

# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

795 NORTH ROSE STREET, ESCONDIDO, CA 92027

*Rev. Karin Boye*



**August 2020**

## **Glad Tidings**

**Of Jesus' Redemption and Release  
A Monthly Publication**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN  
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

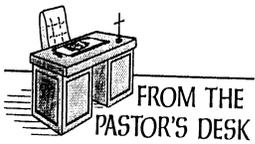
**Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Sundays Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Triple - G Second Sunday of the Month, 11:45 - 1:00 PM**

**Wednesdays 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom**

**Worship online every Sunday at 9:00 AM  
[www.hoplutheran.com](http://www.hoplutheran.com)**



Dear People of God at House of Prayer Lutheran Church.

Bishop Dr. Andy Taylor of our Pacifica Synod appointed me to be your Interim Pastor. This was affirmed by your Executive Committee end of July. An Interim Pastor is trained in the tasks/needs of congregations in the transition of pastors and also assists in the development of the Ministry Site Profile, a congregation's "Job Posting".

With this introduction, I can say that I am honored and excited to be with you especially in these unprecedented times. After serving San Marcos Lutheran (where my husband and I still live) and Christ Lutheran in San Clemente, seven interim ministries around the Synod followed. This 'number eight' will be totally different though because at its beginnings we will not be able to visit in person in order to get to know each other quickly.

COVID-19 challenges our creativity! So I ask for your trust, your input, feedback, ideas, and support. And don't hesitate to contact me with your cares and concerns, questions and comments, joys and sorrows. Staying in regular communication with you will be important for me and our work together. Also, I will announce (virtual) "office hours" soon, during which I will be available either via phone or face time. "Office visits" might be scheduled under the precautions of social distancing and wearing a mask. Group gatherings will continue to be via zoom. I will also pray for you and ask you to do the same for your leadership, the synod staff and me during this time of transition.

Hamburg, Germany, is "home" and where I was ordained and served the church prior to immigrating to the U.S. in 2001 with my husband - I have my bio posted on your website, so there you can find out more about me.

For now I express my sincere thanks to you for entrusting me with the ministry of serving as your Interim Pastor and Transitional Specialist. Let the adventure begin!

Yours in Christ  
Pastor Karin





Greetings!

I'll be honest...I found this article difficult to write. Like many of you, change is not my favorite thing. But I know that God is in control and I must remember and trust in His promises for us.

First, I want to express my gratitude to Pastor Daren for his leadership during these last 5 years. Together, we worked to expand our music ministry. With his guidance, our sanctuary has a beautiful new sound system, and our worship team has been given the tools we need to continue our ministry during this pandemic. I am grateful for his encouragement and trust. My family and I have come to know him not only as our pastor, but as our friend. May God bless him and keep him as he moves forward to his next call.

Moving forward, I want to welcome Pastor Karin Boye to House of Prayer. She will be our interim pastor during these next months as we search for and call a new pastor. I look forward to working with her to continue our ministry.

During these uncertain times, church looks different than ever before. Though our Sunday morning services are not together in the church building, through the miracle of technology our services and ministries continue. I appreciate your continued support each week as you bring these services into your homes. Remember, although physically separated, we are a church together.

Blessings to you!  
Carol

"Not for a moment did You forsake me. After all, You are constant. After all, You are only good. After all, You are sov'reign. Not for a moment, will You forsake me."  
Lyrics from *Not For a Moment*, by Meredith Andrews

**WELCOME TO HOUSE OF PRAYER  
PR. KARIN BOYE**

*House of Prayer Staff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: House of Prayer Bible Study*

*Time: 10:00am*

***This upcoming Wednesday, August 5th will be a meet & greet with our new interim Pr. Karin.***



*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81848590237?pwd=WTNtdlNGR1hWQi85TmJvUC9oNFVpQT09>

*Meeting ID: 818 4859 0237*

*Passcode: 479904*

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*Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81848590237?pwd=WTNtdlNGR1hWQi85TmJvUC9oNFVpQT09>*

On March 18th, House of Prayer held its first ever Baptisms and Confirmation via Zoom. Pastor Daren and Juana Flores' family celebrated together for 3 Baptisms and an Affirmation of Baptism. It was a special event to witness. Congratulations and blessings to Darien Victor Javier, Nathan Luis Garcia, Jayden Nicholas Garcia and Sergio Flores, Jr. You can witness this special event on our website ([www.hoplutheran.com](http://www.hoplutheran.com)) as part of the July 26th service.





