

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Glad Tidings

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

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

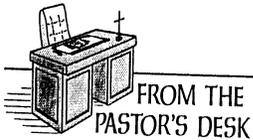
Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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**



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me.” John 14:1

The other day I heard someone say that Lent had started March last year. I can relate. We had entered hard months of on-and-off lock-downs, had not come back to in-person worship, are grieving losses, and are missing hugs and closeness. ‘Lent’ can seem to last forever...

Let’s pause for a teaching moment: ‘Lent’ comes from the Old English word ‘Lenctentid’ (pronounced LENG-ten-teeed), which means ‘the time of lengthening’. The spring season, with its longer days, was finally called Lent and the 40 days of Lent actually last 46 calendar days, because of Sundays being Feast Days. But, Daylight Savings Time aside, perhaps it’s the traditions we honor during Lent that make it seem even longer.

Growing up, I never attended a church that observed the Lenten season. A practice of “40 days without” became popular after I had graduated from university in Germany. But that seemed pretty Catholic to me. Then, after coming to the U.S., I learned that Lenten practices like “giving something up” have been perfectly acceptable among many good protestant people, and every spring I gain more appreciation of the significance of this Church Season.

I especially appreciate a central theme that has emerged over the recent years; pursue one day at a time, a discipline which paints a picture of moving forward in our spiritual journeys. Lent is not just about finding some irrelevant thing in our lives to “give up” for 46 days. However, if we have habits that need to exit our lives, Lent is a good trial period toward getting rid of them. In particular consider the habit of “worrying” many of us face daily during these days. We know what Jesus said about it in the above scripture. I’m taking those words literally this Lent, and am planning to repeat them to myself at the beginning of all my meditation and prayer times; occasions I could have otherwise spent needlessly worrying about something. It’s just a matter of giving up a bad habit by a shifting of emphasis to a good one.

I also like the newer tradition to add something meaningful during Lent. In recent years you were used to midweek Evening Prayer in combination with Soup and Supper. This year Covid will still not allow for that. So let us add a time for meditation and prayer instead (see page 3). May it center and ground you in these confusing and unsettling times.

Privileged to journey with you through Lent 2021

Yours,
Pastor Karin

Meditation and Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent

Every Wednesday during Lent we will engage in devotional time filled with meditation and prayer. A recording will be **available at 9:00AM on the House of Prayer website**, and you can decide when to watch it. Look for a quiet space, have your own candle ready if you wish, and sit and listen. You can expect music, prayer, a short text by Sister Joan Chittister, silence, biblical wisdom and a closing prayer. All are welcome!

Joan Chittister is a seasoned, passionate voice for the spiritual renewal of the planet. A Benedictine sister, she has been recognized by universities and organizations around the world for her work in peace, justice, spirituality, interreligious dialogue, and the equality of women. Sister Joan has authored over 50 books and over 700 articles in numerous journals and magazines, reflecting her passion for truth and a bold voice against suffering of all creation. Underneath it all rests her personal experience of excessive hope and radical grace.

Be a Blessing and be Blessed Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 11:30am to 1:00pm

Here is your chance to be blessed and to be a blessing to others on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, the first day of Lent. House of Prayer and Pastor Karin Boye are inviting you to support individuals seeking help at Interfaith Community Services. Please bring non-perishable food items to a drive-thru followed by the **Imposition of Ashes** and a blessing for you. And you don't have to leave the car."

Drop off your non-perishable food items (list on pg. 8) and then drive forward to receive a blessing and an ash cross on your forehead. **Please enter from N Rose Street, wear a mask, do not leave the car, volunteers will take your donation, and then exit toward E Mission Avenue.** Be blessed and stay safe! Thank you!!!



Already it is February 2021. It's been 11 months since we have worshipped together in the same physical space. We have come full circle back into the season of Lent.

As I browse through the Lenten hymns in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (our hymnal), the lyrics of one catches my eye... #332 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say. This hymn text was written in the 19th century by Horatius Bonar, a Scottish minister and writer. He wrote over 600 hymns, with this one considered to be his finest. In doing some research, I learned that this hymn was intended to be used by children as a way to teach the truths of the life and work of Jesus Christ.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

What do these words say to you? For me, even though they were written over 150 years ago, it's as if they were written yesterday. Through the many difficulties of this past year, I have struggled at times, as I'm sure you have. I have moments of sadness for what has been lost, disappointment for what was supposed to be, anxiety about what might be yet to come. I am weary. Reading the words of this hymn brings immediate peace into my heart, knowing that I have a place to go with all of these feelings and doubts. Jesus invites me (us) to come to Him and lay down when we are weary. It is in Jesus' presence that I gain strength and rest.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light; look unto me,
your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

May your walk through Lent, and this life, be in Jesus' presence, boldly bringing your burdens to Him and quietly listening and watching for His light in your life.

