

Community of Joy's Weekly Newsletter

May 7, 2024

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COJ News and Events

Baby Sprinkle May 12th to Benefit the Leeper Family



The Leepers are about to have a baby daughter! In celebration and support of this exciting day, we are holding a **Baby Sprinkle** for Taylor and her family following worship on **May 12th**. Please bring your gifts for this occasion to church on May 12th or anytime before. The Leepers invite gifts in the form of:

1. Diapers (not newborn size please)
2. Baby girl clothing

Celebrating the Baptism of Autumn Eckelbarger

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Women's Bible Study "Mad Mary"

Wednesdays 2PM at COJ

Contact [Elaine Gauden](#) for details

May FEAST

Date: May 8th (6-7:30 pm)

Potluck: Picnic Food (foods for an outdoor picnic!)

(begins at 6 pm)

Activity: Parking Lot Fun (bring your wheels!)

Enjoy the evening sunset AND a picnic!

Men Alive!

Men Alive! will be meeting on Saturday, **May 11th at 8:30AM**. We will have a hearty breakfast and continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25.

Contact Charles Fiedler at cwfiedler@gmail.com with any questions.

Meal Train for the Leeper Family

Help us support the Leeper family during the first two weeks in June as they welcome their new baby!

Please visit this website to sign up to take the Leeper family a meal (toddler friendly): <https://mealtrain.com/wlm510>



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2024 Vacation Bible School

June 17—21, 2024

This summer, come be a part of **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp's Vacation Bible School** as we explore **Created To Be!**

When? June 17—21, 2024

What Time? 9am—2pm Mon.—Thurs.

9am—12pm on Friday

Grades? Elementary through Middle School

Registration forms are on the table outside the Sanctuary, or online at communityofjoy.com

We Need Your Help in a Number of Ways:

1. Housing camp staff : We are hosting 4-5 staff members coming to help us run VBS this summer. We will have two male and two female staff. We need a (or more then one) home for the week.

Do you have room to house 2 or 4 staff this summer for one week? They will arrive on Sunday, June 16 from camp in Colorado and will return back after camp on Friday June 21. All host families must be fully vaccinated and provide proof in accordance with RTLC policy. You will need to provide a place to sleep and breakfast. Lunch and dinner will be provided by other congregation members. Staff will have their own transportation.

Please let Earlene know as soon as possible if you are able to help.

2. Feeding camp staff (lunch & Dinner)

3. Providing and leading daily snack time for campers

4. Leading daily craft time for campers

5. Helping with registration desk

There are sign-up sheets on the table outside of the Sanctuary. Let Pr. Paul or Earlene know if you can help.

Prayers of the Community

This week we pray

for ...

Donna Doles
Dick & Peg Tool
Joan Bouty, Louise Scott
Warren Sullivan
Jackie & Paul Anderson
Nance Crow
Cliff Walker
Steve Gamrath
Paul Blott
Family of Patt Crown

Williams family (4/7)
Melissa & family (4/7)
Bernie Macmillan (4/14)
Barbara Rousselle (4/14)
Anneka Parisi (4/14)
Sandy Candelaria (4/21)
Sandy Rubio (4/21)
Peggy Reed (4/21)
Kevin Kinney (4/21)
Mary Kay Crown (4/24)
Anthony Cosiquita (4/28)
Brenda & Mike Hoepfer (4/28)

Rachel Sanchez (4/28)
Austin Eckelbarger (4/28)
Dawn Flynn (5/5)
Lynn & Sam Sampson (5/7)

If you know of a person or a situation that you would like included in our prayer list, please email them to Earlene (earlene@communityofjoy.com).

Joyful Hearts Women's Ministry

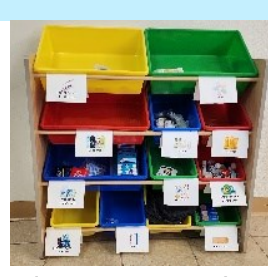


The Joyful Hearts meeting for this Saturday, May 11th has been **CANCELLED!!** Email updates will be sent out to participants as needed, including one later this week.

The **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** was a great kickoff for our Haven House fundraiser! There was good food, good music from the Albuquerque Academy Mariachi Club, and good fellowship! Joyful Hearts will be collecting monetary donations until Sunday, May 26th. If you want to donate by check, **please make the check out to Haven House**. Thanks to all who helped make this event so successful!

Joyful Hearts collects toiletries for Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless

Joyful Hearts collects toiletries for **Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless** year round. We have a Collection Bin in the Fellowship Room for your donations. The homeless population is growing and there is always a great need for these items. If you travel, save the hotel *travel size toiletries. They can also be purchased at any store that has a *travel size section in their pharmacy area. Below is a list of needed items. You can go to <https://www.abqghc.org> to learn more about this worthwhile organization. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.



Shaving supplies
Deodorants (male and female)
Lip balm
Sunscreen
Travel size tissues
Toothbrushes/toothpaste
Band-Aids

*We package these items into hygiene kits and the small size is needed to fit into the gallon Ziplock bag. **No mouthwash please.**

Service Ministry



Storehouse West is a food pantry and children's clothes closet that serves individuals and families who are residents of Sandoval County, New Mexico and meet the federal income guidelines for low-moderate-income households. **Storehouse West** can supply registered households with an emergency food package once a month and can assist with water and Waste Management bills once per year

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Storehouse West distributed more than 5,000 food packages in 2022, equating almost 210,000 pounds of food. Community donations are an important part of our supply chain. This month the pantry has a short, but essential list that we need for our monthly food distributions.

Greatest NEED
Pasta— all shapes and sizes, but spaghetti is a favorite!
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Breakfast Cereal

PANTRYWISH LIST

PEANUT BUTTER
RAMEN NOODLES
DRIED BEANS—red, black or white

68 pounds of food, 22.5 pounds dog food and 2 boxes of children's clothing was delivered today. The cereal brought in today is all that Storehouse volunteers had to give out today.

Monetary donations for on-going needs can also be made by check to **Storehouse West** and mailed to: **Storehouse West, 1030 F. Veranda Dr. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**