March 2019

Glad Tidings
Of Jesus’ Redemption and Release
A Monthly Publication

WORSHIP SERVICES

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
Ash Wednesday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday Lenten Services 6:00 PM
Pastor Daren: New Wine

Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.

Matthew 9:17

As we begin this 60th year as the congregation of House of Prayer Lutheran Church, and as we begin our Lenten journey together, it is a good time to literally move to “new wine.” Starting on the first Sunday in Lent, March 10th, you will be offered both real red wine and white grape juice for Holy Communion. We’ve purchased special handmade chalices from a potter in Minnesota—"Don’t you know"—each with a divider that separates the white grape juice from the red wine in the same chalice. The “split chalice” will be used for intinction and another chalice without a divider will be filled with red wine and used as the common cup.

Why real red wine with alcohol and white grape juice? They are actually the most common form of communion offered in Lutheran churches and offer several advantages: First, red wine with alcohol is what Jesus offered the disciples at his Last Supper and has since been a consistent part of the celebration of Holy Communion for most of Christianity the past two thousand years. Second, the alcohol content in the red wine helps, to a certain extent, resist germs and preserves it so that it does not need to be refrigerated—this is also handy for home communion visits. Third, real red wine tastes much better than non-alcoholic wine and creates a more pleasing experience of Holy Communion. Likewise, the use of white grape offers a good tasting alternative for those who can’t drink or do not want to drink red wine with alcohol.

It was last year when a visitor was asking why we only had non-alcoholic wine that it became apparent to me and to the Worship Committee that it was time to consider using real red wine. Sometimes it takes an outsider to ask the right question and get us thinking about how and why we do things. The choice to start using non-alcoholic wine some years ago was, I’m sure, a good choice at the time, but as we celebrate 60 years and look at the next 60 years, it is worth asking what God is calling us to be—not just people who drink real red wine or non-alcoholic wine, but people who drink the “new wine” of Christ Jesus. Our hope is that this simple addition to Holy Communion would remind us of that new wine and turn us towards the cross and open tomb of the resurrection.

God bless you in this season of Lent.  

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

In Christ,  
Pastor Daren
Our journey through Lent begins this month. I look forward to this season as a reminder for myself to take respite from the busy world and purposely feel Christ in my daily life. Our Wednesday evening activities are a perfect way to do this. Each Wednesday evening we will have an opportunity to come together for a “Joyous Light Evening Prayer” service at 6:00, followed by a soup supper and Bible study from the book of Revelation. If you are interested in singing, you can also come join the choir as we practice at 7:30 during this time.

This month you will hear service music from the Choir, Worship Band, and Hand bells. Each group has something different to offer you in the way of worship. We have some fantastic music selections prepared to enhance your worship experience. Please plan to join us each Sunday and invite a friend.

On Sunday, March 10th Henry will present a program on his trip to Germany last summer. Henry is a fabulous story teller, and I’m sure you won’t want to miss the photos and music he has to share. See the article in this newsletter for details. Let’s all support Henry in this endeavor.

In His Service,
Carol

“I can only imagine, when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son. I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You. I can only imagine.” ~Bart Millard
PLEASE PRAY FOR...
Members of House of Prayer:

For healing: Opal Wieck, Tom Kristensen, Wilma Smith, Connie McVay, Kathy Hayden, Inge Frese, Ruth Shimansky, Rosalind Mattern, Fred Lowder, Anne Engelbrecht, Clementina Lopez, Pat Portis, Mollie Sacco, Max Harksen, Jane Van Dyke, Charlotte Beutlich, Rosie Foss, Lue Guthrie, Matt Madsen, Rick Baker, Herb Moehling, Laila Wiebe, Mike Erno

For comfort:
Relatives and Friends of HOP:


For protection and safety in the military:
Vince Erno, David Jones, Darren Embry, Jazmin Alfaro, Kenn Matthews, Devin Teeter, Justin Wilson, Jacob Lange, Zachary Polzin, Kali Fisher

