

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Pastor Christina De La Cruz



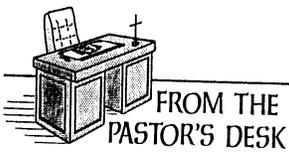
October 2022

Glad Tidings

Of Jesus' Redemption and Release

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

Worship Services also available at
www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org



A Note from Pastor Christina De La Cruz

The month of October has become a time of celebration and reminiscing in the De La Cruz household. After all, I began my call here at House of Prayer exactly one year ago, on October 1st, 2021. Pastor Dan preached at HOP for the last time, said a prayer, and then handed me the keys to the church. I have never felt so humbled or honored in my life. Since that day, my husband and I have felt very much welcomed into the community.

As a church, we have also accomplished a lot in one year. The congregation and council reconstituted the Fellowship, Mutual Ministry, and Property Committees, and we developed a new visitation team. We hired a new Office Manager and created a Community Support Minister position. We have had two weddings, one baptism, and about six funerals. We hosted a Council Retreat and developed goals for the year. We hosted various donation drives, volunteered at Interfaith events and partnered with Rose Elementary to support students. We also hosted the Fiesta, Christmas Festival of Song, Lenten suppers, Bell Concert, potlucks, and more. Of course, these are just a few highlights. So many folks have contributed their time and talents in so many ways.

I want to thank everyone at House of Prayer for your involvement, encouragement, and support. God has blessed us with incredible volunteers and staff, who have helped us to be a blessing here in Escondido. I also want to thank folks for their generous and faithful offerings. Your financial offerings have empowered our ministries and helped us to move forward as a church.

On that note, we are kicking off our 2022 stewardship campaign this week. I want to invite us all to prayerfully consider our calendars, abilities, and finances. Let us each look at our time commitments and budget for the last year, and consider our own offerings to the church. Are we able to give just a few more dollars each week? Are we able to volunteer just a bit more time? Are we giving in the ways that God calls us to give? This is something for each of us to pray about and consider faithfully. It is easy to fall into patterns; the stewardship season is a great time to re-evaluate those patterns in connection with our lives.

More than anything, however, I once again want to give thanks to God for a successful year and for the ministry of this congregation. Thank you for the ways that you have served and given to this church. Let us continue to respond to God's blessings with joy, gratitude, and hope for the future.

God's Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz



A note from: Community Support Minister



This week we have a wedding, a funeral/memorial and we are planning for what will happen when a new life joins us. Lots of life changes are happening at House of Prayer. When I was looking over the bulletin for Nancy Gentile's Memorial, I found songs that I am very familiar with. There was "Borning Cry" and "On Eagles Wings". I like these songs because they remind me that God is always with us! That when things are tough, God will lift us up, and that God is there when we must do things that make us uncomfortable. This gives me comfort when I must face things that don't come easy for me.

I must admit to you, something that doesn't come easy. It is hard for me to talk to new people. I am shy and an introvert by nature. My twin sister was the outgoing one, I always let her do the talking. Over the years, I have had to learn to step away from her shadow and be more outgoing. I am now more comfortable walking up to people I don't know and talking to them. (I do admit it is still easier to talk to kids and young people than adults) Knowing the Lord is with me along with the wonderful members of House of Prayer has made it easier.

I wrote all this information (stuff you really don't need to know about) to tell you: I know how hard it is to volunteer to help or be a part of something new. Sometimes we are not comfortable in a new setting, or we must talk to people we don't know, but with **God's Love** we can get through it.

House of Prayer needs **you** to be a part of:

Interfaith Community Services – Haven House Homeless Shelter we need cooks and servers on Oct 17 from 4:30-7:30

In November we will be making sack lunches on Nov.13th after church service. More details in the November tidings.

We need people to help with set up and serve at fellowship activities and Memorial services.

Quilters are looking for new members. You don't even have to know how to sew. Tuesdays at 9:30

Keenagers study and fellowship meets Wednesdays at 10-11:30am.

Donation collection for Thanksgiving gift Baskets.

Lifeline Screening on Oct 28 call to schedule an appointment.

I challenge you to join us! If you have any questions or feel uncomfortable, then come talk to me.

