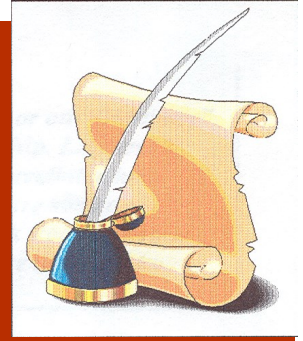
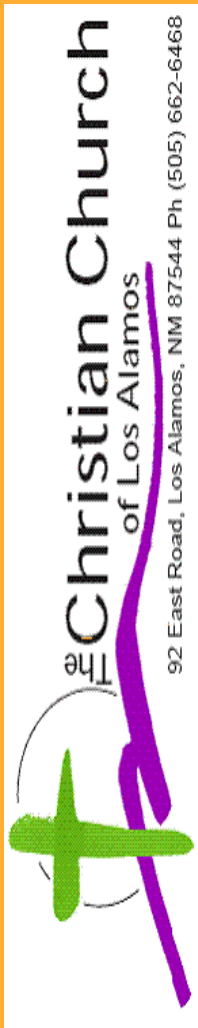


# The Holy Post



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*Just try to imagine these circumstances...* The woman you love is pregnant with someone else's child. You've had strange dreams with angels telling you it's going to be OK. You've been ordered to leave your home and travel many miles away in a very inhospitable land to be counted like sheep and taxed into poverty.

On top of everything else, you have a wife who is so ready to deliver that you have to take up residence in a barn with smelly animals and worse... and people are telling you that there are people looking to kill your newborn child when it comes. Now that's a lot to have on one plate!

I think most of us would have hesitated marrying a pregnant woman, and for sure listening to your dreams. I suppose many would say, "Well that's just the way it went and they had to deal with it." There's truth to that. But in all the years I've heard this story told I never heard a single version where Mary or Joseph said: "OMG! What are we going to do?"

I think we can all take a lesson from this, that **they put their COMPLETE trust in God to protect them and surrendered to the fate he had in store for them.** They didn't know how everything was going to turn out. They left it all up to God and in the end became the most revered parents in the history of mankind!

**Do you completely surrender to Jesus ?**

*Phil*



*Anniversaries*

<b>Mary Blaylock</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Joel Dahlby</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Sherisse Smith</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Jette Vincent</b>	<b>16th</b>
<b>Helen Dahlby</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>Carolyn Tuzel</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>Natalia Tuzel</b>	<b>25th</b>

<b>Joe &amp; Qailia Nasise</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Deb &amp; Dave Goodwin</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>Eric &amp; Elizabeth Brosha</b>	<b>23rd</b>
<b>Lee &amp; Kathy Anderson</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>John &amp; Mary Blaylock</b>	<b>28th</b>



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## Keeping Christ in Christmas...

There are a lot of winter holidays, but I celebrate Christmas. I don't expect those who don't know Jesus to celebrate His birth. But I hope that those who do know Him as their Lord and Savior celebrate it with joy.



Over the years a lot of traditions have taken hold in our culture that were originally meant to celebrate our Savior's birth, but a lot of them have drifted away from the real reason for the season. It is my hope that you have fun while keeping your celebrations focused on Jesus' birth. And I also hope that you do so, not because your parents did. Not because your community does. But because you really want to celebrate it.

I look forward to celebrating Christmas. I put lights on my house. I go Christmas tree hunting (and after trimming it, we decorate it, and put presents under it). We give gifts and send cards. We make cookies. We wish people a Merry Christmas. We listen to Christmas music. We hang stockings. We help decorate the church. We give to the needy. We set up manger scenes around the house. We receive cards and presents. I counsel and encourage those who are depressed, alone, and dispirited. We watch Christmas RomComs and Classic TV specials. We go caroling. I write and share Christmas devotions and preach Christmas sermons. We go to Christmas parties. I make a "Christmas Test" for my Sunday School Class. We gather on Christmas Eve at the Church to worship with friends and family. And every Christmas morning, since being challenged to Keep Christ in Christmas, we throw Jesus a birthday party. It is a hands on, kid friendly way to remind our family that God so loves us so much that He sent His one and only son to save us. And even though we don't have little kids around, we'll keep doing it. I like that it transforms into a pancake breakfast. It has become an important part of our family's Christmas traditions. **This year, since Christmas is on a Sunday, we will be throwing that party at the church (9:15 AM) and I hope that some of our families with children will join us, and that it might become one of their traditions too.**

May your Christmas be merry and bright.

