

The October 2023 Monthly Newsletter of Community of Joy Lutheran Church

## Inside this Issue

### People Page 2

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Announcements 3

Worship Around the World

New Member Sunday

Men Alive!

Beer Buddies

### Announcements 4

Memorial Service for Charles Davis

The Passing of Ben Huckleby

Troop 24 Eagle Project

October FEAST

### Worship News 5

Fall Adult Ed Series

Sunday School

Thank you to our Volunteers!

### Joyful Hearts News 5

Joyful Hearts Meeting

Fleece Navidad

Collection for AHCH

### Pastor's Ponderings 7

### Beyond Our Walls 8

NM Senior Food Box Program

Storehouse West

### Our Church 9-10

Memorial Fund

COJ Hikes the Red Rocks

Sermon on the Amounts

Stained Glass Window Update

## Evangelical- What's In a Name?

This October 8<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to once again welcome in some new members. This is our evangelism at work! Then again, let's step back and think about what we mean by some of the words we use.

Indeed, we Lutheran Christians have often been justifiably accused of using words that are little understood or misunderstood completely. For instance, many have wondered why our tradition would say in the Apostles' Creed- *We believe in the holy "catholic church"* – aren't we supposed to be Lutheran? Well, it turns out that we are using a common word- *catholic* - in an unusual way. Usually this word refers to the domination known as the "Roman Catholic Church". Yet in the creed, it means something like "universal", as in, *We believe in the universal church*, (the church of every time and place.)

Another of our more confusing words is in the name of our particular brand of Lutheranism- *The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. As we know, in our culture the word *evangelical* usually refers to a political affiliation. Now ELCA Lutherans may have any number of political affiliations in their private lives, yet when it comes to our denomination's name, politics is not what we are talking about at all.

See page 7



## New Member Sunday & Pizza Party October 8th

See page 3

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday Sunday, October 16th following the service



## Joyful Hearts Fleece Navidad

See page 6

## People Page

# October Birthdays

3rd: Jackie Conner	24th: Ray Ament
Mark Rousselle	Charmaine Dalby
5th: Diane Harmon	27th: Tracy Lizon
13th: Carolyn Dorcey	Bernie Swager
Dianne Hensley	28th: Jackie Anderson
John Lindsey	30th: Michael Lovell
Meg Parrott	31st: Cliff Walker
19th: Charles Fiedler	
Charlie Shroyer	

### Wedding Anniversaries in October



8th: Roger & Sarah Farrell (23 yrs.)  
 9th: Dick & Peg Tool (58 yrs.)  
 20th: Tom & Liz Ball (50 yrs.)



### This past month we prayed for:

Donna Doles  
 Dick & Peg Tool  
 Connie White (Stephanie's mom)  
 Joan Bouty, Louise Scott  
 Warren Sullivan  
 Steve Gamrath  
 Paul & Jackie Anderson  
 Norma Gruber  
 Nance Crow  
 Geneva Ellis (9/10)  
 Gayle Phillips (9/10)  
 Kelly Strunk (9/10)  
 Eloise Spradley (9/10)  
 Monika & Jasmine (9/10)

Family of David Brown (9/11)  
 Cliff & Jay Walker (9/11)  
 George Klemmer (9/15)  
 Terry Reeves (9/15)  
 Sandy Edwards (9/15)  
 Sandra Candelaria (9/20)  
 Wayne & Elvy Walker (9/20)  
 David Lizon (9/25)  
 Bill Potabi (9/25)  
 Family of Ben Huckleby (9/26)  
 Carlie Potabi (9/28)

*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).*

### COMMUNITY OF JOY

841 Saratoga Dr. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144  
 Phone: 505-896-2543

[www.communityofjoy.com](http://www.communityofjoy.com)

**Pastor:**

**Pr. Paul Schick**  
[pastor paul@communityofjoy.com](mailto:pastor paul@communityofjoy.com)

**Church Administrator:**

**Earlene Shroyer** [earlene@communityofjoy.com](mailto:earlene@communityofjoy.com)

**Worship Leader:**

**Jon Shodean** [jon@communityofjoy.com](mailto:jon@communityofjoy.com)

**Treasurer:** Dick Tool, Greg Quintana

**Bookkeeper:** Earlene Shroyer

**Proofreader:** Jean Potabi

#### Congregation Council

Lee Glauvitz—President  
 Karen Lenoski—Secretary  
 Sandy Edwards  
 Bill Kostel  
 Diane Parham

