

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Pastor Dan Cole, Bridge Pastor



June 2021 **Glad Tidings**

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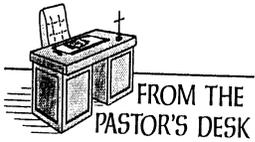
IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

Starting June 20, 2021 at 10:00AM

Details on page 5 and 6

Wednesdays 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom

**Worship Services also available at
www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org**



Pastor Dan B. Cole

Waiting in Expectation

Jesus said to his disciples, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me” (John 16:16).

Life is “a little while,” a short moment of waiting. But life is not empty waiting. It is to wait full of expectation.

These days we are waiting for the church building to open for worship. I have not been here a month and I have lost track of how many times I have been asked, “when are we opening for worship?” I truly understand the anticipation of us worshiping in person again. It is going to happen in “a little while.”

The knowledge that God will indeed fulfill the promise to renew everything, and will offer us a “new heaven and a new earth,” makes the waiting exciting, Perhaps? Yet we can already see the beginning of the fulfillment. June 15th is the day. That is in “a little while.”

So what is my main task during my “little while”? I want to point to the signs of the Kingdom to come, to speak about the first rays of the day of God, to witness to the many manifestations of the Holy Spirit among us. I do not want to complain about this passing world and the doors not being open. Honestly, you have been an open church even though the sanctuary was closed during Covid restrictions. Why do I say that?

Well, because the Holy Spirit has been revealing Christ through you, the Church in flesh.

Ever since I have arrived, you have shown me the true Church. As we open the sanctuary for in person worship, may you continue to be the manifestation of God’s Church in flesh to each other and those you come in contact with.

Remember, they will know we are his disciple if we love one another.

Welcomed by the True Church,

Pastor Dan



Welcome back! How good those words sound!

Typically, most of us don't like change. But I suspect the changes that are coming, many of us have been waiting for. Later this month we will be happy to officially welcome you back to in-person church. For me, this will mean several changes. For the past 15 months, I have been worshipping on Saturday mornings, as we record the service to be put on Youtube and our website for you to see on Sundays. Some of you may have been watching at your usual church-going time on Sunday mornings. Others may have been watching later in the day, or even during the following week. Some may be dressing like you would for church, others may have attended in their pajamas while eating pancakes. However you have been worshipping this past year, God has remained faithfully with you.

The pandemic did bring something positive for our congregation. When we weren't able to meet in the building for worship, we created an online presence to enable you (and anyone) to join us for worship each week via the computer or television. I have heard of several people who have joined us for worship each week from afar. I love that! Moving forward, we will continue this online presence through a livestream broadcast of our service each week. Doing this will require some additional equipment and training. Until that is ready to go, we will record the in-person service on Sunday mornings and then upload it to Youtube and our website. It will be available for viewing by Sunday afternoons.

Now, as we prepare to come back to our church building, we'll need to be patient and know that things will not be the same as they were when we left. It will take some time until we are back to what was "normal". As much as I miss you all, the choir will hold off meeting and singing together until fall. **Please read the guidelines on page 5** in this newsletter, so you know what is expected of each of us as we return.

I want to take a moment to thank the recording team, who have worked so hard and dedicated many hours over the past 15 months to continue to bring you a meaningful worship service each week. When you see these people, please take a moment to thank them... **Pastor Dan, Henry Doktorski, Becca Gross, Sam Gross, Natalia Marques, and Mark Worman, as well as Pastor Daren and Pastor Karin.**

I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you soon.

In His service,

Carol

hoplovesmusic@gmail.com



I was thrilled to hear we had an opening date. If you haven't heard it is June 20 (Father's Day). I won't go into more details here. You can find more information through-out this newsletters and other emails/ letters being sent from the church leadership.

With an opening day, it is now time to look at long-term planning. Things I been thinking about are having more classes, our graduating students and food shortages.

One thing we are starting is a Confirmation Class again. Starting on June 14 at 6:30pm, Pastor Dan and I will be holding a Zoom class for High School and Middle School students. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and continuing into the new school year. Those students planning to attend need to arrange to come get your study materials. Please call the church office or Kitty Wiebe.

It is hard to believe another school year is ending. If you have someone graduating from High school or college, please don't assume we know and please contact the church office. We would like to honor those students for their hard work during this difficult time.

