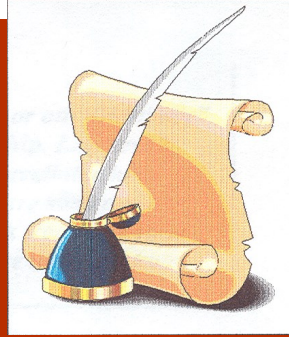
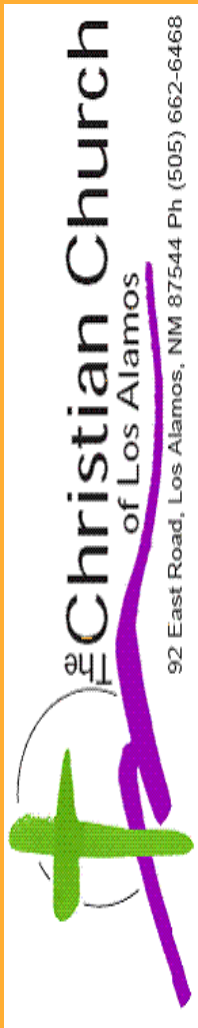


The Holy Post



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Anyone who knows the Logans knows we are big on basketball. My wife's family I think would rather enjoy basketball than eat. My mother-in-law once put off cancer surgery so she wouldn't miss the playoffs. The Phoenix Sun's emblems are nearly on the same level as the stars & stripes!

Locally, most of you know how we followed Kenzie through each season. Some of you have even been there to share games with us. If you have a feel for the game, it certainly can be exciting. Especially when someone you know is in the game. You want to see them win! The sparkle of those shimmering floors... the cheers of the wild crowd...the loud buzzers and flashing lights of the scoreboard, they get inside you and make the experience something far beyond the game itself!

Sometimes that's the way I feel about this church. We came here because we wanted a place to practice our faith. In the beginning it was... nice. But it has gotten inside of us and has become something far beyond the church itself. We've shared some pretty dark times with some of you and you brought us through them stronger than we ever were before. We've shared some pretty happy times with many of you, too and you made us feel like we "just made a three pointer from way down town!"

I'm told regularly by many of you how much you appreciate us. ***I want to tell you how much we appreciate all of you!*** If ever we have had a cheering section, you're it. If ever we needed and received good coaching, it came from many of you. If ever we felt like we were part of a team, it's been with you. I think that's the way it should be, don't you? So here's to you, "Team Los Alamos." ***I don't know what more a person could want from a church than what you have given us. Yay rah, zipidy du dah! Go Christians!!!!***

Phil

Happy
Birthday

Steve Hanson 6th

Deb Goodwin 19th



Doug & Marci Partin 5th

Though none of us like to think of the inevitable, this is how we put our loved ones in the hands of the Lord.

Pastor Doug usually gets a call from the family and he talks with them about the when and where of the family's choice. If our building is to be used, we reschedule any previously planned events. If the church is asked to provide a reception meal after the service, or for the family before/after the funeral service, the Community Ministry is contacted for this and volunteers are enlisted.

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I've been attending the Spire Conference this week (The New Name for the North American Christian Convention). It is now a leadership conference with the hope of inspiring pastors. I'm attending online, but they are meeting in Orlando, Fl. The conference was abbreviated because of Hurricane Ian.

Orlando is on it's flight path. Some of the conference attenders were able to reschedule their flights, but most are stuck at the hotel until they can get a flight home. I'm sure that there will be some very interesting stories about their adventure which will be used in sermons across our nation as they return to their pulpits.

In one session, Gary Walling, and Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University described how the drought in CA was robbing his joy, just as the storm surge was robbing it for the local folk. And how everything related to COVID has been robbing the joy of pastors because it has so divided the people in their churches, put everyone on edge, and given rise to "Jammie Joiners." The members, new and old, who now prefer to connect to the church through the online services where they can attend in their Jammies. The combined result was a dramatic decline in attendance. Many congregations didn't survive. Many pastors called it quits.

Then he recalled how someone in an old truck approaches a puddle in the road. We can make it. Full speed ahead. Everything is going just as planned.... Until the wheels start spinning, the mud starts flying, and the truck isn't going anywhere. What do you do when you get your truck stuck? First, you stop trying to go forward. Second, you put it in reverse. You might have to rock it back and forth, you might have to push, you might have to use a jack and something on which the wheels can get traction, but eventually you have to back it up until you are on some solid ground.

