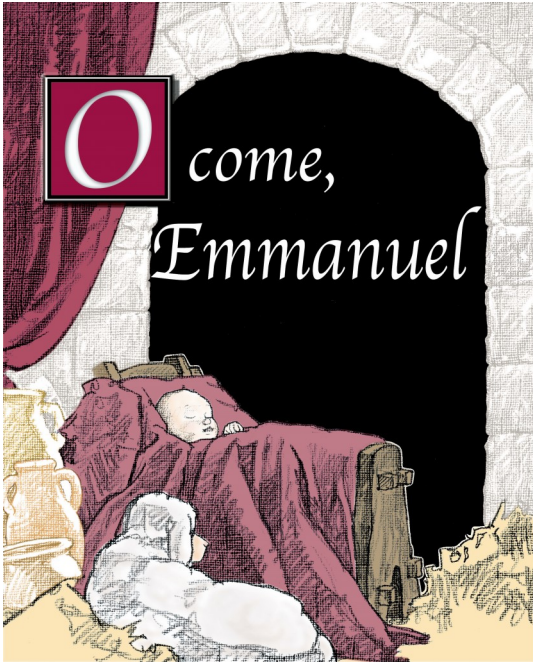


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**DATED MATERIAL**

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10:00 AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
11:00 AM

**INTERIM PASTOR:**  
Sandy Bentz

**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:**  
Jonine Soders

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

**E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org**  
**Website: www.elch.org**

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Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316

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*Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*



## Waiting and Anticipating – The Blessings of Advent

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5*

Waiting. It is NOT something any of us likes to do, but it IS a part of our everyday lives. We wait in lines to buy groceries, to see a movie. We wait in traffic for lights to change. Sometimes our waiting is filled with anxiety or frustration. Waiting for test results or waiting for someone to respond to our apology and request for forgiveness. Sometimes we're late and every red traffic light seems to add to our stress. Other times we're waiting for something good – maybe a new grandbaby to be born or a special vacation. Waiting can be hard, but waiting can also have benefits. When we wait for something, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities, on what's important and what's not. And even if waiting is not welcome, waiting also give us time to pray, to turn our attention to God's presence and God's promises. IF we let it, waiting often opens our hearts and minds to be more vulnerable, more thankful, more loving, more giving, more patient . . . with ourselves and the people and situations around us.

Start a NEW tradition: beginning December 1, read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!!

The four weeks of Advent are the start of the church year. It is a season of waiting, a season of reflection and anticipation. In contrast to the world rushing toward Christmas, the Church waits for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent helps to reorient us to God's purposes. It is time to reflect on what Jesus' life, death and resurrection means for our lives, our priorities. We're challenged to ask ourselves: Are we living FOR Jesus and to serve God's priorities? Or are we living for ourselves and for our own comfort? Are we fighting against God's will or are we actively seeking ways to be instruments of God's Hope, Peace, Joy and Love – the themes of each of the Sundays in Advent? As we answer those questions, advent waiting can truly become joyous anticipation. If we let it, Advent introspection can give way to a renewed relationship between us and our God who came down from heaven to become one of us. God, in Jesus, CHOOSES to love us, to forgive us, to save us from our sin and free us to live for the sake of our neighbor, for the sake of Christ.



While frustrating, waiting can remind us we are NOT in control of things or people or the future. May our Advent waiting remind us that we are loved by and we worship our God who was, who is and who ever more shall be. And we ARE held . . .

Together, in God's Gracious Grip,  
*Pastor Sandy*



### Lessons and Carols

10 am Sunday,  
December 11, 2022

Experience the Christmas story  
in Scripture & Song

**Want to sing in the choir?**  
**Rehearsals are only 7:30-9pm Dec. 1 and 8**

Contact Stephanie Young  
stephanieyoungsings@gmail.com



### "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Help decorate the church for Christmas!!

**Friday, December 9, starting at 3PM**  
in the Sanctuary.  
Christmas music will be playing.  
Come join us!

### BRUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP

Join us for Emanuel's Annual Congregational  
Meeting over brunch/lunch in Moerer Hall.  
Emanuel is providing sandwiches.  
You're invited to bring a salad or dessert.

