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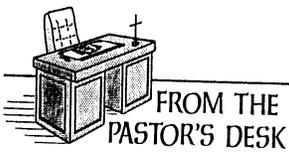
June 2022

Glad Tidings

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

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

Worship Services also available at
www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org



A letter from Pastor Christina De La Cruz

“A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say, ‘I make God visible.’ But others who see us together can say, ‘They make God visible.’ Community is where humility and glory touch” (Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith*).

The above passage by Spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, has been on my mind throughout the last month. Each Sunday, I am encouraged by the volunteers who participate in worship leadership. Each person offers something different. Some make coffee; some prepare the communion; others support fellow members as they walk through the sanctuary. I also love to hear the congregation sing and pray together, worshipping God as one. As I look out at the congregation on Sunday morning, I see a living mosaic, formed into a breathing work of art.

The community is like a mosaic, because of the way that the many distinct stones work together in order to reveal the face of God. A typical mosaic, however, does not move or change. It is an art piece that remains until an artisan adds to it or the weather wears it down. Communities are a bit different because they are alive. They move and change. They face challenges and hardships. They celebrate and flourish. Each event adds to the complexity of the art. Every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow. Every change is an opportunity for new intricacies and designs.

Last week, I attended the ELCA Pacifica Synod Assembly with Sandy Erno and Dan Engelbrecht. Every pastor in our synod gathered with representatives from their congregations. We shared stories, celebrated one another’s victories, and lamented some of the challenges that the various congregations have faced. I was reminded that our community stretches beyond itself. We are House of Prayer Lutheran Church, but we are also members of the Pacifica Synod, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and also members of the Lutheran World Federation. We, as ELCA Lutherans, are full communion partners with more Christian denominations than any other, making us one of the most ecumenically connected denominations in the world. We are followers of Christ, connected to other Christians in every part of the globe, and to every Christ follower throughout time. It is exciting to welcome David Nagler as the new bishop of our Pacifica Synod. It is also exciting to reaffirm our role as a Lutheran church, connected to the broader community. It is great to see our place in the mosaic and to see the way the mosaic continues to develop.

At House of Prayer, we are looking expectantly into the future, waiting to see what God has in store for us. We have officially hired a new office administrator, and we will be modifying Kitty’s current job description. This month, we will finally begin training a visitation team to take communion to homebound members. Council is also reviewing some of our rental agreements with outside organizations, and we might see some changes in the months to come. This summer, we will be clearing out some of our classrooms and making space for other ministry opportunities. In the meantime, we will begin praying and dreaming about our mission and ministry as a congregation. As always, please keep our church leadership in your prayers as we continue to follow God’s call. Also stay tuned for further volunteer opportunities in the weeks to come.



This past choir season was quite an adventure. Due to COVID we started later than usual, and with a smaller group....small but mighty! We sang together for a few months until Christmas, then out of an abundance of caution, we stopped gathering for a few months. We came back together in time to sing for Holy Week and Easter, and finished the season strong. I am very grateful for each and every member of our choir. They are faithful and love serving the Lord in this way. Through thick and thin, I love this group! Thank you! I hope you have an amazing summer off. If you'd like to be part of this special group, please come join us in the fall. June brings the season of Pentecost, which lasts through the summer. I look forward to the bilingual worship service on June 5th, the Day of Pentecost. It will be a new way for us to celebrate this special day. The service and the music will all be done in both English and Spanish. Come join us! Thank you to all those who are participating in this service. Lastly, I want to say a big welcome to our new office administrator, Carolina. Please make sure to say hello and make her feel welcome. I look forward to working with her and getting to know her.

Peace to you,
Carol

“Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.” ELW #583



Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

When I started as the youth leader, I asked the youth to give me some Bible verses we could use to graffiti the youth room walls. Jessica Vazquez, who as a senior getting ready for some changes in her life gave me this verse from Jeremiah 29:11. This was not one I remember learning growing up, but it so often fits in my life. We are always transitioning and changing and are not always sure of what God’s plans is.

Over the years, my job has changed from meetings and activities for high school youth to all children and youth, then children youth and families. Once covid hit, things became on-line, and families moved away. I found myself in the office helping members stay connected with the phone and internet. I missed the in-person and am happy we are now able to spend time together.

Pastor Christina and I have talked often about what my role in the church would look like after we found a new office administrator. That job description and responsibilities are still being discussed with the council, but I am excited to begin my new role in this church. Currently, I am training and working with Carolina on meeting the needs of the office administrator. She already has a good handle on the job.

Our Donations for Mother’s day went well. We collected baby food, diapers, wipes, and formula. On top of the food items, we collected \$165, which was used to purchase more baby items. This was all donated to Interfaith Community Service.