This Summer has been very different from my previous summers. I don't think I have ever spent so much time at home. It has been strange not to be actively going places with our House of Prayer young people. By now, we would have gone to the beach a few times, to Confirmation Camp, had game days, etc.... but with Covid-19 around I haven't even spent much time with my own grandkids. I am getting better with on-line meeting and activities but still have much to learn. Please be patient with me.

Usually by now Pastor and I would have spent hours planning our next year of curriculum and adventures. It has been very difficult to plan out this next year when we are not even sure what the school year will look like. As of now, kids in our area will be doing distant learning at home. This makes it very hard for our working parents and to motivate the kids to learn. I am trying to work out the logistic of maybe doing a Virtual Youthful Endeavors afterschool homework Zoom. I am asking for everyone to please pray for our students and their teachers. They will need a lot of support at this time.

I had planned to have a virtual Vacation Bible school but found myself being bogged down with logistic of set up, filming and just getting myself to be in front of a camera. I finally can start filming and will be sending out information through emails, letters and the website. The plan is to continue offering Sunday School on-line. There will be emails, regular mail and information on the website for everyone.

Starting August 5, we will have a new Wednesday morning Zoom Bible Study log in. This information will be sent out in an email and regular mail. Hope to see you on zoom. If you need help with the setup, please contact the church office and we will help.

Each year in August, we ask for donations for school supplies. This year, we would like to donate to our local schools, they will need supplies extra supplies to send home for our low-income students. Please consider giving a donation!

You can make out your check to: **House of Prayer Youtherans** and then mail to the church office.

Address  
House of Prayer Youtherans  
795 North Rose Street  
Escondido, CA 92027

God's Blessing  
Kitty Wiebe  
Children, Youth and Family Ministry.



## And So I Must Still Have Hope

By Samantha Gross

In the middle of another blistering heat wave, I am thinking about winter.

This isn't a usual train of thought for me. In fact, I spend a lot of time going out of my way to not think about winter. As someone who is perpetually cold, summer is my absolute favorite season, one I am usually incredibly excited to be experiencing. It's the time for beach trips and tan lines and evenings that don't really start until after 8pm. But this summer things were a little different.

This unexpected summer has made my world feel very small. I leave the house to drive to work only twice a week, where I sit alone, only my coworker locked away in her own office and the ghost that lives in the ceiling to keep me company. I spend the rest of my work week sitting at my kitchen table, playing music quietly and trying to convince myself that messaging with my coworkers is the same as social interaction. That seeing people through screens is just as good as seeing them in person. That the thread that keeps us connected isn't being severed by the worst virus my generation has ever seen.

But that train of thought is sad. So, instead, I think about winter.

I'm sitting here in the middle of my favorite season, thinking about my least favorite time, because if 2020 has taught me anything it's the importance of preparing for the future. Of readying myself for a wintertime that looks like this summer did, of the potential for a Christmas season that looks like this past Easter. I am thinking of winter and telling myself that I will get through it, that we all will get through it, even if it's not what we expected. Because that's the only way we get to weather out the storm. Only this is a storm we can't seem to truly see the end of.

I'm sure those of you reading this are tired of reading or hearing or thinking about the state of the world right now. But unfortunately COVID 19 isn't done with us, so we have to learn to withstand it, to maintain our hope when things feel most dire.

Pastor Daren is leaving and that breaks my heart, but I also know that this change--as well as a lot of changes going on right now--is necessary. He is going where he needs to be, on the path that God has laid out for him, and we must do the same. And I am learning to understand that just because we no longer see a person every day or as often as we did before, it doesn't mean that they are no longer in our lives. It just means that their lives are different, their storm to weather took them in a different direction, and we must trust that ours is headed somewhere too. We must trust that there is a way through the winter, even when it feels like everything is frozen in ways we can't stand.