#### Ministries Leads

- ✦ **Altar Guild:** Debbie Sciortino
- ✦ **Confirmation:** Pr. Paul Schick
- ✦ **F.E.A.S.T.:** Deborah Williams
- ✦ **Fellowship:** Neal Shotwell
- ✦ **Joyful Hearts Women's Ministry:**  
Sandy Edwards
- ✦ **Memorial Committee:** Bill Potabi
- ✦ **Sunday School:** Shaila Shodean
- ✦ **Tech Ministry Leader:** Kristen Sillence
- ✦ **Beer Buddies:** Tony Sciortino

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

## Announcements

### Join us for the final—WORSHIP AROUND THE WORLD!

This past September, Community of Joy began a worship series that celebrates our rich heritage of Christian sacred music called **Worship Around the World**. Each week for the last three weeks we have explored the sacred music of different regions and cultures, as we worship in a service shaped by the stories and spiritual traditions that created them. :



#### October 1<sup>st</sup>- **Music and Worship from the Global South**

We hope that you can join us and experience God’s loving power through the power of sacred music from around the globe!



### New Member Sunday—October 8, 2023

We are once again welcoming in new members!

Following worship we are holding a **pizza party reception**.

We invite all members to join us for the party and will hold an orientation following the meal.

***If you would like to join our church, please let us know!***

***\* If you plan to attend, please sign up so we can purchase enough food.***

### Men Alive!

**Men Alive!** will be meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays in October (10/9 & 10/23) at 8:30a.m. for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and to continue our study and discussion of the Gospel of Matthew Chapters 13 and 14 respectively.

This is an activity that is open to all men interested in fellowship and the study of the Bible. Please contact Charles Fiedler ([cwfiedler@gmail.com](mailto:cwfiedler@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

Community of Joy  
Beer Buddies



The Next Meeting -  
Thursday,  
October 19, 2023  
at 6:00 p.m.

## Announcements



A Memorial Service for Charles Davis will be held at Community of Joy on Friday, October 6th at 10:00 a.m. There will be a time of Fellowship and Refreshments following the service.

### The Passing of Ben Huckleby

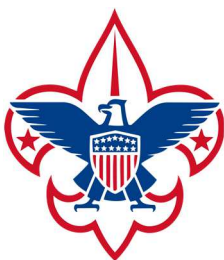


With great love and resurrection hope we are saddened to announce the death of Ben Huckleby.

Ben and his wife Judy have been longtime and beloved members of Community of Joy. Ben's warm presence was so appreciated by this community, along with the gifts he shared here as a videographer and a strong advocate of the support group community.



After some months of physical decline, the Huckleby family are thankful that Ben is now at peace and in the embrace of our loving God. We will keep you up to date on upcoming service plans. Please keep the Huckleby family in your prayers as we give thanks for his faithful life.



### Troop 24 Eagle Project Campout

The Boys Scouts Eagle Award is the highest award available to BAS members. To earn this award, scouts are required to complete a service project to better their community.

COJ Member **Hughie Simpson** is leading a project to build a Gaga Ball Pit in the games meadow to help expand program and game opportunities for the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails. See the bulletin board in the Fellowship area for more information!

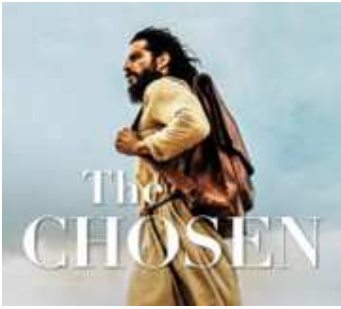
### October FEAST

**Date: October 11th (6-7:30 pm)**

**Potluck: October is National Pizza Month—Let's come up with some creative and original pizza ideas (begins at 6 pm)**

**Activity: TBD**

## Worship News



### Fall Adult Ed Series – *The Chosen* – Sundays after Worship, around 11:15 AM

This fall, our Sunday Adult Education will be based around a series called *The Chosen*, which tells the story of Jesus' life and explores the history and culture that shaped it. Each week we will watch a segment of an episode, followed by a discussion. Join us after worship for this wonderful opportunity for learning and spiritual growth!

If you are at any point interested in watching more episodes of *The Chosen*, the makers of this series have made it free to watch with many different streaming platforms including Netflix, Amazon Prime, Roku, and Peacock. Contact pastor if you would like help in accessing these episodes.

## Sunday School

***Sunday mornings from 11:05—11:45 p.m.***

Children's Sunday School is available for preschool to 6th grade. If you are interested in volunteering, have questions about Sunday School, or to register children to participate, please see **Stephanie Schick**. You can register your children for Sunday school in person, or do so beforehand by picking up a registration form online or at the church.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS!