For Father’s Day we are asking for a cash donation to give to the Interfaith Community Service, Support Service fund. This fund is used to support programs to help Senior, social service, basic needs, and their nutrition services.

Our Visitation team will be starting soon. The training will be on June 12. The visitation team will be helping pastor in connecting with our homebound and offering communion.

Keep an eye out for school supplies! In the fall we will be collecting school supplies. More details to be announced.

Pastor Christina, the council and I will be spending the summer looking ahead to plan programs and educational opportunities for the coming year. I really am excited to see what the Lord has planned for House of Prayer.



Kitty Wiebe

Memorial Services

There will be a **Memorial Service** for
Joan Schmidt
Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00am.
A reception will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a **memorial Service** for
David Rice
Saturday, June 18 at 1:00pm
A reception will immediately follow
in the Fellowship Hall

Meet our New Bishop

BISHOP ELECTION OF THE PACIFICA SYNOD

Name: Rev. David Nagler

Current Position: Pastor

Congregation Membership: Christ Lutheran Church

Date and Year of Birth: July 19, 1964

Date and Year of Ordination: January 30, 1993

Previous Positions:

Pastor and CEO, Central City Lutheran Mission

Pastor, Navity Lutheran Church, Bend Oregon

Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, San Diego

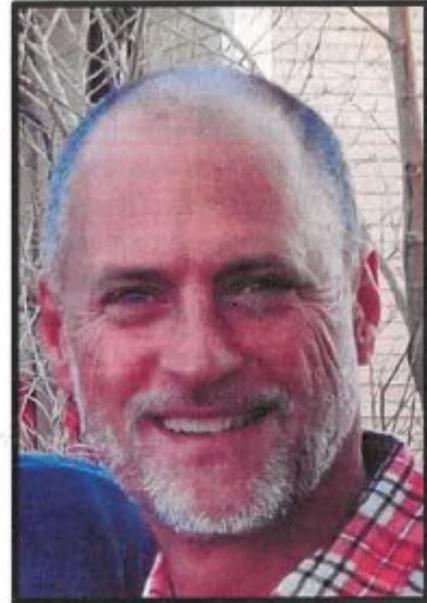
Director, Project Shalom, Antsiranana Madagascar

Education and Earned Degrees (with institutions and years, most recent first):

M.Div. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1992

M.A.Ed. University of Redlands, 1989

B.A in Psychology, Humboldt State University, 1986



List up to five (5) current or past synod or churchwide activities that would inform your service as bishop of this synod.

I have served as the Chair of the Advisory Board for PLTS for 7 years.

I am on the Board of Regents for California Lutheran University.

I served as chair of the synod Hunger and Housing Team for 5 years.

I currently am the dean of the West San Diego Conference.

I am part of the anti-racism taskforce of our synod.

List up to five (5) current or past community-related activities that would inform your service as bishop of this synod.

I am on the board for a contemplative retreat group (Companions on the Inner Way).

I was on the Board of Directors of a homeless shelter (Bethlehem Inn) for 5 years.

I have led interfaith pilgrimages to Italy, Scotland, Ireland, and Central Europe.

I am part of an ecumenical team that creates a fundraiser that supports Border Angels (Wine 2 Water).

I helped organize the Tourmaline Tailgaters Surf Club annual fundraising event.

BISHOP ELECTION OF THE PACIFICA SYNOD

What gifts would you bring to the office of bishop of this synod?

Whether serving in a congregation, social service agency, board, or as part of a synodical team I have learned to trust my sense of creative vision for the future and my ability to communicate that vision effectively. I draw inspiration from visionary leaders who dare to push their communities beyond their comfort zones trusting that God is leading them to a new and more lifegiving reality. I have a passion for keeping the good news of God's love good news for everyone, no exceptions! I rely on the witness of scripture, input from sources that have been marginalized, my intuition, and a sense of adventure to guide the communities I serve. I have studied and employed the tactics of adaptive leadership to address complex problems that don't have technical solutions. If you ask my dog, I am also kinda funny.

What do you see as the principal challenge to this synod in the next six (6) years, and how would you address it?

We are deep into a societal shift that has been erupting for decades but has picked up steam in the last few years. The church has been marginalized. That has brought pain. So we have been trying to hold on to our place in the center of society forgetting that we do our best work on the margins! Time to let that go. We need to go deeper into our spiritual practices. We must have the courage and humility to do the work to become a truly anti-racist synod. We should no longer pine away for the "good ol' days", but embrace the Divine call we share to this time and this place. I would address this by pushing innovation, budgeting for deep change, developing deeper collegiality, trusting the voices we have historically ignored, and not being afraid to fail. I would also center everything, including the synod staff, in a local congregational context. We need to be rooted and intentionally invested in our local communities.