Vote on 2023 budget and  
elect new Church Council members.

# Call Team Update

## WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

We are very thankful and encouraged to have received a new candidate from the synod. We have conducted a first interview and as of this writing are scheduling an in-person follow-up. In light of this information, please keep praying with us for God’s wisdom and guidance. And please keep inviting all your friends and neighbors to join us for our Advent and Christmas season special events. There is no better time to share your faith than during the joyful celebration of our Lord’s birth. Merry Christmas and may we all be together in worship this joyous season!

Susan Fallon Nate Hermann John Ospital Cindy Reyes Janine Ward Chip Whitcher Matt Will

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4 THROUGH JANUARY 1 — ONE 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
WE RETURN TO TWO WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 / 2nd Sunday in Advent — One Service at 10 am

9 am Sunday School and coffee      10 am Worship  
11 am Lunch and Emanuel’s Annual Meeting

Over lunch, members will vote on the recommended 2023 budget and elect new Church Council members. **Sandwiches will be provided. You’re invited to bring a salad or desert to share.**

#### DECEMBER 11 / 3rd Sunday in Advent — Lessons & Carols

9 am Sunday School and coffee  
10 AM Worship with Lessons & Carols and Communion



#### DECEMBER 18 / 4th Sunday in Advent — Children’s Musical

10 AM Blended Worship with Communion and the Children’s Christmas musical  
“A Rockin’ Royal Christmas—A Higher Calling to a Higher King”  
**Potluck following worship**

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 / Christmas Eve-with Communion

7 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve worship with communion



#### DECEMBER 25

10 AM Christmas Day Worship with Carols, Cocoa and Communion

*Celebrate the Savior*

#### JANUARY 1

10 AM Blended Worship with Communion

#### JANUARY 8 — Return to two worship services 9 AM & 10:45 - 10 am Sunday School

We’ll wrap up our Christmas celebration with some time with the Wise Ones on Epiphany Sunday!



### ~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

#### Advent 2

**December 4**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7,18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

#### Advent 3

**December 11**  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

#### Advent 4

**December 18**  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

#### 7 PM Christmas Eve

**December 24**  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

#### 10 AM Christmas Day

**December 25**  
Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalms 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
John 1:1-14



# HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

*“Feed My Sheep” – John 21*

**OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!**

## REACHING OUT IN OUR OWN LA HABRA COMMUNITY

### OUTREACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE “AGING OUT” OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM OCTOBER 29

In cooperation with HIS HOUSE, CHESS AND THE LOCAL THRIVENT CHAPTER, Emanuel hosted a Thrivent Community event October 29. We filled approximately 35 backpacks with hygiene and other necessities for these young people moving into a new living situation. Thanks to Janine Ward and Jeanette Parr for leading this project in conjunction with Katie Anderson of Thrivent.



### EYE GLASSES

In October, we collected many pairs of used eye glasses and cases to assist the Lions as they provide sight throughout the world. Thanks, Cindy Reyes for leading this project again this year.

**November, 2022 – 37 Thanksgiving Bags were delivered to Patriots and Paws on November 13, amounting to almost \$1700. What a joy to provide a special Thanksgiving to those who have served our Country!**

**\*\*\*December, 2022 – Angel Tree for WINGS Shelter for victims of domestic violence.**

**Lists were first available on the Angel Tree Sunday, November 27. Wrapped gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 18, and will be delivered Monday, December 19. This is a very popular event. Some tags are still available!!**

**\*\*\*IF YOU WANT TO HELP WITH THESE COLLECTIONS OR DELIVERIES,  
PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE’D LOVE TO HAVE YOU.  
THE JOY AND SATISFACTION OF HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IS THE BEST GIFT\*\*\***

## FOOD FOR OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

HAHO encourages you to continue to contribute non-perishable food items to the carts in the narthex, which are faithfully carried to the food bank by Ricki Fehr every week.