In His Service,
Carol



I had a conversation recently with the leaders from Caring and Connected program about people wanting ways to be more involved with church activities. Several people missed coming to church and seeing people. We started talking about what is happening at church now and what ways people can volunteer during this time. How can you volunteer during Covid-19 and beyond? What would you like to see at House of Prayer?

I would like to see more programs like Caring and Connected. Where members reach out to those around us and offer support. You don't have to be an official leader of that group to be a caring and connect person. You can choose someone to make phone calls or take part in a zoom weekly/monthly. Choose someone you don't normally talk to. During Covid-19 that has been hard but Caring and Connected has shown it can be done.

Did you know House of Prayer has an email Prayer Chain? We even have people on it who don't have emails. People can send emails or call the office with a prayer request and we send out an email about that request to share with other on our list. You can be part of this group, just contact the office to tell you would like to be included. We could even start a phone calling one if someone is interested in starting that group.

Some of the volunteer needs I have heard about:

A planning group with our bilingual members to organize bulletins, contact members, and help with include all members of our congregation.

A program to help our visually challenged members. We can offer lessons, information and training to help these members. We already have people with knowledge about these needs but need offering help to those who need it.

We also have members who need help understanding computers, iPad, tablets, Cell phones. We need a group who can help with setting up and teaching how to use these devices.

I am always looking for help with our Education programs (children and adult), Confirmation and Triple-G. If you have ideas for distant activities or zoom classes let me know. Maybe you have an event, game or art class you would like offer.

I heard of an event being offered by Lutheran Retreats, Camp and Conferences. It is an on-line Winter Retreat for everyone, being offered on Fridays in Feb. information can be found page 8.

I am sure you can think of other volunteer activities, talk to your friends and bring the ideas to the council, before you know it, we will have new and exciting things happen at House of Prayer.

God's Peace and get excited,

Kitty
Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Council News

I would like to start out by thanking everyone for all the help and support I have been given.

These are trying times; I know we are all unsure of the what the future will bring. The important thing now is that we take care of the needs of our church and our church family.

We look forward to the time we can all come together again to worship and have fellowship we have missed for so long.

Blessings,

In Christ name.

Ramiro Acosta



Pictured (L-R): Harlan Gruenstern, Sheri Moehling, Ramiro Acosta, MJ Petersen, Pastor Karin, Darrell Maus, JoEllen Maus, Natalia Marquez

Not pictured: Mike Kendall, Christi Stinebiser

Zoom Meetings

House of Prayer Zoom Forum Meetings

Every Tuesday at 5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86740955288?pwd=ZENoU2tyQ3U5Q29sUzdmZzZlVmJWQT09>

Or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 867 4095 5288
Passcode: 777115

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Greetings at 9:45am Study at 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81848590237?pwd=WTNtdlNGR1hWQI85TmJvUC9oNFVpQT09>

or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 818 4859 0237
Passcode: 479904

Council Meeting Zoom

Time: Feb. 21 at 11:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105853120?pwd=NFVXWXBQQIZHUXpuaFBsUkhZcTNtZz09>

Or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 861 0585 3120
Passcode: 766380

Caring and Connected Leaders

Time: Feb. 16, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86361809931?pwd=MndnS2FydmQ5cIFTUURwN1YwVEh5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931

Passcode: 974867

From Home phones.
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931

Passcode: 97486

Be a Blessing and be Blessed
Interfaith Non-perishable Food Drive
Wednesday, Feb. 17 11:30 to 1

Food Needs:

Peanut butter and jelly (or jam)
Mac 'n Cheese, pasta meals, and dried pasta
Hearty canned soups and stews
Canned meats, tuna, beans, and chili
Canned fruits and vegetable

Toiletry Needs:

Deodorant, baby wipes, socks
Soap or shower gel
Shampoo, conditioner, combs, and brushes
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Shaving cream and razors
Please refrain from including any items that contain alcohol, such as hand sanitizer and mouthwash

LUTHERAN RETREATS,
CAMPS & CONFERENCES
El Camino Pines
Luther Glen Farm

2021 Winter Retreat
Open to everyone
Contact Kitty Wiebe for details.
760-745-3738

1 Live Zoom Event

3 Video Workshops

Available at no cost for your church,
youth group & family!