Describe your leadership style.

I have enjoyed being part of great teams! My leadership style is to listen and learn from my teammates and then to articulate my position clearly. Sometimes there is a clear consensus as to the path forward. Other times, I have had to push for a vision that only I can see. Truly leading can include lonely chapters, but those times should be few and are usually associated with major change. When (not if) I make a mistake I try to be fully accountable. Apologizing and changing our behavior is part of what it means to live in Christian community. Frequent and effective communication is very important to me. I believe that the role of pastor or bishop is to inspire the community, not to dominate them. Jesus said, "The greatest among you will be your servant." (Mt. 23:11) On my best days, I remember to check my ego at the door and do what is right for the needs of the community.

Hello!

My name is Carolina Munoz and I am the new Office administrator here at House of Prayer.

I am bilingual in English and Spanish. I have two children; Emily who is 15 years old and Milton who is 11 years old, we also have a Dog (Neo). I live in Escondido and I have been in San Diego county for 30 years

I like to stay active in my community, I have been a member of my kids School PTA club, a classroom parent and also volunteer at my daughters ballet studio events. I love to be in nature, hike, go for walks and bike ride.

I am very excited to be part of the House of Prayer team! I am looking forward learning more and I am grateful to feel very welcomed and happy here.

Thank you!



A letter from ELCA:

Thank you, House of Prayer, for your donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support went to sister churches in Eastern Europe in response to the conflict in Ukraine.

Dear House of Prayer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$434.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy*
(ELW 328)

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice, but it is also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Congregational Generosity



Congratulations to

*Taylor Smith for graduating Ramona High School 2022,
She is continuing her education at CSUSM nursing program.*

Hip Hip Horray for a 4.0 GPA!!!

Proud grandparents Mike and Sandy Erno.

TO ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS:

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE JULY 31, 2022.
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

—Scholarship Committee



JUNETEENTH

Celebrate Freedom

JUNE 19

Celebrating African American Culture

June 19 is Juneteenth also known as **Jubilee Day**. It is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed by celebrating African American culture.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE FOR JUNE

10:00 AM Sunday Service

- 6/5 **Ushers:** Darrell and JoEllen Maus, Harlan Gruenstern
Reader: Mike Erno
Communion Assistant: Sandy Erno
- 6/12 **Ushers:** Mike Smith, Harlan Gruenstern and Jan Estes
Reader: Jan Estes
Communion Assistant: Laura Holtz
- 6/19 **Ushers:** Dan and Patti Engelbrecht and Trina Watson
Reader: Glen Foss
Communion Assistant: JoEllen Maus
- 6/26 **Ushers:** Lawson Ellison, Alfredo Alvarado and Ramiro Acosta
Readers: Shelli Ellison
Communion Assistant: Shelli Ellison

Altar Guild: Karen Lanspery

*If for any reason you are unable to keep your commitment,
please contact your scheduler.*



Flower Donations for May

- 6/5 Royce Williams
In memory of Cam Williams
- 6/12 Mike and Sandy Erno
In honor of David's Anniversary
- 6/19 Trudie Rice
In memory of David Rice
- 6/26 Natalia Marquez
In Celebration of Irene Marquez's birthday





Council Meeting
June 26, 11:00 am
in Social Hall
If you have any ideas, thoughts or concerns
about House of Prayer,
Please contact one of the council members.

Financial Stewardship

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$16,433	\$65,329
Actual Revenue	\$14,985	\$82,266

Church Council Report

Earlier this year, the Council identified two areas of focus for 2022.

- to strengthen our capacity to support vulnerable members, and
- to enhance our outreach and evangelism tools.

Some of our actions to move forward in these areas have included:

- renewal and formation of a Mutual Ministry Committee
- approving the hiring of a bilingual office administrator
- updating our funeral and building use policies
- participating in the Escondido Street Fair

Upcoming Council activities include:

- providing a six month financial update and stewardship temple talk
- begin planning for the 2023 budget
- update the capital facilities plan (with an emphasis on campus security)
- continue the review of staffing needs and roles

Council meets the last Sunday of each month after the Worship Service. Our meetings are open to any members who wish to attend. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please reach out to us in any manner that works for you!

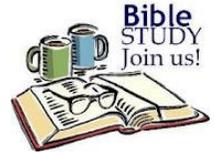
Ramiro Acosta
 Council President

Paul Lanspery
 Council VP

Bible Study
Wednesday Morning 10:00am meets in-person in the Social Hall
with on-line zoom available

<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



LAST MEETING before summer break IS ON JUNE 1st.
Summer break starts June 7.



