

The Good News

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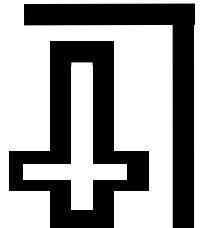
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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



PR. CATE AND THE VICARS!!

It sounds like the name of a liturgical rock band! Unfortunately, we haven't created anything quite that cool (yet!). During June and July, I have the great privilege of being a supervising pastor to TWO seminary interns. Vicar Maria, Vicar Matt and I have already spent a good deal of time in conversation together about church and life in ministry. Having been out of seminary for a number of years now, one of my favorite things is to listen in on the conversation between our two interns about what Vicar Matt is currently studying and what insight Vicar Maria can give him about a particular class or professor.

We have also had some silly shenanigans like "Alb-Fest 2019!!" where we had Vicar Matt try on different albs (robes worn in worship) to find the best one for him to use when leading worship. Which of course led Vicar Maria and I to put on our clergy wear and taking a Sacristy Selfie.



We also took a field trip to downtown Los Angeles where we toured the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles. Our docent told us so much about the church architecture and about how different parts of the cathedral are used. It was fascinating to hear her explanation of the attention to detail that went into the building. For example, the light fixtures within the main sanctuary are triangle shaped to represent the Trinity. Additionally, the chair that the Archbishop sits in when he is presiding at mass is made from wood coming from six different continents to represent the interconnectedness of God's church throughout the world.



The part I am most excited about is to see the congregation, you as the people of Emanuel, take the ownership and leadership in realizing the amazing ministry you have and are continuing to take on. You are a church that trains the future pastors of the ELCA. This is a holy and awesome task. As Vicar Maria's time with us comes to a close, I know that she has expressed gratitude in not only the welcome of this church but in the way that she has been pushed and led by this congregation to serve God's people wherever she is called. I am excited to see what insight Vicar Matt will take with him from this place when we live out Emanuel "God With Us."

Pastor Cate Luehr



Many of you who have seen my tattoo have asked me about it. I am sorry if you have heard this story before. For those of you who haven't, the words above the feather are "kimi to mata aeru," which is Japanese for "Until we meet again."



In 2011, I was in Japan during their March earthquake and subsequent tsunami. This was a wave that quite literally changed the tides of my life. I was performing at that time in the Young Americans music outreach touring company. Our three-month-long tour was shortened due to the burden we had placed on our gracious hosts. It was then that I learned this phrase in the Japanese language. The phrase "until we meet again" became a mantra for us. Even though we had to leave early, we knew one day we would return. I did return to Japan a year later. I was still performing with the Young Americans; however, this time, my focus had shifted.

We were in northern Japan visiting the towns directly affected by the tsunami the year prior. This wasn't about performing, it was about bringing the light of Christ to all those I met. During this tour, I finally accepted that I was being called into ministry. That just so happened to be my final tour with the Young Americans before I began my journey to undergrad, seminary, to you, and ultimately to a life of full-time pastoral ministry.

The feather is one I found while running in St. Paul, MN after a dear friend died tragically. It reminds me of him, and also of my great-grandmother Louise who loved birds. The words, "until we meet again" and the feather together remind me of God's faithfulness and connects me to the great cloud of witnesses. This life is not the end of our stories, death will not have the final say. Because Jesus died for us and rose from the grave, death is no longer the victor. We will all meet again in the kingdom of Heaven.

My tattoo, reminds me of this journey into the ministry. It reminds me of all the people and experiences that have helped shape the person I am today. It reminds me of God's faithfulness and the defeat over sin and death.

As I prepare over the next month to leave Emanuel Lutheran Church to return to Minnesota to complete this journey set in motion many years ago, I am reminded of this mantra: "Kimi to mata aeru," "until we meet again," in this life or at the table of the feast of our Lord. I pray that you would continue in the journey you began years ago with the first intern called to this place. That you continue to raise up new leaders for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray you continue in the journey we started together of sharing your stories, the stories of mission and ministry of God with us, that you wouldn't keep these stories to yourselves but share them with all you encounter. And, please know, that as I leave, I carry Emanuel with me, the place and our God: Until we meet again.

Love,

Vicar Maria

I would like to thank you, Emanuel family, for making myself, Jenni, Ben, and Ruby feel so welcome! We are excited to partner with you in ministry for the next two years and have this be our home. It will be a place of growth, development and new birth for our family! Jenni is due around Thanksgiving and we are excited for our family to grow!



Many of you know, but for those that don't, I am in a seminary program where you go to class full-time and work part-time in your congregation as an intern. My family and I are extremely excited about this opportunity! With this program it can be easy to get caught up in all that there is to do, but as my aunt humbly reminded me even God took a rest. It is a good reminder not only for myself, but for all of us. Our lives can fill up easily and before we know it, we have 10-1,000 things to do a day! The Sabbath is an important reminder for all of us. This is not because we are "lazy" or "not motivated." Whether we can take a full day, an hour, or even five minutes, we need this break. It is a good opportunity for us to be quiet and to listen to God. Maybe God is nudging you to some type of ministry whether listening to a neighbor, helping out a stranger or something else. Take a few minutes to enjoy your Sabbath!

In Christ,

Vicar Matt



ROAR SOME MORE LION KING MOVIE OUTING

We are continuing to keep the fun of our VBS Safari rolling into July! Keep an eye out in our Sunday bulletin and on our Facebook and Instagram for information about a church outing to see the Lion King Movie. Sometime in late July we will have tickets at a discounted price to see the movie at the Regal La Habra Theaters with all of your church friends! Maybe you or a child in your life couldn't make VBS, but would like to join us for some FUN! We hope to see you at the movies!



FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School Class Schedule: Sunday School classes are held weekly. Join us on Sunday mornings for classes for all age groups starting at age three. Visitors are always welcome!

- **Classes for Preschool to 5th grade** meet at 10:00 AM in Moerer Hall. Our summer Sunday School has begun. Join us as we discover God's truths in stories, games, and crafts.
- **Middle School / Sr. High:** This class has been suspended for the summer. We will revisit to determine whether there is interest in the fall.

Offerings: Our weekly offerings will go to help support our local animal shelter in supplying for the needs, food, and care of the animals there.

Seekers: Seeker's youth will be taking a break for the summer months. We will meet again in September.

VBS: "Roar! Life Is Wild—God Is Good." A special thank you to Brooke Diaz and Kerry Ospital as our co-directors of this African adventure. The many volunteers made it an amazing week. Those leading groups, the music, the story tellers, skits, games and crafts made VBS come alive. We are especially thankful for the young adults who allowed us to connect with the younger children and help with their understanding that when life is unfair, scary, things change, when we feel sad, and when life is good...GOD IS GOOD!



Play Performance: Thank you to all of our students who helped make our play "The Agape League" a great success for all to see. We discovered that each piece of the fruit of the Spirit fits together and you cannot have one piece without the others. Our students deepened their understanding that memorizing scripture and trusting in Him will give us the strength we need when we face the temptations before us. Come by Moerer Hall and see the pictures taken from the performance.



Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults.

Board of Parish Education



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

BIG NEWS! HAHO member Janine Ward has worked with Thrivent to obtain a \$3,500 grant for community outreach! This grant will be used by Emanuel members working together to reach those in need. Currently the plan is to have a work party to put together the Thanksgiving bags for Patriots and Paws, with Emanuel members donating only the gift cards. The groceries would be included in the grant. We will also provide needed items for families in transition at HIS House, a ministry in Placentia that both Emanuel and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently collaborated on as Women of Faith where we made and donated 25 blankets.

DANIEL ALVAREZ CENTER:

After Father’s Day on June 16, we delivered men’s socks and household cleaning items to the Daniel Alvarez Center for men in addiction recovery . Mops, brooms, dust cloths, paper towels, and cleaning items such as 409 or Windex were donated. Thanks to Andy Zambrano for leading this ministry for men who are recovering in a Christian environment.

Striving to be more Christlike by following the characteristics of Jesus...

Galatians 5:22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

EVANGELISM:

THE BLUE SHOPPING BAGS ARE RETURNING!

The La Habra Resource Community Care Center is now distributing food to members of our community by letting them “shop” and pick up the items. Hortencia, the Executive Director, has requested that we provide bags for this ministry. Not only will we be providing a service to the center, but Emanuel’s bags will be all over our community.

Did you know we have business cards with a picture of our stained glass window, our church information, and our Pastor’s name on them? They are quite beautiful. Take a couple and keep them in your wallet. You never know when you might have the opportunity to share the GOOD NEWS which we proclaim at Emanuel.

“Take It To The Lord In Prayer” — prayers for our church, our pastor, our world, and any special needs, in the Chapel or wherever you are at 8:30 on Saturday mornings. We now have eight people praying every week. Join us. We are hoping to run out of space in the Chapel and move to a larger prayer space. If you have a prayer request, please let the Pastor or a Vicar know and it will be lifted up. We have met and prayed weekly for over six years and we continue to see miracles.



Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

The next HAHO meeting is Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 AM. Please join us.

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR

If you'd like to plan ahead for those ministries which are dearest to your heart, a 2019 calendar of remaining scheduled opportunities is below. (You could post it on your refrigerator!)

THESE MINISTRIES ARE OFFERED AS OPTIONS FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THESE MINISTRIES. DO ONLY WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO.

<i>July/August:</i>	Support VBS and Parish Ed
<i>August/September:</i>	School supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill House
<i>October:</i>	Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders as needed
<i>November:</i>	Veteran's Outreach – Holiday Bags
<i>December:</i>	Angel Tree(s) & Fristers/Kidsters Toys

All opportunities will be highlighted with more information in the "Good News" and the weekly Bulletin.

Subject To Adjustment

SCHOPPA SCHOLARSHIPS



The Elroy Schoppa Scholarship Fund is provided by Emanuel Lutheran Church for members of Emanuel who are, or will be, attending an accredited college or vocational school in the next academic year. Students must attend 50% of Sunday Worship services and scheduled Youth meetings for at least 2 years within 4 years of applying. They must also maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA. Contact Warren Parr, Wolfgang Hessel or Dwight Carey for more information.

'T WAS THE DAY BEFORE EASTER...

DECORATING THE CROSS WITH BEAUTIFUL, FRESH FLOWERS



Ricki Fehr, Nancy White, Steve White, Cici Schnakenberg, Cathy Spangler

PULLING WEEDS AND CLEANING TRASH FROM OUR IVY BED



Janine Ward, Jeanette Parr, Mary Ann Carlson, Susan (our neighbor), Keith Kruse, Troy (a student at Sunny Hills)

**THANK YOU FOR THIS GIFT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO
BEAUTIFY OUR CAMPUS FOR THE EASTER CELEBRATION!!!**

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SOUNDS OF THE UNIVERSE

JULY 20TH, 2019
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SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for
Vicar Maria's Farewell Potluck Party
Sunday August 4 at 4:00 PM
in Moerer Hall.

Kid's Korner

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

k _ _ p my _ y _ s
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 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV