

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

795 NORTH ROSE STREET, ESCONDIDO, CA 92027

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Glad Tidings

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

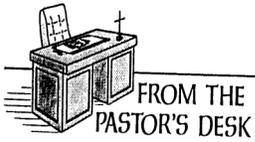
Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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
www.hoplutheran.com**



And God took the man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.
(Genesis 2:15)

It is the time of the year during which the people of House of Prayer are asked for their pledge. It is part of the practice of gratitude called stewardship. An encyclopedia definition on stewardship reads: *“In a Christian context, stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have for the gifts that God has bestowed. In some settings, stewardship is operationalized as time, talent and treasure. An example of Stewardship is in Genesis 2:15. The verse teaches that humans (via stewardship) are responsible for the earth.”*

According to the Constitution of our congregation it shall be the privilege and duty of members “during the current or preceding calendar year, to have communed in this congregation and to have made a contribution of record to this congregation,” thereby supporting the work and the calling of House of Prayer Lutheran Church.

So stewardship is about money, but not about money alone. It is a spiritual discipline in response to God’s grace. It involves that we devote our daily life to God by serving others, and it involves that we make a commitment. It involves how we care for the earth. In total it is a quite generous lifestyle in the light of thanksgiving and gratitude!

Do you feel blessed? Do you think our church is blessed and this city is too? Well, "our gifts are made for sharing not for hoarding!"

Walking and working with you in Christ *Pastor Karin*

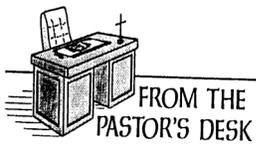
When will we open up to worship in-person again?

... others are doing it already! Well, the short answer is: “House of Prayer will do what the Escondido School District does.” The reason? We want to keep others and ourselves safe and the health risk as low as possible!

But there is good news! Pastor Karin is in weekly conversation with our North County ELCA neighbors. Some started worship outdoors; some tried a drive-in service; some continue to stream their service. For some congregations it is working, others tried and will not do it again. There is no ‘one way fits all’ at this point. So on Oct. 24 a group of your leadership met on campus to be as prepared as possible once we can meet in person again. Pastor Karin had invited Jan Parthemer from San Marcos Lutheran Church who shared SMLC’s experiences and gave some valuable tips. Thank you, Jan!

So we ask you to wait in patience and trust that we do what we can until the time is right.

PK



Estimados miembros de habla hispana de la Iglesia Luterana House of Prayer

Ustedes importan, para Dios y Para mí.

Mi nombre es Pastar Karin y desde el 1 de agosto, soy su pastar interina. Soy un inmigrante de Alemania y lamentablemente no hablo español. Durante las próximas semanas y meses, mi función es ayudarlos a ustedes y a toda la gente de Casa de Oración, a encontrar a su próximo pastor que camina con ustedes en el camino del señor aquí en Escondido.

Permitanme decirles también lo triste que estoy de que aun no nos hayamos conocido en persona o por medio de ZOOM, no hemos hablado por teléfono ni nos hemos comunicado de ninguna otra forma. Se que COVID-19 cambio muchas cosas en nuestras vidas, en nuestro mundo y también en nuestra iglesia. Sin embargo, me preocupaba profundamente que no pudieras asistir a la reunión congregacional del domingo pasado. Podría haber muchas buenas razones para ello. Pero sepa que en un momento de cambio (especialmente durante la transición de pastores.) cada voz en una congregación cuenta. Su opinión, comentarios, punto de vista, necesidad y contribución son importantes. ¡Tu importas!

Muchos están muy frustrados con el proceso de llamado del pastor Darin. Esta es tu oportunidad de hacerlo mejor, ¡Juntos! Hay dos miembros de habla hispana en el comité de convocatorias, María Alvarado y Ashley Chico hablan. Equiparlos con sus pensamientos. ¡Tu importas! El señor te necesita para edificar La Iglesia del Señor para mañana.

