



# LA JUNTA NAZARENE

November, 2023

## MORE

I admit it, I confess, you always wondered, now I am coming out with the truth. *I love a good musical.* I grew up with them on TV, I even acted in them in high school, I love a good musical. I love all the old classics, Oklahoma, Music Man, Guys and Dolls, West Side Story. I have even found that I enjoy some of the modern musicals, The Greatest Showman, Dear Evan Hansen, Les Miserables, The Phantom of the Opera. I even looked forward to CATS – boy was I disappointed in that one, maybe DOGS will be better.

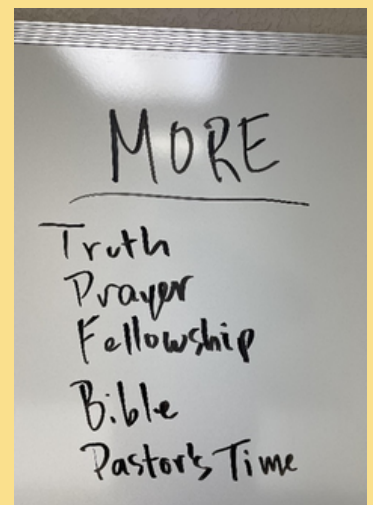
One of my favorites from my youth was Oliver! The bittersweet story of Oliver and his friend the Artful Dodger. When Oliver holds out his porridge bowl and says, "Please sir, may I have some more?" it can melt even my cold, cold heart.

Which brings me to the heart of this article. Every once in a while we just want MORE, more cake, more football, more snow. It came to me one day as I sat in my office that some of you might just want MORE and I went to my white board and wrote down what was on my mind (See the photo below). Some weeks we may just want MORE, more truth, prayer, fellowship, Bible or maybe even some more of the Pastor's time. It is my intention to begin an occasional service entitled, MORE, where you can come if for any reason you just need MORE that particular week. You may not need MORE every week, but some weeks you may just need MORE!

I haven't decided the day or time, or whether it be weekly or quarterly but I have time to figure it all out since nobody needs MORE during the holiday season, so stay tuned.

And don't be discouraged if I didn't name your favorite musical. I also like The Sound Of Music, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Dr. Doolittle, Fiddler on the Roof, Mary Poppins and Frozen, so there. Don't even ask me about High School Musical, haven't watched it, don't intend to.

Pastor Mark





**November Birthdays**



**1st Meela Adler**  
**4th Heath Adler**  
**5th Bethany Callister**  
**5th Natalie Berg**  
**7th Karlie Morley**  
**7th Sadie Martinez**  
**11th Suzanne Trotter**  
**12th Marvin Berg**  
**12th Ronin Hand**  
**14th Peyton Stoker**  
**17th Pat Gamboa**  
**18th Alvin Gallegos, Jr.**  
**21st Duncan Balicki**  
**23rd Spencer Brereton**  
**27th Roxanne Adler**



**Nov. 3rd**

**AV Pregnancy Center  
Banquet  
6:30 pm  
Tickets - \$20.00**

**Nov. 11th**

**Craft Fair/Bake Sale  
9:00am - 2:00 pm**

**Nov. 18th**

**Women's Morning  
of Inspiration  
9:00 - 11:00 am**

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**October**

**Tithes & Offerings  
\$21,416.50**

**If you are watching the  
services online and would  
like to give tithes and  
offerings, you may:**

- Come by the office
- Mail It
- Give online
- Use this QR code



**Thank You!**

**Sunday Services**

**Sunday School  
9:15 am**

**Classes for  
all ages!**

**Cafe Fellowship  
10:15 am**

**Worship  
10:30 am**

**Children's Church  
(Age 4 - 5th grade)  
Nursery is available**

**Youth Group  
6:30 pm**

**Watch the  
Worship Service  
Live Stream**

**on  
Facebook  
or  
YouTube**

**@ Lajunta Nazarene**

**Website  
www.**

**lajuntanazarene.org**



# MISSIONS

## Faith Promise Giving

Nov. 2022 - Oct. 2023

Goal \$14,000

Received \$11,791.50

(One Sunday left to give)

Nov. 2023 - Oct. 2024

Goal - \$14,000

Pledged - \$18,240

## Navajo Christmas Project

We want to bring joy and share the meaning of Christmas with the Navajo Nation.



If you would like to take part in this ministry, take an envelope off the cactus tree Nov. 5th and follow the instructions. Bring the gift back by Sunday, Nov. 26th.

# LJ YOUTH

Directors: Jake & Lori Martinez



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

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

## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 3rd  
10:30 am

The children will be practicing on Sundays during Children's Church. We would love to have your children participate!



## Blessing Baskets



**We are taking monetary donations for the "Blessing Baskets" we distribute to those in need of an extra blessing at Christmas time. If you would like to donate, please mark your check or envelope, "Blessing Baskets."**

## Ooey Goey Chocolate Cake

by Dorinda Martinez

- 1 box of milk chocolate cake
- 1 can of condensed milk
- 1 jar of caramel sauce
- 1 tub of extra creamy cool whip
- 1 or 2 crumbled Heath bars



Bake the cake as instructed. After taking it out of the oven use a fork to poke holes all over. Pour most of the condensed milk and a good amount of the caramel sauce over the top. Let sit until absorbed. When cool cover the cake with cool whip and top with crushed Heath bars. Drizzle with caramel sauce and chocolate syrup for decoration.



# Fall Festival Review

## Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 11th  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

La Junta First Nazarene  
1111 W. 10th Street

*Breakfast Burritos & Lunch  
by Angel Baby's Dream*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RENT  
A DISPLAY TABLE FOR \$15,  
CONTACT CAROL AT 719-384-8458



What an amazing time we had with over 100 people in attendance. The food was great, The face and pumpkin painting was a hit with the children. All ages loved the cake walk and hayride. Justin and Kaleb Malden were the winners of the Corn Hole tournament. Thank you to everyone who made it a success.

## WOMEN'S MORNING OF INSPIRATION



Saturday,  
November 18th  
9:00 - 11:00 am

Coffee, Fellowship and Inspiration

Courage and Faith Amidst  
Tremendous Adversity

Speaker: Kristi Hartless

"Discovering God  
One Challenge at a Time"

1 Peter 5:10 ESV

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