

# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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*Pastor Christina De La Cruz*



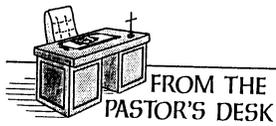
**November 2022**

## **Glad Tidings**

**Of Jesus' Redemption and Release**

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

Worship Services also available at  
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## A Note from Pastor Christina De La Cruz

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, we held a Worship Service of Remembrance and Lament, in honor of everything and everyone that was lost during the pandemic. Toward the end of the month, we also created a Day of the Dead *Ofrenda* (Altar) in honor of all loved ones who have died. This week, we are preparing for our All-Saints Service on November 6<sup>th</sup>, in which we will name the folks who have died in the last year. It seems like October has been a season of remembrance and lament at House of Prayer. This has been a sad, but also sacred and beautiful experience for those who have participated. When we gather and grieve together, then we are able to support one another, find hope in one another's eyes, and remember the love that we hold for those who have gone before us.

As we move into November, however, we are now moving closer toward Thanksgiving. We are slowly transitioning into a season of gratitude. As followers of Christ, I believe that we are sometimes called to lament alongside the woman who grieved for Jesus at the cross. But we are also called to lives of gratitude, and we are called to proclaim the hope of the resurrection too.

This month, I am particularly grateful for everything that God has been doing at House of Prayer. I am proud of the various volunteers and teams that are working together in order to expand the ministries of the congregation. Our Keenagers Study and Fellowship is slowly growing and becoming a fun way to break up the week. I highly recommend checking it out on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. We have also had some great service opportunities lately. Last month, some of our volunteers cooked and distributed food to those in need at Interfaith's Haven House. Next month, we will be preparing about 120 bagged lunches to donate, and we are also partnering with Rose Elementary in order to purchase hoodie sweaters for students in need. We are also blessed with some musical partnerships, and so we will have a couple free concerts coming up. Of course, I am only scratching the surface in regard to the exciting things that are happening in the church. There is certainly a lot for which to give thanks at HOP! Thank you to everyone who shares their time, talents, and resources for these ministries.

Psalm 95:2 reads, "Let us come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise," and Psalm 9:1 reads, "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

There are so many Bible passages about giving thanks. This month, I want to encourage us all to find a space for gratitude in our lives. Let us give thanks for the blessings here in the congregation, but let us also give thanks for the blessings at home too. Let us look at one another with love; let us speak to one another with appreciation; let us regularly share our joys and uplift compliments. And most importantly, let us give continuous thanks to a God who loves, saves, and blesses us each day.

*May you and your loved ones have a blessed and very happy Thanksgiving. \*

God's Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz





A note from:  
Community Support Minister



Here we are at the end of one month and the start of a new month. There is so much going on at House of Prayer and I am happy to be a part of it all. In October, we had our weekly and monthly activities that included the Visitation team, Keenagers study and fellowship, Quilters. There was a wedding, Nan Gentile's Memorial, Congregational meeting, Memorial of Remembrance and Lament, Quilt Sunday. I had the privilege of serving Communion at the new Bishop's installation on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We collected money to provide a dinner and served at Interfaith Haven House Shelter. We started collecting for our Thanksgiving Food baskets. Then there was a baby shower for Pastor Christina. The Ladies set up the Ofrenda in the Narthex, hopefully you get a chance to see it. It looks great. We had lifeline screening in our Social Hall, and we ended the month with Reformation Sunday. It was a busy month.

The first Sunday in November will be All Saints Day. We will continue to collect donations for our **Thanksgiving/Christmas Basket**. This donation helps provide our congregational members in need with a little extra during the holidays. Please consider donating. If you need some extra help, please talk to Pastor Christina. There will be an envelope in the Narthex to place your donation.

For the month of November, we are asking you to give to the students of Rose Elementary. Many of them need warm clothing. They also need to feel like they belong in their community. We would like to purchase Rose Elementary hoodie/sweatshirts for those students in need. Our goal is to collect \$1500. There will be a bucket with **"Hoodies for Rose Elementary"** in the Narthex each Sunday. Please help us reach our goal.