May you share God's love as you celebrate it.

May your family be drawn to God and closer together.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Doug

## Who's who in the Pews?



**New  
Baby**

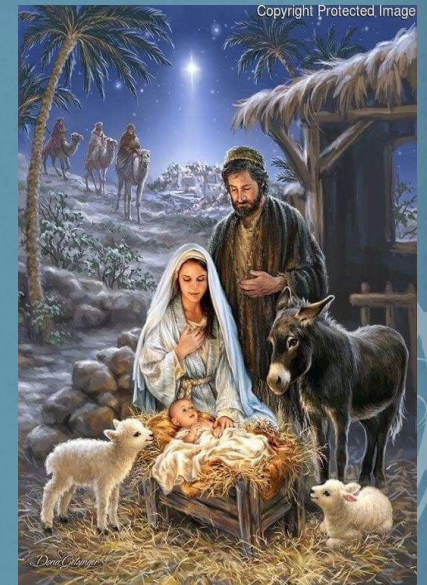
**Evan & Angela Anderson:** Evan has been a life long resident of Los Alamos. Angela grew up in Pojoaque and moved here after graduating from UNM. Evan is the son of Lee and Kathy Anderson. Angela began coming to the Christian Church after meeting Evan.

They love skiing, mountain hiking, biking, camping, fishing, hunting and pretty much everything that goes with the outdoors. Their hope is to raise a family, here.. Evan says this church provides an honest and pragmatic look at the Bible and our Lord. Angel likes how welcoming everyone has been and she enjoys the Bible studies and social events. Colton Levi was born November 19th. He weighed 6lbs 12 oz.

## The Frame Game Who is this?



## Last month was Kim Hollowell



**Our Newest Members**



Kim & David Hollowell



Join us For our 6pm  
Candle light

**Christmas Eve Service**



Char & Will Hutcheson

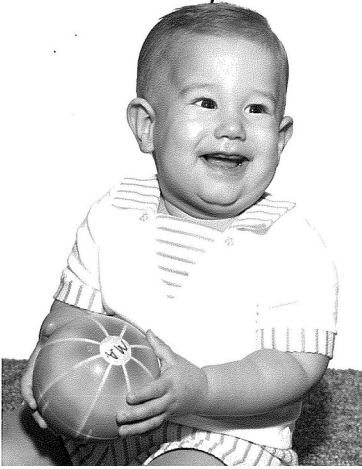


*ANOTHER NEW BABY.*

*EVERLY BEARSMITH. A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER FOR SHERRIS AND BRIAN SMITH*

*The Many faces Of Pastor Steve*

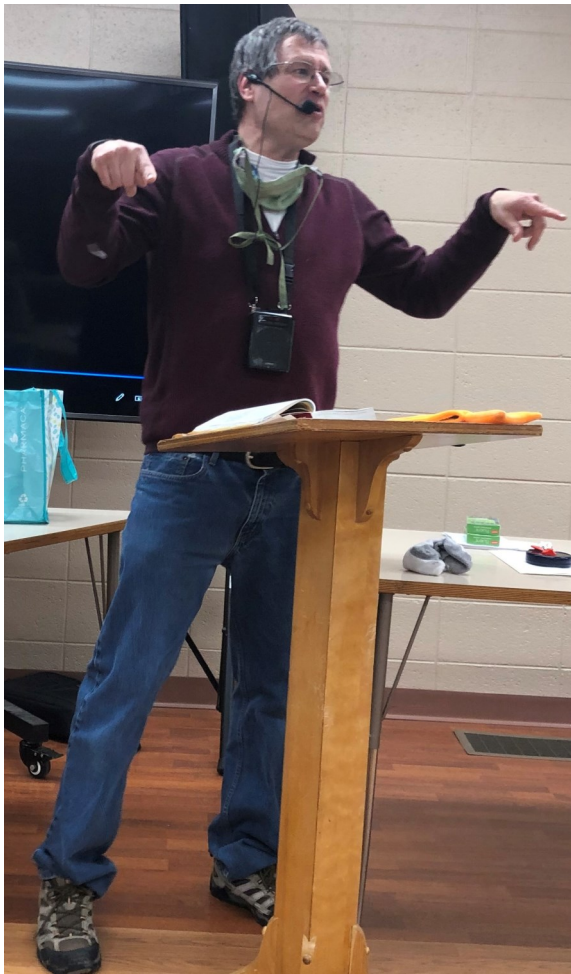
Baby Steve



The Rain man Steve



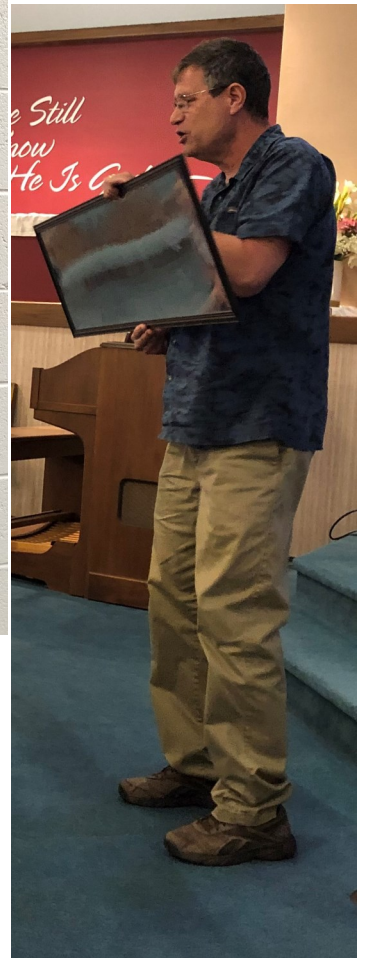
Deliveryman Steve



Disco Man Steve



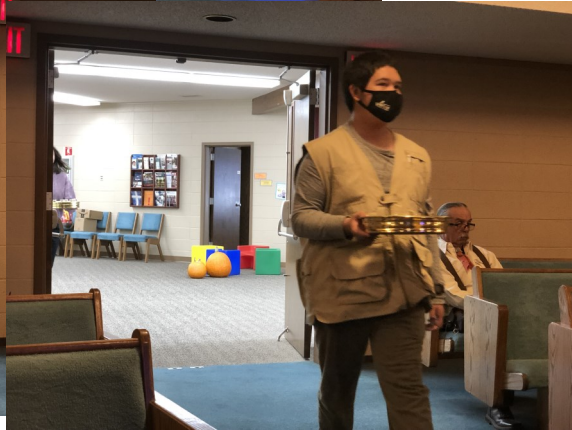
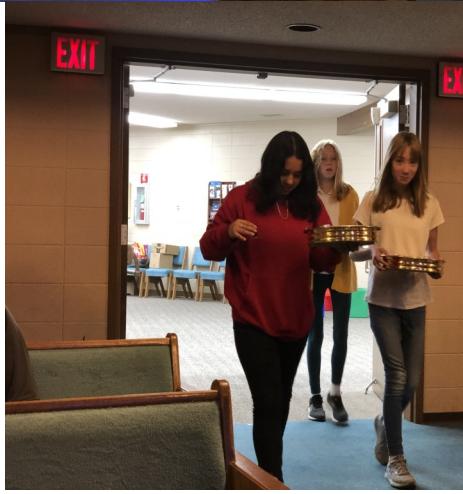
*"BT"*  
*Bad Trouble*



Mirror man Steve



Youth  
**5th** Sunday  
Service



See our website at:

[www.lachristian.org](http://www.lachristian.org)



## ELDER MICHAEL IRISH WELCOMES YOU



**Wednesday**

December 14th from  
3:30-4:30

For Older Elementary and  
Youth Children

## Happy Birthday Jesus Party

for families with children.

**INCLUDES A PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

Sunday Christmas Morning  
9:15-10:15 am

Christmas music and per-  
formance by preschool and  
elementary children during  
service

Los Alamos Christian Church welcomes back Michael Irish. He will serve as one of our 2023 Elder. He has served in this capacity before, as well as a Ministry Area Co-ordinator and general "go to Guy." He has been a member for many years. He has a Hawaiian heritage and is involved in the Annual Hula Sunday project. He is a fantastic cook and he and his wife Michelle have sponsored many Hawaiian grilled meals. They have three children and a new grandson, as well. He is a steadfast servant of the Lord



*Mike*







Each year, at Christmas time we put together a small group of people to visit homes of our seniors and shut-ins, to share a little Christmas spirit. There are those who sing well and those who... shall we say are unique voices. It doesn't matter. This is a mission led by our youth and shared by all others who choose to join in. It's a fun time of sharing and lasts for about an 90 Minutes. Holiday hot chocolate is often a part of the experience at the end of the travels. We'll provide song books and the transportation. Come and join us @ the church @ 5:30pm on Sunday the 18th. It's a little time that's a brings a BIG TREAT for those we serve.