Jeanette Parr  
Facilitator

**The next HAHO meeting is  
SATURDAY, December 10 at 10 am.  
\*\*\* We would love to have you there! \*\*\***

## A Saint Goes Home to the Lord

Marj Dalby went home to the Lord Wednesday, November 2. Marj was an active and faithful member of Emanuel for more than 27 years. We give thanks for her faith and her partnership in ministry as we pray for God’s comfort for her family.



Family and friends are invited to gather for her memorial service 11 am Saturday, December 10 at Rose Hills Chapel in Whitter followed by a brief graveside service.

Friends are also invited to join the family for a larger celebration at 1 pm Saturday, February 4, at a location to be decided, for more sharing and celebrating of Marj’s life and faith.





# FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

## Sunday School Class Schedule

Kids age 3 years through sixth grade are invited to join us Sunday mornings. Visitors are always welcome!

**Note: On Sunday, December 4 and 11, there will be one worship service at 10 am. On those Sundays we will have Sunday School at 9 am. We will be practicing for the December 18 Christmas musical. NOTE: Sunday school resumes at 10 am (between services) on Sunday, January 8.**

## Sunday School:

Our focus in Sunday School is now expanding our understanding of the stories told in our Christmas play and learning the songs.

## Offerings:

November and December offerings will be used to purchase gifts for a boy and a girl from the WINGS domestic violence shelter. The students can see how their offering can help others in this special way to bless kids just like them

## Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

Study Buddies meets 3-4:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays for children in grades 1-6. They will be taking off for winter recess from Dec. 26 - Jan. 9. Study Buddies will resume Tuesday, January 10. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family. Invite your friends! Talk to Jill Drummond for details. **NOTE: More tutors are needed !!! Can you help??**

## Christmas Play Sunday, December 18:

**A Rockin' Royal Christmas** musical will be presented on Sunday, December 18 at 10 am. We're learning the songs during Sunday School and practice will be 4-6 pm, **as scheduled**, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Come and join us! Bring friends. It's a great way to learn about the Christmas story. Call Mary Ann Carlson at 562-619-0532 for more info. We need lots of kids!

**Please pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.**

Parish Ed Team



## A Rockin' Royal Christmas

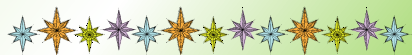
Presented by  
Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School

WHEN: Sunday—December 18, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: Emanuel Lutheran Church  
150 N. Palm Street  
La Habra, Ca. 90631  
(562) 691-0656

Join us for a Potluck lunch in Moerer Hall immediately following the service.



## Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and older at worship Sunday, December 4 and January 1



God's blessing to Jordan Lubin (Dec 4) and Winston Young (Jan 1) receiving the gift of Bibles from Emanuel.

If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student or older who has not yet received the gift of a Bible from Emanuel, but would like one, please call or email the church office.

## What's 4 Lunch Ladies!

Celebrate  
Christmas at  
CEDAR CREEK  
Wednesday, Dec 7



11:30



RSVP to Jill  
by Dec 1







# Preschool Thanksgiving Feast and Program with Parents



HAPPY Thanksgiving



GRATEFUL Thankful & BLESSED







# JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

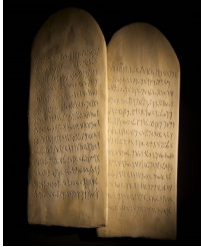
## 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY

### SPECIAL ADVENT GATHERING MONDAY, DEC 19

**Special Advent Gathering -- 9:30—11 am Monday, Dec. 19      Food, Fun and Fellowship**

ALL WOMEN are invited !!!      Bring treats to share as we celebrate Advent together.  
We'll also share with the group some of what we learned from the great Fall study we've just shared.