**"We are One, an Escondido Community Gratitude Service"** will be held on **November 22 at 7:00 pm**. The service is at **Trinity Episcopal Church**. This is multidenominational event with all donations going to Interfaith services. Pastor Christina and clergy from other denominations take this time to give gratitude for all God has done.

One last thing I want to share.

When Pastor Christina and I met to discuss the November calendar, we were discussing where we would ask the congregation to donate money and I need to share with you what happened. Interfaith had sent out a request for help donating / making sack lunches. I signed House of Prayer up for Nov. 14, thinking we would make the lunches on the 13<sup>th</sup> after service. With the holidays coming, we have several fundraising events. So, we were talking about where we could just get the money for the lunches out of the budget and ask for donations for other activities. Then Carolina brings in the mail with a letter to Pastor Christina. **In the letter was a check donation for the Sack Lunches! WOW, thank you Lord!**

God's Blessing to every one of you,

Kitty Wiebe  
Community Support Minister



# Christmas Festival of Song

December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 6:00pm.

**Let's gather in the spirit of Christmas!**

It will be a special evening of music.

Our community is blessed to have amazing musicians and a love of music. **Cookies and hot chocolate** will be served at the end. This will be a family friendly event, with a Christmas cookie exchange, audience participation, and the chance to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols.

Please come and bring a friend.



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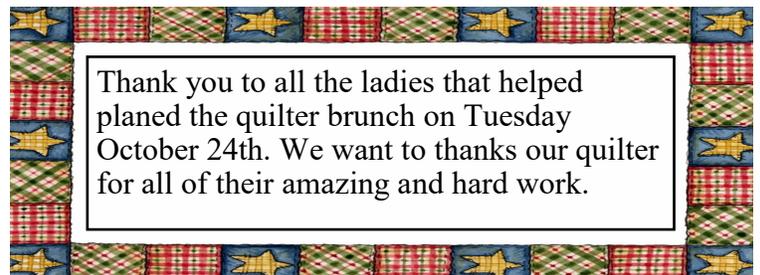
### **Thank you Note from Pastor Christina De La Cruz,**

To the HOP Community:

Thank you for the beautiful baby shower and for your incredible generosity. Baby De La Cruz is already feeling your Love.

Thank you!  
Peace,

Pastor Christina and Cande De La Cruz



Thank you to all the ladies that helped planed the quilter brunch on Tuesday October 24th. We want to thanks our quilter for all of their amazing and hard work.

**Upcoming Dates**  
 Articles For December  
 Tidings Newsletter  
**Due: November 21**

**Council Meeting**  
 November 27, 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.

October Service Attendance	
October 2	61
October 9	58
October 16	57
October 23	47
October 30	61



Thank you Harlan Gruenstern, for  
 sharing this fun comic strip with us.

**A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL ...**

The election of new officers and councilmembers took place on Sunday, October 9th. The following individuals will serve in these roles beginning January 1, 2023.

- Council President - Paul Lanspery
- Council Vice President - Anne Radspinner
- Councilmember At Large - Laurie Holt
- Councilmember At Large - Darcy Rhoades

Continuing in their current positions for 2023 will be:

- Council Secretary - JoEllen Maus
- Council Treasurer - Harlan Gruenstern
- Councilmember At Large - Eric Engelbrecht
- Councilmember At Large - Karen Hughes
- Councilmember At Large - Jeanette O'Hara

At our October Council Meeting we began our 2023 budget planning process by reviewing draft job descriptions for our janitor position and a potential new part-time position of IT and Media Person. Thanks to the Mutual Ministry Committee for preparing these descriptions in concert with Pastor Christina.

The Council directed the Treasurer and Vice President to prepare a financial report for 2022 to be included in the December Congregational Newsletter. Thanks to your generosity, church revenues are exceeding budget estimates with mission and outreach efforts growing each month.

