

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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Rev. Karin Boye



October 2020

Glad Tidings

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

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

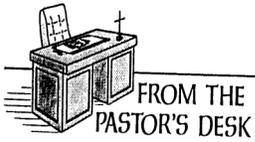
Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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**



Psalm 90:1-2

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

I have seen some spectacular churches in my life – beautiful buildings that speak of the power, promise, and presence of God.

Some have the names of those who helped to build them. Some have the marks of time and use – worn fabrics where old knees bend to pray or faded pews, used for support when life is burdened heavily. Walls that don't just speak, but sing the praise of the generations echoing through time, angel choruses singing along. In one way or another, churches stand as reminders of the great cloud of witnesses – those gone before us, who made sure there was a place to come to, a faith to practice, a witness to see.

Though I know in my heart of hearts that a church is not a building, I miss coming together in the building.

There is something about the sacred space of a church that seems to contain God and me in a way that makes me feel less alone in this struggle called life.

I miss the singing. I miss others standing with me, longing to feed our deepest hungers. I miss the building. I miss the building, coming together in the church building.

Moses begins this Psalm, “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” And it points me to the truth that, **even though I love a good church, God has chosen not to dwell in places, but in time, in history, with us.**

Who would know better than Moses? He didn't have a “church home,” as we like to say. Wherever Moses went, God was there. And when he was without a home (which was most of his life), God was there, homeless along with him. So, who would know better than Moses what it means to experience God as our dwelling place? God tents with the people in the wilderness, stays with them, becoming their home no matter where they went. But it still wasn't quite close enough for God. **In Jesus, God takes up residence in a human body, forever entangling human and divine DNA, so that there is nowhere we can go that God does not go, too. Nowhere!**

I miss being together in the building, but I am reminded today that God goes with us, dwelling in our DNA in ways I can barely comprehend, serving as a dwelling place for me, for us, as God has for all generations. And I am grateful for God's company in these lonely days apart from our buildings and gatherings.

Wandering and longing in God's presence together with you
Pastor Karin



October greetings! Autumn is officially upon us. I wish I could say that the HOP music programs were all back in action, but during this time of COVID we are not taking any chances. Throughout the fall, we will continue to add more special music into the worship services. It was definitely nice to have Michael and Mark Doering share their music with us last month.

On Sunday, October 25th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. Please join us in wearing red as you worship with us from your home. We will be a church together!

Also coming up is All Saints Sunday on November 1st. There is a form included in this newsletter which you can use to inform us of those to include on our list to remember on that day.

Beginning October 1st, Kitty and I take over the Administrative Assistant's duties. Along with collaborating on office time, I will be handling the Sunday bulletins and Kitty will be doing most everything else. We ask for your patience during our transition time as we learn our new job responsibilities.

In His Service,
Carol

"A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressors rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth her has no equal." ELW #504





Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Well, we have gotten through another month of being church without being in church! I'm glad I have my family and my church family to keep me sane. It is been strange dealing/ helping my grandkids with distance learning. They are much better at this computer stuff than I am. I continue to plan activities for our Children, Youth and Family ministries, I not having a good turn out for events but will try contacting our families to better plan.

I must thank Darla Phelps for all her patience, understanding and support these last few weeks. While she was training and supporting me on the office procedures, I received word about the sudden death of my niece. I was stunned and heart broken. Thanks to her, Carol, and Pastor Karin allowing me to spend time healing, so my family is able to get through this time.

I am asking for patience from all of you, as I take on trying to be Darla. Not an easy thing! I know I will forget things and not always getting things done as fast but, I promise to keep working at it. Please if you have something that is church related, contact me on the church phone or on the church office email, that will be the best way for me to communicate.

Also, I am continuing as the prayer chain contact, you can send an email on both of my church accounts. On the next page you will see information on all upcoming zoom, If you have questions please contact the office.

God's peace to all,
Kitty Wiebe
Office Administrator
Children, Youth and Family Ministry
houseofprayeradmn@gmail.com
hopyouthesc@gmail.com
Church office # 760-745-3738

Sunday School



Sunday Mornings 10:30 AM

Compassion Camp

All Children Welcome Pre-K—9th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89858768284?pwd=WERacGVKUGpHNm1FZnd2TElVVE5QZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 5876 8284

Passcode: 126447

One tap mobile

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Zoom Meetings

Triple-G

Godly, Gathering and Growing



Oct 11, 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

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House of Prayer Congregational Zoom Meeting

Time: **Oct 25, 2020 11:30 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

House of Prayer Forum Zoom Meeting

Oct. 6,13,20,27 at 5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86740955288?pwd=ZENoU2tyQ3U5Q29sUzdmZzZlVmJWQT09>

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=WTNtdlNGR1hWQI85TmJvUC9oNFVpQT09>

or by phone

Dial +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 818 4859 0237

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Council Meeting Zoom

Time: Oct 18, 2020 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105853120?pwd=NFVXWXBQQIZHUXpuaFBsUkhZcTntZz09>

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

Meeting ID: 861 0585 3120

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COUNCIL NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2020

The Church Council met Sep 16th via Zoom.

The top two sections of our stained-glass window by the organ have been repaired and installed. The work on the bottom section continues. Joe's Glass Shack has had problems with finding sources for the stained glass that was heavily damaged by the attempted break-in. We were able to locate the leftover pieces of stained glass from when the windows were made in 1982. The individual who has the glass is donating it to the church.

Our overall revenues vs overall expenses is favorable through August by \$1,319. You are to be commended for your patience and commitment. Our offerings year to date are almost what we budgeted. This is remarkable given that we're in a COVID 19 pandemic. Well done. Let us maintain the momentum with our continued offerings.

The council approved the Call Committee for our next pastor and the call process has begun. The call team members are Dan Engelbrecht, Shelli Ellison, Paul Lanspery, Mike Smith, Rick Baker, Karen Hughes, and Maria Alvarado. Pastor Karin Boye was formally approved as our Interim Pastor and her Interim Contract was also approved.

The council set the dates for council meetings for the remainder of this year. The meetings will be at 11:30 AM on Oct 18, Nov 15, and Dec 13 respectively. Congregation meetings will be Oct 25th to vote on new council members for a 2021 start and Jan 24 to discuss and approve the budget for 2021.

October is approaching fast. We will have a congregation meeting on Oct 25 to elect new council members for a Jan 2021 term start. The council members to be replaced that are termed out are:

President: Mike Erno

Secretary: Sandy Erno

At large: Ramiro Acosta

At large: Sheri Moehling

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

"If Halloween is cancelled, can I still wear a costume to work?"

My coworker may have made a face in response to this question, but because we're sitting in different rooms in the office, messaging each other on our computers, I don't actually know what it is. She responds with a laughing emoji though, so I can make an educated guess.

The office I work in usually has anywhere from ten to fifty kids coming through daily, with somewhere closer to two hundred over the summer. Since March, we've had none. Most of my coworkers have been home since then, with only a handful of us coming in to work in different corners, different offices, sending messages to each other in an attempt to stay connected. Our office, made for classes and students, has been sitting empty for months.

"Can you even cancel a holiday like Halloween?" my coworker messages back, after the laughing emoji. "What does that even mean?"

Halloween is usually one of the busiest days in the office. It's the day before the first big deadline for college applications, so we're usually in the office late into the evening, helping students put the finishing touches on their essays. We wear costumes and hand out candy and reassure students and parents that things will get done. That their future will work out, no matter how stressed they are in the moment. This year, though, there won't be any students in the office, no candy to hand out, no big company costume to plan. This year, I won't get home just in time to hand out candy to a handful of neighborhood kids, simply because there will be no kids out trick or treating. This year, I won't get to attend my friend Leslie's annual Halloween party, unable to defend my reigning cutest costume title. This year, if I wear a costume to work, almost no one will see it, and as fun as dressing up for myself is, half the fun of Halloween is sharing it with other people.

"It means no giving trick or treaters candy. Which is a shame, because Halloween is the one day of the year where it's acceptable for strangers to give kids candy." I type, trying to get another laughing emoji, trying for a connection from across the office and through the walls.

Not much has been shared this year, and I don't mean the Facebook share button. We haven't been able to share dinners or parties or beach days or holidays. Instead, we've shared grief and anxiety, frustration and photos, keeping our distance and trying not to feel alone. But that kind of sharing makes me feel even more lonely. I wrote about finding the music in the darkness at the beginning of this pandemic, and we still can, the music is still there, but there is something very, very strange about beginning this process in the spring and realizing we're still in the same place at Halloween. Almost an entire year has gone by, and I am still straining to hear the same music, to keep the same faith.