**Ushers:**

Dennis & Kris Simpson, Pat Shodean, Meghan Lyman

**Readers:**

Ron Bencke, Lori Brown, Charlie Fiedler, Greg Edwards

**Communion Assistants:**

Pat Shodean, Debbie Sciortino, Melissa Eckelbarger, Diane Brauer, Dennis & Kris Simpson, Laura Reu

**Altar Guild:**

Diane Brauer, Kris Simpson, Deb Sciortino, Sandy Edwards

**Communion Bread Baker:**

Michelle Bennett

**Audio/Video Team:**

Diane Brauer, Greg & Sandy Edwards, Zach Shotwell

**Nursery Attendants:**

Michaela Lovell, Olivia Rousselle

**Counters:**

Jean Potabi, Donna Huxtable

## Joyful Hearts Women's Ministry

Joyful Hearts will meet on **Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am**



## Fleece Navidad



**Joyful Hearts** will again be making fleece hats and scarves to benefit **Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless**. Your donation of 1 yard of fleece will make 2 sets of hats and scarves.

The fleece collection will start **October 22nd** and run thru **November 12th**. *Please select fleece, that is sedate and un-patterned, not bright and/or colorful.* You will find the collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

The Joann's app is helpful to watch for sales and coupons. The production date is **Saturday, November 18th at 9 am**. Save this date on your calendar, and come out and join us! Many hands make light work!

*View of the Sanctuary before Saturday's Joyful Hearts Rummage Sale Event!*



## Joyful Hearts collecting toiletries for Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless

As you travel this summer, please remember to bring home travel-size personal care items for the hygiene kits distributed by Albuquerque **Healthcare for the Homeless**. Our friend Anita Cordova of ABQHCH reports that the need is great and our donations are much appreciated.



### Needed Items:

Shaving supplies  
Deodorant (male and female)  
Lip balm

Sunscreen  
Travel size tissues  
Toothbrushes/toothpaste  
Band aids

For the hygiene kits, all items need to be smaller size to fit in a gallon Ziplock bag and **NO mouthwash**, please.

## Pastor's Ponderings

### Evangelical- What's In a Name?

Continued from page 1

In fact the word *evangelical* harkens back to an old Greek word that appears throughout the New Testament- *evangelion* (εὐαγγέλιον). Fundamentally, this word translates to *good news* or *gospel*. Sometimes it's used as a verb to mean *preaching*. Other times it appears as a noun, as in a *message* or *gospel book*. Either way, *evangelion* describes the central mission Jesus gave to his followers- *to bring the good news of God's grace to the world*.

So you could say our denomination's name translates to- *Bringers of Good News Lutheran Church in America*- though admittedly, this doesn't exactly roll off the tongue.

Now some have argued that in today's polarized world, this isn't how most people hear the word *evangelical*, and therefore we should abandon it. Others say this very fact is all the more reason to stick with it, so that we might restore *evangelical* to its proper meaning.

Personally, I see both sides of the argument. Yet in a larger sense, what we call ourselves is less important than what we actually are. And what we are- or at least what Jesus calls us to be- is people who reach out to others with the good news of God's love. Because Jesus spirituality is communal.

Now to be fair, even the idea of reaching out in faith is somewhat debated these days. Many believe that faith should be a totally private matter. *Why should we force our faith down the throats of others, after all?* Well of course, we shouldn't be coercive in our spiritual outreach- Jesus certainly never was.

Yet Jesus also consistently urged his followers not to hide (under a bushel basket) the love we have discovered in God, because in fact many in this world are desperately hungry for it. And as we are seeing, it turns out the things that make this world a better place - generosity, forgiveness, humility, compassion - are not givens. They are learned behaviors. Loving people are the result of people who have been immersed in love. And the opposite is also true. Spiritually speaking, we are what we eat.

So let us say proudly- *We are evangelicals!* Maybe not always in the normal usage of the term, but in the sense that we believe that good spirituality is something that's worth sharing and living out together.

And so whatever we call ourselves, we give thanks for the God who calls us to be gracious and open with others about the faith that give us life!

In Christ, Pastor Paul

**Join Us for Worship in the Sanctuary,  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

### Assisted Listening System

Community of Joy owns a *Peavey Assisted Listening System*. The equipment pulls signal from the audio system and sends it to wireless receivers that individuals can check out to use each service. This will allow people to hear the scripture readings, the sermon and the music.

We currently own four receivers, four sets of ear buds, and headsets. You are welcome to bring your own ear buds or headsets to use with a receiver.



## Beyond Our Walls

### New Mexico Human Services Department Senior Food Box Program

*What is it?*

The **Senior Food Box Program**, also known as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), provides monthly nutritious USDA community foods to low-income seniors.

