

# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

795 NORTH ROSE STREET, ESCONDIDO, CA 92027

*Pastor Dan Cole, Bridge Pastor*



**July 2021**

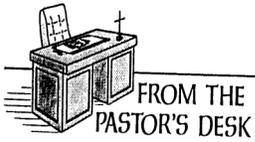
## **Glad Tidings**

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES  
10:00AM**

**Wednesdays 10:00 AM In-Person Bible Study  
with Zoom**

**Worship Services also available at  
[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**



## Pastor Dan B. Cole

God work in weakness

### **2 Corinthians 12:7–10 — The New International Version (NIV)**

“7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

God chose to enter into human history in complete weakness. That divine choice forms the center of the Christian faith. In Jesus of Nazareth, the powerless God appeared among us to unmask the illusion of power, to disarm the prince of darkness who rules the world, and to bring the divided human race to a new unity. It is through total and unmitigated powerlessness that God shows us divine mercy....It is very hard—if not impossible—for us to grasp this divine mercy. We keep praying to the “almighty and powerful God.” But all might and power is absent from the One who reveals God to us saying: “When you see me, you see the Father.” If we truly want to love God, we have to look at the man of Nazareth, whose life was wrapped in weakness. And his weakness opens for us the way to the heart of God.

When you feel weak, and lacking, that is when God is working through you. Let us not underestimate God power in our lives and our church.

May God help us to see his presence in our weakness.

A hungry beggar showing you where I found food,

Pastor Dan



“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” **Galatians 6:10**



Have you heard that a lot of people are moving out of California?

It sure seems that way. House of Prayer has five families who have moved or are moving to another state. These are members who have been very active in the church before Covid. Now that the church is having services again, we are even more aware how much these people have done here. We also have members who are dealing with health issues with themselves or family members and have reluctantly given up their volunteer work.

I hope everyone who reads this will asks themselves “How can I help?” We have several volunteer positions that need to be filled. Please Prayerfully consider what you can do!

Here are just a few positions I heard about;

- Caring and Connected calling people to help them stay connected with our congregation.
- Offering counters to count and document offering donations.
- Memorial service coordinator
- Council members
- Mission planners for “God’s Work, Our Hands”.

The Call Committee tells us that we will have a new pastor soon. We can help them in doing God’s work together. I am excited about what is to come.

God’s peace,  
Kitty Wiebe  
Children, Youth and Family Ministry



**TO ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS:**



**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE JULY 31, 2021. THEY MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JULY 31ST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR**

The scholarships are open to any HOP member under the age of 25 who are actively involved in the church and who regularly participates in worship and communion. Applicants may apply for the scholarship to any credited college, University, or trade/arts school at the post secondary undergraduate level. High School graduates must show evidence of graduation, and acceptance at a post secondary school. Continuing undergraduates must provide a transcript showing at least a “C” average for the previous school year, and evidence of enrollment for the new school year.

Applications may be obtained from the church office, or you can download it from the HOP website:

[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org) —Scholarship Committee

## Council President's Notes

I would like to welcome everyone back, now that we are able to have in person Sunday services at House of Prayer Lutheran Church. June 20th was our first in person service. We had 35 people. Temperatures were taken at the door, also masks were worn and reservations were taken so social distant seating was enforced. All areas were sanitized after everyone left. Everyone seemed to be happy to return. It was so nice to see people we haven't seen or spoken to in over a year and catch up.

On June 19th I had a Zoom meeting with Bishop Andy Taylor, this was a meeting for the Council Presidents of all the Lutheran churches. The main discussion was about the challenges we have all had due to Covid and the reopening of the churches. One of the biggest concerns was the loss of parishioners. The people were missing the fellowship of the ones they had been used to seeing every week, they missed the pastor and his (or her) meaningful sermons. Many of the people went to other churches because their own church wasn't open. Most of the other churches had already opened with either indoor or outdoor services, the rest were planning to open on June 20th as we did.

Our monthly Council meeting was held June 20th after our Sunday service. We voted to reopen the fellowship hall for the quilters and the Bible study group.

The Spanish church will be coming back on campus starting July 1st. They are very excited to return. They have been meeting at Jesmond Dene Park .

Elections will be coming up soon for the church council positions, if you or someone you feel would like to fill one of the open spots please let anyone on the council know. We could really use some new fresh ideas and outlook.

Please think and pray about it.

Blessings to all, have a wonderful month.  
In Christ name.

Ramiro Acosta  
Council President

## Council News

### ***ELECTIONS !!!***

Greetings HOP. Hard to believe that the year is half gone already. That signals the time to get the October elections meeting preparations started. As usual there are openings for positions of various types.

