



HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Pastor Christina De La Cruz



November 2021

Glad Tidings

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

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

Wednesdays 10:00 AM Bible Study in-person and on Zoom

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



³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep.

- John 11:32-35

What a busy time in the life of our church! As I write this Newsletter, I can hear the printer in the other room, publishing bulletins for the Installation of a Pastor and Reformation Sunday, both for the same weekend. Looking ahead into November, we have All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday, and Advent, approaching quickly. In fact, every single Sunday worship service will have some sort of special significance from now until the middle of January 2022! But in the midst of all the activity, there is something heavy weighing on our community and the world.

We are still experiencing the deep, collective trauma of the pandemic. Over 4.9 million lives have been lost to COVID-19. Over 740,000 seats will be empty in the United States this Thanksgiving. This tragedy haunts us even as we move forward and continue the work of living. All Saint’s Day on November 1st is a moment in which we remember the folks who have passed away in the last year. We give thanks for the lives that they lived and the memories that they have left. In some ways, All Saints Day is meant to be a celebratory day. We rejoice in the ways that God triumphs over the grave; we lean confidently on the hope that Jesus gives. It is also, however, a relatively somber day, because we give ourselves permission to mourn together, supported by the community around us. We lift up the names of our recently departed, ring bells, and light candles in worship. Some of our folks of Mexican descent also prepare the Day of the Dead altars: tables filled with photos of departed loved ones and items that they had cherished in life. All Saints Day and Day of the Dead—corresponding in the same week—both honor our deceased loved ones and affirm that the dead may live again.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus continuously proclaims the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the dead. But when he comes to the tomb of Lazarus, he feels the experience of humanity. He mourns alongside Lazarus’ loved ones. He weeps at the tomb. As we move forward into the holiday season, gathering at various levels for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we may each be feeling various levels of joy, sadness, disappointment, and grief. Jesus’ tears at the tomb meet us with every emotion that we carry. He holds our hands alongside the family of Lazarus. He sits with us in our moments of despair. And he gives us the courage, to hold all of these emotions together, while being gentle with ourselves. Grief is not easy and it has no timeline. But Jesus is present with us, wherever we are at in the experience, giving us permission to feel the full range of emotions. During this busy time, may we follow Jesus’ example. May we support one another with patience, compassion, acceptance, and solidarity.

With God’s Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz



To the House of Prayer Family,

Thank you so much for hosting a welcome and post-wedding celebration for Cande and myself last month. Thanks to the organizers and all of the volunteers who made it happen. Cande and I are filled with gratitude for the generosity and the warm welcome of this congregation. The cards and well wishes were such a great surprise. Thank you!

Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz

Welcome



I N S T A L L A T I O N



Installation on Saturday, Oct. 30
Pastor Christina, Bishop Taylor, Rev. Laura Ziehl,
and Rev. David Jorstad





It has been such a blessing getting to know Pastor Christina and being a part of the beginning of her ministry here at House of Prayer. We have been incredibly busy already, as our feet hit the ground running.

November will be even busier. First up... with the ending of Daylight Savings time, don't forget to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th. We'll begin this month celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 7th, remembering friends and loved ones who have passed away during the last year. We will move on to celebrate Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving, and the beginning of a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent.

As we prepare to move into Advent and Christmas, I would love for you to consider singing with the choir. We would be happy to have you join us, even if just for the season. Please contact me if you have any questions.



In His Service,
Carol

“Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore; rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”
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**From Pastor Christina De La Cruz
and the House of Prayer Staff**

Carol Gross

Kitty Wiebe

Clementina Lopez

Mark Worman

Henry Doktorski



The song “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” has been going through my head for the last couple of weeks. The fact that we sang it for Reformation Sunday, kind of keeps reminding me of it and God’s amazing grace. We all need to be reminded of this often.

We have so many things going on at this time of year, we sometimes forget that grace. The song also reminds me of my family. Growing up my family would sing it all the time. My sisters and I would even do harmony parts. Family is such a big part of my life. The Lord has blessed me with wonderful parents, sisters, in-laws and children/grandchildren. I thank the Lord for them daily. They help me through the difficult and the happy times.

