



The Holy Post

October 2021

Happy October! I've always liked October. The days become cooler but not necessarily cold. The trees are filled with color and though that signals the onset of winter, I know there is still much time to be outside. The garden is in need of a cleanup and most of the flowers have faded, but there is still freshness in the air and here and there you can smell the aroma of Ponderosa pine or Aspen burning in a fireplace.

The children are bringing their fall drawings home from school and dreaming of the costumes they will go begging in at the end of the month. Pumpkin pies are on the grocer's shelf and at the pot luck church dinners. Decorations begin to appear with the ever-present orange, black and white colors of the holiday and at the Logan house you can be sure to find lots of decorations.

Mother Nature is once again showing us that even in the passing of the season into the sleep of winter, for most things there is still great beauty. Our lives are like that. We race through them at breakneck speed trying to keep up... and acquire. Then by the time we reach the fall of our years and realize we won't have too many more of them, we begin to enjoy more and race less.

It's a shame more of us don't come to appreciate the beauty of the finite world we live in, earlier. So much of it is disappearing under asphalt and behind walls and fences each year that it is startling. October is a great time to wander through the paths of our beautiful New Mexico outlands and appreciate what treasures God has created for us.

You are a creation of God too, while you're at it, why don't you wander through your Christian lifestyle achievements and do a status check. See if you are still on the right path... if it still looks inviting and is a good place to come to. Is your Christian lifestyle as beautiful as October. Do you need some fall cleanup or is it alive and well and a thing you are proud for the Lord to see?

Phil

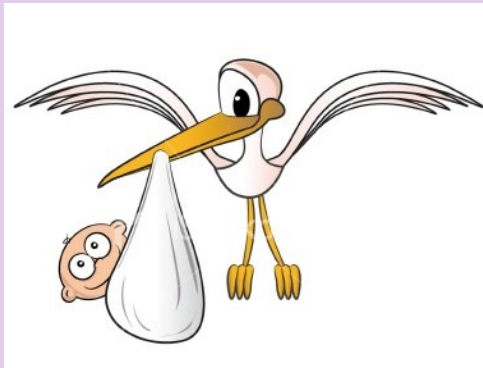
Happy Birthday

Steve Hanson 6th

Deb Goodwin 19th



Doug & Marci Partin 5th



A shower/brunch for Morgan Irish will take place at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 16th at Kathy Anderson's house: 1812 Mountain View Place, Los Alamos, NM 87544

We are asking people to sign up on the sheets in the church foyer or people can email me: kit5887@gmail.com

so she will know how many are coming. If people would like to contribute to the meal, they can bring an egg dish (egg casserole, quiche), pastries (scones, muffins, breads like banana bread, etc.) or fruit. It would help if attendees could sign up or email me with what they are bringing.

Morgan is registered on Amazon. She also needs fall/winter clothing for Makoa in size 3 - 6 months (hats, gloves, snowsuit) Also bowls, utensils, sippy cups etc. as he will be transitioning to food soon.

Please remember we are still dealing with Covid practices: don't come if you're feeling sick or feverish or if you have been exposed to someone with Covid and please use your best judgment regarding masks.



"Share your Smile!"

If you missed the last edition, added a family member, or changed your looks, come share your smile with us. Just see me or Gretchen after Sunday service

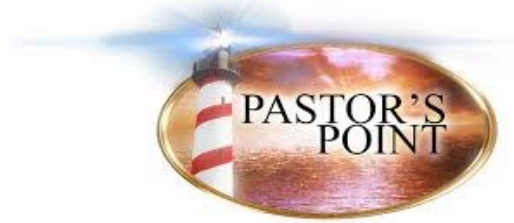
Still on Pause? It's time to press play.

People are getting sick from COVID-19. Most are recovering as if they only got the flu, but others need serious medical attention to recover, and some don't recover at all. It is a new virus, so there are still lots of unknowns, but our understanding of it is growing. But over the past year or so, the many and varied responses to the spread of COVID-19 has impacted all of us. Social Distancing, Isolation and Quarantines, Masks, Sanitization, Online Meetings, Vaccinations, Testing, Experimental Treatments, Prohibitions, Daily infection reports, Governmental regulations, and Study after study about this virus which has produced a wide array of findings that often conflict with one another.