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

Phone # 760-745-3738
houseofprayeradm@gmail.com



Amazon Smile

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

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



Father's day



To honor our fathers we will be collecting cash donations to help those fathers in need. The donations will be sent to Interfaith Community Service, support service fund (Nutrition services, basic needs, social services and senior programs).

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

Order Scrip Gift Cards!



1. Do you go to the grocery store?
2. Do you buy gas for your car?
3. Do you shop at department stores...drug stores...etc?
4. Do you go out to eat? Restaurant's....fast food?
5. Do you go to the movies?

There is so much more you can purchase through the SCRIP program. You can buy gift cards in different monetary amounts and use them anytime!!

Hey...buy Amazon Cards and then use them on Amazon Smile!! Everyone benefits!!

A lot of people purchase SCRIP at Christmas time, but SCRIP is good **ALL YEAR** long.

There are forms in front of Carol's office, in the main office and in the Narthex. Return the form with cash or a **check made out to House of Prayer Youterans** to the church office. If you've never tried it before, now is the time. You will be amazed how simple it is. Buy them as gifts or use them for yourself.

SCRIP will be order on JUNE 14, 8:30 am. The office will contact you when it comes in.

A percentage of what you order goes to our Family Ministry.
If you have any questions, call Kitty in the church office.

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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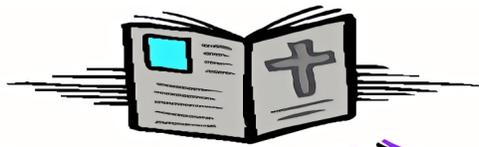
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Thank you!
House of Prayer Lutheran Church



Church News

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 email Group**. If you have a prayer request for the email prayer chain, please email Kitty Wiebe (hopyouthesc@gmail.com) or call the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members of House of Prayer:

Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Rosalind Mattern, Matt Madsen, Pat Portis, Mike Erno, Rick Baker, Charlotte Beutlich, Lynn Carlson, Dorothy Keck, Janet Dopp, Nan Gentile, Royce Williams, Irene Marquez

Relatives and Friends of HOP:

Michelle Mensen, Bethany Barratt, Mark Sievers, Rob Wiebe, Aiden Beutlich, Gary Johnson, Doyall Sams, Jennifer Harcos, Greg Pauley, Rob Steiner, Greg Eriksen,

For protection and safety in the military:
Vince Erno, Justin Wilson



Prayer Requests



Pentecost Sunday

Bilingual Service
June 5, at 10:00am

Wear Red

Domingo Pentecostés

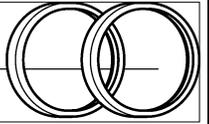
Servicio Bilingüe
Junio 5, a las 10:00am

Viste Color Rojo

Bienvenidos!

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



6/5	Sergio and Juana Flores	23 years
6/7	Paul and Karen Lanspery	53 years
6/15	Mike and Sandy Erno	53 years
6/15	Ray and Pat Lathrop	66 years
6/16	Douglas and Joan Buddenhagen	66 years

Congratulations

Happy June Birthdays

6/12	Gloria Lopez
6/13	Sarah Chico
6/16	Darcy Rhoades
6/20	Silveria Balderas
6/20	Tom Kristensen
6/21	Anthony Chico
6/23	Patrick Graham
6/23	Thomas Wiebe
6/24	Jay Nelson
6/28	Scott Holtz
6/28	Irene Marquez
6/29	Isabel Rutherford

Visitation

MINISTRY
Training June 12,
after service.

If you are interested in joining our **Visiting ministry**, to give our homebound members communion or give pastoral care, **please join us for this training.**

OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday
9:00am—3:00pm

If you have an emergency and you 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



June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom (Last bible study meeting before summer break)	2	3	4
5 10:00am Pentecost bilingual Worship Service	6	7 9:30am Quilters 11:00am Joan Schmidt memorial 3:30pm Staff Meeting	8 2:00 Scholarship committee meeting	9	10	11 9:30am Scroll Saw 1:00pm Mutual Ministry
12 10:00am Worship Service -Visitation ministry Training (After Service)	13 8:30 am Scrip Orders Due	14 9:30am Quilters 3:30pm Staff Meeting	15	16	17	18 1:00pm David Rice memorial
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! 10:00am Worship Service -Tom Kristensen Birthday celebration.	20 Tiding article for Newsletter DUE	21 9:30am Quilters 3:30pm Staff Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 10:00am Worship Service 11:00 Council Meeting	27	28 9:30am Quilters 3:30pm Staff Meeting	29	30		

- ◆ In-person services start at 10:00am, On-line service available on Sunday afternoon on the **website: www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org**
- ◆ June 1 Last Bible Study before Summer break.
- ◆ June 5 Pentecost Sunday Bilingual Service