Each month at Joy Circle we begin with refreshments, but in December we kick it up a notch! Each person is invited to bring something to share with all in attendance. Our fellowship is extended a bit in order to celebrate the birth of our Lord together. In our study we will pick up where we left off in Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith-Creatures. Come join us, even if you've never come before, it is very joyful experience!



## 9:30—11 AM JANUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 20

Join Joy Circle in Moerer Hall for our NEW Winter Bible study starting in January  
**“The Ten Commandments” by the Rev. Christa von Zychilin**

**NEW 4 Session 2023 Winter Bible Study Begins Monday, January 16**

These commandments are more than they appear at first glance.

Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

### January 16 – Session 1 “Dancing the Decalogue (Commandments 1 & 2)

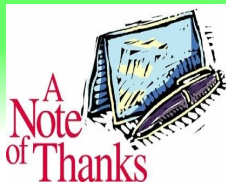
Psalm 19 claims, “The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.” A close reading of the first several commandments opens us to a fresh encounter with the God of fierce, freeing love.

### February 20 – Session 2 “Rhythms and Respect” (Commandments 3 & 4)

Remember the Sabbath and Honor Your Folks. Find out how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

- Bring your Bible and join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in Moerer Hall.
- New to the group?? Email the church office [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org). A copy of the study is emailed the week before.
- If you prefer to join us via Zoom, be sure to call/email the church office ahead of time.

NOTE: refreshments start at 9:30 and we stop for prayer at 11 am



## Thank You . . . from Dan Toussaint

*“Thank you, everyone, for all the beautiful memories that I have of Emanuel, especially our members. Thank you all for over 45 years of blessings that I and my family, wife Lorraine and grandson Jacob, have had all this time.”*

Love, Dan

NOTE: Dan has left the area to live with his grandson Jacob and would love to hear from you. Please contact the church office for Dan's new address. His email and cell phone numbers remain the same.

**You Tube**



**TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO**

- Emanuel's website: <http://elclh.org>
- YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA>
- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>

**Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook.  
Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram  
(emanuellahabra) for upcoming events and information.**



## THANK YOU FOR SERVING CHRIST THROUGH EMANUEL!

*Scripture says that we ARE Christ's body in the world, God's hands and feet.  
God has given ALL of us gifts for ministry and  
when we use those gifts together, God is glorified!*

*Each month we want to lift up a few people in our congregation that have gone  
"the extra mile" in helping us be Christ's Church. Please call or email the  
church office ([churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org)) to suggest  
others who might be thanked in future newsletters!*