The graphic features a large blue cross with the text '2021 Winter Retreat' at the top, 'Still Standing' in yellow script across the middle, and 'Romans 12:12' at the bottom. The background is a light blue misty forest scene.

Workshops: February 5 - Patient in Affliction
February 12 - Faithful in Prayer
February 19 - Joyful in Hope
February 27 - Live Zoom

for eating...shopping...or filling your tank

Order Scrip Gift Cards!



We will be ordering SCRIP on **Feb. 8** If you are interested please email Kitty at houseofprayeradmn@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 Feb. 8th.**

Be sure to make you check payable to House of Prayer Youterans and write SCRIP in the memo.

When the SCRIP order comes in you will be notified to pick up your order

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm.

Please call ahead to let us know when you are coming and we will put your order on the mailbox.

Scrip is a way of helping our Youth Fund

You request gift cards (food, restaurants, store cards) in the amount you want through House of Prayer.

We purchase them at a discount and we receive the difference.

So if you buy a \$25 card, we receive a percentage of the \$25. It cost you nothing extra.

We use the money for Youth activities and supplies.



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>

2/14	Loren and MJ Petersen	12 years
2/17	Lawson and Shelli Ellison	42 years
2/21	Bacilides & Clementina Lopez	34 years

In October, we completely started over with the prayer lists for members, family/friends and protection and safety in the military. If you would like yourself, friend or relative on the prayer list, there is a form that needs to be filled out. (See next page). You can mail or email the request back to the office, or call the office.

This is **separate from the Prayer Chain**. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please email Kitty Wiebe or call the church office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...
Members of House of Prayer:
For healing: Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rosie Foss, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Don Portis, Bill Carpenter, Annette Gustin
For comfort:
Relatives and Friends of HOP:
For Healing and comfort: Julie Walsh, Michelle Mensen, Martha Bailey, Bethany Barratt
For protection and safety in the military: Vince Erno

Happy February Birthdays

2/1	Trudie Rice
2/5	Laura Cano
2/7	Rick Baker
2/7	Jason Engelbrecht
2/9	Marilyn Mukomela
2/10	Rosalind Mattern
2/12	Dan Engelbrecht
2/13	Carol Gross
2/13	Norma Recendiz
2/17	Leanne Glassett
2/19	Gudron Lowder
2/22	Kassia Rhoades
2/23	Sergio Flores
2/24	Patti Engelbrecht
2/24	Glen Foss
2/25	Sebastian Mahan
2/25	Jo Ellen Maus
2/28	Luke Engelbrecht

There is a person in the office Monday-Thursday from 8:30 -1:30. If you have an emergency and are in need of pastoral care outside of those hours, please leave a message with your name and number. **Phones are monitored during off hours** and your call will be returned in a timely manner.

Thank you!

The Church Office will be closed on Feb.15 in honor of President's Day.



Prayer Request Form

Date: _____

I would like to add _____
to the prayer list.

HOP Member: _____

Friend/Relative: _____

Protection in Military: _____

Prayers requested for: _____

Please add to the list for # _____ weeks (If prayers are still needed after this time frame,
please submit

another form)

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Thank you!
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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Thank you!

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, contact Harlan Gruenstern

House of Prayer's
Wednesday **10:00am Bible Study**
is available on line.
We are studying the weekly Gospel.
The lesson is emailed on Mondays.

Financial Stewardship

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$20,805	\$244,722
Actual Revenue	\$21,762	\$225,807

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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Escondido, CA 92027

Upcoming Dates

Articles For Tidings Newsletter Due
Feb.22

If you want your church and staff to know...

There is a wonderful saying: "Our assumptions and the truth dine at totally separate tables!", meaning that most often our wants and likings determine our expectations and actions - and they are not necessarily connected with reality.

So if you are expecting the office or your pastor to know about something - please, call the office. Messages left on the office's answering machine are checked multiple times during the day! In case of an emergency you may call Pastor Karin directly: (c) 949.705.9966. Thank you for your ongoing support.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	3 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	4	5	6
7 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	8 8:00am Scrip Orders Due	9 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	10 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	15	16 11:30 C&C Zoom* 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	17 Ash Wed 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom 11:30am-1:00pm Food drive and ashes at HOP	18	19	20
21 Lent 1 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com 11:30 Council Zoom Meeting	22	23 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	24 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	25	26	27
28 Lent 2 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com					C&C Zoom is ◆ Caring and Connected Leaders Zoom Meeting ◆ 3rd Tuesday	