As a result, nearly everyone pressed the "pause" button; and in many ways, our lives are still on pause because of it. For some, pausing was the result of the fears that spread along with the virus. Fear can be prudent, protecting us from danger; but unwarranted fears can prevent us from engaging in perfectly safe endeavors. And it is often difficult to distinguish between the two, which has led to finger pointing, name calling, and other divisive behaviors. But it has also led to some amazing acts of compassion, expressions of genuine sympathy, and a strengthening of ties between family and friends.

For most of us, I feel that it is time to press the "play" button. We have taken the steps to protect ourselves and others. It is time to re-engage. We've lost many things that were a part of our normal life "pre-COVID," some of which is probably lost forever. We need to mourn the loss. And we need to move forward, living life together, for Christ, in a COVID world.

**Peace in Christ,
Pastor Doug**



Who's Who in the Pews



James Thompson: hails from Pueblo, Colorado. He came here in the summer of 2014. He says

“God’s direction brought me here and an unexpected opportunity for an apprenticeship at the National Lab.”

He likes to read fantasy novels, work on small electrical/CAD design and 3d printing projects in his home lab. He practices parkour/gymnastics at the North Mesa gym. He’s looking for a spouse to share the care of his cat Mona and to start a family. He hopes to soon finish his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

James sings with the Worship Team. He enjoys learning and practicing his spiritual gifts and grateful for the Friendships and wisdom within our church.

The Frame Game Who Is This?



Last Month Was
Sandra Hughes

Family Night Adults:

“The Truth Project”
led by Rick Hinkley and Steve Hanson. Lessons on how to develop and defend a Biblical Worldview through which you can finally make sense of the world around you. Grasping the Bible's truth will strengthen your resolve to live in a way that is best for you, and honors God.



“In Christ, I walk” - Led by Pastor Doug. A study of the Book of Ephesians. Paul noted that we are "in Christ" 30 times in the first three chapters of Ephesians, then used the next three chapters to explain how this dynamic relationship influences every aspect of our daily lives. This study will challenge and encourage you to put your feet where your faith is.

From the mouths of Little Ones

Angels work for God and watch out for kids when
God has to do something else

Wednesday Night Dinners are served "Buffet Style"

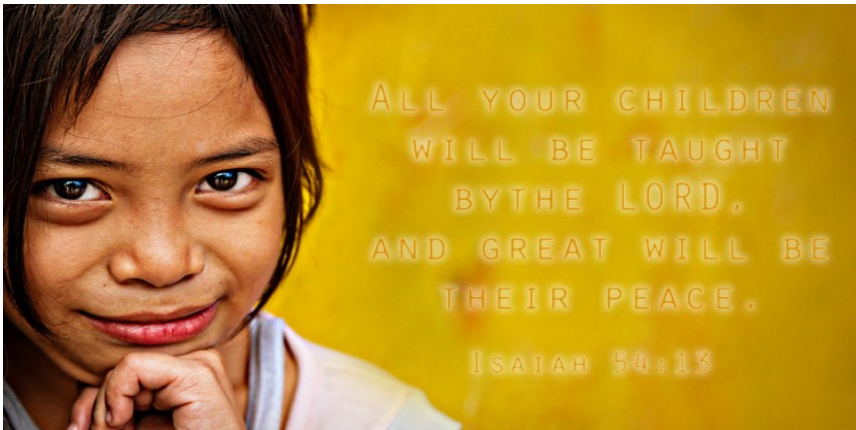
- Everyone is encouraged to find a table.
- Hand sanitizer will be at the front of the line, and everyone is to use it.
- Food will be placed in serving trays from the kitchen and kept warm.
- We will pray for the meal, then families with children will go first in the line.
- Everyone will fill up their plates as they go through the line.
- Each family will clean up their own table.

Help is always welcome! And we need help every week.

