

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Glad Tidings

**Of Jesus' Redemption and Release
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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

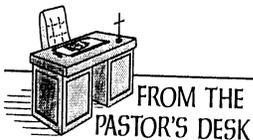
Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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**



Pastor Daren: Bible Study and new opportunities to be “Church Together”

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

This past Sunday’s gospel reading was from Luke’s memorable story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Earlier that first Easter morning, the two disciples had heard from the women of their group that Christ was resurrected. Now, walking in a kind of stupor, they are traveling the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. We don’t know why they are traveling that road and essentially putting distance between them and the good news that Jesus may not be dead. Nevertheless, they seem to be moving through all the emotions of the grief of Christ’s death from a few days ago to the slender hope that Jesus is now alive. Soon, that hope takes the form of a fellow traveler who walks with them. As they share their news with this traveler, they find themselves also traveling through scripture as the stranger shares the story of the promised Messiah told through Moses and the prophets. Later, they will exclaim to themselves that their hearts were “burning” within them as they heard this scripture opened to them by Jesus Christ, himself.

Like those disciples, we find ourselves in a kind of daze caught in the anxiety and grief of our lives turned up -side-down—and the hope that things will change. In a real way, we too are on our own road to Emmaus and need to know that Christ, the Living Word is walking along beside us. One way we can readily do this is through reading the Bible. This might come through the daily reading of scripture as aided by the ***Bread for the Day*** devotional book that was recently sent out to members. It might come through **online Sunday Worship as seen on our website**, www.hoplutheran.com. And, for those who wish to experience it in a deeper and more interactive manner, the **Wednesday morning Bible Study** is now offered both by phone (with no computer required) and by video conferencing using Zoom.

Many of you are already watching the online worship services. I invite you to also join us in the new online Bible Study that offers the opportunity to walk together (as close as we get these days) and experience the opening up of scripture in a fun and interactive way. Whether you call in using just your phone, or use your computer or smartphone to video conference—and actually see participants, you are encouraged to participate. We will even have a 15 minute coffee-conversation time starting at 9:45 am (Sorry, you will have to provide your own coffee!) before the Bible Study when we get to check-in and visit a bit. Please call the office (760-745-3738) for more information and to get on a mailing list for receiving updates, handouts, etc.

I pray that we may be blessed on our journey together in this difficult time and that our hearts will recognize the presence of Christ by our side.

God bless, take care, and stay safe!
Pastor Daren

Thank you to Pr Daren, Carol Gross, Samantha Gross and Henry Doktorski for continuing to bring Sunday morning worship services into our homes. Being able to log on to our website and see familiar faces and hear familiar music brings so much comfort to us.



Henry plays magnificently, as always.



Carol's view of the sermon. Even with only 3 people in the room to talk to, Pastor Daren does such a great job each week.



Sam operates the camera when she's not reading or singing. Pastor Daren takes over the operation while Sam is on camera. They've got it down!



Yep, we took a properly distanced staff photo by the cross. :)

**Please logon to
www.hoplutheran.com
every Sunday morning at 9:00am to see Sunday morning worship.**

The weekly bulletin will be emailed to you the Thursday before, and you can also access the bulletins on the website.

Our website also has lots of good information for the entire family.

COUNCIL NEWS – April 2020

The Church Council did not meet in April because of COVID 19 restrictions. A few items:

We have submitted our physical Security request to the California Office of Emergency Management. The goal is to improve our physical security posture at HOP. We used our Vulnerability Assessment conducted by the Cyber and infrastructure Security Agency (a division of the DHS). Many thanks to Annette Gustin for putting our request together. I would also like to thank Jeff Gross for his leadership in helping us prioritize our request. Our grant request is for about \$75,000. We will know how much of that is going to be funded in June. Our safety must be a top priority

We did receive our new chairs for the Fellowship Hall and the Choir Loft. We will re-purpose our used chairs for outdoor events such as Fiesta.

Thanks to our church family, our actual revenues from offerings was about what we budgeted, even though the church has been closed the entire month of April. Let us all keep this going.

I have talked with many of you in the past few weeks. My prayer is that you all stay happy and healthy. Let us continue to remain in God's service.

Peace, love, strength and grace as our stewardship of God's house continues.
Mike Erno, Council President

Productivity and The New Human

Author: Samantha Gross

I've given a lot of thought to the idea of productivity in quarantine. In my mind, to be human is to create, to produce. I've been furloughed from my job for over a month now, and with the inability to go anywhere or do anything, I suddenly have a lot of time for creation on my hands. And while I've been reading and knitting and running, there are some days when my productivity is low and I get frustrated with myself. Why can't I use the time I have to write and create? Why can't I just get a few more things checked off my lockdown to-do list?