Kitty Wiebe
House of Prayer
Community Support Minister



A Service of Remembrance and Lament: October 15th at 1:00pm

To the House of Prayer Community:

Author Kenneth Mitchell, in the book, *All Our Losses All our Grievs*, describes the progression of grief as a spiral shape, rather than a straight line. Grief does not begin at a loved one's death and finish neatly in a year. Instead, it pops up throughout our lives. Perhaps a special smell reminds us of a deceased loved one, or a certain song may inspire beloved memories. This experience of grief may be especially heightened for those of us today, who have experienced the trauma of this pandemic and who have been affected personally by its challenges.

The pandemic has taken so much from us. Even worse, it has often robbed us of our opportunities to grieve collectively. Throughout 2020 and 2021, funerals were canceled; memorial services were downsized; and many folks were unable to be with their loved ones in the final moments to say goodbye.

As humans, we need to be together, to remember our loved ones, and to grieve. The tragedies of our lives need to be marked. Jesus wept for his friend, Lazarus, and we are therefore given permission to weep at the death of our loved ones. Our grief, therefore, is not a weakness or sign of doubt; it is the refusal to become apathetic or numb to tragedy. It is an expression of love and solidarity. Grief is also the first step toward healing and comfort. We cannot face the hope of the resurrection until we have first experienced the sadness of the crucifixion. Similarly, we may struggle to find hope for our own loved ones until we first acknowledge the pain of loss.

I believe, therefore, that it is worth taking the time to remember our losses and griefs of the last two years. We need to grieve the cancelled plans, the termination of employments, the countless individuals who have died from this pandemic, and we especially need to properly grieve our own loved ones who died in the midst of these challenges.

To that end, House of Prayer Lutheran Church will host a Memorial Service on Saturday, October 15th at 1:00pm in order to honor the losses that occurred between Spring, 2020 and Spring, 2022. There will be moments to name the folks who have died out loud, and to lament the other tragedies and losses of that time. This service will be open to anyone in the community who would like to attend.

I pray that this would be a meaningful experience for our community and to the families who have been most affected by this pandemic.

In Peace,

Pastor Christina De La Cruz
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

An *Ofrenda* and Day of The Dead

The Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) is a holiday, originating in Mexico, which may be celebrated between October 31 and November 6. Christians who are unfamiliar with the Day of the Dead may find some similarities with All Soul's Day. Both holidays offer a time to honor and remember our departed loved ones. Both holidays are sacred in their own way and may be celebrated with various traditions.

One popular Day of the Dead Tradition is the construction of an *Ofrenda* at home. An *Ofrenda* is an altar to honor dead loved ones, traditionally constructed in celebration of the Day of the Dead. Such *Ofrendas* may include photos, flowers (especially marigolds), the favorite foods or items of the deceased, colorful ornaments, candles, and ornately decorated sugar skulls. They are typically colorful and beautiful displays, which express a family's love for those who have died.

As a congregation, House of Prayer Lutheran Church is committed to moving forward in faith; but we are also deeply rooted in our history. We each carry the memories of our ancestors of faith and our departed loved ones. This year, as we approach All Soul's Day, our congregation will honor these loved ones by constructing a Day of the Dead *Ofrenda* in our Narthex.

If you would like to participate in the *Ofrenda*, then please bring photos of your deceased loved ones to Kitty on Sunday or to Carolina in the Office during the week. Photos may also be emailed to our church admin. We will make a copy of the photo in the office and return the originals to you. Photos may include folks who have died at any point throughout the years as well as recently departed.

Pictures will be displayed with flowers and other ornaments by mid-October, and will be returned to you by mid-November.

For your enjoyment, here are some examples of other *Ofrendas*:



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A Poem, Shared by Gretchen Pili, inspired by the parable of the lost sheep:

The Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene I [The quality of mercy is not strained]

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
'T is mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown:
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,
Though justice be thy plea, consider this,
That, in the course of justice, none of us
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy. I have spoke thus much
To mitigate the justice of thy plea;
Which if thou follow, this strict court of Venice
Must needs give sentence 'gainst the merchant there.

Upcoming Dates
Articles For November
Tidings Newsletter
Due: October 24

Council Meeting

October 30, 11:00 am
in the Social Hall
If you have any ideas, thoughts or concerns about
House of Prayer,
Please contact one of the council members.