Gary suggested that instead of pushing forward, we might try putting it in reverse. What does that mean? It means standing on the solid rock of Christ, holding forth His story of love, and giving God thanks for undeserved grace. It means loving with actions along with our declarations. It means being a spiritual family and not just a Sunday morning gathering. May we stand on the solid ground and move forward when and where God has prepared the way for us to step forward without getting stuck.

Doug Partin



Who's Who in the Pews?



Frank and Crystal Banks: are from Yantis, a small town in East Texas. They came for a vacation and fell in love with New Mexico and all the outdoor opportunities here for their family.

They love to camp, bicycle and hike. Frank and their son, Noah are learning to fly fish. They plan to stay here and raise their children to adulthood.

They love how inviting our church is and say that Pastor Doug is great at delivering God's message to them. Their children, Madison (Madi) 15 and Noah 14 are in love with the small, friendly Youth Program.

The Frame Game Who is this?



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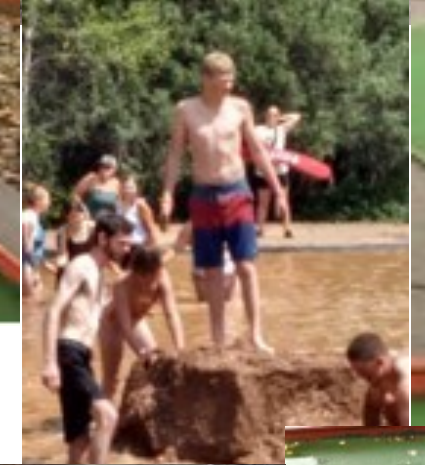


From the mouths of little ones

Mommy my mouth says I want more Ice cream, but
my tummy says I'm full.



High School Camp
Wet but still loads
of Fun!



How to prepare for a Zoom meeting



The church has a new 15 passenger van. The van can be used by all groups within the congregation upon a first come, first serve basis. Conflicts will be resolved between groups on a priority basis of business before pleasure. The vans cannot be rented or loaned out to any individual or outside group due to insurance, licensing costs, and risk factors. Reserving a van should be done through the church office as far in advance as possible. Any capable member of the congregation may operate the vans, except for teenagers.

Trip expenses will be shared by members of the church group using the vans except in the case of specific church business, i.e., training events, workshops, conferences, camp programs, ministry events, or transportation to and from church services. The group using a van is responsible for refueling the vehicle at the end of their trip, leaving as much gasoline in it as when they started. The group is also responsible for returning the van in a clean condition.

The facilities ministry should be immediately contacted by the group leader of any damage or needed repairs. The facilities ministry is responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the vans. The vans are insured by Church Mutual Insurance Co. and pertinent information regarding coverage is kept in the vans.

Faith



“Sometimes you have to stop worrying, wondering, and doubting. Have faith that things will work out, maybe not how you planned, but just how it's meant to be.”

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

4th–6th Grade After School Ministry. Field Trip to Santa Fe!



Homecoming Parade!

Featuring “Classic and Cool Cars”
As we handed out candy and
invitations to “Hula Sunday.”



Team Kids learning on Wednesday evenings



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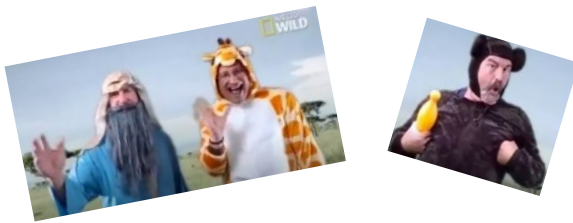
Community Outreach!

Trick or Treat on Main Street!

Friday, October 28

Come join the fun!

Hand out candy and information about the church at one of the county’s largest activity!



Optional: Wear a costume!



Help needed with Trick or Treat on Main Street!

Donate candy! Box will be in the church foyer.

On Friday, Oct. 28:

Set up 3:30–4:00 p.m. Central Park Square

Hand out candy: 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Pack up: 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.