I have a habit of using quotes in these articles to drive home how I'm feeling and what I'm trying to express. I think maybe there's something about other people's words that feel more powerful than mine. Or maybe it's the fact that people from all over the world, from all over time, have said things that match how I feel, how I think, and that thread connects all of us. Here's the thread I'll draw for us today, something Vincent Van Gogh said long before any of us were alive:

*“Many people seem to think it foolish, even superstitious, to believe that the world could still change for the better. And it is true that in winter it is sometimes so biting cold that one is tempted to say, ‘What do I care if there is a summer; its warmth is no help to me now.’ Yes, evil often seems to surpass good. But then, in spite of us, and without our permission, there comes at last an end to the bitter frosts. One morning the wind turns, and there is a thaw. And so I must still have hope.”*

It's hard to think about winter while sitting outside in 90-degree weather. Things aren't thawing right now so much as melting (or wilting, in the case of the tomato plant beside me), but the idea of waiting for a change, a better world in the midst of something cold and distant, seems just as relevant. This was not the summer I expected to have, one I'm sure none of us expected, but here we are, waiting for the world to tell us that things are okay again. Because they will be, it's as inevitable as the summertime.

## COUNCIL NEWS – July 2020

The Church Council met July 15<sup>th</sup> virtually using Zoom.

A few items

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Joe's Glass Shack in Escondido is rebuilding the stained-glass window behind the organ that was all but destroyed by an attempted break-in. HOP has already received the payment from our insurance company less our \$2500 deductible.

We have been notified that HOP will be the recipient of 10% from the estate of Ray and Mollie Sacco. We are grateful for their generosity and support of our church and ministries.

Our offerings (pledges and plate only) are slightly over budget for the first half of the year. Many thanks to the congregation for mailing in offerings to the church office. Unfortunately, our facility usage donations since we closed the church are zero for a loss of \$8,200.

The Pastor notified us of his intention to leave HOP and accept a call in Greely CO. His last day will be July 31, 2020. Many thanks to Pastor Daren for his contributions to our church and our ministries. We wish him well.

The council voted to accept Dan Engelbrecht and Shelli Ellison as co-chairpersons on the pastoral call committee. Many thanks to them for volunteering. This will provide the call committee with solid leadership throughout the call process.

We had a Church Council meeting with Bishop Andy Taylor on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. He informed us that our interim pastor will be Rev. Karin Boye. She has some noteworthy credentials with 34 years ordained service which includes several interim pastoral assignments. The bishop sent us a thank you note for the meeting and some documents on the Transition Team and Call Processes, which have been distributed to the council. We have started the process of identifying a transition team. Please let me know if you would like to participate.

**October is approaching fast. We will have a virtual zoom congregation meeting to elect new council members for a Jan 2021 term start. The council members to be replaced that are termed out are:**

**President: Mike Erno**

**Secretary: Sandy Erno**

**At large: Ramiro Acosta**

**At large: Sheri Moehling**

**Please consider joining your church council.**

I have talked with many of you in the past few weeks. My prayer is that you all stay happy and healthy. Let us continue to remain in God's service. One family, one team and one objective.

Peace, love, strength, and grace as our stewardship of God's house continues,  
Mike Erno, Council President

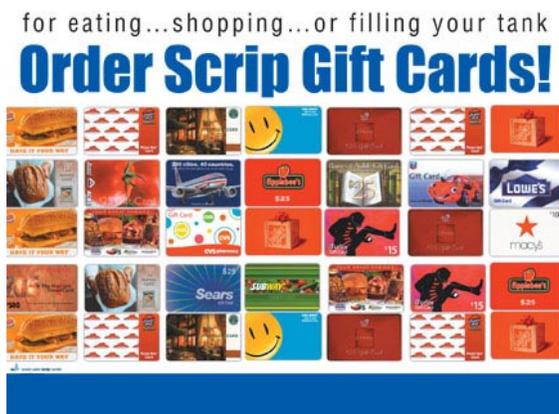
# SCRIP

We will be ordering SCRIP on August 10th if we get enough interest. If you are interested please email Darla at [houseofprayeradm@gmail.com](mailto:houseofprayeradm@gmail.com) or call the church office and we will fill out the form for you. Mail your check to the church so it arrives before **August 10th**. **Be sure to make you check payable to House of Prayer Youtherans and write SCRIP in the memo.**

When the SCRIP order comes in you will be notified to pick up your order Monday - Thursday, 10am - 1pm. Please call ahead to let us know when you are coming and we will put your order on the mailbox.

