

# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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**March 2021**

## **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**

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## **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

A mentor and friend of mine posted the following story on his daily blog. I'd like to share it with you:

Jeremy jumped out of bed with a start, having been awakened by his mother's shouts. It took a moment to get oriented. Finally, he understood what she was saying: the barn was on fire.

Pulling on his jeans and boots, he ran toward the well to draw water, but it was too late. The fire was too far along when they discovered it. The barn was gone.

Fortunately, most of the animals got out. Even Bessy the old milk cow managed to break down her stall and escape. As morning dawned and they surveyed the damage, Jeremy walked beneath the charred rafters, which were all that remained. He almost stumbled over the body of a dead chicken, and he wondered why it hadn't made its escape.

As he bent to collect the remains before they began to stink, four chicks suddenly scurried from beneath the dead hen's body. Their soft, yellow down looked pure and clean against the soot and ashes.

Jeremy realized that the mother hen could have escaped. It wasn't the gate or even the fire that trapped her. It was her love. She laid down her life for her babies. Suddenly, Jeremy felt like kneeling. Although he'd been out of church for a long time, he still remembered that it was Jesus who compared his love to that of a mother hen. For just a moment, Jeremy simply wanted to nestle beneath those wings of love.

True or not, a very moving story. But I also wonder about the mothers, fathers, siblings, relatives or even strangers who are trying to protect threatened children, neighbors, elderly, and vulnerable during the deadly bombardments in too many places of the world. I wonder about frontline workers, emergency crews, or even volunteers who are risking a lot (if not their own lives) during the pandemic we are in. Please, wear a mask, keep your distance, wash your hands, and love neighbor and yourself because God loved you first.

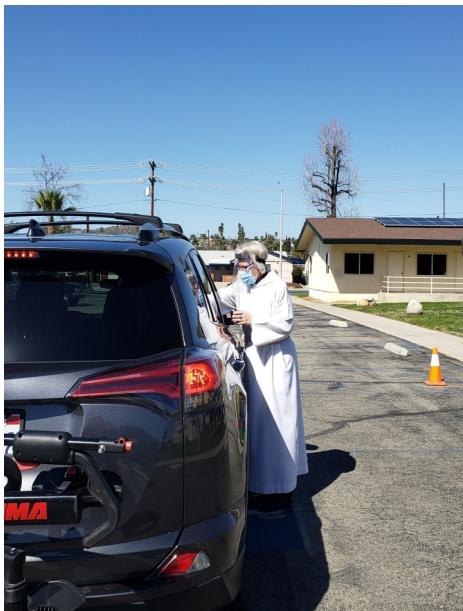
We need to be reminded of our mortality, our ability to harm others, and of God's commitment to be with those who are suffering. Lent is a powerful time to be reminded.

Have a blessed season

Yours,

*Pastor Karin*

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Be a Blessing and be Blessed**  
**Interfaith Non-perishable Food Drive**



**Worship this Sunday, March 07**  
**with San Marcos Lutheran Church**

We are fortunate and grateful that San Marcos Lutheran Church will share their service on March 07. To give our recording team a well deserved break. You are invited to go onto San Marcos LC's website by hitting

[https://sanmarcoslutheran.org/worship\\_2021-03-07/](https://sanmarcoslutheran.org/worship_2021-03-07/)

We will also send out a link on Friday, which will include their YouTube link. And there will be a pdf for a download available.

Pastor David Jorstad will preach the sermon.



We have come full circle...this month it has been one year since we last were physically together in the church. Last year at this time I wrote about how strange it was to be standing in front of empty pews to sing and worship, and how I could imagine your faces looking back at me while I was there. I still think about you all every week as the worship team comes together to record the service.