I get my laughing emoji from my coworker, but it's not the same as hearing her actually laugh. I pretend it's enough, though, and it almost is when she responds: "We'll just have to eat all the candy ourselves! At least it's still discounted in stores."

We've adapted as best we can, but things are still strange and ever changing as the year goes on. And I think we have to change with the seasons. I think we have to recognize that the global music, while beautiful, is starting to sound cacophonous. The language and music of the world right now is pain and frustration, and it doesn't look like we'll get any alleviation in the form of costumes and candy. So we will have to change and grow ourselves. We will have to remember to look at the moments of connection we do have, at the laughing emojis and the loud memories in a quiet office, and let that be enough for now, while we dream of the days when we'll be able to celebrate and share again, of a time when holidays will no longer be cancelled.

"I think as long as there's discount chocolate in stores," I type back, "there will always be Halloween."

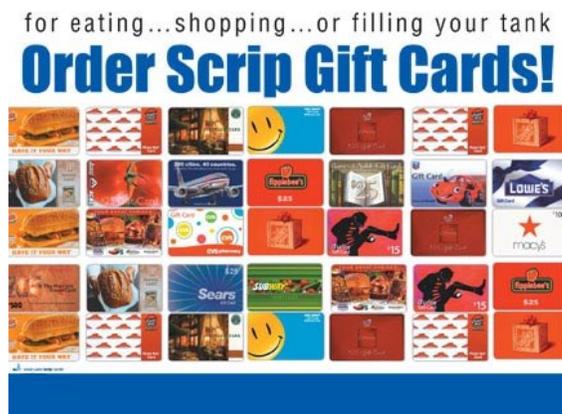
SCRIP

We will be ordering SCRIP on Oct. 12 if we get enough interest. If you are interested please email Kitty at houseofprayeradm@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 Oct 12** **Be sure to make you check payable to House of Prayer Youtherans and write SCRIP in the memo.**

When the SCRIP order comes in you will be notified to pick up your order Monday - Thursday, 10am - 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

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

They have made

100 quilts while we have been quarantined!

Way to go quilters!!!!

70 to 80 quilts will be mailed to Lutheran World Relief.

The others will be donated to ICS.

The Quilters need help getting boxes and boxing up the quilts
for mailing to LWR.

Boxing will be on Oct. 17 at 1:00pm

The boxed quilts will need to be delivered to

Grace Lutheran on October 19th between 2pm - 4pm.

**If you can help please contact : Gretchen Pili or the
church office**

10/8 Ken & Barbara Moore 9 Years

Beginning this month, we will be completely starting 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:



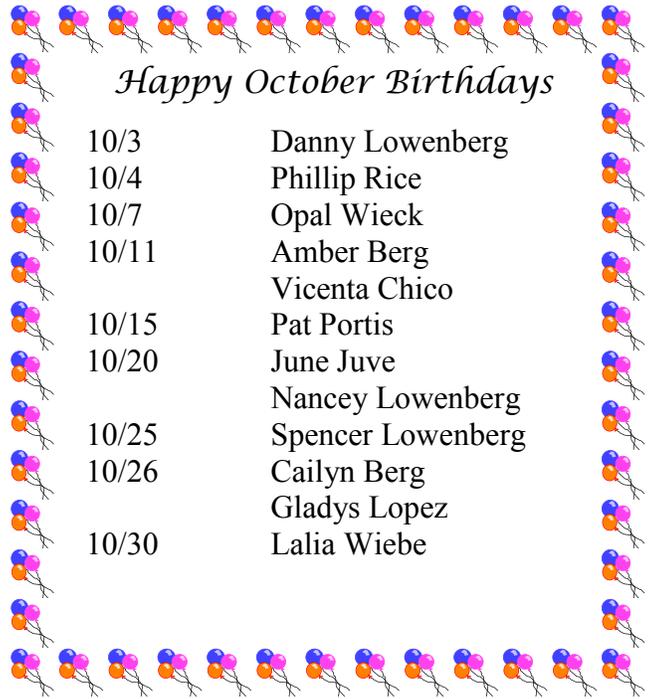
For healing: Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rosie Foss, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Don Portis, Bill Carpenter, Jan Estes

For comfort: Sheri Moehling, Annette Gustin, Kitty Wiebe and Family

Relatives and Friends of HOP:

For Healing : Gregg Jensen, Julie Walsh, Michelle Mensen, Martha Bailey

For protection and safety in the military: Vince Erno



Happy October Birthdays

- 10/3 Danny Lowenberg
- 10/4 Phillip Rice
- 10/7 Opal Wieck
- 10/11 Amber Berg
Vicenta Chico
- 10/15 Pat Portis
- 10/20 June Juve
Nancey Lowenberg
- 10/25 Spencer Lowenberg
- 10/26 Cailyn Berg
Gladys Lopez
- 10/30 Lalia Wiebe

SCRIP

will be ordered on Oct. 12

Beginning October 1, there will be 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!



