

Community of Joy's Weekly Newsletter

April 22, 2024

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COJ News and Events

****THIS SUNDAY****

Reflections from Our Border Immersion Experience

Campus Ministry Sunday



We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Synod Assembly / Bishop's Election

April 25—27, 2024, Loveland, Colorado

This week Pr. Paul and our delegate, Diane Brauer, will be heading to CO to attend this year's Synod Assembly. Top of the agenda for this year's assembly is the election of a new Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod. Please pray for wisdom for all those who will be attending and making decisions for the future of our synod.

April Adult Education

Language for God will explore the ways language and images influence us. **Jon Shodean** and **Diane Brauer** will consider how our language and images of God frame how we think about God. We will explore expansive ways to speak and think about God from a Lutheran perspective through scripture, theology, and history.

Join us every Sunday in April following worship as we think about how our words and images for God can best contribute to people hearing the good news of Jesus.

Men Alive!

Men Alive! will meet on **Saturday, April 27th at 8:30 AM**. We will have a hearty breakfast and continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 23.

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

Women's Bible Study "Bad Girls"

Tuesdays in April

Contact **Elaine Gauden** for dates, location and details, or contact the office.

Mark Your Calendar!

Community of Joy
Vacation Bible School
June 17-21, 2024



Planning for this year's VBS has begun, and as in past years, we are looking for volunteers to host and feed councilors, organize snacks, lead crafts, and help with the registration table. Please let us know if you are interested in helping!

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
Patt Crown

Jasmine & Eric Brown (3/24)
Eloise Spradley (3/24)
Geneva Ellis (3/24)
Gayle Phillips (3/24)
Gloria & Arthur Fuldauer (3/31)
Connie & Matt Walsh (3/31)
Peggy Walls & family (3/31)
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)

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

Joyful Hearts Women's Ministry

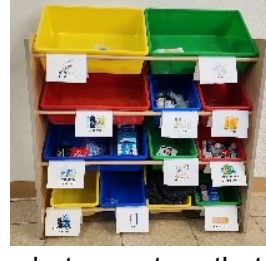
Joyful Hearts News

Our next big upcoming event will be a **Cinco de Mayo** party after church on **Sunday, May 5th** to kick off our collection for **Haven House**, the only domestic violence shelter in Sandoval County.

This event will include a taco bar, a Mariachi Band from Albuquerque Academy and two pinatas with special treats. We will be collecting monetary donations for Haven House starting on Sunday, May 5th, and ending on Sunday, May 26th. Our monetary donations will enable Haven House to use the money for their current needs.



Joyful Hearts collects toiletries for Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless

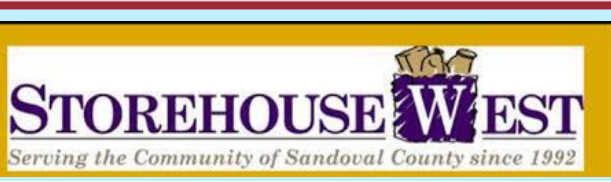


Joyful Hearts collects toiletries for **Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless** year round. We have a Collection Bin in the Fellowship Room for your donations. The homeless population is growing and there is always a great need for these items. If you travel, save the hotel *travel size toiletries. 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.abqhch.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, equaling 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

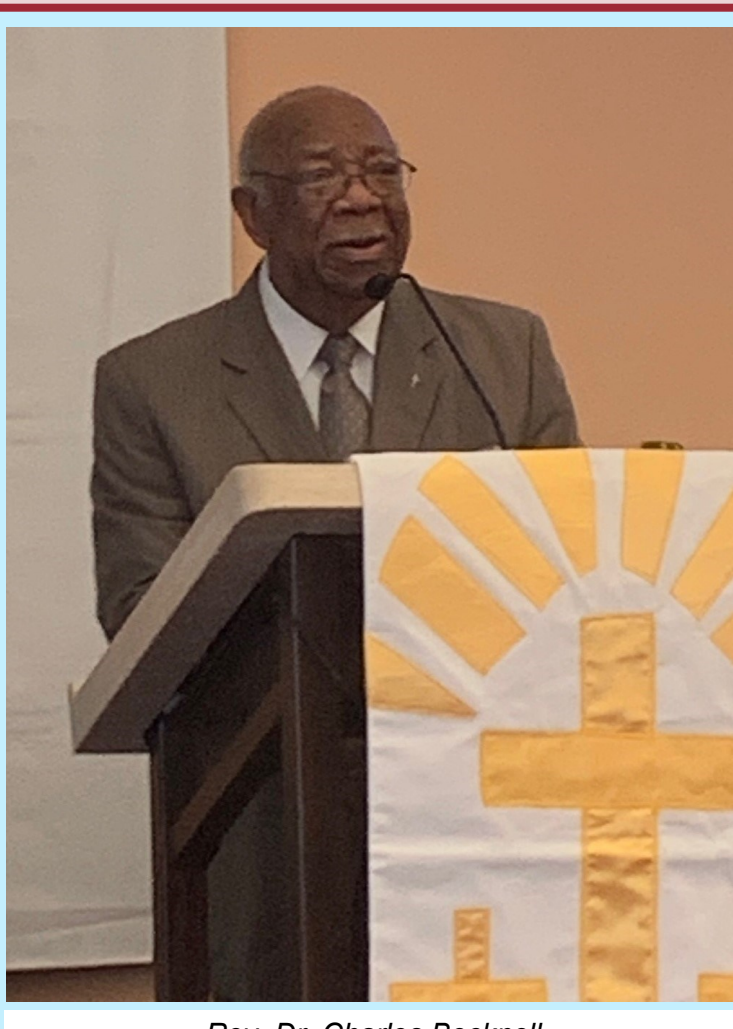
RAMEN NOODLES

DRIED BEANS—red, black or white

33 pounds of food was delivered to Storehouse West today—thank you for your donations!

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**

Other / Miscellaneous



Rev. Dr. Charles Becknell