



# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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*Pastor Christina De La Cruz*



**October 2021**

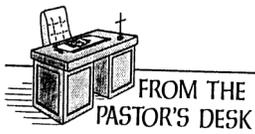
## **Glad Tidings**

**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](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**



## Pastor Christina De La Cruz



Reformation Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ!

After months of planning, anticipation, and prayer, Cande and I finally left Ohio on September 5<sup>th</sup> and headed toward Escondido. We made a few stops along the way in Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, and Arizona, which helped to break up our travels. It truly was a gorgeous road. Throughout the month, we watched as the scenery changed, beginning with miles of cornfields, moving into the Rocky Mountains and luscious forests, followed by red mountains, canyons, deserts, sandy dunes, and finally the hills of Southern California, until we reached the coast and stood on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Every curve of the journey introduced us to new, beautiful landscapes, but also challenges. We learned to drive in the mountains for the first time, feeling the packed car struggle up and down every incline. We experienced days of altitude sickness. We even dealt with a flat tire near the end of our trip. It was quite a journey, to say the least.

As we drove through the changing countryside, I often thought about House of Prayer and I wondered about the countless journeys that folks might be taking in their own lives here. I wondered what sort of spiritual mountains they were finding: births, retirements, celebrations large and small. I wondered what sort of valleys and deserts they were crossing: from the pandemic, to loneliness, to the many other challenges of today. And finally, as I gazed at our overloaded Honda Civic, I wondered: what sort of “luggage” might the folks of House of Prayer be carrying on those journeys. Fear? Skepticism? Anger? Excitement? What sort of expectations might the congregation have for me as their pastor? What sort of expectations might I have for them as well?

In Matthew 10, Jesus sends his disciples out into the world with just their rod and their sandals. They carry nothing else for their journeys. When they go into the towns, then the people give them the things that they need. And throughout the process, they learn to trust in God to provide for them. They bring only the essentials for their ministry. I wonder how this passage might speak to us today. What would it mean for us to lay down the mental and emotional luggage of our lives, and to bring only the essentials? What could we unload from our hearts that would make the mountains easier to climb? What are the essentials that will help us cross the deserts of our lives?

This month, as we begin our work together, I am so incredibly honored to be here as Pastor at House of Prayer Lutheran Church. My hope and prayer is that we may continue forward together in our ministry as a congregation, that we may live the incredible reality of the Gospel, and that we may lean on one another as a community. There may be challenging moments ahead, but I do believe that we may rely on God and one another through each difficulty. In the meantime, I want to invite us all to reflect inward and consider the things that we are carrying with us into our lives together. And I want to invite us all—myself included—to take a deep breath and let go of the extra luggage. Instead, bring only the essentials for your ministry. For the disciples, that meant a rod and sandals. For us, I think that maybe our essentials are faith, hope, and love.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz



This is a big month at House of Prayer. First, a warm welcome to Pastor Christina! I am excited to begin our ministry work together. We look forward to her Installation service on Saturday, October 30. We also celebrate Reformation on October 31.

Thank you to Pastor Dan for being here to support us for the past several months.

The choir is back! It has been a sweet reunion after a long absence. As we meet to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:45, we are doing our best to maintain a safe space. If you'd like to sing with us, please come join us. We'd love to have you.

I want to take a personal moment to thank my daughters, Sam and Becca. Over the last 18 months they have stepped up in big ways to give House of Prayer an online presence for our Sunday worship services. We couldn't have done it without them and I am grateful for their help! This month, they are moving to Colorado to begin a new adventure. I am so proud of them and can't wait to see how God works in their lives in this next chapter.

In His Service,  
Carol



Dear House of Prayer Friends & Family,

Thank you for these amazing last five months of ministry together. As I embark on this next part of my journey, I am beyond grateful for the gift of being your Bridge Pastor and for the opportunity to get to know you and build relationships with you in the midst of life's joys and sorrows. It has been a privilege to be with you during this time transition.

Now we've come to a fork in the road and the time has come for me to take one way while you continue along the other. It is hard to say goodbye but I do so knowing that my farewell means you get to say hello to new pastor and to new possibilities to grow as a house of prayer in Christ.

Please know that I am praying for you and you will always have a special place in my heart.

Once again, thank you for all your blessings and prayers.

