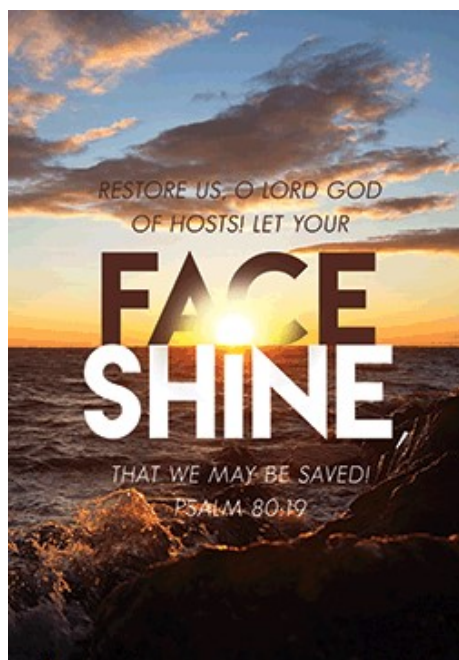


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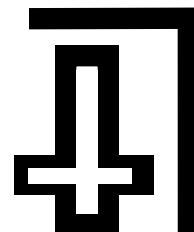
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9:00 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 Catherine E. Luehr
 Matt Polsdorfer
 Joanne Sadders

Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

DATED MATERIAL
 Please Deliver by 2nd or
 3rd of the month.

Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



I have a clergy coach who I speak with once a month. She is someone who pushes me to explore in-depth some of the ways in which I go about my life in ministry. In our last conversation, she asked me what are my favorite parts of being a pastor. I threw out a few different things but went into great depth when I talked about the joy I find in fostering discipleship. I shared about how excited I was when we were looking for a new VBS director and two women who were brand new volunteers to the VBS program stepped up to run an amazing program. I also talked about how at the last annual meeting we had two new people join the council who have never served as council members before and how poignant their insight has been to the ministry of this church. I also shared how one of our teenagers when asked to serve on the internship committee this year didn't hesitate to offer his voice and insight to our new vicar's committee.

I told my clergy coach, "I love helping people stretch their ministry legs. It doesn't have to be a big jump but people are often able to serve God beyond what they think they can." She went on to tell me about an article she wrote almost four years ago on this very topic. Her article talked about a common stewardship practice that many churches will adopt that asked people to look at their monetary giving and asked them to increase or "stretch" one step. For example if you give 5% of your income it encourages you to stretch one step further and consider giving 6% and using that as a way to increase our trust that God will provide. The article talked about looking not only at money but the way people give of their time and talents and proposed a way to do the same stretching with the ministry God has given us.

For example, if you dedicate one hour a week to the Lord (Sunday worship for example) are you willing to stretch it to two? Perhaps you could spend 10 minutes in prayer Monday through Saturday or join a midweek Bible study. Do you give four or five hours a week to God and ministry in His name? Maybe you could push that just a little further and volunteer as a church usher or make it a point to visit a homebound neighbor. Maybe you don't set any time aside for God, maybe your life is too busy as it is. Perhaps you can start with one hour a month. Come to church, be with God's people and go from there.

As we come up upon our 60th anniversary, I plan to encourage the good people of Emanuel to stretch their ministry legs. Over the next year I plan to carve out time in my schedule to listen to and pray for the people of Emanuel to help determine where and how God is calling you to ministry. If you get an email, call or text from me in the near future, know that I am here to do what I think God is pushing me to do, to walk along side the people of Emanuel and to listen to God's calling in each of our lives.

Pastor Cate Luehr

Starting in September and continuing throughout the fall Pr. Cate will be moving her day off from Friday to Monday. Our regular office hours will still be Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30. Pr. Cate will be primarily using Friday for visitation and writing but will be accessible by phone on Fridays. She will also be holding office hours by appointment on Fridays.

Matt's *Motivational Minute*



Hello Emanuel family! I am excited to be partnering with you in this ministry and it's been exciting to get to start working here! This month I have had the opportunity to go with Vicar Maria on visits to members in their homes or in care facilities. This has been an awesome opportunity to meet members of our church community. I have also been able to attend the midweek worship service at the synod office and meet Bishop Andy Taylor. I am continuing to get to know the community of Emanuel and the members of our family. It is a great opportunity and I enjoy getting to know each of you more.

As many of you know, I am a full-time student in addition to working at Emanuel part-time. This is a great opportunity to learn from my classes and be able to share that information immediately with you! In my *Gospel of Mark* course, we are reading Shelly Rambo's book *Resurrecting Wounds*. This book is a great book for not only myself and classmates but for others as well. In the book it discusses how when something traumatic happens to someone we often ask that person to "get over it." In the book it invites us as Christians to accompany those around us during these traumatic times and let them know it is okay to have these wounds.

In the book she uses the story of doubting Thomas in the Gospel of John (John 20:24-29) as the lens to view things. She focuses on Thomas' encounter with Jesus and the invitation for Thomas to touch the wounds of Jesus after he is resurrected. She discusses how wounds surface in the midst of human interactions. Traditionally we focus on the afterlife, but she discusses a theology of resurrection wounds in the living. She returns to Christ's woundedness as a way to discover how we live with our own wounds. We are all wounded in some way or another and never know when the wounds will reappear, but Shelly Rambo helps us to recognize wounds in ourselves and others. She does a good job of getting us to face social and personal traumas. It can be hard to share our traumas or past hurts, but this book and course invites us to explore and share our traumas with each other as we are all called to this ministry as Christians!

In Christ,

Vicar Matt



Fulfilling Your Generosity with Legacy Planning

Sunday, August 25, 12:00 PM in Moerer Hall

When creating our legacy plans, we hope to create financial support for all the organizations and people we love. However, navigating this pathway of intent can be trying and confusing. Please join us for a dynamic conversation about your passions, legacy intentions, and how to connect them with efficiency to your estate planning. A dedicated committee of Emanuel members have been working for several months creating a gift policy to best serve the ministry of Emanuel when we are blessed to receive such gifts. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, August 19.



Lisa Higginbotham, Regional Gift Planner for ELCA Foundation will be leading our presentation. Lisa successfully worked in the financial services industry for 25 years, including her own professional practice as a financial advisor, specializing in retirement and legacy planning. Hoping to bring her experience and advocacy to each, she helps create gift and endowment policy, works directly with donors to help them express generosity, and transitions merging or closing organizations to fulfill their legacies by combining assets or disposition.



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

HIS HOUSE: HIS House exists to help people overcome homelessness and achieve independence. Since 1989, HIS House has provided shelter and supportive services to more than 3,800 homeless men, women and children. Their unique and personalized programs empower homeless individuals and families to establish themselves in a career and build up savings which will ultimately lead to a better future for themselves and their children. Part of the grant we are receiving from Thrivent will be dedicated to this wonderful ministry to overcome homelessness. Watch for information regarding compiling “Welcome Home” boxes for the families as they work toward independence.

STUDY BUDDIES AND MAMA HILL’S HOUSE: Back-to-School time has arrived. It seems like summer vacation was very short. Study Buddies will resume August 27. They have a lot of school supplies, but are in need of gift cards to be used towards the purchase of snacks and rewards. Gift cards may be designated and put in the offering or left in the office. Since so many stores are having great sales on school supplies, we will also collect and deliver notebooks, pens, pencils and other school supplies to Mama Hill’s House. Please purchase and deliver the items to Moerer Hall **no later than August 15.**

PATRIOTS & PAWS: Patriots & Paws will be hosting an open house at the new warehouse (1825 E. Via Burton, Anaheim) on Saturday, September 21, from 8:00-2:00 PM. Come and meet some veterans, see the warehouse and have breakfast or lunch for \$5.00. More than 100 veterans and military families are assisted every month by this ministry.

EVANGELISM:

THE BLUE SHOPPING BAGS ARE RETURNING! If you need a new bag, they are available, just let us know. 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 Vizcarra, 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 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.