To be eligible you must:	Household Size	Monthly Income	Annual income
Be 60 years of age or older	1	\$1,580	\$18,954
Meet the income guidelines	2	\$2,137	\$25,636
Provide proof of ID & proof of age	3	\$2,694	\$32,318
Each additional Family Member add		\$557	\$6,682

**\*\*ECHO Albuquerque: Phone Number: 505-242-6777  
Program with additional details.**

**\*\*\*\*A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR HELP\*\*\*\***

**After Sunday worship service, can you help load the donated groceries for  
Storehouse West into the Potabi's van?  
Many hands make light work!**



**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.

**PANTRY WISH LIST**

- Dry Beans - 1-2 lb. bags; large bulk bags
- \*\*\*Breakfast Cereal\*\*\***
- Canned Soup
- Ramen Noodles

*We are doing great with our drive-thru donations for Storehouse West. If you would like to donate, simply swing by the outside church entrance and drop off your **non-perishable** food donations in the cart.*

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**



**The Storehouse West Kids Clothes Closet would appreciate donations of children's swimwear and boys baseball caps. These could be left with the food donations.**



## Our Church

### COJ's Memorial Fund, Committee, and our Next Big Project!

Now and again our church is faced with a large project that goes beyond what we are typically able to cover in our monthly budget. These large projects can involve things like facility improvements— for instance, the HVAC unit for the Sanctuary has a terminal issue (it is nearly 20 years old, too), and will need to be replaced. We are currently collecting estimates and they have been coming in at over \$30,000. We appreciate all of the gifts- past, present, and future- that have enabled the Memorial Fund to do its work and enhance our mission!



Our committee members include: **Bill Potabi** (chair), **Sandy Edwards** (council liaison), **Pat Shodean** (secretary), and **Kristen Sillence**. We thank them for their service!

If you ever have any questions about this fund or would like to know more about how you can support it, please reach out to staff or one of these team members.

### COJ HIKES the Red Rocks Trail (Jemez Pueblo)



Come and join us on **Sunday, October 29th** (weather permitting) at **1:00 p.m.** as we lace up our hiking boots and follow Earlene for an afternoon of hiking in spectacular scenery.

Our hike will be to the Red Rocks Trails on Jemez Pueblo. The hike distance is 1.5 miles and moderate. I have not hiked this before, so we will discover it together. Red Rocks is on the opposite side of the road across from the Walatowa Museum, where we will begin our hike. There is

a fee for the hike - \$4/person. Dogs are allowed on leash

We'll meet at the church at 1:00 p.m., and carpool to Jemez Pueblo and the Walatowa Museum. Hike will start about 2pm, and we should be heading home around 4pm.

**PLEASE SIGN the SIGN UP SHEET if you'd like to go!**

### SERMON ON THE AMOUNTS

#### Giving for Year through August 31, 2023

Giving	Actual	Budget	Actual Giving more/(less) than Budget
<b>Programs:</b>	\$127,967.00	\$135,425.00	(\$7,458.00)
<b>Building:</b>	\$34,225.00	\$36,600.00	(\$1,375.00)
<b>Both Funds:</b>	\$162,192.00	\$171,025.00	(\$8,833.00)

*Thank you for your faithful financial stewardship.*

## Our Church

### Stained Glass Window Update

Tom & Liz Ball made a visit to the studio of Phil and Jane Watkins which is located in Englewood, Colorado. The studio is approximately the size of four garages with eight workstations. Seven of those workstations are for on-going restoration projects. The final workstation is for COJ. Phil has placed the pattern for our stained-glass window over a light.



He has started to choose the colors of each piece, marking the color name and number. Phil believes he will have Step 1 of this project completed by the end of September.

Step 2: To develop the actual pattern which requires heavier paper and the final transfer of the color and the number to said pattern. The pattern is then cut into individual pieces. Phil thinks this stained-glass window will be approximately 350 to 400 pieces.

When cutting the pattern, Phil uses a unique scissors. When he actually cuts the pattern, a thin white space appears. That white space will eventually be filled with zinc. This small space plus the glass will eventually measure out to

be exactly 72" x 72".

The other seven workstations have on-going restoration projects. Each is unique and requires special skills. The simplest is to replace the broken glass with a matching piece of glass of the same color and year that glass was produced. The more complicated restoration is actually painting the exact image from the original drawing of the image to the exact specifications of the new glass panel.

Three general observations:

#1: The entire ceiling is open. It is filled with hundreds of scrolls. Each one of those scrolls represents one project. Unbelievable!



#2: The amount of actual stained-glass, sorted by color, manufacturing location, country and year runs from floor to ceiling.

#3: Soldering technique: A+++++

We were excited to see the progress that has been made on our window. We also learned how much other work the two of them are currently doing. We were also blessed that the Lord has led COJ to these two craftsmen and skilled artists!

We asked for a date estimate and got the response that they are working on it in conjunction with current restoration projects. We hope this update finds you waiting as anxiously and patiently as we are for its completion.