The truth is I'm exhausted. The situation is wearing me out, and continuing to try and do everything I expect myself to do isn't helping. I get things done sometimes and that feels good for a little while, but I'm still tired. The days are all blending together and sometimes I don't feel completely human. Some days being human means not creating, it means lying in bed, staring at the ceiling. Some days I just want to keep sleeping to see if this will be the time I wake up to something different, something more.

I'm truly fortunate that I get to start working again (remotely) at the end of this week. And while part of me is glad to be going back to work, back to some sort of normalcy and schedule-keeping, another part of me is terrified. I must now confront these COVID-19 changes head on, instead of keeping the world in my periphery. The bad news and shifting normal is no longer background noise when I read in the backyard or dodge other runners in the mornings. I have to face the way the world is changing now, and I don't know if I'm ready for it.

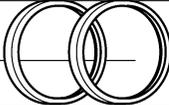
What I've learned throughout the course of this lockdown, though, is that it's important to have patience and grace. I'm understanding when other people have trouble adjusting to this new normal, when the store is out of certain items, when emails aren't answered as quickly as they usually would be. So why can't I treat myself with that same amount of patience and understanding? Why am I holding myself to a different standard, frustrated when I'm not the functional and creative human I was before all this started?

It's okay if I'm not the person I was before. I think that very few of us will be. The world outside our doors is changing and we are too. We're adjusting to this brave, new world, but we're also changing how we see ourselves. The human spirit is a powerful thing, and I believe that it can be used for understanding ourselves and the things we need. Right now, being human means giving ourselves permission to not be okay. We cannot hold ourselves to the expectations we had before this, it will only make us feel worse.

We're stressed, and that's okay, because this is a stressful situation. People are out of work, we can't go to the grocery store without wearing a mask, events like concerts and picnics and church have all been cancelled or suspended. We are living in the middle of a pandemic. It's okay if that means some days we don't get anything done. It's okay if some days the biggest thing we do is get out of bed. It's okay if some days we don't even do that. But, we have to remember, that despite how it may seem, one day this will all be over. One day, we will emerge from our homes and create once more.

As we adjust to this new, less than ideal normal, we need to adjust our expectations and allow ourselves a bit of grace to get through this. After all, we're only human.

CHURCH NEWS
AROUND
 the
CONGREGATION

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month



5/21 Scott & Laurie Holtz

37 Years



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members of House of Prayer:

For healing: Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Kathy Hayden, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Anne Engelbrecht, Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rosie Foss, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Herb Moehling, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Don Portis

For comfort: Family of Ray & Mollie Sacco

Relatives and Friends of HOP:

For Healing : Robert Prentice, Melissa Leach, Alma Hernandez, Laci Richards, Carter Jordan, Monica McLernan, Ron Snow, Ron & Donna Perry, Erica Harris, Barbara Slusser, Gayle Hayden, Carol Cervantes, Vince Marrone, Lorenda Ingersoll, Patricia Kidder, Barbara Walker, John Vermilya, James & Liz Allen, Callen Michael Mullins, Annette Greetis, Mary Turner, Kathleen Turner, Alfonso Rubio, Kiley Jackson-Portocollo, Sarneas Ornelas, Santiago Omelas, David Spahn, Craig Eck, Al Ball, Scott Spilane, Alice Dalton, Larry & Sandra Clemmons, Kim Fox, Doria Carroll, Charlotte Vega, Laurel Byington, Michelle Mensen, Robin Oquist, Marti Jennings, Ron Stiner, Jessica Kahle Walker, Bridget Timken, Herbert Johnson, Shelia Jones, Karna Davila, Julie Walsh, Mark Walsh, Joe Buller, Tom Phelps

For protection and safety in the military:

Vince Erno, David Jones, Darren Embry, Jazmin Alfaro, Kenn Matthews, Devin Teeter, Justin Wilson, Jacob Lange, Kali Fisher

Happy May Birthdays

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|------|-------------------|
| 5/2 | Becca Gross |
| | Rosita Hetland |
| 5/7 | Kitty Wiebe |
| 5/8 | Loren Petersen |
| 5/10 | Marilyn McLernan |
| 5/12 | Robin Wiebe |
| 5/13 | Roy Levine |
| 5/21 | Celena Mahan |
| 5/23 | Ramiro Acosta |
| | Payton Rutherford |
| 5/28 | Henrik Harbin |

NO SCRIP

will be ordered this month

During this time of everyone under quarantine, the office phones are monitored daily.

