

# HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN

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*Pastor Dan Cole, Bridge Pastor*



**September 2021**

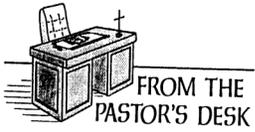
## **Glad Tidings**

**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 Dan B. Cole

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.”

Our lives are bombarded with change, whether we acknowledge it or not. Reading and reflecting on the book of Ecclesiastes has been known to bring about meaningful healing and growth to the many spiritual pilgrims who have been vulnerable enough to sit and study such passages. As I have sat with the chapter three passage in the quiet moments of this early morning before class, I notice there are areas of resistance in my heart that cause me to inwardly push back when I am confronted with change. I am not a fan of change.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Change is inevitable. Change is hard to embrace. But, no matter what the change is, we are never left to do the changing alone. God is very much with us and present to walk alongside us as we journey through each season of change.

As the poet Robert Frost said, “the best way out is always through.”

Whenever I pray through moments of change, I feel like I am relearning all over again what it looks like to bathe in God's grace by surrendering to His love while I embrace the highs and lows of change.

What changes are you facing today? What changes are you putting off or pushing up against? How would your life with God look different by yielding to the change itself?

Let us pray,

Gracious and loving God, we know that change is inevitable, but we are fearful. Help us to work through our life journey with You, season-by-season, moment-by-moment, day-by-day. Help us to learn and grow as children of Your great love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Always in God's love,

Pastor Dan



How did it get to be September already? My school job is back in full swing. It's nice to have several exciting things happening here at House of Prayer in the next couple of months, including the arrival of Pastor Christina!

After polling members of the choir, most are anxious to begin singing together again. Therefore, the **choir** will begin rehearsing together on **Wednesday, September 15 at 6:45pm**. We are definitely looking for more people to join us. If you have ever considered singing in the choir, please come check us out. No experience necessary. Just come ready to have fun and to praise Jesus.

I have been asked questions about the plexiglass shields that I use during worship services. I sing from behind the plexiglass to protect you. As we learned early on in the pandemic, singing and instrumental music produced by woodwind or brass instruments are thought to be higher-risk activities for COVID-19 spread due to the aggressive expelling of respiratory droplets. I will continue to use the plexiglass shields for worship services and choir gatherings in order to protect you and myself. Although I am fully vaccinated, I am also choosing to wear my mask during indoor gatherings as recommended by the CDC. There is nothing political about this, I just simply want to do what I can to keep myself and those around me safe.

We are getting closer to being able to live stream our worship services on Sunday mornings. Stay tuned for more info. In the meantime, we will continue to record and upload the services each week. This process takes several hours, so, barring any snags, the service is usually available on our website [www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org) by late afternoon, around 4:00-5:00. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

If you have been attending in-person worship services, know that I am enjoying seeing you each week. If you are choosing not to come back in-person yet, that is ok. You should do so when you feel ready. We want everyone to be comfortable and safe.

Thank you for being a continued blessing in my life.  
In His Service,

Carol  
Music Director





I am glad to be back in church with all of you. These last 18 months has seen lots of change here at House of Prayer. I am still learning to balance the office administration and Family Ministry jobs. With being back in church, there is a lot more office work then I had in the past, but it is finally coming together. Thank you for your patience.

One of the things I missed when we were shut down was worshipping, studying together and just doing fun activities together. I have appreciated the zoom Bible study; it gave me a chance to share thought and ideas even though we were not in person. It led us to be able to combine the in-person and the zoom. We have some great discussion on Wednesday morning. Please join us.

What are some of the activities you miss? Or heard about and would like to try? Please feel free to contact me and we can discuss ways we could start those things in a healthy, safe environment. It would be great to do more mission work or offer Sunday school classes. I am looking forward to all we can do.

We need volunteers to help with our food collecting, ushers, Altar guild, quilter and more. Please consider where you can help.

God's Blessing to each of you and all you do,

Kitty Wiebe  
Children, Youth and Family Ministry  
Office Administrator

## **Welcome & Congratulations!** **Ordination of Christina Jindra (De La Cruz)**

We are excited to welcome and celebrate with Christina Jindra (soon to be Christina De La Cruz) as she is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at Advent Lutheran Church in Uniontown, Ohio on Saturday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m. PDT/1:00 p.m. EDT. Christina has been called to serve as pastor of House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Escondido and will begin her call on October 1, 2021.