Y mientras oro por ti todos los días, continúo orando por la Casa de Oración.

Espero conocerte algún día,

En Cristo

Pastar Karin



November Greetings!

It's hard to believe that our church year is nearly over. This month we celebrate All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and Thanksgiving. Our new church year begins with the start of Advent on November 29th. Such a strange year it has been, with really no end in sight. But we continue to move forward, seeking God's plan for us through all of it.

If you are looking for something different to do, I highly recommend that you check out www.sandiegoconcerts.org. Every Sunday at 2:00 pm, a Spreckles Organ concert is posted there for your enjoyment during these times of COVID. It's a way to hear beautiful music from the comfort and safety of your own home. If you've never heard the Spreckles Organ, check it out. You're in for a real treat. The concerts include all types of music. Another interesting fact is that Dale Sorenson, who cares for our own House of Prayer organ, is also the Curator of this incredible Spreckles Organ. You can also find the concerts on YouTube by typing in "Spreckles Organ concerts" in the search bar. Enjoy!

Even through the difficult events of 2020, I have many reasons to be thankful. I am grateful for the many people both behind the scenes and in front of the camera each week during our worship services... Pastor Karin for your steadfast leadership through unprecedented times; Henry for sharing your humor and amazing gift of music each week; Micheal and Mark Doering for also sharing your musical gifts with us; Sam, Becca, and Natalia for your dedication to making our services run smoothly week after week through reading, camera work, sound system operation, House of Prayer website and House of Prayer YouTube channel work; Kitty for subbing in when needed; and Mark and Clementina for taking such good care of us by making sure we have clean and disinfected spaces in which to work. It takes a team to make it all happen, and these hard working people are a blessing!

Blessings!
Carol

"We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise." ELW # 791

A big THANK YOU to a few of our Prayer House Ringers for bringing some hand bell music back into our worship. (We were diligent in our safety protocols.)





"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Here we are in November already! We are in the middle of planning our holiday and trying to figure what that will look like in 2020. We will attempt Triple-G on Nov. 8th. This will be a zoom meeting. We have not had a good response but with the holidays coming we will try.

I continue to mail out children bulletins and activities for families to do together. On Nov. 3rd, I will be mailing out an activity for showing gratitude. This is a great activity for us all. I think this year, we really need to give thanks and remember to rejoice always.

We are in the planning stages for an on-line Christmas reenactment that we will need volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. The Advent season starts on Nov. 29th.

I enjoyed my time off and need to thank Carol Gross for working overtime to keep things going! Carol, thank you and everyone for your continued support at House of Prayer. I see God's blessing in all we do.

Kitty Wiebe,
Children, Youth and Family
Office Administrator

Happy Thanksgiving from your House of Prayer Staff



Carol



Pastor Karin



Kitty



Clementina



Mark



Henry

Zoom Meetings

House of Prayer Zoom Forum Meetings

Every Tuesday at 5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86740955288?pwd=ZENoU2tyQ3U5Q29sUzdmdzZlVmJWQ0T09>

Or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 867 4095 5288

Passcode: 777115

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Greetings at 9:45am Study at 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81848590237?pwd=WTNtdlNGR1hWQ0i85TmJvUC9oNFVpQT09>

or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 818 4859 0237

Passcode: 479904

Council Meeting Zoom

Time: Nov. 15 at 11:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105853120?pwd=NFVXWXBQ0ZHU0puaFBsUkhZcTNtZz09>

Or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 861 0585 3120

Passcode: 766380

Triple-G

Godly, Gathering and Growing

Nov. 8, 2020 11:30 AM

Every month on the Second Sunday

For all school age student and Their Families

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84298635183?pwd=OW90V2doRTFIV0M5ZnRhY0QwbEtLUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 9863 5183 Passcode: 392102

One tap mobile +16699006833,,84298635183#,,,,,0#,,392102# US (San Jose)

COUNCIL NEWS – October 2020

The Church Council met Oct. 18th via Zoom and the congregation met October 25th via Zoom to elect new council members for Jan 2021 term starts. The Congregation elected Ramiro Acosta - President, Jo Ellen Maus - Council Secretary, Christi Steinbiser - At Large and Natalia Marquez - At Large.