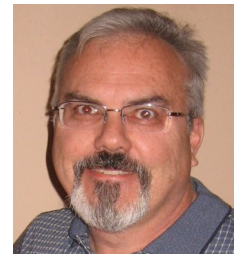
Thanks to you all



OUR MEDIA PEOPLE

From top left to right:

Gretchen Keirstead, Rick Hinckley, Steve Hanson,
Roy Keirstead, Cathy Hadley, Matthew White, Bob Houlton,
Kayleen Hovey and Barb Hanson



The people who operate our media system each Sunday are referred to as our SOUND TECHs. The sound board is a "Must have" piece of equipment for us! It is a major part of our worship service, therefore falling under the Worship Ministry. It looks very complicated, but it really isn't. It just takes a little time to learn how everything works. The Techs are on a rotating schedule and therefore are not required to be there every Sunday. If you think this is a ministry you would like to serve in, please contact Pastor Doug or Bob Houlton and we'll get you into a training program. This is a vital position and your service would be GREATLY APRECIATED!



New!



Family Nights: Quarterly Birthday Parties!

Come as a family! Celebrate your child's birthday: Infant—6th Grade in that quarter along with other children's birthdays that quarter.

Cake, ice cream, and family fun provided for all (no presents).

Fridays in the Church Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.— 8 p.m.!

Fall Quarter: Friday, October 7

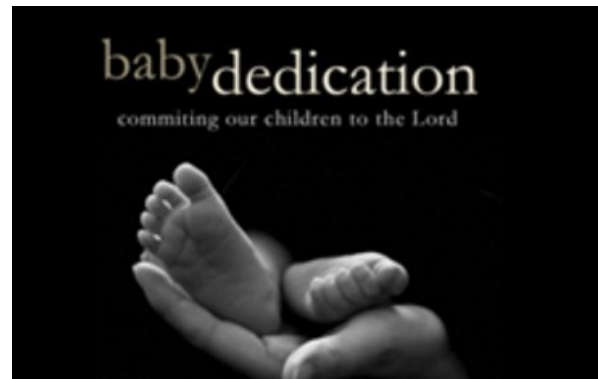
Winter Quarter: Friday, March 3

Spring Quarter: Friday, April 28

Summer Quarter: Friday, July 7

Baby Dedication! Sunday, November 14

We will have a special time of blessing during the worship service and a time of celebration after worship!



Anthony Clarence El-Darazi

8/20/2022 at 8am

6 lbs 15.3 oz

20 inches

**Proud Parents Sarah and
Sammy El-Darzi**

**Sisters Celeste and
Aurelia, and brother Max**



Our Prayer Chain

We all likely know someone who is in need of our prayers. Covid19... past surgery... surgery to come... on going sickness. We have a Prayer Chain here at the Christian Church. Let us know. Let us help!

Contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Steve so we can add them to our Prayer Chain.

Nominating Committee Procedures

As many of you know the Nomination of new officers of the church has already taken place.

Here is how it all works:

At least 8 weeks before the church election,

The Elders select nominating committee members.

Committee members names are announced and/or published to the congregation.

The congregation is asked to submit the names of candidates

for Elder and Deacon 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 on the first Sunday in October or within one (1) week of that date.

Nomination Committee Membership

The members of this committee for 2011 include:

Senior Minister — Pastor Doug Partin

Two (2) Elders

Two (2) Deacons

Two (2) At large Members



Mayhem with the Mertzes

Squirt is in church every Sunday with her family. She is often unlike others her age, when the sermon starts. She listens! She has a reputation that is way out in front of her for mischief, but most of the time, when Pastor Doug is speaking, she's listening.

It was after church, as everyone was greeting and leaving, that Squirt told her parents that she had to go and talk to the Pastor Doug, right away. They agreed and returned to the Sanctuary. Doug greeted the family and Squirt asked.

"Pastor Doug, I heard you say, today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Squirt I did" said Pastor Doug.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, that's right, too. I'm glad you were listening. Why do you ask?"

"Well, I think you better come over to our house, right away and look under my bed!"

"What's the problem, Squirt?" said Pastor Doug.

"Because there's a whole lotta people either comin' or goin' under there!"

Myrt turned purple! Bert roared. Kurt rolled his eyes. Pastor Doug gave his sly smile and told her, he'd check into it..



Will Myrt be able to look at Pastor Doug ever again?
Will Bert get his clock cleaned, when they get home?
Will Squirt be in church next week with duct tape on her mouth?
Look for the answers next month, in Mayhem with the Mertzes