**September Service
Attendance**

Sep. 4	63
Sep. 11	54
Aug 18	72
Aug 25	67

Financial Stewardship

General Fund:	July	2022	YTD
Budgeted Revenue	\$16,508		\$131,310
Actual Revenue	\$18,243		\$155,625

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE FOR October

10:00 AM Sunday Service

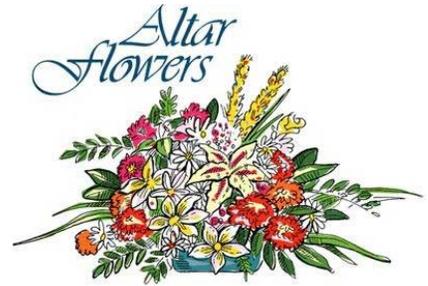
- 10/2 **Ushers:** Darrell & JoEllen Maus, Harlan Gruenster
Communion Assistant: Karen Lanspery
Reader: Paul Lanspery
- 10/9 **Ushers:** Trina Watson, Mike Smith, Glen Foss
Communion Assistant: Joan Buddenhagen
Reader: Doug Buddenhagen
- 10/16 **Ushers:** Dan Engelbrecht, Patti Engelbrecht, Jeff Gross
Communion Assistant: JoEllen Maus
Reader: Jan Estes
- 10/23 **Ushers:** Ramiro Acosta, Alfredo Alvarado, Lawson Ellison
Communion Assistant: Laura Holtz
Reader: Laura Holtz

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

- 10/2 Jan Este
In Loving memory of Ron Worman.
- 10/9 Laurie Holtz
In Celebration of Cole's 1st Birthday.
- 10/16 Anne Radspinner
In Honor of family
- 10/23 House of Prayer in Glory to God
- 10/30 House of Prayer in Glory to God



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.*

The Fiesta was a lot of fun!

We were very happy to see all of you there!

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers and their hard work, Here are some photos.



CHURCH NEWS

AROUND the CONGREGATION

Visitation MINISTRY

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

Altar Flowers

Starting the new year,
Flower price will increase to \$65.00
Real Cut Flowers for \$65
(can take home after service)
Or Silk Flowers for \$10



Congregational meeting this Sunday October 9,
after service, please plan to attend.

Reformation Sunday is October 30th, Please wear



HOP Choir
Hop Choir gathers
Wednesday at 6:30pm

Happy August Birthdays!

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

Sack Lunches

Help House of Prayer make Sack Lunches for
the Homeless!

Lunches need to be delivered on
Monday, Nov. 14 to Interfaith Community services
Volunteers meeting after church on Nov. 13th
to make sandwiches and then assemble sack lunches.
More details to come!

interfaith
community services

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

Volunteer Opportunities

Haven House Year-Round Shelter Monday, Oct. 17 at 4:30pm-7:30pm

Haven House Year-Round Homeless Shelter houses 45 men and women.

We need Volunteers to help cook, clean and serve the dinner meal.

We will meet at House of Prayer and car pool to Haven House.

To volunteer or ask questions contact: Kitty Wiebe, Community Support Minister
760-745-3738 or hopyouthesc@gmail.com

House of Prayer
Friday, **October 28th**



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To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
Please call **1-800-324-1851** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HS**

Do more for your Cardiovascular Health: Life Line screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.
For more information contact Kitty or see the Pink flyer in the narthex

Welcoming New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Pam and Mark Sonn as new members at House of Prayer! Thanks be to God!



Thank you Note from Pastor Ruth, (RAW Ministries)

“...And now faith, hope, love abide “
1 Corinthians 13:13

Thank you, House of Prayer. You have let your light shine for us in more ways than we can express. Every single thing you did reflects your caring spirit. You are truly a House of Prayer. May all you put your hands to flourish with YHVHs’ loving grace, mercy & favor.

Blessings
RAW Ministries’
Pastor Ruth & Saints

“Live in love, as Christ loved us.”
Ephesians 5:2

Thank you Note from Trudie Smith Rice,

Thank you to all HOP staff and friends and to all those who shared love by attending the Covid-19-belated Celebration of Life Memorial on Saturday August 13, 2022 for Wilma Smith. The service, message, music, and reception were heart warming and would have been as greatly appreciated by Mom as it was by us. God bless you and Grace to you. Love, Trudie Smith Rice and Phillip Rice.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING October 29 at 10:00am

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, or if you are a longtime member, then please plan to join this meeting. We will be prepping for the busy season of Advent and touching base about the roles of the Altar Guild.

If you have any questions, then please reach out to Shelli Ellison!

October 16, Quilt Blessing Sunday

We will be blessing the quilts that our quilters made this last year.
The House of Prayer quilter made 45 quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief
and 12 were already donated to Interfaith Services, and 7 more are going to interfaith.
Thank you Quilters for all your hard work!