August/September: School supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill House

October: Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders as needed

November: Veteran's Outreach – Holiday Bags

December: 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*****



EMANUEL PAIRS WITH THRIVENT IN OUTREACH

Due to the heart and focus of Emanuel in outreach, we have been offered a \$3,500 grant for two outreach opportunities from Thrivent. We thank God for this opportunity that shows Emanuel is recognized for it's heart toward the less fortunate in our area. Thank you all for your efforts in this ministry.

The first part of the monies will be used to purchase much needed items for HIS House. This wonderful organization has been operating for 30 years in Placentia working to keep families together and from becoming homeless. As a congregation, we will work together to pack all purchased items into Welcome Home Baskets for those able to begin life in their new home.

The second part of the money will be used to enhance our Patriots & Paws November Thanksgiving outreach. Our goal is to contribute even more bags to this worthwhile organization and again work together in bringing help to our veterans.

Please look for more information and dates that will be given in the very near future. Please pray as well that we can bring glory to our God through our efforts and generosity.

The Heart and Hands Committee



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 use the “Little Dogs on the Prairie” series to discover God’s delights when we follow Him. Our kids discover the problems that arise when we lie, steal or cheat and how it hurts our friends and family.
- **Middle School / Sr. High:** This class is not meeting this summer.

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. Our students’ love and care for animals is evident in their desire to help animals in need.

Seekers: Seeker’s youth grades 1-6 will meet again in September.

VBS: “Roar! Life Is Wild—God Is Good.” During VBS, our youth brought coins each day to help support the Dodoma Christian Medical Center in Tanzania. We are delighted that over \$211 was collected for this medical mission. “Life is good . . . GOD IS GOOD!”



Confirmation is coming in September. Any youth in 7th grade or older are invited to attend. Please let Pr. Cate know if you are interested.

Study Buddies will start their 2019-2020 year on Tuesday, August 27, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family. Invite your friends! We would like to add 2 or 3 more tutors to our wonderful group of volunteers so please consider giving us a try. We think you’ll love it! Talk to Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio for details.

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

Board of Parish Education



Vicar Maria Farewell

Join us Sunday, August 4, at 4:00 PM for
Vicar Maria’s Farewell Potluck Party in Moerer Hall.

YOUTH BEACH OUTING



The youth and young adults are heading to Huntington Beach on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6,** for a day of fun in the sun. We will leave from the church at 9:00 AM and return by 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided and confirmation mentors are welcome to join us! Bring along a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and other fun beach stuff. Friends are welcome, but they will need a signed permission slip before we leave. Please let Pr. Cate or Vicar Matt know by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4,** if you are joining us at the beach.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Another year of Confirmation is starting next month. On **Thursday, September 19,** classes will resume for confirmation students. We will meet in the Hope Center Classroom from 6:00-7:00 PM. Confirmation is open to all students from 7th grade up. Confirmation classes alternate between a year of study on Luther's Small Catechism and a year of Bible Study. This year the students will be focusing on the Bible.

For any questions you may have regarding Confirmation, please feel free to contact Pastor Luehr at the church office or Janine Ward (562-696-6573). We look forward to a wonderful year with our returning and new students.

STUDY BUDDIES

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We will be holding a meeting for all current and prospective tutors on **Tuesday, August 20 at 10:00 AM** in Hope Center Library. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio to set up an alternate time to meet.



SAVE THE DATE

This coming January, Emanuel will be celebrating 60 years of ministry in La Habra. We will have a 60th anniversary celebration the morning of **Sunday, January 26.** Please reserve this day on your calendar to celebrate with your Emanuel family.

Highlights ²⁰¹⁹ From VBS




Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped transform Emanuel into our ROAR Savannah Nature Preserve for our 2019 Vacation Bible School from June 23-27. We learned all about how life is sometimes WILD, and God is always GOOD through songs, stories, crafts, snacks, and games!