Christina was born and raised in Uniontown, near Akron, Ohio. She began seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago after almost ten years of discernment. Before seminary, she studied Psychology at the University of Akron. After graduating with her bachelor's degree, she had what she likes to call her "midway-to-midlife crisis." Instead of pursuing a job in her field, she moved to Jacksonville, Florida and joined a L'Arche community, where she lived as a caregiver alongside folks with and without disabilities. After a year, she moved to the Dominican Republic, where she taught English and facilitated youth programs among marginalized communities. She was in the D.R. for two years. When she returned to the States, she spent some time volunteering with a non-profit immigration attorney in Immokalee, Florida. These experiences gave her a passion for accompanying immigrant communities in the United States.

Christina finally applied to seminary at LSTC after four years of service work. During seminary, she completed her internship in Santiago, Chile, from the Fall of 2019 until Spring 2020. She was brought back to the States prematurely due to COVID, but some good was still possible in the midst of the overwhelming tragedy of the pandemic. Christina met her soon-to-be husband, Candelario shortly after her return from Chile. The two are looking forward to their wedding on August 28th and their move to Escondido at the end of September. Christina will begin her call among the people of House of Prayer Lutheran Church on October 1st.

We invite your prayers for Pastor Christina and the congregation as they begin their ministry together.



***PERSONNEL CHANGES!!!***

At the recent council meeting on 8/15 a couple of changes were made to the manning of Mutual Support and to some paid staff usage. First, Mary Acosta volunteered to take the open position on the Mutual Support Ministry committee. She joins JoEllen Maus and Darcy Rhoades. Normally it isn't a busy committee but may be needed to assist our new pastor when she arrives in late September. Thanks to you all. Secondly, Kitty, Carol and Mark are having their position descriptions changed a bit. Kitty will work a few more hours each week as she will be essentially the office administrator during office hours on Monday thru Thursday. This is in addition to her work as Family Ministry Director. Carol's hours will be the same but she will spend more time with live streaming efforts and less in the office. Mark Worman will have some of his hours designated as an audio/video tech and will be paid a bit more for those hours.

The council still has two positions to be refilled, my own, the vice-president and one at-large.

PLEASE prayerfully consider being part of the inner workings of our church. It is vital. Please contact Pastor Dan, Ramiro Acosta or me to support these needs. We are happy to answer any questions.

Peace out,

Mike Kendall

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

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 the following Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> after the service. All are welcome!

If you would like to give them a gift, we suggest buying a gift card through HOP's scrip program or at any store. (Please see Kitty to order scrip.) There will be 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 and 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: Sept 19 at 11:30 Third Sunday of month**  
**In-person with Zoom participants**

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

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

## **Caring and Connected Leaders**

**Time: Sept 21, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time**  
**Third Tuesday of each month**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86361809931?pwd=MndnS2FydmQ5clFTUURwN1YwVEh5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931  
Passcode: 974867

From Home phones.  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 863 6180 9931  
Passcode: 97486

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  
houseofprayeradm@gmail.com

9/15      Celena & Jeff Mahan      20 years

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:**

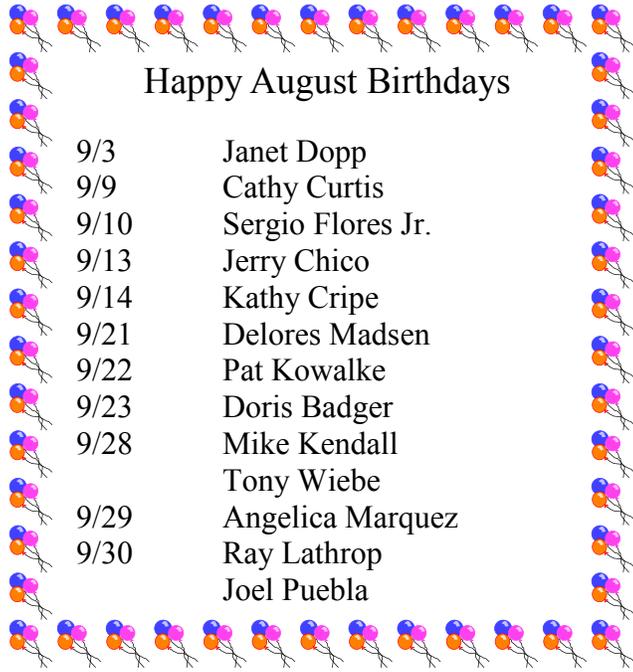
**For healing:** Tom Kristensen, Inge Frese, Carl Siek, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Matt Madsen, Pat Portis, Don Portis, Charlotte Beutlich, Rick Baker, Mike Erno, Lynn Carlson, Joan Schmidt,

**For comfort:** Opal Wieck Family

**Relatives and Friends of HOP:**

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

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



**Happy August Birthdays**

- 9/3      Janet Dopp
- 9/9      Cathy Curtis
- 9/10     Sergio Flores Jr.
- 9/13     Jerry Chico
- 9/14     Kathy Cripe
- 9/21     Delores Madsen
- 9/22     Pat Kowalke
- 9/23     Doris Badger
- 9/28     Mike Kendall
- Tony Wiebe
- 9/29     Angelica Marquez
- 9/30     Ray Lathrop
- Joel Puebla

**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!



**Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.**

**Opal Imogene Hagen Wieck**

There will be a **Celebration of Life** on Saturday, September 18  
 2:00pm at House of Prayer Lutheran Church  
 followed by a reception in fellowship hall  
 All are welcome

# 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

| <u>General Fund:</u> | <u>July YTD</u> |           |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Budgeted Revenue     | \$18,451        | \$121,762 |
| Actual Revenue       | \$11,053        | \$122,537 |

**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 in the offering plate.**  
House of Prayer  
795 North Rose St.  
Escondido, CA 92027

### If you want the staff to know....

Please call the office 760-745-3738. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:30. If after hours, please leave a message. The answering machine is checked multiple times each day.

**In case of an emergency you may call Pastor Dan directly:**

**(c) 619-368-8907** . If it is important and you get his voice mail, please hang up and try calling again. Thank you for your ongoing support.

# STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER

10:00 AM Service

- 9/5 Ushers: Harlan Gruenstern, Darrell Maus  
Reader: Shelli Ellison  
Communion Assistants: Lawson & Shelli Ellison
- 9/12 Ushers: Jan Estes, Dan Engelbrecht  
Reader: Mark Worman  
Communion Assistants: JoEllen Maus & Doris Badger
- 9/19 Ushers: Laurie & Scott Holtz  
Reader: Gretchen Pili  
Communion Assistants: Dan & Patti Engelbrecht
- 9/26 Ushers: Patrick Graham, David Rice, Phillip Rice  
Reader: Laurie Holtz  
Communion Assistants: Laurie Holtz & Karen Lanspery
- Alter Guild: Doris Badger and Gwen Jensen

## Flower Donation for September

- 9/5 Janet Dopp  
In Celebration of Birthday and Anniversary
- 9/12 HOP
- 9/19 Harlan Gruenstern  
In Loving Memory of Elaine
- 9/26 Doris Badger  
In Loving Memory of Ben



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 Sept. 13** and the 27th in needed. 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.



### **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>



# September 2021



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

|  |                               |   |                                   |    |    |  |
|--|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----|----|--|
|  |                               |   | 1<br>10:00am Bible Study on Zoom  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5<br>10:00am Worship Service In-person                           | 6<br>Office Closed Labor Day  | 7   | 8<br>10:00am Bible Study on Zoom  | 9  | 10 | 11                                       |
| 12 Henry Vac<br>10:00am Worship Service In-person                | 13<br>8:00am Scrip Orders Due | 14<br>11:30 Caring & Connected leaders Zoom | 15<br>10:00am Bible Study on Zoom | 16 | 17 | 18<br>2:00pm Opal Wieck Memorial Service |
| 19<br>10:00am Worship Service In-person<br>11:00 Council Meeting | 20                            | 21  | 22<br>10:00am Bible Study on Zoom | 23 | 24 | 25                                       |
| 26<br>10:00am Worship Service In-person                          | 27<br>Tidings article due     | 28  | 29<br>10:00am Bible Study on Zoom | 30 |    |  |

- ◆ In-person services start at 10:00am, On-line service available on Sunday afternoon on the **new 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 7.