- Youth set up tables and chairs: 3:00 p.m.
- Kitchen help - Early, depends on the cook of the week
- Kitchen clean-up help: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Re-set Fellowship Hall: 6:15-6:30 p.m.

Your help is appreciated!

- Thanks to the following cooks: Paul Vincent; Marci Partin, Tammie Hinkley; Kathy Anderson
- Thanks to the regular setup/clean up crews: Youth Group, Lee Anderson, Ellen Ballard, Bob Nolen, Jett and Jack Vincent, etc... How will you help?



Another Mission of the Los Alamos Christian Church

Good News Productions International – Joplin, MO

For nearly forty years, national missionaries have been effectively evangelizing people groups through strategies and resources developed by Good News Productions, International. As the only ministry-equipping network of its kind, Good News Productions, International produces three kinds of video media for the growing church – Evangelistic media, Discipleship series and Leadership-training materials.

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GNPI has Regional Centers in Chandigarh India, Chennai India, Chiang Mai Thailand, Damoh India, Manila Philippines, Mbale Uganda, Nairobi Kenya, Piedras Negras Mexico, Simferopol Ukraine, Southeast Asia and Joplin, Missouri.

We would like to extend to you a special word of thanks for helping us celebrate 35 years of successful ministry at GNPI. We are poised to move into the future continuing the vision which is: To fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.



OCTOBER EVENTS

Save the Dates: Wednesday Night Live! Sept. 8 through Nov. 17!

- Every Wednesday night, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.
- Your family is welcome to drop in any Wednesday night that you can make it.
- However, we encourage you to join us every Wednesday for the best experience!

Special Family Fun Nights



- **October 13: Board**
- games and other fun
- activities
- **November 17:**
- **Pinewood Derby Races**



For Middle and High School Youth:

- The Bible book of **Daniel** and its visible application for what following God directly can do for one's life. Led by Youth Intern Matthew White.

See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



Triple Treats

Triple Treats are back! At the Logan's home on September 4th two of our church couples had fun and games (no brainers) following the meal. One couple had to reschedule. If you'd like to be on our list for Triple Treats, just call 920-7367, or email me at

philanddorii@msn.com or let us know when we see you at church. This is a "Parents Night Out" event. We try to mix it up with new members and old. Dorii and I will supply the main course and ask the other friends to bring a salad or dessert each to share.

It's a great way to meet new people in our church.

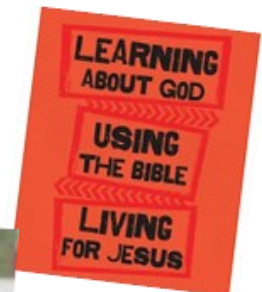
Wednesday Night Focus Groups! 6:30 p.m.

1. For Infants through Walkers

We have several families who will need care and play with their little ones. Please talk to Pastor Steve to help in this way. Thanks!

2. For Preschoolers and Children:

Led by Karen Edwards and Pastor Steve



Do you know who is pace? In every race, athletes need a pacesetter. In life, Jesus is the pacesetter for how we should live.

This year, "TeamKid" will help kids know that Jesus is the only One they should follow!

Each meeting includes a Bible story and teaching that helps kids grow into disciples for Christ! "Setting the Pace" is the next step in helping preschoolers and children grow in their faith. We will explore topics about the theology of God, Jesus, People, the Bible, and the Christian life. "Setting the Pace" will give kids a better understanding of the nature of God and Jesus through levels of biblical learning and bible skills!

Each meeting includes a memory verse connecting to that week's Bible truth! Mission videos! Fun RecGames! Crafts!

*setting the pacesetter
athletes need a pacesetter*

help kids know

Candidates for Deacons:

Cathy Hadley

John Hughes

Lee Anderson

Joe Nasise



Candidates for Elders:

Bob Houlton *(will be finishing out his two year commitment)*

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Steve Hanson

Rick Hinckley



Ministry Area Coordinators

Tammy Hinckley - *Stewardship*

Kathy Anderson - *Missions*

Deacons - *Benevolence*

Women with Women

**Now meeting
10:00 AM Fridays
at Film Festival**

Nominating Committee Procedures

As many of you know the Nomination of new officers of the church is now taking place.

