

Thanksgiving 2023

Joe: My heart overflows with joy and love from this awesome Thanksgiving week. The blessings before each meal were extra special for me, especially the “Hurrah” at the end.

I am going to share my thoughts on how you made this special week happen (please forgive me if I missed any sharings).

Judy: Thought big and made it happen. Sleeping places for everyone. Big meals planned and an air of continuous joy. Participated in the Turkey Trot and trip to the Redwoods. Also encouraged disk-golf. Took family pictures and Jennay's senior pictures. Made stuffing, cranberries and the turkey.

Becky: The positive mastermind. As they left here this morning she and Josiah tested the 6 or 8 automatic light systems that are driven by Judy's Smartphone. Yesterday she crawled under the deck twice to add additional lighting systems. She also got Dave's tickets etc for his trip to Minnesota Monday.

Dave: Orchestrated four disc golf games. Agreed to follow up on the oak disease that may destroy all our beautiful oak trees. Dave has flown to Minnesota to represent us on the major roofing problem with our Detroit Lakes property.

Josiah: Moved frost prone plants into the greenhouse and hooked up water. Did a demo of my memoir and continues to contribute awesome technical advice and results. Also, a couple awesome SPA discussions. Patient disc golf teacher.

Mary: Brought a bag of Owari Satsuma Mandarin oranges. Immediately washed my clothes and gave me a haircut. Setup the studio for the boys. Awesome beans for Thanksgiving. Flowers in the bathrooms. Candid discussion about keeping our house as long as possible as a family gathering.

Frank: Picked and processed garden tomatoes. Very insightful in our discussion about keeping our house. His suggestion is to separate the finances from other issues like my health and the housing market. Made delicious blueberry muffins (one left). Provide a complete roast beef dinner.

Nate & Tyler & Henry: Put up the citrus protection lights. Moved the frost prone plants to the greenhouse. Nate brought Henry as a guest. I enjoyed finding out about South Korea. They enjoyed the beach.

Amy: Spent many hours with me reviewing and updating my memoir. We are planning to release the WEB product in our Christmas letter. Awesome gravy.

Mike: Fixed an electrical GFI and garage door opener. Leader in disc golf. Made store runs. Put up the living room Christmas tree.

Rachel: Huge hugs. Mowed the grass lawn. Shared her enthusiasm of becoming a lawyer to support climate change.

Emily: Brought SLO country and Sonja. Shared her very exciting and productive life. Sawed off the bottoms of three Christmas trees. Put up two Christmas trees.

Sonya: From Indonesia. Super organized and worked mainly with Becky putting up outside light strings. Shared insights of her country with me. Dug out tomato plants.

Jennay: Made awesome pies (I am loving the apple crisp) Shared her senior Capstone with me. I am going to explore if there is a Santa Rosa organization that might help her project. She brought along her German exchange student, Selma.

Selma: Excellent worker helping Becky install Christmas lights. Shared insight of Germany with me. Loved the chicken shooting game and the whipped cream game in the kitchen. Played beautiful piano music. Dug out tomato plants. Scrubbed the porch railings.

Joey: Excellent participant in our house transition and the Minnesota roof issue. Homemade rolls.

Belinda: Food for pre dinner snacks and meal for all at Joey & Belinda's house.

Katie: Fixed my Smart Watch and provided detailed information about my iPhone. Planned the Turkey Trot. Helped with the lights.

Anna: Diagnosed my toes and indicated that I am going to live.

Bernie & Nancy: Delicious corn dish and pre dinner items.

Nancy D: Delicious gluten free round morsels. Shooting rubber chickens (hours of fun for many).

Kitchen/Dining Room Helpers: Invisible people that kept the dishes washed, put away and tables set and servings ready. Provided drinks and grocery shopping.

Becky and Judy: Masterminded the awesome trip to San Francisco.

Card playing and games by everyone.

Weather was perfect.