Blessed in God's grace,

Pastor Dan Cole



I am very excited to welcome Pastor Christina and her Husband, Candelario to House of Prayer! This past month has been a busy month prepare for them and there is more to come. So, let's stop and take a break for a moment. Big Breath! Christina and I are working together to help her become familiar with the workings of House of Prayer and all of you. Please be patient with us.

Something that is slowing us down is my long a waited vacation. Over two years ago, Tom and I started planning a trip to Hawaii. Everything got put on hold last year and we had to rebook everything. So, on Oct. 14, we will be on a plane to hopefully some relaxation and enjoyment. Until then there is much to do in the office and at House of Prayer.

One of the things we hope to accomplice is getting our livestream going before we go. This has been something I talked about having even before Covid. With being out of the area it will be nice to view the services on-line.

I also want to take a moment to thank some very special people. Sam and Becca Gross were both members of the youth group when I started. They made each week enjoyable and fun. The welcomed everyone to our group and added insight to our bible studies. I am excited for this new chapter in their life and they will be missed.

Please mark your calendars for up coming events. The next three months are very busy.

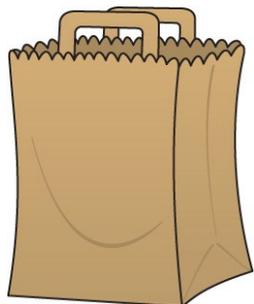
I feel blessed each day to work with a giving and caring congregation. Thank you!

God's blessing for the future at House of Prayer,  
Kitty

## World Food Day

October 16, is an international day celebrated every year worldwide by organizations concerned with hunger and food security.

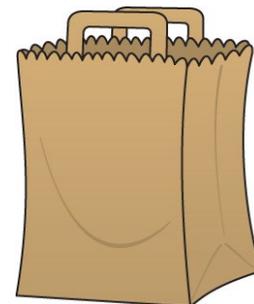
In honor of World Food Day. HOP is collecting food items to donate to Interfaith Community Services.



We have brown paper bags for you to take home and bring back filled with non-perishable food items by Oct 17.

Thank you for your help!

For more information contact MJ Peterson



## Pastor Christina De La Cruz Installation Service

2:00 pm on Saturday, Oct 30, 2021 at House of Prayer

a full worship service with communion will be held to install Pastor Christina. The Pacifica synod leadership and local pastor are invited to join House of Prayer in this day of celebration. Refreshment will be served following the service.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this service. Please contact Kitty if you can help.

### Oct. 17 is Quilt Sunday

We will be blessing the quilts the quilts are quilters made this last year. 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!



*Welcome!*

WELCOME RECEPTION OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

**¡Bienvenidos!**

Pastor Christina and her new husband will be joining House of Prayer the first Sunday in October. In order to welcome them and to get the newlyweds off to a good start in their new home, we will be hosting a combination “welcome and wedding shower” luncheon on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> after the service. All are welcome!

There is a large card for folks to sign as well as a basket to collect personal cards. We look forward to warmly welcoming Pastor Christina and her husband, Candelario.

We hope all who are able will attend.

Any questions, please contact Shelli Ellison or Patti Englebrecht.

# 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: Oct. 17 at 11:00 Third Sunday of month**  
**In-person with Zoom participants**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105853120?pwd=NFVXWXBQQlZHUXpuaFBsUkhZcTNtZz09>

Or by phone Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 861 0585 3120  
Passcode: 766380

## House of Prayer Congregational Zoom Meeting

Time: *Oct 24, 2021 11:10 AM*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3921069078?pwd=bkwyL0pISkV6ZzNtcWdURzNlbXYxZz09>

Meeting ID: 392 106 9078

Passcode: Ak5RQH

Dial by your location (Landline Phone) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 392 106 9078 Passcode: 1123240

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](mailto: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 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:**