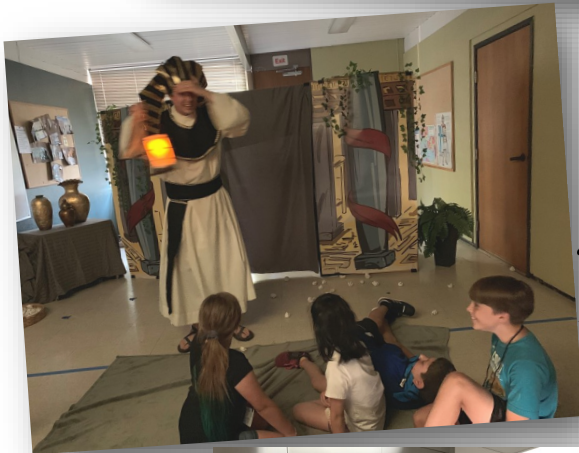


Together the volunteers and children raised over \$200 in coin offering for the Dodomo Christian Medical Center in Dodomo, Tanzania, where Pastor Cate's parents served on a medical mission this past year. Our donated funds will help the medical center provide quality healthcare where it has not been easily accessible for many.



We give thanks to God for sending so many children to Emanuel to hear the word of God and to experience the love of Christ through our numerous activities and volunteers. Life is Wild! God is Good!






Birthdays and Anniversaries August 2019



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| 1 Kathryn Roberts | 13 Bobby Wright | 24 Rayanne Dietrich |
| 2 Lee Reitzel | 15 Helen Horning | 27 Eric Sessing |
| 3 Andrew Wasson | 17 Kim Beard | 27 Rose Ward |
| 7 Jaden Lubin | 17 John Reyes | 29 John Scott Palmer |
| 7 Robert Wright | 18 Andrea Pasillas | 29 Zoe Vernon |
| 8 Madeline Wright | 19 Rand Rogenes | 30 Michael Haight |
| 9 Cody Whitcher | 21 Jacob Zambrano | 31 Marlys Hemsley |

- 3 Jim & Debbie Pfeifer
- 10 Carl & Meghan Pulley
- 19 Bonnie & Rand Rogenes
- 26 Charles & Leigh Ann Dietrich, Jr.
- 30 Warren & Jeanette Parr
- 31 James & Martha Klassen





**The "2nd Mile" Giving Envelope
for the month of August is:
Good Samaritan Fund**

Check out our website at elclh.org, look for us on Facebook under **Emanuel Lutheran Church** or Instagram at [emanuellahabra](https://www.instagram.com/emanuellahabra).


**Be informed and up-to-date.
Visit our website
for all upcoming events and
information.**



Bible Quiz

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices

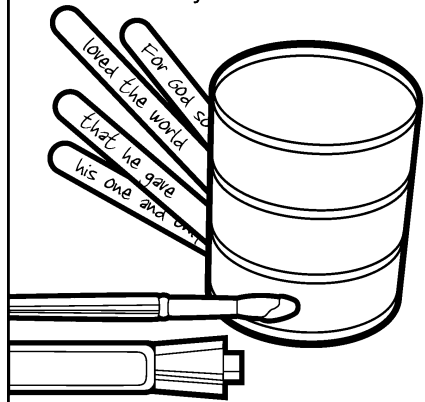


Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.)

Kid's Korner

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.

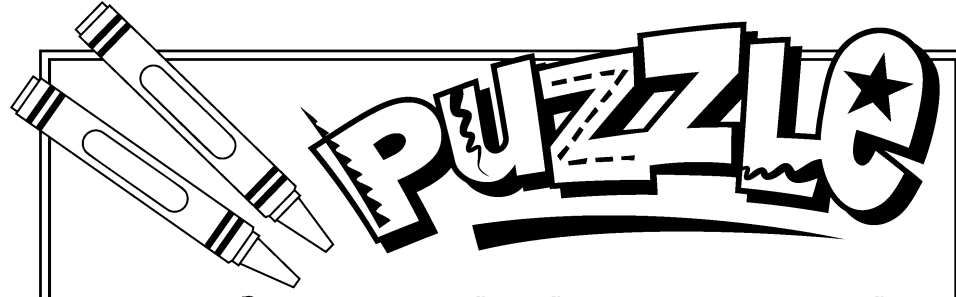


What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily
- Do this to your shoes
- This rises in the east
- Cold breakfast food
- Hot breakfast food
- Talk to God
- Morning meal
- Extend your limbs
- Fruit drink
- Waffle machine
- Eat these scrambled or fried



Because of the LORD's great love ...
 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions