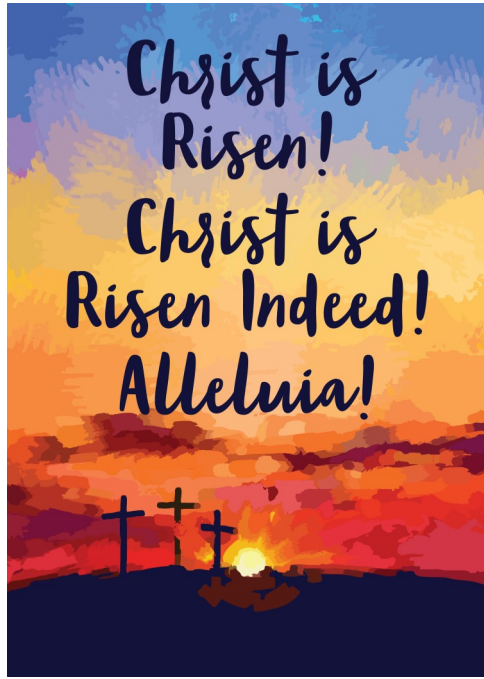


# The Good News

MONTHLY PUBLICATION APRIL 2020 VOLUME 26 NUMBER 4



## IN THIS ISSUE

From Pastor Luehr ..... Pg. 2

Matt's Motivational Minute ..... Pg. 2

Heart And Hands Outreach..... Pg. 3

Parish Education..... Pg. 4

Property Prose ..... Pg. 5

Schoppa Scholarships ..... Pg. 6

Lay Bible Study ..... Pg. 6

Joy Circle ..... Pg. 6

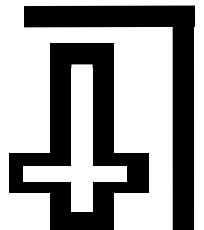
Easter Lilies ..... Pg. 7

Children's Activities Page ..... Pg. 8

address label here

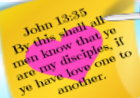
**DATED MATERIAL**  
Please Deliver by 2nd or  
3rd of the month.

Traditional Worship Service  
Praise Service  
Children's Sunday School:  
PASTOR:  
VICAR:  
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:  
9:00 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
Catherine E. Luehr  
Matt Polsdorfer  
Jonine Sadders  
*Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.*  
E-mail: [churchinfo@elch.org](mailto:churchinfo@elch.org)  
Website: [www.elch.org](http://www.elch.org)



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**  
150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631 (562) 691-0656  
Preschool: (562) 694-5316  
*Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

# Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



John 13:35  
By this shall all  
men know that ye  
are my disciples, if  
ye have love one to  
another.

## NEVERTHELESS

Nevertheless...I keep thinking about this important turn of phrase. It's been an important one during this time of difficulty. "Nevertheless" acknowledges what was just said and gives hope for something more. It doesn't try to sweep the bad stuff under the rug or discount it, it is a little like the improv prompt of saying "yes, and..."

- *The grocery store shelves are bare... nevertheless.... people are sharing food with those who can't leave their homes.*
- *Children can't be in school... nevertheless... teachers are being innovative and constructing virtual classrooms in their homes.*
- *I can't go the church... nevertheless... I can continue to be the church by the way I share Christ's love with others and can join in online watching and listening to hear the promises of God.*

As we enter into the month of April, we are preparing for Easter. I know that the same turn of phrase that is true during our current circumstance is also true for Easter. Christ died...nevertheless... He is Risen. We may not be able to be together this Easter, but that does not stop Christ from stomping out death. He gives us the promise that though we may be filled with fear, and confusion and sadness... nevertheless...Christ is with us to the very end of the age.

Pastor Cate Luehr

## Matt's Motivational Minute



## UNCERTAINTY

*"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." -John Muir*

As I am writing this article uncertainty seems to be the word that best describes how I and many are feeling at this time. There has always been uncertainty in the world, but now with the outbreak of this virus and being stuck at home uncertainty about what the near future and distant future look like reign supreme in our minds and on our televisions, social media sites and wherever we look.