***This is a joy of giving experience.***

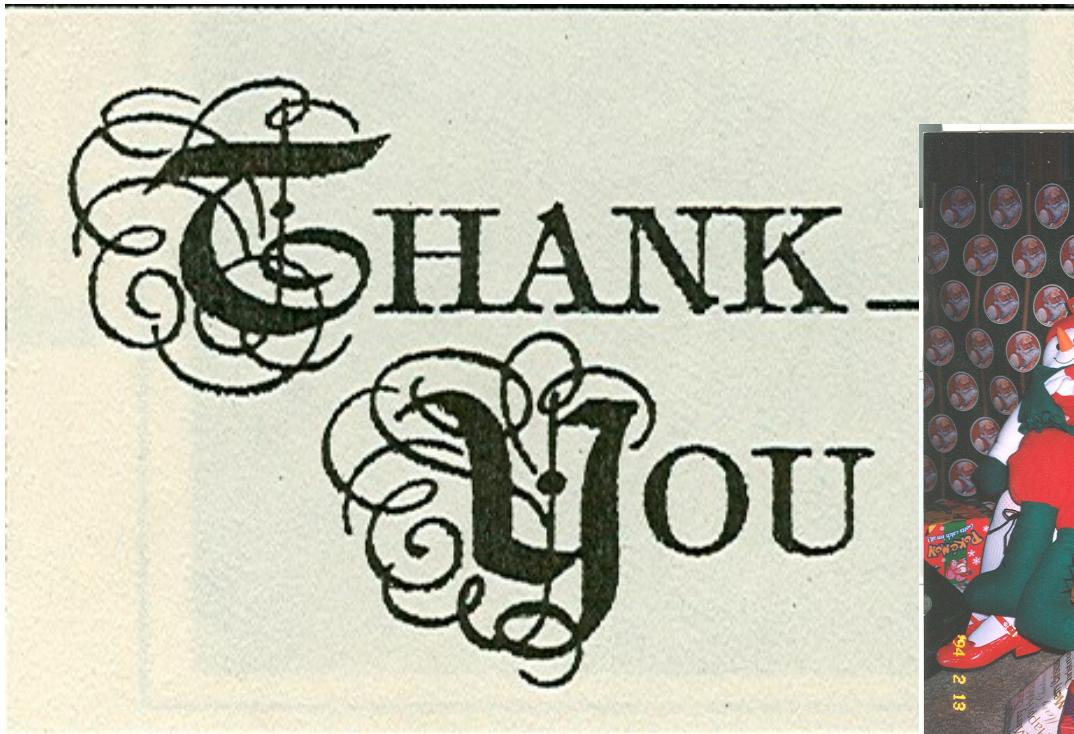


*Carolers from last year*



# Halloween Downtown





To all who made the food... and played the music... and did the media... and decorated the church... and drove people to their doctors...and taught our children, and our youth, and our babies... and to those who did the planning and the bill paying.. and those who maintained the building... and prayed with those who are shut-ins... and those who counseled... and those who welcomed our new people... and those who served in other ways not mentioned here...

*It takes a lot to have a vibrant, active church and we love you all for your commitment to God's work.*

**We love you all!**

## Mayhem with the Mertzes

The Mertzes open their Christmas stocking on Christmas Eve. Squirt was confused how everyone else got candy and Myrt got bottles of stuff and a new razor?

“Does Santa like you Mommy? He only gave you a bunch of bottles” She asked.

“Oh yes Honey, these will make me beautiful.” Myrt, Replied.

Later that evening Squirt watched as Myrt used the new beauty aids.

“Oh no, Mommie!” she cried out. “They didn’t work at all!”



Will Squirt reach her next birthday?  
Will Myrt ever get beautiful?  
Look for the answers next month  
in Mayhem with the Mertzes