

La Junta Nazarene News

March, 2022

"Patient Endurance"

Rosie was born to a loving church family in the middle of Colorado. Life was hard but filled with promise and simple joys. She was Valedictorian of her high school class and pursued by various young men, one of whom, no kidding, was named Ford Fairlane. She left all that behind and headed to California to pursue and achieve her dream of becoming a nurse. In the midst of that she met a man, was married and gave birth to a daughter, the apple of her eye. That same apple caught my eye 20 years later.

For most of us there comes a point in our lives when we realize that fairy tales are only in storybooks. That happened for Rosie shortly after her daughter was born. The man she gave herself to, turned out to be abusive and when threat came to her little one, she left him and raised that child on her own. Her nursing career was fulfilling and paid the bills for a while, until mysterious symptoms made continuing in the nursing field impossible. The diagnosis, when it was finally made, was MS, a disease that damages the central nervous system. This disease was progressive and the last 20 years of her life were spent in a wheelchair. With no husband, no job and a crippling disease Rosie did the best she could for herself and her daughter. Then I came along. I hope I brought a little joy to my mother-in-law, even though I always teased that I was going to sing at her funeral a little song from The Wizard Of Oz that rejoices, "Ding Dong"

I don't tell this to gain sympathy for Rosie, she never needed it. I tell this because some of you might be living years of desperation right now. You, or someone you love, might be watching plans and dreams crumble even as I write this article.

So, what does a person do in desperate circumstances like this? All I can offer is what I witnessed in Rosie. She had an unshakeable faith in the God of heaven. She knew that sometimes this life stinks, but her hope was on a life to come. Her prayers and her songs of faith could be heard by my family each evening drifting up our stairs. The words, "Why me?", never crossed her lips in my hearing.

Hebrews 10:34b-36 (NLT) was not her favorite verse, but it sure is one that tells the story of her life. "...when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised."

Pastor Mark

March Birthdays

1st Blaise Medina
1st Bob Malden
1st Dottie Bryan
1st Sudi Petersen
2nd Addison Malden
4th Betty Clanton
12th Stephanie Spitz
14th Houston Yochum
17th Dyson Oquist
20th Sam Trotter
21st LaRue Hare
25th Chris Fluke
26th Joanna Clark
27th Carolyn Ehrlich
27th Cooper Fluke
27th Randy Cruzan, Jr.
30th Aislynn Martin
30th Brynn Morley



Prayer Requests

Unsaved Loved Ones
Those Who Are Sick
Families Grieving
Our Nation
Persecuted Church
Ukraine

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH

Mar. 6 Alabaster
Kick-off
Mar. 13 Joy Luncheon
after the service
Mar. 20 Alabaster Fun
For Children
Mar. 27 Alabaster
Offering
Mar. 25 Lenten Soup
Supper @ 5:45 pm
at our church.
Mar. 27 Sandwich Bar
after the service
Camp Fundraiser



Tithes & Offerings

February Giving
20,743.11
February Expenses
\$19,561.00

**THANK YOU
for giving!**

Sunday Services

Sunday School
9:15 am
Class for all ages

Cafe Fellowship
10:15 am
Worship
10:30 am

**Kinder Church &
Children's Church**
available
(Age 3 - 5th grade)
Nursery is available
You can also watch
our Live Stream
on
Facebook
or
YouTube
@ Lajunta Nazarene

Youth Service
6:30 pm

Email:
lajuntanazarene@
lajuntanazarene.org

Website
www.
lajuntanazarene.org



LJ YOUTH



**Youth Group (Grades 7th - 12th)
Sundays @ 6:30 pm**

Come for a devotion, snacks, and games. If you have any questions, contact Jake Martinez.

**The youth have raised
nearly \$3000.00 for their
Faith Building Retreat
coming this Summer.**



CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT AUCTION



**Thank you to those who attended the
Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction and
helped the youth achieve their goal.**

\$2,418 was raised

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

**People's Choice - Katie Bickel
Grand Winner - Kathy Dizmang**

DESSERT AUCTION HIGHEST BIDS

**Velva Addington - Apple Pie
Carol Eveatt - Coconut Cream Pie
Carol Wilkins - Hawaiian Cake**

**Thank you to all who brought chili
and donated desserts.
They were all delicious!**

LJ Klds



Nazarene District Kid's Camps (At Golden Bell)

**Kind - 1st grade
June 29 - July 1
\$228.00**

**2nd - 3rd grade
June 27 - July 1
\$388.00**

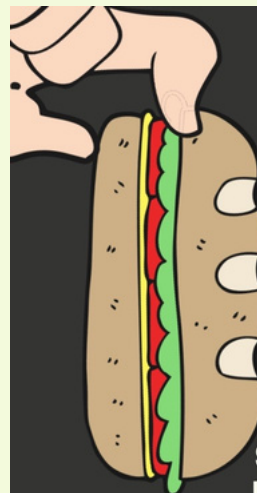
**4th - 5th grade
June 27 - July 1
\$388.00**

Golden Bell Sponsored Camps

**Itch-ee-Ow-ee
3rd - 6th grade
June 13-17
July 25-29
\$372.00**

**Adventure
5th - 8th grade
July 11-15
\$378.00**

**Go to
<https://www.goldenbellccc.org>
to check out the description of the
camps. Stay-tuned for more
information about registration.**



**LJ NAZ KIDS CAMP
FUNDASIER**

**SANDWICH BAR
MARCH 27
12 PM**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SANDWICH BAR AND SIDES
DRINK AND DESSERT
\$7 PER PERSON \$5 PER 10U
LJ NAZ KIDS CAMPERS FREE**



Nancy Jones

We would like to thank Miss Nancy for her years of service teaching the 1st - 4th grade SS class.

"Miss Nancy is an awesome, creative teacher who shines the light of Christ!"

Mariah Gallegos

"I like Miss Nancy because she makes learning fun."

R.J. George



ALABASTER EMPHASIS

**"RING THE BELL"
FOR MISSIONS**

**March 6th
Kickoff**

**March 20th
Alabaster Fun
in Children's Church.**

**March 27th
Alabaster Offering**

**CONTEST
Boys vs. Girls
"Weigh those Coins!"**

**Checks and Bills
are welcome too!**



**Alabaster Offering
helps build
Churches
Schools
Medical Facilities
Homes
and more
on the
mission field.**

JOY Luncheon

**J - Just O - Older Y - Youth
(Age 50 and up)**

**Sunday, March 13th
Noon**

**Please sign up at the information desk
to bring a side dish**