The pandemic has caused more food shortages and homelessness. Interfaith Service is always in need of more food. Now that we will be meeting in-person again, it was suggested that we start a monthly food drive. Since we are limited on the number of people each week. The thought was to collect two Sundays a month. Maybe the first and last Sunday of each month? We will also need someone to volunteer to take the food to Interfaith. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing food or organizing delivery.

These are just some of the things I have thought about. If you have some thoughts or ideas, please contact me, Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you again.
God's peace,

Kitty Wiebe
Family Ministry email:
hopyouthesc@gmail.com
760-745-3738

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

COVID POLICY FOR RE-OPENING House of Prayer

Council met on May 16. The good news is that we have agreed to re-open House of Prayer to our congregation **starting on Sunday, June 20**. The sanctuary has been cleaned in preparation for this. Be aware that it will NOT be the way it was before we closed for the pandemic since it is not completely gone yet.

There are some fairly rigid guidelines that must be followed.

For the foreseeable future, there will be **one service only at 10:00 a.m.**
There will be no Sunday school or adult study.

Natalia Marquez is our "COVID Coordinator". She may be calling upon people to help volunteer. An ongoing log of service attendees with phone numbers will be kept for contact tracing. Thank you, Natalia, for serving in this way.

Attendance will be limited to 48 people, spread out greatly. Please know that you will most likely not be sitting in your usual location.

To ensure fairness, you will be required to sign up in advance in order to attend each Sunday's service. This must be done by calling the church office 760-745-3738 and speaking to Kitty or Carol during office hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:30 prior to each service. Messages left on the machine before or after hours will not be accepted. (For example, in order to attend the service on June 20, you must call the church office not later than Thursday, June 17.) You may sign up for yourself and immediate family members only. Sign-ups are taken for that Sunday only, not further in advance. **First come, first served.**

Masks are absolutely required. Anyone refusing to wear a mask will be denied entry.

Temperatures will be taken at the door. Anyone with a temperature of 100 or higher will be asked to leave the premises. If you are not feeling well in any way, please do not come to worship even if you have a reservation. Politely cancel your reservation if there is enough advanced time to do so.

The doors will open for service at 9:45. Entry will only be via the front doors. Exiting will only be through the front doors except for emergency exit.

You may sing or chant or recite (with your mask on) if you desire.

There will be a designated basket in which you can place your offering.

Communion will be with individually sealed communion kits and will take place at the pews. There will be no altar visitation. The kits should then be disposed of after the service into a designated receptacle.

Please take extra care to clean up after yourself before you leave the sanctuary. Do not leave anything in the pews. Trash and recycling bins will be provided outside for you to drop your bulletins and communion wrappers as you leave the church grounds.

Social distancing is required in the sanctuary building. There shall be no mingling in the sanctuary, narthex, restrooms, sacristy, etc. All mingling should be done outdoors.

There will be no contact during passing of the peace. Please remain in your pew and stand, look around and wave, make a peace sign, etc.

There will be no coffee/cookies. Please, no food or beverages in the sanctuary. The fellowship hall will not be open for use.

These measures may seem extreme, but remember they are to protect those that are vulnerable to the virus.

Good luck, stay safe and welcome back!

Sincerely,
Church Council

Call Committee

Greetings and Blessings to all.

The Call Committee is moving along. We did a Zoom interview with our first candidate last Wednesday. We will be doing another Zoom interview on Tuesday. We pray for God's guidance as we interview potential candidates. Thank you for your patience throughout this process.

Dan Engelbrecht,
Committee chairperson

Deanna Concannon

We wish to share with you, Deanna went to be the Lord on May 12, 2021.

Deanna was a long time member of House of Prayer and an active participant at 2nd service. Dee liked to call herself the Bird Lady. She had a number of birds at her home. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

The date of her memorial service is still being determined.



Have You Heard

House of Prayer will be having IN-Person Services starting June 20. It will be by reservation only we are limited to only 48 people in the building. To be fair reservations will only be accepted Monday through Thursday 8:30-1:30 prior to each service. We will start taking **reservations on Monday, June 14th for the June 20th**. Please read our Covid policy so you will know what to expect when you come to services. The policy can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Office phone number: 760-745-3738
Website: www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org

To all graduating High School Seniors who are college bound, and to all returning college students:

The deadline for the HOP Scholarship applications is July 31st.

The application must be in the church office by that date. For continuing college students, the application **must include a grade transcript for the 2020-2021 school year, and evidence of enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year**. You may obtain the application from the church office, or you can download it from the HOP website: www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org

Scholarship Committee

2021 Pacifica Synod Assembly

House of Prayer Congregation.....