The council has two positions to be refilled, my own, the vice-president and one at-large. Darrell Maus has agreed to another at-large term and Harlan Gruenstern has agreed to another term as treasurer which were two other positions with expiring terms.

Also, to be refilled are the two Synod Assembly voting members for next year's assembly.

Lastly, a position on the Mutual Support Ministry committee is open. It was previously held by Deanna Concannon, who sadly passed. This is an unelected position, appointed by the Pastor and President.

PLEASE prayerfully consider being part of the inner workings of our church. It is vital. Please contact Pastor Dan, Ramiro Acosta or me to support these needs. We are happy to answer any questions.

Peace out,

Mike Kendall  
Vice President

### Call Committee

Greetings from our Call Committee.

We have two really strong candidates. We are currently checking their references. After this discernment process with much prayer and discussion, we will present our candidate to the church council.

We thank all of you for your continued support and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Dan Engelbrecht, committee co-chair

### Special Congregational Meeting

House of Prayer will be holding a special meeting in the next 45 days!  
We will be voting to approve a new pastor and on the compensation package.  
Look for more information in the next coming weeks.

# Zoom Meetings

## 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

**Time: July 18 at 11:30 Third Sunday of month**  
**In-person with Zoom participants**

<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: July 20, 2021 11:30 AM**  
**Third Tuesday of each month**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86361809931?pwd=MndnS2FydmQ5clFTUURwN1YwVEh5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931  
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From Home phones.  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

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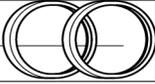


If you have a celebration to share with your HOP family,  
please call or email the church office and it will be in the  
Heavenly Happens and/or Tidings.

Phone # 760-745-3738  
[houseofprayeradmn@gmail.com](mailto:houseofprayeradmn@gmail.com)

CHURCH NEWS

# AROUND the CONGREGATION

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

7/1	Ray and Linda Wiebe	65 years
7/31	Mike and Minnie Williams	22 years

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



**For healing:** Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Inge Fr  
Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern,  
Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Matt  
Madsen, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson,  
Don Portis, Annette Gustin, Joan Schmidt,

**For comfort:**

**Relatives and Friends of HOP:**

**For Healing and comfort:** Walsh Family, Michelle Mensen,  
Martha Bailey, Bethany Barratt, Aiden Beutlich. Angela  
Carlson, Kelly Gustin Lethem, Gary Johnson, Greg Pauley

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

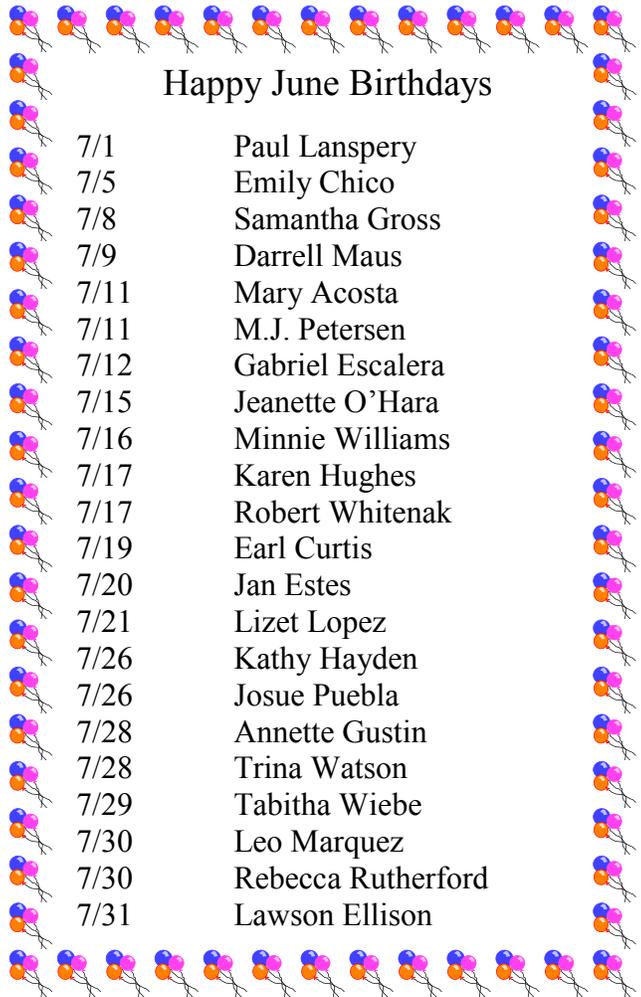
If you would like yourself, friend or relative on the  
prayer list, please fill out the form on the next page.