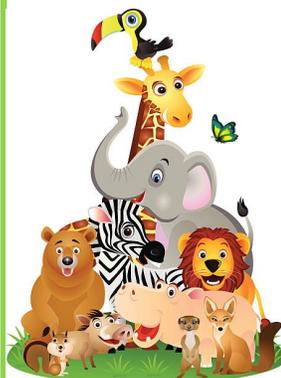
All of the Ladies of the congregation are invited,

*A sweet little miracle is on the way.....
Let's Celebrate with mommy before the big day!*

Join us for a baby shower honoring
Pastor Christina De La Cruz
Saturday , October 22
1:00pm



House of Prayer Luther Church
Fellowship Hall
795 N. Rose Street
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Host by: *Quilting Ladies*
Please RSVP to: Mary Acosta at (760)207-5450
Pastor Christina is register at Amazon (link below)
[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/
christina-delacruz-december-2022-escondido/
33KDR426WUZZZ](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/christina-delacruz-december-2022-escondido/33KDR426WUZZZ)



Quilting Group

Meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am

Anyone is welcome to join in the fun.

(no experience necessary)

Please contact us for more information.



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 Youterans** 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 October 10, 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 year again for HOP to collect for our Thanksgiving/Christmas food baskets.

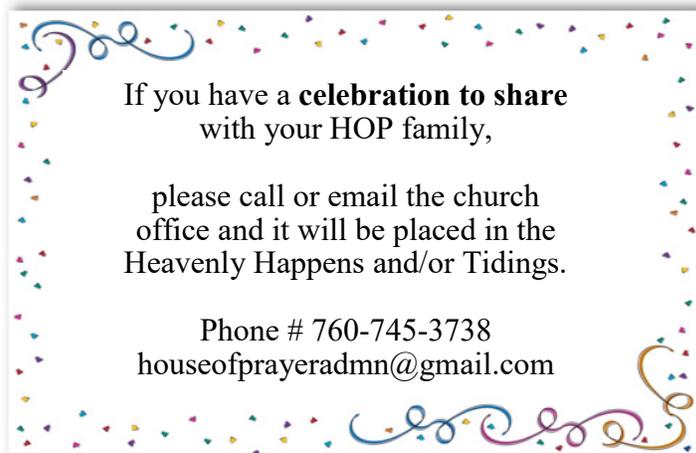
We are collecting money through **Sunday November 7th, for Thanksgiving and Sunday December 12th for Christmas** to purchase gift cards.

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 Youterans" in the offering or bring to the church office.



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 Happens and/or Tidings.

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

If you would like yourself, a 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 (hopyouthesc@gmail.com) or call the church office.





Prayer Request Form

Confidential
(Please fold and mark)

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.

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- 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.

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- 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: _____



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 -10:00am Worship Service -Visitation meeting (after service)	3	4 NO Quilters this week	5 -10:30am Nan Gentile Memorial -NO Keenagers Meeting this week. -NO choir this week .	6	7	8 9:00 am Scroll Saw 1:00pm Mutual Ministry.
9 -10:00am Worship Service -No prayer Circle today -Congregational Meeting (after Service)	10 Scrip Cards Order Due Today. Stewardship Campaign Begins	11 9:30am Quilters	12 -10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship: Thrivent Guest speaker. -NO Choir	13	14	15 1:00pm Service of memorial and Lament
16 10:00am Worship Service Quilt Blessing Sunday. -Confirmation Class	17 4:00– 7:30pm Interfaith Haven House dinner service.	18 ^{Clementina VAC} 9:30am Quilters	19 ^{Clementina VAC} 10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship. -NO Choir	20 ^{Clementina VAC}	21 ^{Clementina VAC}	22 ^{Clementina VAC} 1:00pm Pastor Christina's Baby shower.
23 ^{Clementina VAC} 10:00am Worship Service Pledge Week!	24 ^{Clementina VAC}	25 ^{Clementina VAC} 9:30am Quilters	26 ^{Clementina VAC} 10:00am Keenagers Study and fellowship. 6:30pm Choir	27 ^{Clementina VAC}	28 ^{Clementina VAC} 8:30am—5:00pm Lifeline Screening.	29 ^{Clementina VAC} 10:00am Altar Guild meeting
30 ^{Clementina VAC} -10:00 am Worship Service -Council Meeting -Reformation Sunday (Wear RED)	31 ^{Clementina VAC}					