One of the activities we can still do right now is to go outside and go for a walk. One of my favorite activities is to go on a walk and pray and talk to God. Sometimes I am happy and thank God for what is going on in my life, sometimes I am upset and angry with God about a situation or tragedy that has happened, and sometimes I am exhausted and worn down asking God to help me get through the day. The Bible is an amazing compilation of books where there are several different genres and a wide array of emotions humans experience. During this time, I hope that you are able to get out on a few walks or sit outside to enjoy some fresh air and during that time you talk with God about what is going on in your life. God is there for you to hear your joys, trials and tribulations. During these uncertain times, one thing we can be certain of is that God is with us.

God's peace,  
Vicar Matt



## Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

*“Feed My Sheep” – John 21*

### COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

Thank you, Emanuel! Despite this unprecedented pandemic of the Novel Coronavirus, you continue to love and reach out to our neighbors. We can share through our online ministry on the website ([www.elch.org](http://www.elch.org)) as well as through providing essential items.

Continuing through Easter time, we will gather food protein sources for Storehouse Ministries, a foodbank in our community hosted by Rise Church. We have received a lot of food, but can still use more. Right now, people are food insecure are in even greater need. If you are in the neighborhood, please bring your PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, OR CANNED MEAT and drop it off for distribution.

Remember SOUPER BOWL SUNDAYS AND TUNA TUESDAYS with our thousands of cans to help feed our neighbors? **Let's do it again!**



Below is our planned Opportunity Calendar for 2020. We welcome your input and thank you for your generosity. Information will be updated as time elapses.

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| March/April: | As part of our Lenten Discipline, we will be collecting, delivering, and helping distribute food to our local food bank. |
| April:       | Specific household items for Patriots & Paws   |
| May:         | WINGS Support for Moms (specific needs to be determined)   |
| June:        | Daniel Alvarez Center — household maintenance items and socks  |
| June/July:   | Support VBS and Parish Ed.   |
| August:      | School Supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill House  |
| September:   | Eyeglasses for donation to Lion's  |
| October:     | Bibles for Preschool   |
| November:    | Holiday Dinner Bags for Patriots & Paws  |
| December:    | Angel Tree & His House Toys  |

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

**THE BLUE SHOPPING BAGS ARE BACK! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

Jeanette Parr  
Facilitator



## FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

**Sunday School Classes are held weekly for Preschool through 5th Grade.** Visitors are always welcome! When Sunday worship resumes, classes for Preschool to 5th grade will meet at 10:00 AM in Moerer Hall. Join us as we learn about “The First Sin” (Genesis 3:1-24). We will discover that though we have many temptations to sin, we can make good choices to do God’s will.

**Offerings:** Our offering will go to purchase canned goods for a food drive for *Storehouse Ministries*. Students may bring canned goods or money for this special service project.

**Study Buddies:** Our Study Buddies program is going strong. There was an influx of kids this past month. A printer was donated by an Emanuel member and is up and running for the program. They normally meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, but as with all other gatherings at Emanuel, they are temporarily on hold awaiting public health recommendations regarding COVID-19. If you would like to tutor on either of these days, please talk to Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio for details.

**Preschool Appreciation Sunday:** This event has been postponed.

**Middle School Youth Retreat:** Seven youth headed up to Luther Glen Camp and Farm outside of Oak Glen for their winter retreat. Vicar Matt and Amanda Zambrano were the counselors. Two special highlights of the weekend were working with the animals, and going to the Retreat Center where the youth could connect with other kids and go to different stations.

**Spring Play:** We will be preparing for the spring musical “Back to the Beginning” where the kids together through time, learn about creation in different time periods, ultimately going back to the Garden of Eden and talking about sin.



**VBS:** This year’s VBS will be a five day event tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 14, through Thursday, June 18. Mark your calendars!

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

Board of Parish Education

## PROPERTY PROSE



A very special thanks goes to the following people:



**Jack Ward** who has worked diligently on the A/C system, the phone system, and refinishing the front doors. SO BEAUTIFUL!

**Darrell Moyer** who repaired and replaced the broken tile in the Fireside Room.



**John Ospital** who installed the Koala Kare changing table in Moerer Hall.



We are truly privileged to have such talent and willingness to care for our Emanuel home. We also are grateful for everyone who assisted them. Anyone is welcome to help and your help is so much appreciated! If you see something which needs to be done and/or would like to take on a project, please contact Jeanette Parr, Parish Coordinator, at 562-761-9488 or [parr3@roadrunner.com](mailto:parr3@roadrunner.com).



All Emanuel events pertaining to Holy Week and Easter are temporarily on hold as we do not yet know what the public health recommendations will be regarding COVID-19. Please check back on our website ([www.elch.org](http://www.elch.org)), Facebook page, or by calling the office and listening to the recorded greeting.

## 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. Current recipients are Jessica Mora (third year) and Amanda Zambrano (first year). Contact Warren Parr, Wolfgang Hessel or Dwight Carey for more information.



## ADULT LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY Hope Center Library

At Emanuel, we have an Adult Lay Bible Study led by a member of the congregation. They normally meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 4:30 PM in the Hope Center Classroom across from the Library. **This month they plan to meet on April 16** provided gatherings at Emanuel resume by that date. They are using Dr. Charles Stanley's monthly Bible study lessons along with *The Lost Books of the Bible*. They enjoy learning together about the Word of the Lord and hope you will feel led to join them. All are welcome to join! For more information, contact Mischelle Uhlman.

## JOY CIRCLE



The Joy Circle Bible Study plans to meet on **Monday, April 20, from 9:30-11:00 AM** provided gatherings at Emanuel resume by that date. The Joy Circle is a women's group that normally gathers on the third Monday of each month in the Hope Center Library for fellowship and treats and to participate together in a Bible study taken from *Gather Magazine*, the magazine published by Women of the ELCA.

In January we began a 4-month study titled "We are Called." Each Bible study we will explore what it means to be called by God and to what ministries and vocations our Lord calls each and everyone of us. If you have never participated in the Joy Circle before, consider trying one or more of the 3 or 4 month sessions. Extra copies of this Bible study will be available that morning.

## EASTER LILIES

Our Easter Lily order was placed long before we knew we would be quarantined, so our lilies will be here for Easter even if we are not able to meet in person. Below is an order form you can use if you are interested in dedicating and/or in ordering an Easter lily. We will use them to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship, whether that is in person or virtual church. As always, lilies will then be available after Easter to brighten the homes of those who might need to be reminded of Christ's promise of new life!

---

### Lily Garden



Easter Sunday is April 12 and it is again time to order lilies for our altar. Please fill out this form if you would like to order a beautiful Easter Lily for our Altar Garden.

**PLEASE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ LILIES AT \$8.50 EACH.**

Please return this form along with your check made payable to *Emanuel Lutheran Church*. Please mark your check "for lilies." You may also contact the church office directly. The last date to order is April 5.

Please fill out the following exactly as you wish it to read in the bulletin:

Given in loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor or celebration (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given in thanksgiving to God for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

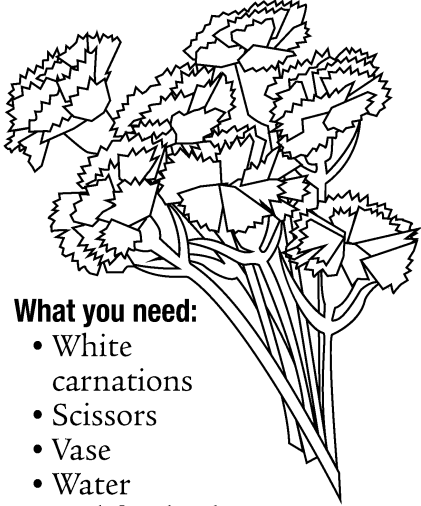
Lilies given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(List the name(s) of person(s) giving the lily as you want it to appear in the bulletin.)*

# Kid's Korner

## Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



### What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

### What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.

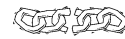


## Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



*Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.*



And he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and gave

it to them, saying, "This is my \_\_\_\_\_ given for you; do this in



\_\_\_\_\_ of me." In the same way, after the supper he



took the cup, saying, "This \_\_\_\_\_ is the new \_\_\_\_\_ in my



blood, which is \_\_\_\_\_ out for you."

**LUKE 22:19-20, NIV**

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured