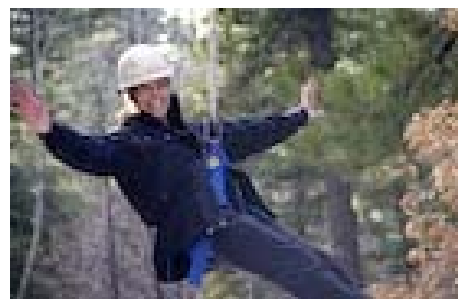
The photos are from the cathedrals and one from Salzburg with the view towards the castle.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Women's Adventure Camp - September 6-9, 2012

Escape the stresses of everyday life and take some time for yourself during this weekend of play and worship at RTLCL. It will be filled with fellowship, learning, and laughter as you rock climb, hike, do crafts, or just take time to kick back and relax in the beauty of God's creation.

More information??

<http://www.rainbowtrail.org/retreats/womens-retreats/>



Announcements

Home Communion Ministry at COJ



This lay ministry will share Holy Communion with those who would otherwise not be able to receive it at Sunday worship. Readings from the Sunday service as well as prayers will be shared during an in-home communion celebration.

If you are interested in receiving Home Communion, or know of anyone who might be interested in receiving Home Communion, please contact **Liz Roberts at 949-632-3018.**



Mother's Day at COJ!



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED **World Hunger Team Member**

Needed: World Hunger Team member to assist and plan awareness of world and local hunger projects in our church and community.

If you are interested in helping to raise money for ELCA Hunger projects and to raise awareness and activism in our church, please contact **Jean Pratschner 994-1091** or pratschner@cableone.net. Many people are counting on you to help.



GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

STOREHOUSE WEST is in need of brown paper grocery bags. We use a lot of them to package the groceries for the clients. The paper bags are used when sending food to the communities outside of Rio Rancho. Thank you for your help.

There is a new way to donate to **Storehouse West**. Recycle scrap metal at Rio Rancho Recycling, 110 Frontage Road, near the intersection of NM 528 and Sundt. Ask them to put items on Storehouse West Account. Thank you!

THANK YOU! We collected \$21.50 in coin to benefit Storehouse West Please keep collecting pennies, nickels and dimes, and place them in the Storehouse West jar.

Our Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your only Son was take into heaven and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Last Sunday we welcomed **Tony Boder** and **Rich Nelson**, who led us in worship in Pastor Michael's absence.



Alvin Messersmith attended worship last Sunday, and is greeted by **Maryann Cano** and **Gladys Prekker**. We all grieve with you, Alvin.

You Can Never Thank People Enough



A big **Thank You!** to

Riley H., Alicia E., Hannah S., Sabrina H. and Jelani J. – for mixing and stirring and kneading communion bread dough balls last Wednesday

David and Cindi Hailes – for being Confirmation teachers, and for their help in making the communion bread dough...we couldn't have done it without you!

Donna Doles – for being an office volunteer and folding all of the bulletins and newsletters this week

Debbie Hutton – for leading our Sunday School ministry these past two years and for doing such a great job!

Jamila Mamuya – for bringing pizza last Wednesday for the youth choir rehearsal

Altar flowers are provided by **Frankie Rose** in Celebration of **Otis' Birthday** and their **Wedding Anniversary**



Memorial Gift

We recently received a gift to our **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Catherine Messersmith**.

We thank the **Clifford** and **Ruth Smith** for their gracious gift.

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.

May 20th: **McKenna Hutton**
 21st: **Pat Luehring**
 22nd: **Millie Lyman**
 23rd: **Scott Maass**
 24th: **Nadia Mamuya**
 25th: **Kara Robertson**
 26th: **Emeline 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

Afghanistan
 Michael Gurule
 C Company 2nd
 platoon USMC
 Justin Tabeka
 Natan Willson
 David Sarli
 Matthew Johnson
 Sgt. Wallace
 Sgt. Beckerman
 Sgt. Pittman
 Sgt. Smith
 Spc. Boehm

Georgia
 Keith Johnson

Iraq
 Douglas Sciortino
USS Jason Dunham
 Tommy Fiedler

Kosovo
 Britney Cruickshank

Pakistan
 Peter Rood
USS George Washington
 Mike Oldenborg
Washington, D.C.
 Kevin Nelson

Deployed
 Christopher Jacob

Prayer List

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

COJ Family

Alvin Messersmith	Julian Roberts
Anne Kinney	Lee Roberts
Beverly Johnson	Paul Laybourne
Cynthia Damerow	Pat Luehring
Dave Lingnau & family	Peg Tool
Dean Meyer	Pelly Hutton
Dottie Geis	Ron Tafoya
Elrine Frosch-Loving	Steve & Joan Kerridge
Gail & Alexandra Laird	Thomas Boder-
Jason & Joseph Conner	Szarkowski
Jenny Collins	

Friends of COJ

Andrew Vela	Lois Wimbush
Bailey McMillan & family	Margarita, Claudia, Monica
Beryl Shotwell and family	Kessler
Blake & Erin Roberts	Mario Jr. Gonzalez
Braden Wilcox	Mencia & Gregoire
Brian Raymond & family	Mike Fitzgerald
Brittany Raymond & family	Monica Romero & family
Diane Kelley	Muriel Raub
Ema Archibeque-Dreher	Neil Wimbush
Erik, Devon, Anneka Schei	Patricia Malinaro
Family of Helen Lisowski	Phyllis Matchett
Family of Virginia Adams	Raymond Madrid
Halfacre family	Rene Higgins
Helen Patterson	Reyes Rivera
Jack & Alice Brennan	Rick Paulson
James Peterson	Scott Peterson
Jennifer Roach & family	Susan Clickner
Joan Gunn	Tammi Torres
Keith Eckrich	Vanessa Peterson
Kellie Moore	Vince Ramirez
Kim & Yvonne Tracy	
Koralyn Marie Hooker	

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.