Happy March Birthdays

3/4 Jeff Gross
3/5 Ray Wiebe
3/7 Natalia Marquez
3/8 Nan Gentile
3/9 June Stillwell
3/10 Marilyn Carlson
3/12 Lue Guthrie
3/14 Damien Escalera
3/15 Gregorio Puebla
3/16 Caiden Berg
3/17 Pero Chico
3/18 Ashley Chico
3/19 Juana Flores
3/21 Cheri Kendall
3/22 Barbara Moore
3/23 Genesis Alvarado
3/24 Lupe Alvarado
3/25 Carl Siek
3/26

If you have an emergency or need Pastor Daren while the office is closed, please leave a message on Darla’s voice mail. Calls are monitored daily while the office is closed.

Thank you

Our HOP Youth will be serving a pancake breakfast April 7th between services.

Be sure to stop by and enjoy some great food.
House of Prayer Adult Study: Women in the Bible and Church

Led by the Rev. Dr. Bill Dopp and Joan Schmidt

Famous Women of the Bible Series...

February 24, Introduction... Eve

March 3, Sarah and Hagar

March 10, Ruth and Naomi

March 17, Mary

March 24, Mary Magdalene

March 31 Mary and Martha

Famous women of the Church...

April 7 Famous women in the church

April 14 Palm Sunday...more women in the church

April 21 Easter...no class

April 28 Final class on women in the church.

Did you know...

House of Prayer has a very active Prayer Chain with over a dozen members? To get a prayer on the chain, call Joan Schmidt, 760-745-2020 or call the church office and ask Darla to call me.

Also, call me if you would like to be a member of our chain. I know our prayers have been answered in many different ways and we could all use extra prayers sometimes.
COUNCIL NEWS – MARCH - 2019

The congregational meeting was held February 3rd. The meeting was attended by 71 members of our church family. The church council for 2019 and the newly formed Human Resources Subcommittee members were introduced to the congregation. Motions were made to accept the treasurers report for the year ended December 31rst, 2018, to adopt the proposed budget for 2019 and to accept the committee report as written in the 2018 Annual Report. All these motions carried.

Under new business, the proposal for a new audio system for the Sanctuary was discussed. The cost of the new system to be installed by Pastor Daren, Adam Wiebe and Tom Wiebe is about $38,000. That figure includes a 20% contingency for unknown issues that may surface during the system installation. The funding will be from the Building Endowment fund. The wiring will be installed for an enhanced video system. The video equipment will be installed later. The cost of the video wiring is included in the above figure. It was motioned to continue with the procurement and installation of the new audio system. The motion and was unanimously carried. The work should start in a few weeks.

We are off to a good start in 2019 in executing our Long-Range Plan (LRP). We’ve received a few designated gifts which is fantastic. The goal is to use the building fund as much as possible for LRP projects. IF you’re able to donate to the building fund, that will help us keep the fund solvent so that we can continue to improve our campus and our equipment. You can designate a monetary gift for some specific improvement if you so desire. You may want to make an offering on a routine basis in which case you can use your offering envelops or pew envelops. Please make sure to indicate what your donation is for on the envelop. Any amount helps.

We now have accounts on four social media sites thanks to Annette Gustin.

Facebook: House_of_Prayer_ELCA
Twitter: House_of_Prayer_ELCA
Instagram: houseofprayerelca
Snap Chat: HouseofprayerELCA Lutheran

These Social Media Sites will be used for bible blessings and news from our church. If you would like Annette to post something to the sites or would like to send a special message, please contact Annette at (702) 538-4535 or email her the ad or message at hopelcescondido@gmail.com

My sense is that HOP is vibrant as we start 2019. You support our ministries in so many ways. I’m also excited to see the support for the long-range plan. I will keep you informed as we progress this year in the interest of transparency. If we continue to work together as one church family, we can accomplish great things, modernize our campus and serve the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peace, love, strength and grace.

Mike Erno,
Council President
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE BIRTHDAY BAGS AND TO THE TRIPLE G FAMILIES FOR PUTTING THEM TOGETHER.

13 BIRTHDAY BAGS WERE DELIVERED TO ICS!!
Henry to present lecture on historic German organs

Henry at the 1755 Silberman 3-manual and pedal organ at Katholische Hofkirche, Dresden.

March 10, 2019 (4 pm), House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Escondido: Our chapter dean, Henry Doktorski, will present a lecture/slide show about his summer 2018 trip to Germany and tour of historic organs from the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Wittenberg, and other towns and villages in Saxony. During his presentation, you will hear some recordings made on the 1668 Reicher organ at the Marktkirche in Halle (reportedly played by both J. S. Bach and G. F. Handel), which is tuned in meantone temperament.

A 5 pm pot luck dinner will be served, and at 6 pm, Dale Sorenson, curator of the Spreckel’s organ and builder at L. W. Blackington & Associates Pipe Organ Builders of El Cajon, will give a tour of the church’s 1989 two-manual and pedal Schlicker organ.
Henry with a G. F. Handel statue in Halle, Germany.
House of Prayer’s Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study continues to grow. We are studying the book of Revelation during Lent. The lessons will be the same at 10am and 6:30pm. Please join us and invite a friend.

ICS NEEDS FOR MARCH

- SOCKS
- CAN OPENERS
- Microwavable Foods
- Rain Ponchos
  - Soap
  - Shampoo
  - Deodorant
  - Toothbrush & Toothpaste
  - Razors
  - Any Non-Perishable Food

Godly Gathering and Growing

Triple - G
We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 11:30 - 1:00pm.
ALL kids grades 1 - 9 and their families are invited to join us. 
March 10, 2019

Training for Worship Service Opportunities
See the sign up sheet in the Narthex for training for the following positions.

1. Readers
2. Greeters
3. Communion Assistants
4. Ushers
5. Acolytes
6. Altar Guild

You may sign up for training for all positions or just take the training for a specific position.

There will be an Altar Guild Training on Sunday, March 3rd between services. If you have done it before or are new and would like to try it, everyone is asked to attend.

There will be a “good will offering” if you are unable to bring anything.

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There will be an ALL CHURCH WORK DAY on Saturday, April 6th 10:00am - 12:00pm.

KEENAGERS

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 12:00pm
Come early for coffee and fellowship.

We will be having Corned Beef & Cabbage

Don’t forget your own place setting.
If you’ve never been, be sure to join us.
If you are a regular and know of someone who has never been, be sure to invite them!

Lots of great food and fun!!
There will be a “good will offering” if you are unable to bring anything.

House of Prayer’s 60th Anniversary
See the sign up sheet in the Narthex to be part of the planning team.
We are coming into a busy time of year for the church. I would like to encourage the youth to take part in this time of preparation. Just like Advent, Lent is a great time to reflect and prepare your heart for the coming death and resurrection. If you can, attend the Wednesday night soup suppers, Lenten service and the study of the Book of Revelations. I hope to see you there.

We are already preparing for Palm Sunday (April 14) and Easter (April 21). We are looking for young people and the young at heart to make butterflies. Also, to help set up and serve breakfast, April 7th. Please contact me if you can help.

Looking ahead to summer – Registration for Confirmation Camp has started – if you know of someone going into middle school thru 9th grade, encourage them to join us at Confirmation Camp. We will be attending camp July 14-19 at Luther Glen Farm.

Also, look for the dates for Vacation Bible School, coming out soon.

If you need to contact me, I have changed my email address to hopyouthesc@gmail.com or you can still call me on my cell phone 760-715-4457

Thank you for your support and blessings to you,
Kitty Wiebe
Youth and Christian Education Director
Flower Donations for March

3/3  Jeff & Carol Gross
    In Loving Memory of Kristin & Angela

3/10 Lynn & Marilyn Carlson
    In Celebration of Our 52nd Wedding Anniversary

3/17 Mike Smith
    In Loving Memory of Lucille Kolb

3/24 Maria Alvarado
    In Celebration of Lupe & Genesis Birthdays

3/31 Earl & Cathy Curtis
    In Celebration of Our 21st Wedding Anniversary
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