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

Some simple but urgent guidance to get us through these next months

"If you will allow, I recommend for your spiritual practice for the next four months that you impose a moratorium on exactly how much news you are subject to—hopefully not more than an hour a day of television, social media, internet news, magazine and newspaper commentary, and/or political discussions. It will only tear you apart and pull you into the dualistic world of opinion and counter-opinion, not Divine Truth, which is always found in a bigger place. Instead, I suggest that you use this time for some form of public service, volunteerism, mystical reading from the masters, prayer—or, preferably, all of the above. You have much to gain now and nothing to lose. Nothing at all. And the world—with you as a stable center—has nothing to lose. And everything to gain."

Richard Rohr, Franciscan friar, spiritual author, September 19, 2020

We received news that
Pastor Steve Gilbertson passed away recently.
He was the assistant pastor at House of Prayer
from 1985 - 1988.
Please keep his family in your prayers.

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.

OPAL WIECK IS TURNING 100 ON OCTOBER 7TH!

Opal has been a member of House of Prayer for more than 50 years! Thank you to all House of Prayer members and friends for blessing her throughout those years with your fellowship and love.

Due to the current CA State COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to host a birthday gathering at the church. Additionally, visitors are limited to mostly family at her residence.

However, Opal would love to hear from you! If you would like to surprise her with a Birthday card and/or note, her address is:

100 Holland Glen #223
Escondido, CA 92026

Blessings to all!
From Opal's children,
Debbie, Brian and Kevin



What a blessing it has been for me these past 13 years working at House of Prayer. I've met some wonderful people who I will take with me in my heart.

Thank you to all for the beautiful cards, phone calls and beautiful plaque.

I've been blessed to have worked for four amazing pastors. I learned so much from each of them.

House of Prayer will be in my prayers as you work to find a new pastor. Trust Pastor Karin to lead you on the right path.

The hardest part of retiring is leaving the most amazing staff I have ever had the privilege of working with.

Carol, Kitty, Mark, Clementina, Henry you are true angels! We've shared a lot of laughs and tears together. I consider you family!

There's a lot of work each week that goes into making a meaningful Sunday worship. These people make it happen every week!
I will miss you all so much!!

Love you all bunches
Darla



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>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$20,347	\$162,876
Actual Revenue	\$18,175	\$148,423

NOVEMBER 1st



Quilt Sunday

Oct 18th
Some beautiful quilts will be on display during the service

it's a
Boy

Wyatt David Mensen

Born September 15, 2020 at 5:39pm
Weighing 7lbs. 13ozs., 20 inches long
Parents Ryan & Valerie Mensen
Grandparents Jason & Michelle Mensen
and
Great Grandparents Mike & Sandy Erno
Are thrilled to welcome him to the family!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25th.
Be sure to wear **RED**
even if you are worshipping at home!

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 1st.

Please see the **form on the next page to fill out if you have someone who has passed away in this last year you would like to be remembered** on All Saints Sunday.

Please mail your slips to the church office. **If you plan to drop them off at church, please call first!**

All Saints Day Remembrance

If you have a loved one, family member or friend who has passed into eternal life ***(in the past year (since last Nov. 1),*** and would like them to be remembered this coming All Saints Day, please complete this form and mail back to the church office by October 26th. **If you plan to drop off your slip to the office, please call first.**

Name of the departed _____

Month & Year of passing _____

Your name _____

Your phone number _____

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October 2020



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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4 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	5	6 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	7 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom Opal Wieck 100th Birthday	8	9	10 1200 pm Installation of Call committee
11 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com	12 8:00am Scrip Orders Due	13 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	14 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	15	16	17
18 9:00am Worship www.hoplutheran.com 11:30 am Council Meeting via zoom	19	20 5:00pm HOP Forum on Zoom	21 10:00am Bible Study on Zoom	22	23	24
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