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.

Phone # 760-745-3738

Kitty's email [hopyouthesc@gmail.com](mailto:hopyouthesc@gmail.com)



**Happy June Birthdays**

- 7/1 Paul Lanspery
- 7/5 Emily Chico
- 7/8 Samantha Gross
- 7/9 Darrell Maus
- 7/11 Mary Acosta
- 7/11 M.J. Petersen
- 7/12 Gabriel Escalera
- 7/15 Jeanette O'Hara
- 7/16 Minnie Williams
- 7/17 Karen Hughes
- 7/17 Robert Whitenak
- 7/19 Earl Curtis
- 7/20 Jan Estes
- 7/21 Lizet Lopez
- 7/26 Kathy Hayden
- 7/26 Josue Puebla
- 7/28 Annette Gustin
- 7/28 Trina Watson
- 7/29 Tabitha Wiebe
- 7/30 Leo Marquez
- 7/30 Rebecca Rutherford
- 7/31 Lawson Ellison

**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 July 1 and July 5 in observance of the 4th of July**

# 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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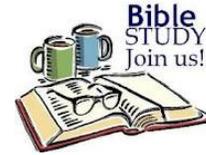
### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**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 **Bible Study** **10:00am In-person**

Zoom available

We are studying the weekly Gospel.  
The lesson is emailed on Mondays.



### Upcoming Dates

Articles For Tidings  
August Newsletter  
Due July 26

### Financial Stewardship

#### General Fund:

Budgeted Revenue  
Actual Revenue

#### May

\$18,451  
\$15,662

#### YTD

\$84,860  
\$86,614

**Thank you to all who have mailed your offerings** to the church during our time of quarantine. The Church did not stopped because we were not meeting physically.

**You can bring you offering to the church service or mail in your offerings to the church.**

House of Prayer  
795 North Rose St.  
Escondido, CA 92027

### Flowers

Would you like to donate flowers for Sunday service? We have opening for **August 1, 8, 15, 22**

Donation: \$53.10 real flowers or \$10 for artificial display

### If you want the staff to know....

Please call the office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:30. If after hours, please leave a message. The answering machine is checked multiple times each day. In case of an emergency you may call Pastor Dan directly: (c) 619-368-8907 . If it is important and you get his voice mail, please hang up and try calling again. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

## Order Scrip Gift Cards!



We will be ordering SCRIP on **July 12** If you are interested please email Kitty at [houseofprayeradmn@gmail.com](mailto: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 July 12.**

**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 can pick it up

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm.

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.

Bu 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>



### Congratulations to theses Graduates



**Seth Hughes** from Orange Lutheran High  
He received the “Male Thespian of the Year “ award ( Karen Hughes Grandchild )

**Emma Wiebe** from Classical Academy High  
( Ray and Linda Wiebe’s Grandchild)

### House of Prayer Quilters Tuesday 9:30am starting July 7 Social Hall in-person

Our quilters have been working hard. They have provided Interfaith Community Services with 24 quilts. 30 quilts are finished for Lutheran World Relief



### Kathy Rognlie

House of Prayer received word that Kathy (former member) passed away from cancer the week of July 20th.

We don't have any more details at this time.

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Carol Vacation  Church Office Closed	2 Carol Vacation	3 Carol Vacation
4 Holiday Carol Vacation  10:00am Worship Service In-person	5 Carol Vacation  Church Office Closed Holiday observance	6 Carol Vacation  9:30 am Quilters	7 Carol Vacation  10:00am Bible Study	8	9	10  3:00pm Sacco memorial
11  10:00am Worship Service In-person	12  8:00am Scrip Orders Due  12:30 Staff meet	13  9:30 am Quilters	14  10:00am Bible Study	15	16	17
18  10:00am Worship Service In-person  11:30 Council Meeting	19  12:30Staff meet	20  9:30 am Quilters  11:30 Caring & Connected leaders Zoom	21  10:00am Bible Study	22	23	24
25  10:00am Worship Service In-person	26  12:30Staff meet  Tidings Articles due	27  9:30 am Quilters	28  10:00am Bible Study	29	30	31  Scholarship Applications due

- ◆ **Happy July 4th Day**
- ◆ Worship and Communion Services at 10:00am, On-line service available on Monday at the **new website:** [www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)
- ◆ **Bible Study will be in-person with zoom available.**
- ◆ Council Meeting will be in-person with those wishing to attend on Zoom.