Here is how it all works:

At least 8 weeks before the church election,

The Elders select nominating committee members.

Committee member's names are announced and/or published to the congregation.

The congregation is asked to submit the names of candidates for Elder, Deacon, and MAC to the committee.

At least two (2) weeks shall be given for the congregation to submit names, after which the congregational nominating process shall be closed.

At least four (4) weeks prior to the election, the committee shall meet to discuss and vote on nominations.

The committee members shall then contact approved nominees.

At least 2.5 weeks prior to the election, the committee shall meet to discuss interactions with candidates and finalize the ballot.

At least two (2) weeks prior to the election, ballots shall be published for the congregation.

The election shall be held the first Sunday in October or within one (1) week of that date.

Nomination Committee Membership

The members of this committee for 2021 include:

- Senior Minister: Pastor Doug Partin
- Two (2) Elders: Lee Anderson & Bob Houlton
- Two (2) Deacons: Cathy Hadley & Joe Nasise
- Two (2) At-large Members: Sherisse Smith & Roger Schamaun



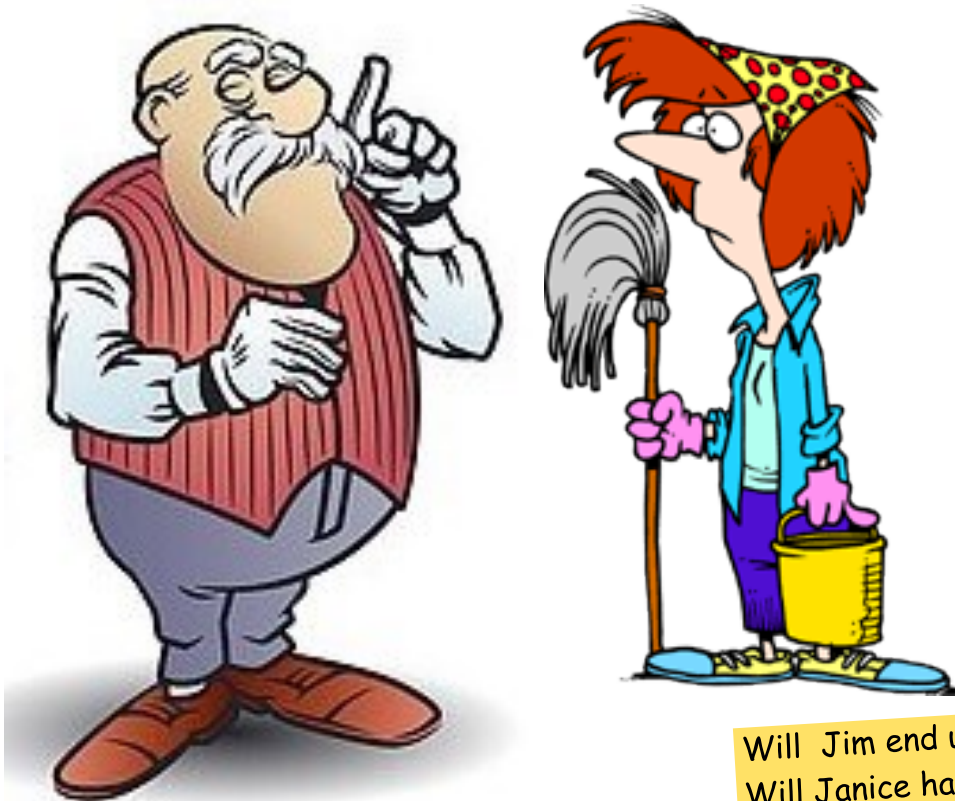
Mayhem with the Mertzes

Jim Gross read an article to his wife, Janice about how many words women use in a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

Then Janice replied,

"The reason has to be, because we have to repeat everything to you men...."

Jim then turned to Janice and asked,
"What?"



Will Jim end up in the ER?
Will Janice have to clean up blood?
Are all men like this?
Look for the answers next month, in
Mayhem with the Mertzes