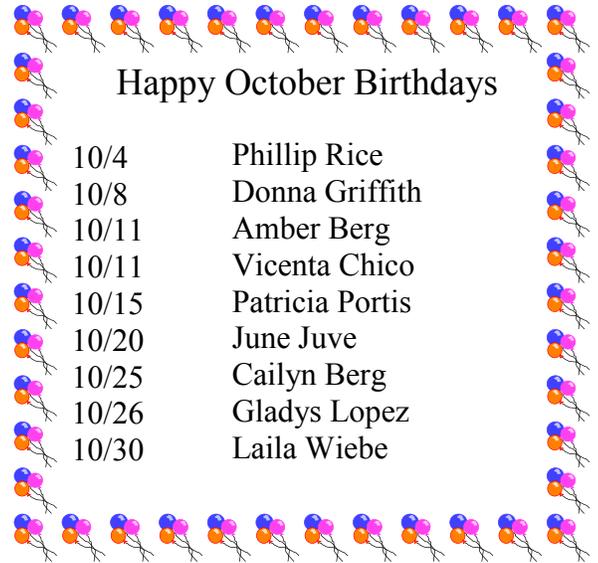
**For healing:** Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Rosalind Mattern, Matt Madsen, Pat Portis, Don Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Joan Schmidt,

**For comfort:**

**Relatives and Friends of HOP:**

**For Healing and comfort:** Michelle Mensen, Lena Pauley, Bethany Barratt, Aiden Beutlich, Gary Johnson, Greg Pauley

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



**Happy October Birthdays**

- 10/4 Phillip Rice
- 10/8 Donna Griffith
- 10/11 Amber Berg
- 10/11 Vicenta Chico
- 10/15 Patricia Portis
- 10/20 June Juve
- 10/25 Cailyn Berg
- 10/26 Gladys Lopez
- 10/30 Laila Wiebe

**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!



Kitty Wiebe will be on vacation from Oct. 14 -24. There will be someone answering phones Monday-Thursday.

**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>



Don't forget

**Congregational Meeting**

Oct. 24 after the service.

Zoom will be available for those who can't attend in person.

# 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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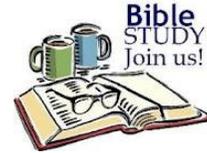
### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**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.



### Financial Stewardship

#### General Fund:

Budgeted Revenue

Actual Revenue

#### August YTD

\$18,451

\$17,434

\$140,213

\$139,971

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

Church did not stopped because we were not meeting physically. Our worship services are now in-person at 10:00am or can be viewed on-line on our Website: [houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://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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### Upcoming Dates

Articles For Tidings

November Newsletter

Due: October 25th

*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 OCTOBER  
10:00 AM Service

- 10/3 **Ushers:** Harlan Gruenstern, Darrell Maus  
**Reader:** Mark Worman  
**Communion Assistants:** Doris Badger & Trina Watson
- 10/10 **Ushers:** Natalia Marques, Mike Smith, Harlan Gruenstern  
**Reader:** Ramiro Acosta  
**Communion Assistants:** JoEllen Maus & Trina Watson
- 10/17 **Ushers:** Dan Engelbrecht, Patti Engelbrecht, Trina Watson  
**Reader:** Shelli Ellison  
**Communion Assistants:** Lawson & Shelli Ellison
- 10/24 **Ushers:** Lawson Ellison, Mike Smith  
**Reader:** David Rice  
**Communion Assistants:** Dan & Patti Engelbrecht
- 10/31 **Ushers:** Alfredo Alvarado, Maria Alvarado  
**Reader:** Laurie Holtz  
**Communion Assistants:** Laurie Holtz & JoEllen Maus
- Alter Guild:** Shelli Ellison

**Flower Donation for October**

- 10/3 House of Prayer  
Celebration of Christina De La Cruz
- 10/10 Jan Estes  
Loving memory of Ron Worman
- 10/17 House of Prayer  
To the Glory of God
- 10/24 Tom and Kitty Wiebe  
Honor of Laila Wiebe Birthday
- 10/31 Alfredo Alvarado  
Loving memory of Socorro Hernandez



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 Oct.11.** 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 8th, for Thanksgiving and Sunday December 6th 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.

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





# October 2021



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

					1	2 9:00am Staff Meeting
3  10:00am Worship Service refreshment after	4  Office Closed Labor Day	5  9:30am Quilting	6  10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom	7	8	9
10  10:00am Worship Service Welcome Reception after	11  8:00am <b>Scrip Orders Due</b>	12  9:30am Quilting	13  10:00am Bible Study w/Zoom	14 Kitty Vac	15 Kitty Vac	16 Kitty Vac
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Clementina Vac  
**Reformation Sunday wear Red**  
10:00am Worship Service

- ◆ In-person services start at 10:00am, On-line service available on Sunday afternoon on the **website: [www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://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 6.