The council for 2021 is:

Pastor Karin; President- Ramiro Acosta; Vice President- Mike Kendall; Treasurer-Harlan Gruenstern; Council Secretary- Jo Ellen Maus; At-Large Members: MJ Petersen, Darrell Maus, Natalia Marquez, Christi Steinbiser, Annette Gustin

Pledge cards were mailed out in mid-October. If you did not receive one or you need one in Spanish, please contact the church office. We have been doing an outstanding job of mailing in our donations to the church. Let us continue that trend.

We are working on a plan to resume church services on our patio in accordance with state guidelines to keep everyone safe. You will receive an on-line Survey on Nov.2. Your input is needed for planning our outdoor services. Please complete and submit this survey by Nov. 9th.

The Call Committee members are Dan Engelbrecht, Shelli Ellison, Paul Lanspery, Mike Smith, Rick Baker, Karen Hughes, Maria Alvarado, and Ashley Chico. Ashley was elected as the 8th Call Committee member during the October Council meeting. The Call Committee has been meeting weekly. The major focus is on developing our Mission Site Profile which is integral to calling our next Pastor.

Our quilt team has finished 110 quilts. 90 quilts are going to Lutheran World Relief and 20 quilts are going to Interfaith Community Services. Many thanks to the quilters who support this important Outreach Ministry.

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. One family, one team and one objective.

Peace, love, strength, and grace as our stewardship of God's house continues,

Mike Erno, Council President

We Are Not Meant To Be Islands

by Samantha Gross

Anybody who read Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom The Bell Tolls* in high school probably got a little additional lecture about John Donne's poem *No Man Is An Island*. For those of you who didn't, don't worry, that's not what this article is about, but hear me out for a minute. For anyone unfamiliar or in need of a refresher, Donne's poem is essentially about the idea that people are not isolated islands and are meant to have a community around them. He said other things, obviously, since even short poems are full of meaning, but that's the most important idea, at least where Hemingway was concerned. And while I don't often find myself agreeing with Ernest Hemingway, I do have to agree with him on this.

We are not meant to be islands, or, more plainly, we aren't meant to be alone. And Covid 19 has made us all feel very alone. Whether it's through physical isolation and distance for safety, or a disconnect from our friends and peers, everyone has been affected by what's happening right now. And eight months into what was supposed to be a two-week lockdown, I can only assume that everyone is getting (or already) very sick of it. It's all we talk about, and apparently all I can seem to write about right now. But we have to remember that even when we are distanced, we are part of a community, a piece of a greater, more communal island. We are not meant to be solitary islands, floating lonely in a wide and wild sea.

To get back on my English major horse for a moment, the title of Hemingway's book comes from Donne's line (modified slightly): "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee." Now, I'm not going to write a literary analysis of Hemingway's book (I did enough of that in high school and college, and besides that, no one would read it), but I am going to say that this line in this poem feels important right now. A bell, no matter who it is originally rung for, is rung for all of us. But what does it mean when we can't hear the bells?

It's been a very long time since we've all gathered together to hear the bells of House of Prayer ring. And right now, it sort of feels like it'll be a long time before we get to hear them again, instead leaning close to our screens on Sundays and listening to the soft sounds of the organ chimes in our online church service. Becca and I have taken to calling the online services snurch, or snooze church, because we now have a tendency to watch it around lunch time, gathered on the couch in our living room and laughing about the behind the scenes moments that don't make it on camera. But even filming the services has become rare for me, with my changing work schedule, and it feels as though I've become ever more distant from the bells of House of Prayer.