I have talked many times throughout the years about the powerful effect music can have on people. Music can heal, sooth, inspire, or light a fire in us. I especially appreciate the healing and uplifting powers of music, bringing me through times of sorrow and giving me a reason to dance when things feel bleak. This year has been difficult for all of us, bringing losses of loved ones, jobs, homes, and time with family and friends. Last month I wrote about a hymn in the ELW that speaks to me and my weariness during this time. This month as we move through Lent I'd like to turn it around a bit. Rather than giving something up for Lent, I like to decide on something positive that could be added into my daily routine. One of my favorite hymns has always been Amazing Grace. Because it speaks to me of the vast gratitude I should feel in life, I have chosen to write down 3 things everyday that I am grateful for. Some days they are big things, and other days they are seemingly small. At the end of the 40 days, I will have compiled 120 things in my life for which I am most grateful. It has been a cathartic way to work through the often somber feelings of Lent toward the joy of Easter morn and the ultimate gift of life we are given through Jesus. I'd love to hear what disciplines you might be implementing during Lent.

This month Kitty and I will celebrate a milestone, with our 10th anniversary working at House of Prayer. We've seen many changes during that time. I appreciate your support throughout the years, especially through the challenges of this past year.

May you recognize the beautiful blessings in your days.

Carol

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy rains. Unending love, Amazing grace.

from Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone by Christ Tomlin



“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” - Ephesians 2:8

“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.” – Jeremiah 29:11

February was a very difficult month in a very difficult year, but these two verses kept showing up in my daily life. They helped get me through. I saw these verses at the ELCA Children, youth and Family ministry Network Extravaganza 2021 conference on-line. The theme was Holding Loosely. To explain I am going to use their word from the website:

“Extravaganza 2021 will explore God’s call to hold loosely to our own plans, and our need to control, and to trust in the one who comes to create, to redeem and to sustain. God’s call for us to “Hold Loosely” and trust is more important now than ever, as we live and do ministry in a time of pandemic, of racial injustice and unrest, of social division and political turmoil.”

The sessions helped us to understand and help those who are dealing with grief of losing our normal lives and of losing loved ones. To understand change and find hope in ourselves and others during the chaos. To think about what will we do next? There was some hard sessions and some positive time with others going through the same things. There was lots of crying and lots of laughter, but it was good to remember that God has a plan and has given us Grace as a gift.

This last year has made me make changes in my life. I spend more time in the church office and talking to people of all ages. I am spending more time searching the internet and social media for ideas to make my ministry for all ages. I’ve been searching for ways to serve without being together but still serving God. Our Ash Wednesday “Be a blessing and Be Blessed” was a great success. Thank you for who came and gave.

Last Wednesday, I was reminded of other things we could do. I received an email from the ELCA. It was a Save the Date message about “God’s Works, Our Hands” Sunday for September 12. I would love to be a part of this. With the email was a suggested list of things to do. Most of these things can be done anytime not just on that Sunday. I have included some on next page. There is more, contact me if you are interested in a copy.

Through service, I have found comfort and support. I hope I can give you comfort also. God’s Peace,

Kitty Wiebe  
Children, Youth, and Family ministry  
Office Administer

## **Service Projects at Home**

**Arrange for meal deliveries** from restaurants. Place an order on behalf of anyone in your community who could use a meal, and coordinate with them ahead of time about what they would like from the menu. Be sure to inquire about allergies and dietary restrictions.

**Make masks.** Many sewers have already contributed their talents and fabric scraps to mask-making this year. Mask-wearing will be common practice for a while, so people may need another mask.

**Write cards or letters, or send care packages.** Every community has people who are always ready to serve. Express your gratitude for emergency workers, teachers, frontline health care workers, postal and delivery workers, those in the military, and all essential workers, remembering especially members of your congregation.

**Start a pen pal program** for older adults in nursing homes to connect or reconnect with members of your congregation.

**Call or video-call** seniors or those who are homebound or isolated. Include the whole family by doing things such as:

- Reading books to children (or having them read to you!)
- Playing “show and tell” with items nearby
- Playing an online game together
- Sharing favorite memories of your church community

## Call Committee

Greetings from the Call Committee.

Good news all around. Last Sunday, Reverend Terry Tuvey Allen, Assistant to the Bishop, was able to meet with our committee and the church council. This three-way gathering is an important step regarding our Ministry Site Profile. We have completed the "MSP" and are currently fine tuning it. Now it needs to be approved by council. Then sent out to Bishop, Andy Taylor. During the coming weeks it will be available to you, so stay tuned.

Having completed the MSP, our committee will prayerfully moving towards the next step in the call process. We will be receiving names from the Bishop's office and the interviews will begin.

Please pray for our church, our council and the Call Committee.

God Bless all of you.

Dan Engelbrecht  
Call Committee, co-chair

## ***FROM THE COUNCIL VEEP***

Council met on 21 February. A couple of personnel issues arose such that we need your help.

First, we have a vacancy for one of the HOP voting members of the upcoming synod assembly on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Details are such that the assembly is completely by zoom and is cost free to whomever does this. Please prayerfully consider doing this and if you can please contact Pastor Karin, Ramiro Acosta or Mike Kendall.

Second, we have a need to fill a seat on our own Human Resources (HR) committee. Ideally, we need someone with some (HR) experience and good admin skills. This is for our own staff support. Please prayerfully consider doing this if you are able. Please contact Pastor Karin, Ramiro Acosta or Mike Kendall if interested.

Peace out,  
Mike Kendall

Council Vice President

# 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 Zoom

**Time: March 21 at 11:30 Third Sunday of month**

<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: March 16, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time**

**Third Tuesday of each month**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931

Passcode: 974867

From Home phones.

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931

Passcode: 97486



# AROUND the CONGREGATION

## Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

3/10	Lynn and Marilyn Carlson	54 years
3/13	Mike and Cheri Kendall	45 years
3/22	Adam and Tabitha Wiebe	12 years
3/24	Darrell and JoEllen Maus	59 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.

### 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, Joan Schmidt

#### For comfort:

#### Relatives and Friends of HOP:

**For Healing and comfort:** Julie Walsh, Michelle Mensen, Martha Bailey, Bethany Barratt, Robin Wiebe, Aiden Beutlich, Angela Carlson

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



## Happy February Birthdays

3/4	Jeff Gross
3/4	Ray Wiebe
3/5	Natalia Marquez
3/7	Nan Gentile
3/8	June Stillwell
3/9	Marilyn Carlson
3/12	Damian Escalera
3/12	Greg Puebla
3/14	Caiden Berg
3/14	Pedro Chico
3/15	Ashley Chico
3/19	Bill Carpenter
3/19	Juana Flores
3/24	Cheri Kendall
3/24	Barbara Moore
3/25	Genesis Alvarado
3/25	Guadalupe Alvarado
3/26	Carl Siek

## 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!



## 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**  
9:45 meet and greet  
We are studying the weekly Gospel.  
The lesson is emailed on Mondays.



#### Upcoming Dates

Articles For Tidings  
April Newsletter  
Due March 25th

#### Financial Stewardship

**General Fund:**  
Budgeted Revenue  
Actual Revenue

January	YTD
\$16,606	\$16,606
\$20,510	\$20,510

**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.  
Escondido, CA 92027



**Don't forget Daylight Savings  
March 14**

#### 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.

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

# Order Scrip Gift Cards!



We will be ordering SCRIP on **March 8** If you are interested please email Kitty 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 March 8th.**

**Be sure to make your 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, 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>

# March 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  12:30 Staff Meeting	2  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	3	4	5	6
7    3rd Lent  Worship with San Marcos Lutheran Details will be mailed out!	8  8:00am Scrip Orders Due	9  12:30 Staff Meeting	10  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	11	12	13
14    4th Lent  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com  ◆ Daylight Savings	15  ◆ 11:30 Caring & Connected Zoom	16  12:30 Staff Meeting	17  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	18	19	20
21    5th Lent  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com  ◆ 11:30 Council Zoom	22  12:30 Staff Meeting	23  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	24  Tidings Article due	25	26	27
28    Palm Sunday  9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	29  Tidings articles due.	30  12:30 Staff Meeting	31  10:00am Bible Study on Zoom		◆ Caring and Connected Leaders Zoom Meeting 3rd Tuesday ◆ Details p.7	◆ Council zoom meeting 3rd Sunday ◆ Details p.7