Mike and Sandy Erno, along with Natalia Marquez, attended this year's Pacifica Synod Assembly on behalf of the House of Prayer Congregation. The meeting was held on Saturday, May 1st via zoom. This was the first Synod assembly held online using zoom and using the voting application "Election Runner". This Assembly was a virtual online gathering. The theme of this year's Assembly: "Sent Out with Good News" is based on the book of John 20:20-21.

The Synod assembly was preceded by a Resolutions Hearing on April 22nd, a Budget Hearing on April 29th and a "Test your Tech" Online event. The Resolutions Hearing was a discussion of the resolutions to be voted on during the Assembly. Likewise, the budget Hearing was a discussion led by the Synod Treasurer to provide an overview of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 budgets, both requiring approval during the Assembly. The evening before the assembly, there was a session to test participant technical device capabilities using zoom and Election Runner. The morning of the assembly, there was a meeting of congregation representatives in the Harvest Conference of the Pacifica Synod, which we are a part of. The purpose of this meeting was primarily an opportunity to introduce ourselves to one another.

There were 299 voting members present for the Assembly. Participants included Pastors, Deacons, Synod staff, representation from the ELCA Organization and elected Lay leaders authorized to vote from congregations across the Pacifica Synod. Bishop Andy Taylor opened and closed the assembly. He was eloquent and controlled the Assembly extremely well to help everyone stay focused and on track.

There were Bible Studies, Synod Committee Presentations, Synod Grant Recognitions and Synod Ministry Partner Reports from such partners of the Synod as the "Agape Program" at San Diego State University which is a "Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry". Videos from Synod Ministry Partners may be found on the Pacifica Synod Website.

Synod Assembly Actions included:

- 1) A vote to approve the role of voting members and the agenda for the 20-21 assembly.
- 2) A baseline salary of 1% was approved for Rostered Ministers of the Synod for the year 2022.
- 3) Recommended amendments to the constitution for the Synod was approved and amendments to the Bylaws for the Synod were approved. Worthy of note is that the term "Synodical" is being changed to "Synod" throughout the constitution.
- 4) The most significant resolution to be approved calls on congregations to fully support the ministry of Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences over the next few years, as it recovers from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic by supporting the Help Campaign. We can get more information on this by contacting Rachel Line at the Pacifica Synod.

- 5) The Synod budgets for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were passed. Note: we studied these budgets and did some trend analysis from prior years before the assembly. We found no issues with the budgets as proposed.
- 6) The Synod Assembly Elections included several Synod Council Member positions. These positions included those of Councill Vice President, Secretary, Lay Leaders and Area Representatives. Three positions on the Discipline Committee were also elected. Elections to all positions were unanimous without any contention.

There were several anniversary recognitions for those celebrating 25 and 50 years of Word and Sacrament Ministry. The Assembly also celebrated the 50th anniversary of Women in Ministry in the ELCA.

From our notes:

- 1) The synod includes budget line items for each of its Ministry Teams. There is a robust Synod Think Tank for Ministries to look for new ministries involving outreach and for assessing the health of all existing ministries. Ministries are the life blood of the Synod and this was stressed several times.
- 2) The Synod has a robust Strategic Plan which is reviewed and updated periodically. The strategic plan objectives help the Synod stay on course to meet its tactical ministry objectives. The revised strategic plan includes the NEW mission statement as follows: ***“Together in Christ, we equip, accompany, and serve boldly, so all may experience God’s boundless grace”***. See Bishop Taylor’s report on the Pacifica Synod website at www.pacificasynod.org for the various Mission Result Areas discussed.
- 3) The Synod offers leadership coaching to member churches as needed. If interested in Leadership and Ministry Coaching, then we need to contact the Bishop’s Office,
- 4) The House of Prayer benevolence offering to the Synod is in line with other Pacifica Synod member churches.
- 5) The Synod continues to offer COVID 19 grants, and several churches have benefited from this program. Rachel Line can be contacted on the Synod Staff for more information.
- 6) The Pacifica Women of the ELCA meeting which was scheduled and postponed from July 2020 to August 5-8, 2021 in Phoenix has now been cancelled until 2023, still in Phoenix. If you were registered for the 2020 gathering, you can simply allow your registration to carry over to 2023. Go to www.womenoftheelca.org for more information.
- 7) Videos of the Pacifica Synod Assembly, can be found on the website www.pacificasynod.org.

Sandy and I appreciate the opportunity to represent our church at this year’s assembly. We thank the congregation for your confidence in choosing us to represent you.

Peace, Love, Strength and Grace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mike and Sandy Erno

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: June 20 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: May 18, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time
Third Tuesday of each month

Join Zoom Meeting

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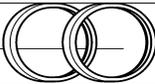
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Confirmation

Time: June 14 6:30 pm
2nd and 4th Mondays of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933916527?pwd=d0ZaeExzeWxPWjZMWFBzS29sbXB2QT09>

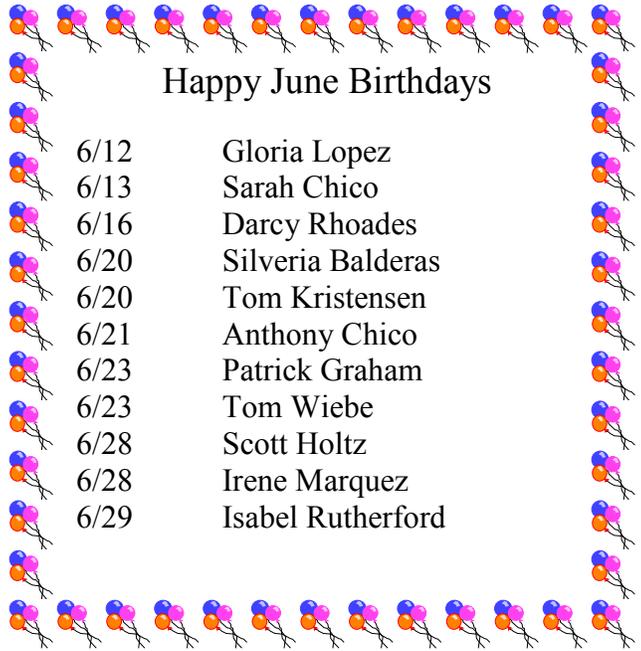
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Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

6/5	Sergio & Juana Flores	22 years
6/7	Paul & Karen Lanspery	52 years
6/15	Mike & Sandy Erno	52 years
6/15	Ray & Pat Lathrop	65 years
6/21	David & Trudie Rice	28 years

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.



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	Tom Wiebe
6/28	Scott Holtz
6/28	Irene Marquez
6/29	Isabel Rutherford

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, or Trade School this year? We want to celebrate with you. **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE** with the information. ***DON'T ASSUME WE ALREADY HAVE IT!!***

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, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Don Portis, Bill Carpenter, Annette Gustin, Joan Schmidt,

For comfort: Concannon/Rhoades family

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



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!



Kitty will be on vacation June 1-3. There will be someone in the office from 10-12 each day to help monitor calls.

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!
House of Prayer Lutheran 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, contact Harlan Gruenstern

House of Prayer's
Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study
via zoom
9:45 meet and greet
We are studying the weekly Gospel.
The lesson is emailed on Mondays.



Financial Stewardship

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$16,601	\$66,409
Actual Revenue	\$12,487	\$70,952

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.**
House of Prayer
795 North Rose St.



On June 20th

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 **June 14** 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 June 14.**

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>

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Closed Memorial Day	1 Kitty Vacation	2 Kitty & Clementina Vacation 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	3 Kitty & Clementina Vacation	4 Kitty & Clementina Vacation	5 Clementina Vacation
6 9:00am Worship www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org	7 12:30 Staff meet	8	9 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	10	11	12
13 9:00am Worship www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org	14 8:00am Scrip Orders Due 12:30 Staff meet 6:30pm Confirmation Zoom	15 Henry Vacation 11:30 Caring & Connected leaders Zoom	16 Henry Vacation 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	17 Henry Vacation	18 Henry vacation	19 Henry vacation
20 Henry vacation 10:00am Worship Service In-person 11:30 Council Meeting	21 Henry vacation 12:30 Staff meet	22 Henry vacation	23 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	24 Carol vacation Tidings Articles due	25 Carol vacation	26 Carol vacation
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- ◆ June 20 In-person services start at 10:00am, On-line service available on Sunday afternoon on the **new website: www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org**
- ◆ June 20 Father's Day
- ◆ Council Meeting will be in-person with those wishing to attend on Zoom.
- ◆ Confirmation Zoom meeting 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:30 - 7:30pm for Middle and High school students.