From 10:00am - 1:00pm

Mon - Thurs

the calls will be answered live.

All other times the calls are monitored remotely and you will receive a call back in a timely manner.

For everyone's safety we are asking nobody comes to the church.

Happy Mother's Day



To all the MOMS,
GRANDMAS,
AUNTS,
SISTERS,
Or COUSINS,
Wishing you a
Happy Mother's
Day, Whether you
are here Or in
HEAVEN now,
We are what we
are Because of
you!!!



LIFE DOESN'T COME
WITH A MANUAL

IT COMES
WITH A
mother

motherhood
IS A LOVE STORY
WITH NO ENDING.

Mother's Day



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**

It is hard to believe that the schools are in their 7th week of “Stay at Home.” Everyone is slowly adjusting to learning on computers. In my family, everyone cannot wait until they can talk to their friends, teachers and other family members without a phone or computer screens. Although it has been fun to see my grandkids dancing around to videos in their living rooms or to have little Laila saying Grandma to me on a video chat. I know that God puts those moments into my days to strengthen and remind me that he is with me and everything will be okay.

With our new “Caring and Connected” program I have had some great conversations with some of our House of Prayer families. It was so good hearing everyone voices. I’ve really missing seeing my church family. Some people mentioned how much they missed seeing everyone and being at church with them. I asked if they have been watching our Sunday Morning Video Service. It is not the same as being at the church, but it gives me comfort experiencing the familiar routines. I love hearing Carol sing and Henry playing the organ. Pastor’s sermons continue to be meaningful and encouraging. If you have not watched the service, you might want to see it for yourself. You can find the videos on the House of Prayer website www.hoplutheran.com or go to YouTube and search House of Prayer Lutheran Church Escondido. You will see a round picture of front of our church. Once you pick the picture it will show you all the videos to choose from. I hope you enjoy them.

Another way God is helping me is through Bible Studies and Sunday School lessons with videos. The ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) has many websites links to connect you to lesson or organization that follow our weekly lessons. I have posting new lessons each week on to our website and mailing out the lessons to our church families. There are fun activities for everyone. This last week, House of Prayer had our first Zoom Bible Study we had 15 people participate. We are continuing to study the Psalms. Everyone is welcome to join.

I have also set up a Zoom Tea/Coffee hour meeting for our Young Adults and College Students on Sunday at 11:00 am. If you are interested see attached flyer for information and contact me if playing to attend.

If you have a High School or College student that is graduating the year please contact me, I would like to plan something to help recognize them. I know of three College students (Rebecca Gross, Ashley Chico and Sarah Chico) but I do not want to miss someone. I want to be sure they feel connected during this time. May you continue to feel God’s Strength and help during our Stay at Home time,

Kitty Wiebe
Children, Youth and Family Ministry
760-715-4457
hopyouthesc@gmail.com

Kitty Wiebe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: House of Prayer Tea/Coffee Hour

Time: May 3, 2020 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89169179631?pwd=dDZadFJ6QVFmRFE2TFNZY0xHMzJoZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 6917 9631

Password: 749597

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 891 6917 9631

Password: 749597

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

Dear Interfaith Volunteers,

What a week it's been at Interfaith... The need for support in our community in the way of food and hygiene items is real, it's happening now, and we need your help! Please see the attached Needs List due to the COVID-19 crisis and if you can, forward it to anyone you know that wants to help but might not know how. Our In Kind team reported this afternoon that our warehouse inventory is getting lower than ever – *unimaginable!*

COVID-19 volunteer opportunities, visit: www.interfaithservices.org/volunteer

More information, email: getinvolved@interfaithservices.org

UPDATE ON WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT INTERFAITH HEADQUARTERS THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS

Wednesday, April 15th

It was so wild and crazy... Orders through the food pantry were **quadruple** the 'normal' amount usually filled in a day from Interfaith's donation-powered pantry!

Number of Pantry Orders Filled: **160**

- Adults: 175
- Children: 129

TOTAL People Served: **304**

Thursday, April 16th -- the need **DOUBLED** from the day before!

Pantry Orders Filled: **144**

- Adults: 393
- Children: 228

TOTAL People Served: **621**



Wednesday, April 15th, 2020

Cars filled with families line up at Interfaith headquarters waiting for emergency food boxes due to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis!



COVID-19 Crisis Needs List

Much Needed essential Items to Help Our Community Get Through The Pandemic

Food Items

- FRESH Meats & Chicken — Greatest need!
- Sliced Deli Meats & Cheeses (for Sack Lunch sandwich-making)
- Canned Chicken & Canned Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice
- Beans (Dried)
- Hearty Soups, Stew, Chilis
- Cup of Noodles, Top Ramen
- Pasta Sauce (Cans or Jars)
- Canned Fruits or Vegetables (Corn or Green Beans)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (or Jam)
- Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items

(Family-size)

- Almond Milk
- Mixed Nuts

(Family Size or Individual Size Bags)

- Dried Fruits
- Crackers, Cookies, Snack Items (Family Size)
- Sugar (2 to 5 lb Bags)

Hygiene Items

- Feminine Hygiene Products — Greatest need! (Pads & Tampons)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap & Shower Gel
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Small Packages of Hand Wipes
- Toilet Paper

Baby Items

- Baby Formula
- Baby Food
- Diapers (Pull-Ups: 2T- 3T; 4T-5T)
- Baby Wipes

Supplemental Items

- Laundry Detergent (Pods)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Socks (New please.)

Drive-Up and Drop-Off Donations!

Weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Interfaith Community Services 550 West Washington Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025 (Corner of Quince Street)
Enter our facility from the Quince Street driveway. Our staff will direct you to a parking space where we will happily receive an in kind or monetary donation.

For More Information Contact:

“B” Hernandez
Development & Special Events Associate
Interfaith Community Services
getinvolved@interfaithservices.org
760-489-6380, ext. 273 (office)
760-877-1652 (mobile)

To Make a Monetary Gift:

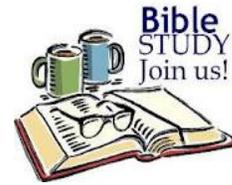
In support of Interfaith’s COVID-19 efforts
Visit www.interfaithservices.org/donate
or mail your contribution to:
Interfaith Community Services
550 W Washington Ave, Escondido CA 92025

Monetary Donations Enable Interfaith to Purchase Priority Items at a Discounted Price!

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, see Harlan Gruenstern

House of Prayer's
Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study
is available on line.
See instructions on the following page.



Financial Stewardship

General Fund:	March	YTD
Budgeted Revenue	\$20,347	\$61,141
Actual Revenue	\$22,169	\$64,002

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

2 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:45 am Check-in and Conversation with Pastor
10 - 11 am Bible Study

1. Using just your telephone (mobile or your phone at home).

669-900-6833
503-395-0218#

246#

- o Call: **669-900-6833**
- o When prompted, give the Meeting ID: **503-395-0218#**
- o When prompted for participant ID: **#**
- o When prompted, give the Password: **246#**
- o Wait until you are admitted into the Bible Study (after 9:45 am). If you call much after 10 am, then there may be a delay before you are admitted into the Bible Study.

2. Using a computer or smartphone to participate online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5033950218?pwd=NzBuWWt0d1Q4QXJhV2t4Q3pRR0xadz09>

Meeting ID: 503 395 0218
Password: 246

- o **If you choose**, you may **email or call the office** in order to be on the **Bible Study list** for receiving weekly emails reminding you of the Bible Study and giving the link to participate. You don't have to be on the Bible Study list, but it makes it easier.
- o **The Bible Study uses Zoom video conferencing.** You don't have to create a Zoom account to use it (you can use it as a guest) but you do need to load it onto your computer or smartphone. The following link will take you directly to the Bible Study and will enable you to load Zoom if you don't have it. **It's the easiest way whether you already have Zoom or not.**

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5033950218?pwd=NzBuWWt0d1Q4QXJhV2t4Q3pRR0xadz09>

- o **If you are already in Zoom**, you may also join the Bible Study by selecting the **JOIN** option and typing in the following information:

Meeting ID: 503 395 0218
Password: 246

- o **Wait until you are admitted into the Bible Study (after 9:45 am).** If you enter the Bible Study much after 10 am, then there will likely be a delay before you are admitted into the Bible Study.



May 2020



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

			10:00am Bible Study on Zoom		1	2
3 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com 11:00am Young Adult Zoom Coffee/Tea hour	4	5	6 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	7	8	9
10 MOTHER/S DAY 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	11	12	13 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	14	15	16
17 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	18	19	20 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	21	22	23
24 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	28	29	30
31 PENTECOST 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com						