The newly formed Property Committee has begun to meet and will begin the process to prioritize our campus capital improvement needs. Thanks to Marilyn Carlson, Jeff Gross, Mike Kendall, Tom Wiebe, and Doug Buddenhagen for serving and donating their time and talents to this important work.

Romero Acosta Council President	Paul Lanspery Council Vice President
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CHURCH NEWS

# AROUND the CONGREGATION

## Visitation MINISTRY

We will have a meeting every 1st Sunday of the month Please plan to attend.



**San Diego Harmony Ringers will be performing for us.**

Don't forget to mark your calendars,

**Saturday November 5, 2022  
1:00pm**

House Of Prayer Sanctuary  
Refreshments to follow

San Diego Harmony Ringers are dedicated to bringing the art and enjoyment of handbell music through excellence in performance and musicianship. **All are invited!**



### Emergency Response Training

Jeff Gross will be presenting an Emergency Response Training on Sunday, November 20th, right after service.

It is open to anyone who is interested in attending, This will help us to be prepared in case of an emergency.

(If you have any medical experience please let Pastor Christina or Kitty know.)

### We are One

Escondido Community Gratitude Service  
**Nov. 22 at 7pm**

Trinity Episcopal Church (corner of Chestnut and 9th)  
All food and monetary donations collected will go to Interfaith.

Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome to this multid denominational event.

### Happy August Birthdays!

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

### Celebrating An Anniversary This Month

11/5 Delores and Matt Madsen 62 years

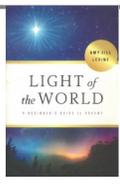
### Congratulations!!!

### Upcoming Events

- Nov. 5 1:00pm SD Harmony Ringers Bell Concert
- Nov. 6 Set clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 6 All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 6 Visitation Meeting
- Nov. 6 Confirmation Class
- Nov. 7 Scrip Cards orders due
- Nov.12 Mutual Ministry
- Nov. 13 1:00pm Interfaith Sack Lunches
- Nov. 13 Prayer Circle
- Nov. 18 10:00am Property Committee
- Nov. 20 Council Installation
- Nov. 20 Emergency Response Training
- Nov. 22 7:00pm Interfaith Service Of Gratitude @Trinity Episcopal Church
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving (Office closed)
- Nov. 25 Office closed
- Nov. 27 Council meeting
- Dec. 2 6:00pm Christmas Festival of Song
- Dec. 11 Advent Potluck
- Dec. 24 6:00pm Christmas Eve service
- Dec. 25 10:00am Christmas day service

### Advent Study Begins Nov. 30th

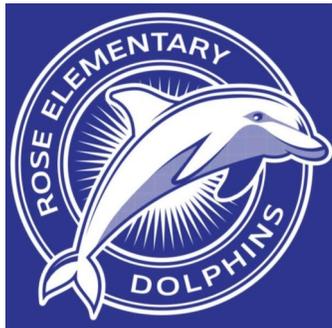
Order your book now thru Nov 13th.  
The order form is available in the Narthex.  
Used Books: \$6 New Books: \$12



HOP Choir gathers  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

### House of Prayer Sack Lunches for the Homeless!

**Volunteers needed:** Nov. 13th after church service  
to make sandwiches and then assemble sack lunches.  
This will be an assembly line process and the more  
hands the better!  
For more information contact: Kitty Wiebe, Community  
Support Minister

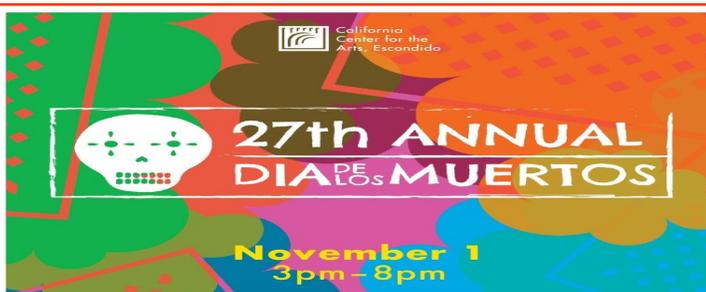


### Hoodies for Rose Elementary Kids!

Kids need to feel a part of their school and have a warm jacket.  
A Rose School hoodie/sweatshirt will help.  
For the month of November, House of Prayer will be collecting money  
to help provide lower income students with a school hoodie.  
Our Goal is \$1500  
Please help!

## What's Happening In Escondido...

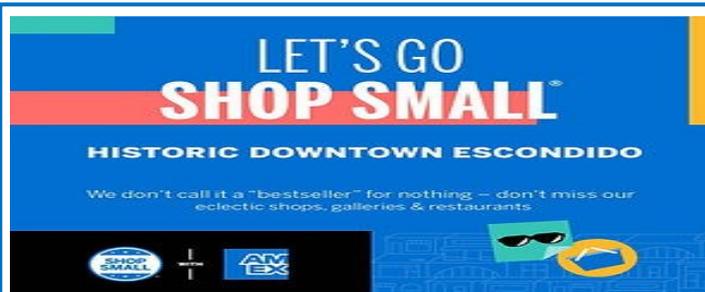
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Presented by the California Center for the Arts,  
Escondido.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 3:00 PM  
FREE!\*

Join the Center to celebrate Día de los Muertos!  
CCAEC welcomes the community to celebrate the  
27th Annual Día de los Muertos Festival. It's an  
opportunity to gather together as a community to  
honor and remember our loved ones who are no  
longer with us. will also be part of the festivities.



**Escondido Historic Downtown**  
Tis the season to Shop Small!"

Downtown Escondido is coming together to bring you  
a fun day of shopping and discovery on Saturday,  
November 26. Join the fun, take part in the Small  
Business Saturday Bingo Game; Bingo cards with a  
list and map of participating businesses will be  
available for pick up in Heritage Garden at the corner  
of E Grand and Juniper from 10am to 4pm. You will  
find photo opportunities, entertainment and more in  
the Garden.



### Grand Farmers Market Every Tuesday

October—May 2:30-6:00pm  
June—September 2:30-7:00pm  
On Grand Avenue in Historic  
Escondido, Located at Juniper St  
(Heritage Garden Park).



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th**

## QUILTER NEWS

After a year of hard work, our quilters will be taking a break. There will not be quilting meetings for now, until after the holidays.

**Thank you for your amazing work!**

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Help us every time  
you shop Amazon.

### 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>

for eating...shopping...or filling your tank  
**Order Scrip Gift Cards!**

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

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!!

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 ordered on November 7, 9:00 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.

## 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 20th, for Thanksgiving and Sunday December 18th 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 House of Prayer Ministries.**

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**

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 Happenings and/or Tidings.

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

If you would like yourself, friend or relative on the prayer list, there is a form that needs to be filled out. (See page 10).

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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE FOR October

10:00 AM Sunday Service

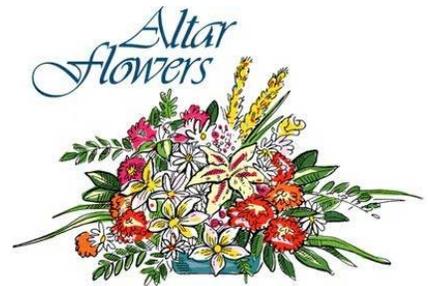
- 11/6 **Ushers:** Dan Engelbrecht, Patti Engelbrecht, Trina Watson  
**Communion Assistant:** Sandy Erno  
**Reader:** Mike Erno
- 11/13 **Ushers:** Scott Holtz, Laura Holtz, Mike Erno, Henrik Harbin  
**Communion Assistant:** Shelli Ellison  
**Reader:** Shelli Ellison
- 11/20 **Ushers:** Patrick Graham, Phillip Rice, Jeff Gross  
**Communion Assistant:** Karen Lanspery  
**Reader:** Paul Lanspery
- 11/27 **Ushers:** Ramiro Acosta, Alfredo Alvarado, Lawson Ellison  
**Communion Assistant:** Cheri Kendall  
**Reader:** Mike Kendall

**Altar Guild:** Shelli Ellison and Karen Lanspery

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

### Flower Donations for September

- 11/6 Alfredo and Lupe Alvarado  
In Celebration of grandson Alfredo's birthday
- 11/13 Darcy and Kassia Rhoades  
In Memory of Dee Concannon
- 11/13 Dan and Patti Engelbrecht  
In Honor of Rosemary Ball
- 11/20 Jeanette O'Hara  
In Loving Memory of Michael O'Hara



#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR... Members of House of Prayer:**

Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Charlotte Beutlich, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker,  
Pat Portis, Lynn Carlson, Dorothy Keck, Janet Dopp, Darrell Maus,  
Marilyn McLernan, Royce Williams, Irene Marquez, Alfredo Alvarado, Loren Petersen



#### **Relatives and Friends of HOP:**

Michelle Mensen, Bethany Barratt, Aiden Beutlich, Gary Johnson, Eric Vance, Doyall Sams,  
Jennifer Harcos, Greg Pauley, Lily Teisher, Greg Eriksen, Mark Sievers, Tom Ellison, Theresa Nolan,  
Lucy Elsa Smith

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

*Please take a look at the prayers.  
If you or someone you know can be removed, please call the church office.*



# Prayer Request Form

Confidential

We are pleased to join you in praying for specific needs.  
Please write your request (s) and place this card in the offering plate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person to pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason For Prayer : \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check list to be added:

- HOP Member
- HOP Friend / Relative
- Protection in the Military or front line service.

- .....
- I would like the Pastor to contact me
  - Add to Prayer Chain– (Will announce in the prayer chain e-mails)
  - Add to Church Newsletter/Weekly Happening ad (we will added for the entire month)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



Español / Spanish

# Petición de oración

Confidencial

Nos complace unirnos a usted en oración.  
Por favor, escriba su petición y coloque esta tarjeta en el plato de ofrendas.

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de la persona para orar: \_\_\_\_\_

Razón para la oración : \_\_\_\_\_

### Por favor, seleccione de la lista para añadir:

- HOP Miembro
- HOP Amigo o Familiar
- Proteccion en el servicio militar o de primeros auxilios.

- .....
- Quisiera que la Pastora se comunicara connmigo
  - Añadir a la cadena de oración – (Se anunciará en los correos electrónicos de la cadena de oración)
  - Añadir al boletín mensual de la iglesia y anuncios semanales (Se agregara por todo el mes)

Su nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Su número de teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC	2 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC  -10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship.  -NO Choir	3 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC	4 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC	5 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC  -1:00 SDHR Concert
6 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC -10:00am <b>All Saints</b> worship service -Visitation meeting -Confirmation Class Daylight S/T	7 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC -Scrip Cards Order Due Today.	8 Kitty VAC Clementina VAC <b>NO Quilters</b>	9 -10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship.  6:30pm Choir	10	11	12 -9:00 am Scroll Saw  -1:00pm Mutual Ministry.
13 -10:00am Worship Service  -Prayer Circle today  -Sack Lunches	14	15 <b>NO Quilters</b>	16 -10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship.  -6:30pm Choir	17	18 -10:00am Property Committee	19
20 -10:00am Worship Service  -Council Installation -Emergency response training	21 Carol VAC	22 Carol VAC <b>NO Quilters</b>  -7:00pm Interfaith Service of Gratitude at Trinity Episcopal Church	23 Carol VAC 10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship.  <b>NO Choir</b>	24 	25	26
27 -10:00am Worship Service  -1st Sunday of Advent  -Council Meeting	28	29 <b>NO Quilters</b>	30 10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship. (Advent Study)  -6:30pm Choir	1	2 6:00pm Christmas Festival of Song  	