There are a wide variety of cards to purchase. Grocery cards (I'm sure most of us are buying more than usual), restaurants (let's support restaurants in our community), gas cards, department stores, drug stores...etc

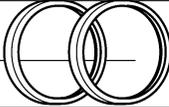
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Our House of Prayer Quilters have been busy!  
They have made  
**71 quilts** while we have been quarantined!  
Way to go quilters!!!!



CHURCH NEWS  
**AROUND**  
 the  
**CONGREGATION**

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*



8/5	Jeff & Carol Gross	31 Years
8/14	Roy & Rebecca Rutherford	21 Years
8/26	Dan & Patti Engelbrecht	48 Years
8/27	Chris & Amber Berg	8 Years

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**  
**Members of House of Prayer:**



**For healing:** Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Kathy Hayden, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Anne Engelbrecht, Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rosie Foss, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Herb Moehling, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Don Portis, Bill Carpenter, Jan Estes

**For comfort:**

**Relatives and Friends of HOP:**

**For Healing :** Robert Prentice, Melissa Leach, Alma Hernandez, Laci Richards, Carter Jordan, Monica McLernan, Ron Snow, Ron & Donna Perry, Erica Harris, Barbara Slusser, Gayle Hayden, Carol Cervantes, Vince Marrone, Lorenda Ingersoll, Patricia Kidder, Barbara Walker, John Vermilya, James & Liz Allen, Callen Michael Mullins, Annette Greetis, Mary Turner, Kathleen Turner, Alfonso Rubio, Kiley Jackson-Portocollo, Sarneas Ornelas, Santiago Omelas, David Spahn, Craig Eck, Al Ball, Scott Spilane, Alice Dalton, Larry & Sandra Clemmons, Kim Fox, Doria Carroll, Charlotte Vega, Laurel Byington, Michelle Mensen, Robin Oquist, Marti Jennings, Ron Stiner, Jessica Kahle Walker, Bridget Timken, Herbert Johnson, Shelia Jones, Karna Davila, Julie Walsh, Mark Walsh, Joe Buller, Tom Phelps

**For protection and safety in the military:**

Vince Erno, David Jones, Darren Embry, Jazmin Alfaro, Kenn Matthews, Devin Teeter, Justin Wilson, Jacob Lange, Kali Fisher

*Happy August Birthdays*

8/4	Abbey Glassett
8/8	Alfredo Alvarado
8/9	Cierra Holtz
	Kaylee Rutherford
8/10	Olivia Wiebe
8/14	Matt Madsen
8/15	Gretchen Pili
8/18	Anne Engelbrecht
	Collin Wiebe
8/19	Ava Engelbrecht
8/21	Maria Alvarado
8/24	Ana Lopez
8/28	Karen Lanspery
	Cynthia Poole
8/30	Yadira Lopez

**SCRIP**

will be ordered on August 10th.

During this time of everyone under quarantine, the office phones are monitored daily.

From 10:00am - 1:00pm

Mon - Thurs

the calls will be answered live.

All other times the calls are monitored remotely and you will receive a call back in a timely manner.

*For everyone's safety we are asking nobody comes to the church.*

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**For Thrivent Members:** Please check to see if you have available choice dollars that can be designated to House of Prayer. If you have any questions, see Harlan Gruenstern

House of Prayer's  
Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study  
is available on line.



**Thank you to all who have mailed their offerings** to the church during this time of quarantine.

Church has not stopped because we are not meeting physically. Our worship services are posted online every Sunday morning at 9:00am.

**You can mail in your offerings to the church.**

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### Amazon Smile

Do you have an Amazon account?  
If you do, please login to Amazon Smile and add **House of Prayer as your charitable organization.**  
By doing this, every time you order from Amazon, HOP will receive a donation.  
**Click on the link below to begin.**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3360279>



Parker Dale Meckes  
Was born on July 18th at 11:00pm.  
7lbs., 5oz., 20.5 inches.

Josh & Allison Meckes, Parents  
Vicki & Verne Latham, Grandparents  
Joan Schmidt, Great-Grandmother

Congratulations to the whole family!

# August 2020

**Sun**                      **Mon**                      **Tue**                      **Wed**                      **Thu**                      **Fri**                      **Sat**

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2  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	3	4	5  10:00am Bible Study Meet Pr. Karin on Zoom	6	7	8
9  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	10  8:00am Scrip Orders Due	11	12  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	13	14	15
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23  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	24	25	26  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	27	28	29
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