At least, until my mom handed me two pages of sheet music and said "how would you feel about playing handbells again?" And suddenly the bells were back, harder than I remembered, my coordination frustratingly not quite what I remembered it being. It wasn't so much getting back on a bicycle as it was struggling to put back on the training wheels. I wasn't the same person I was the last time I played handbells, just like I'm not the same person I was before this pandemic. We're all going to be different people, changed by this year in ways we didn't expect. Inconvenient growing pains like anxiety while going to the grocery store and the diminishing of social skills, at least for some of us. Coming back from this pandemic will be something that may take some practice, but we'll get there. Just like I eventually got there with handbells, despite my frustrations and lack of coordination. After what felt like a lot of practice and some probably less than ideal language for church, House of Prayer had bells again, and people who could play and hear them ring.

So when you hear the bells play on that Sunday, whether you've already heard that service or might go back to listen now, know that the bells are tolling for all of you, separate but connected islands, waiting for the time when we can all return to the house we remember.



We will be ordering SCRIP on Nov. 9th. 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 Nov. 9th.**

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.

There are a wide variety of cards to purchase. Grocery cards (I'm sure most of us are buying more than usual), restaurants (let's support restaurants in our community), gas cards, department stores, drug stores...etc



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>



THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

It is that time of season again for HOP **to collect for our Thanksgiving/Christmas grocery gift cards.**

We are collecting money through

Sunday November 9th, for Thanksgiving and Sunday December 14th 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 youth group.



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



Please make your checks out to House of Prayer Youterans.

You can mail your checks to the church office. If you wish to drop your check at the office please *CALL BEFORE YOU COME.*

11/5	Matt & Delores Madsen	60 Years
11/10	Kenny & Darcy Rhoades	15 years

In October, 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

For comfort: Alvarado Family

Relatives and Friends of HOP:

For Healing and comfort: Gregg Jensen, Julie Walsh, Michelle Mensen, Martha Bailey, Diane Griffin and Family

For protection and safety in the military: Vince Erno



Happy November Birthdays

11/1	Darlene Burger
11/2	Stacy Lopez
	Sheri Moehling
11/7	Lynn Carlson
11/10	Deanna Concannon
	Anne Radspinner
11/14	Linda Wiebe
11/16	Myron Hetland
11/19	Pat Lathrop
11/20	Catalina Marquez
	Wilma Sinnott

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!

The Church Office will be closed on Nov. 25-27 for holiday.



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!

Community News

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



Gratitude Fest

Escondido Together

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be a Zoom Event held on November 22, at 7:00pm.

Please RSVP to House of Prayer church office by Nov. 16, so we can get you zoom information.

This service includes congregations for all over Escondido and interfaith Services.

Congratulations

The Woman's Club of Escondido
Celebrated 110 Years of serving the Community
On November 2, 2020



Our **House of Prayer Quilters** have been busy!

They have made

110 quilts while we have been quarantined!

Way to go quilters!!!!

Thanks to all who have helped with the quilts this year!

We sent 74 to Lutheran World Relief, 20 to Interfaith Community Services, and have a start of 16 for next year.

We hope to be able to meet and work together soon.

In the meantime, let us know if you are able to help, either at your home or at Gretchen's house.

For you to know:

Lutheran World Relief distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. Lutheran World Relief even had three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of handmade quilts and baby-care items, which were reported as destroyed in the August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon, that had been found intact and were ready to be distributed to victims of the blast and refugees.

Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

Thank You



for your Kindness



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**
is available on line.

We are studying the **weekly Gospel with the ELCA Daily Discipleship, the lesson is emailed on Tuesday.**

Financial Stewardship

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$20,347	\$183,223
Actual Revenue	\$17,802	\$166,225

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

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.



November 2020



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 All Saints 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com		3 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	4 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom			
8 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	9 8:00am Scrip Orders Due	10 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	11 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom			
15 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com 11:30am Council zoom Meeting		17 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	18 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom			
22 Christ the King 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com 7:00pm "Gratitude Fest"		24 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day		
29 Advent 1 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	30					