The Lord has also blessed me with my work. God’s love shines through this place. Getting to meet and work with Pastor Christina has been a blessing. We already are brainstormed some ideas for Christian Education and family ministry. I also thank God each day for Carol. These last two years have been tough, but Carol has kept me focused on what needs to be done and we laugh a lot. Mark and Clementina just make me smile when I see them. God’s love just flows through all these people and you can feel it. It is God’s “Amazing Grace”

When you add the “My chains are gone” it adds special meaning to us because we sang this song after my Mom passed away. Now all her hurting and restriction from Parkinson’s was gone and now she was free. I know some people get sad while singing this song but for me it is a song of proclamation. I feel joy from knowing that God’s grace and love has set me free from all my sins.

God’s “Amazing Grace” to each of you,
Kitty Wiebe

P.S. I want to let you know my time off was renewing and wonderful. Thank you to Marilyn Carlson and Maria Alvarado for your help in the office while I was gone.

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

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



Some picture from our trip.



COUNCIL NEWS

October was an eventful month. Things are starting to become more normal. Welcoming Pastor Christina Del La Cruz as our new Pastor, and her husband Cande into our congregation is a blessing.

The October Council meeting was held on October 17th after Sunday service. The meeting was very productive. We discussed the upcoming election and the members that have come forward and volunteered for the open positions for the 2022 Council .

The Congregation meeting was held October 24,2021. We had approximately 30 members in attendance. The new council members were voted on. The council for 2022 will be as follows:

President	Ramiro Acosta
Vice President	Paul Lanspery
Secretary	JoEllen Maus
Treasure	Harlan Gruenstern
Pastor	Christina De La Cruz
At Large	Darrell Maus
At Large	Karen Hughes
At Large	Mary Acosta

There are still two more at Large positions available for anyone that would like to be part of the council and help with House Of Prayer's needs.

Please contact either Pastor Christina or someone on the Council

We will be having a workday at the church Saturday November 6th at 9am everyone is invited. There are many things that need to be done to freshen up the church. The Spanish church will be joining us. There will be a bar-b-que to follow. We hope to see you out there.

Yours in Christ
Ramiro Acosta

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is looking for new members.

If you'd like to join the Altar Guild,
we'd love to have you.

Both men and women are welcome.

It's one of the most important ministries
but also the easiest and most fulfilling.

Chrismon Tree

We will be setting up the Chrismon tree
the first week in December.

More details to come.

Volunteers to help will be
greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help
contact Shelli Ellison



Church Work Day and BBQ!

We will be hosting a church work day on
November 6, Beginning at 9:00am
There are many task of all kinds to be done,
So everyone is welcome and appreciated



Oct. 17- Quilt Sunday

The House of Prayer quilter made 60 quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief and 32 were already donated to Interfaith Services.

Thank you Quilters for all your hard work!

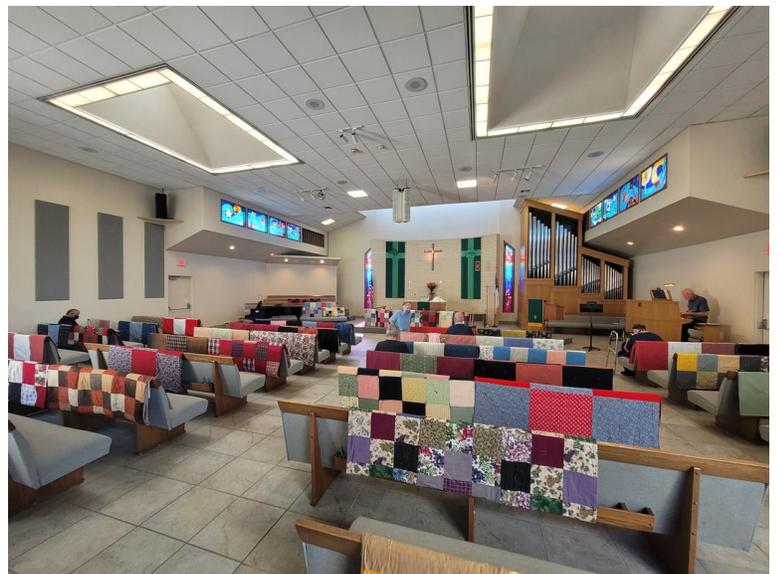
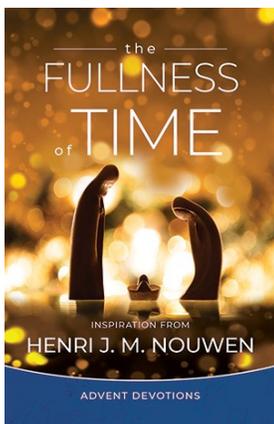


Pictured: Seated: Gretchen Pili and Marilyn McClellan
Back Row: Mary Acosta, Trina Watson, Doris Badger,
Michelle McClellan, MJ Peterson
Not in Photo: Irene and Leo Marquez, Judy Willey



The Fullness of Time
A four week Advent study
Led by Pastor Christina

Tuesday's at 6:30pm
On Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21
In the Social Hall
All are welcome



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: Nov. 21 at 11:00 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

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



Interfaith Community Services Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21, 2021
3:00 pm at Grape Day Park

More information to come in the weekly Happenings

Pastor Christina will be participating in this service.

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 or call the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members of House of Prayer:

Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Rosalind Mattern, Matt Madsen, Pat Portis, Don Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Joan Schmidt, June Stillwell, Dorothy Keck



For comfort: Myron & Rosita Hetland

Relatives and Friends of HOP:

Michelle Mensen, Lena Pauley, Bethany Barratt, Aiden Beutlich, Gary Johnson, Greg Pauley, Ron Show, April Stark, Doyall Sams, Marco Bentize's Family, Loleng Coluso's Family

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

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>

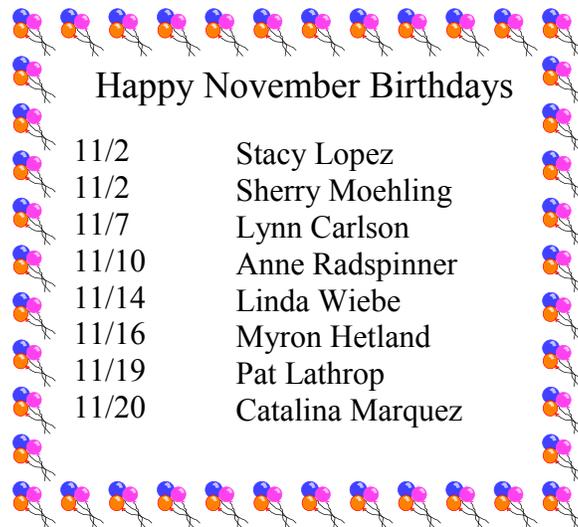


Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

11/5	Matt & Delores Madsen	61 Years
11/10	Darcy & Kenny Rhodes	16 Years



Congratulations!!!!!!!



Happy November Birthdays

11/2	Stacy Lopez
11/2	Sherry Moehling
11/7	Lynn Carlson
11/10	Anne Radspinner
11/14	Linda Wiebe
11/16	Myron Hetland
11/19	Pat Lathrop
11/20	Catalina Marquez

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!



Church office is closed for Thanksgiving Day on Thurs, Nov. 25 & Mon. Nov. 29th

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!
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Thrivent Choice Dollars

For Thrivent Members: Please check to see if you have available choice dollars that can be designated to House of Prayer. If you have any questions, contact Harlan Gruenstern

House of Prayer's Wednesday Bible Study

10:00am meets in-person in the Social Hall with on-line zoom (see page 5 for zoom info)

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



Upcoming Dates

Articles For Tidings
December Newsletter
Due: Nov. 26th

Financial Stewardship

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>September YTD</u>	
Budgeted Revenue	\$18,451	\$158,664
Actual Revenue	\$20,804	\$160,775

Thank you to all who have mailed their offerings to the church during this time of pandemic.

Our worship services are now in-person at 10:00am or can be viewed on-line on our Website:

houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org on Sunday afternoon
You can continue to mail in your offerings to the church or put it in the offering plate.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



*If you have an **emergency** or need Pastor Christina while the office is closed, please leave a message on **the office voice mail.***

Calls are monitored daily while the office is closed.

Thank you

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER
10:00 AM Service

- 11/7 **Ushers:** Harlan Gruenstern, Darrell Maus
Reader: Shelli Ellison
Communion Assistants: Doris Badger & Natalia Marquez
- 11/14 **Ushers:** Jan Esters, Dan Engelbrecht
Reader: Mark Worman
Communion Assistants: JoEllen Maus & Trina Watson
- 11/21 **Ushers:** Scott & Laurie Holtz
Reader: Mike Erno
Communion Assistants: Sandy Erno & Doris Badger
- 11/28 **Ushers:** Patrick Graham, David Rice, Phillip Rice, Mike Erno
Reader: Paul Lanspery
Communion Assistants: Dan & Patti Engelbrecht

Alter Guild: Karen Lanspery & Shelli Ellison

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

Flower Donations for November

- 11/7 Genesis Alvarado
Celebration of Alfredo (Freddie) 6th Birthday
- 11/14 Gretchen Pili
To the Glory of God
- 11/21 House of Prayer
To the Glory of God
- 11/28 Tom and Kitty Wiebe
In honor of November Birthdays



Please call the church office and let us know if you wish to have real flowers or our artificial arrangement. Please make a **check out to House of Prayer for \$53.10 for real flowers or \$10 for the silk arrangement.** Please be sure to write flowers in the memo section. If you pay in cash, please put cash in an envelope and mark flowers on the front.

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 Youtherans** 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 Nov. 8. 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.

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

It is that time of season again for HOP **to collect for our Thanksgiving/Christmas food baskets.**

We are collecting money through

Sunday November 7th, for Thanksgiving and Sunday December 5th for Christmas
to purchase gift cards.

This will allow each family to plan and shop according to their dietary needs and enjoy foods that meet their family traditions.

**The gift cards will be purchased through the Scrip program, so it will be a double blessing.
Purchasing the gift cards will also help out our Family Ministry Program.**

Please give prayerful thought to donating.
Your support is sincerely appreciated.

**You can place your checks made out to
"House of Prayer Youtherans"
in the offering
or bring to the church office.**





November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Clementina Vac	2 Clementina Vac 9:30am Quilting	3 Clementina Vac 10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom 6:45pm Choir	4 Clementina Vac	5 Clementina Vac	6 Clementina Vac Don't forget to turn back clocks tonight.
7 Clementina Vac Daylight Savings All Saints Sunday 10:00am Worship Service - African team ministries	8 Clementina Vac 8:00am Script Orders Due 4:00pm Staff Meeting	9 Clementina Vac 9:30am Quilting	10 Clementina Vac 10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom 6:45pm Choir	11 Clementina Vac	12 Clementina Vac	13 Clementina Vac
14 Clementina Vac 10:00am Worship Service Honoring our Veterans & a Baptism	15 Clementina Vac 4:00pm Staff Meeting	16 Clementina Vac 9:30am Quilting	17 Clementina Vac 10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom 6:45pm Choir	18	19	20
21 Christ the King 10:00am Worship Service 11:00 Council Meeting 3:00 Interfaith Service	22 Carol Vac. 4:00pm Staff Meeting	23 Carol Vac. 9:30am Quilting	24 Carol Vac. 10:00am Bible Study w/ Zoom No Choir	25 Carol Vac. Thanksgiving Day Holiday Office closed	26 Carol Vac.	27
28 Advent 1 10:00am Worship Service	29 Office Closed	30 9:30am Quilting 6:30pm Advent Study				

- ◆ In-person services start at 10:00am, On-line service available on Sunday afternoon on the **website: www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org**
- ◆ Council Meeting will be in-person with those wishing to attend on Zoom.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Study is in-person with Zoom available
- ◆ Zoom information can be found on page 7.
- ◆ **Nov. 21 3:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Grape Day Park**