### THANK YOU TO . . .

- ~ Rachel and Logan Crabb delivering Trunk or Treat invitations to Emanuel's neighbors
- ~ Jill Drummond for all the ways she gets Emanuel "in the news" on social media! Thanks for re-posting and sharing Mayor Jose Medrano's FB videos singing Emanuel's praises for our community partnerships!
- ~ Jeff and Jack Ward for their work setting up sound for Emanuel's Trunk or Treat AND hours working to repair and re-cement the stairwell railing to Emanuel's preschool
- ~ Sabrina for extra efforts to get Emanuel's office email back up and running while juggling memorial and Sunday bulletins and a myriad of other details as well as planning her own wedding for late November
- ~ Mary Ann Carlson and Susan Wright for their willingness to organize, direct, rehearse and lead the kids in a Christmas musical this December
- ~ For all serving as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers in recent weeks, including: Mary Ann Carlson, James and Carol Crabb, Cheska Cuyno, Chris De La Torre, Jo Ellen Dobson, Bob and Susan Fallon, Keith Kruse, John and Robyn Ospital, Jeanette Parr, Jessica Pisetsky, Doris Rossini, Cindy Reyes, VJ Roberts, Jerry and Cici Schnakenberg, Janine Ward, Rose Ward, Chip and Denise Witcher, Steve and Nancy White
- ~ Ricki Fehr, Jeanette Parr and Sabrina Rubio for mailing out 3rd quarter giving statements and thanks to our Emanuel friends and family
- ~ Dave Pisetsky and Jack Ward for emergency help with sprinklers, campus lighting and Jack's fix for the office restroom
- ~ Susan Morgan for hours offering hospitality, welcome and ushering and for Ricki Fehr (sound), Kevin Wiley and Stephanie Young (music) for Eileen Curwood's Celebration of Life
- ~ All of Emanuel's Prayer Warriors who pray "without ceasing" for needs of members, families and friends
- ~ HAHO and all who donated items for Thanksgiving Meals for veterans served by Patriots and Paws
- ~ Emanuel's amazing preschool staff: Director Jonine Soddors and teachers Tanya Expose and Bradie Noblet for their dedication to our preschool students and their families and Jonine's wonderful decoration of Moerer Hall for Thanksgiving.
- ~Lorrie Freeman volunteering in the church office while Sabrina is away for her wedding
- ~Jonine Soddors and son Jared for their plumbing work updating sink faucets and shut off valves
- ~All supporting Emanuel's preschool See's Candies fundraisers to buy new playground wood chips
- ~Jerry and Jonine for their emergency clean up of overflowing water in the office restroom
- ~ All who donated so generously toward the wedding gift for Sabrina Rubio and her husband



**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

## EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!! Below are 4 ways to give:

- Entryway offering plate
- Mail to the Church Office
- "Giving" link online at [www.elclh.org](http://www.elclh.org)
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- Checks must be made payable to **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (full name written out)
- Checks are to be written using **blue or black ink only** (other colors not acceptable)
- Make sure the **number in the amount is the same as the amount written in words** (\$100.00 = one-hundred and no/100 dollars)
- **Sign Your Check**
- Please indicate in the memo line if the check is for a specific ministry.

Thank you SO MUCH for your assistance. If more convenient, you may also give online through our website ([www.elclh.org](http://www.elclh.org)) under the Giving tab or through text message (see above).

Thank you for your continued generous support through your offerings.

## FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING

**3-4:30 PM TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**NOTE: STUDY BUDDIES WILL TAKE A BREAK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS, RESUMING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.**



Study Buddies, our FREE tutoring program for grades 1-6, meets at Emanuel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library.

Invite a friend or neighbor! Flyers are available at Sunday's Welcome Table.

Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956) **MORE tutors are Needed !!! Will you help ??**

If you'd like to contribute to the fun, they are always in need of snacks for the kids.

Lunch box size bags of chips, water and drink boxes are supplied to our students while they study.



## Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling



Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is enrolling students!

- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are a state licensed, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an atmosphere of love and acceptance in which all children are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.
- Our teachers are dedicated to support and inspire your child's progress.
- Daily activities include motor development, social skills, and language skills to benefit your child at their appropriate level.

If you or someone you know is looking for child care reach out to preschool director Jonine Sadders (562)694-5316 or email [EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com](mailto:EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com)

## ~ PRAYER ~

**GOD'S WORD TELLS US  
IT IS THE MOST  
POWERFUL FORCE GOD  
HAS ENTRUSTED TO US!**



*Have a prayer request for  
yourself or others?*

Call or email the church office and we will share it with Pastor Sandy and the Prayer Team.

*Want to make time to pray  
with others?*

Consider joining the Prayer Group in person in the Youth Room or via Zoom 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday mornings.

*Want to be part of the Prayer Team?*

Contact the church office or Pastor Sandy.

# DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 2022 S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)		January 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	10a Book Club (Z) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6-9:30p AA (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 5:30-9p HOF (H)
4 ADVENT 2 5-7:30a HOF (Y) 9a Sunday School 10a Worship (S) 11a Lunch and Annual Meeting (H) 12:45-7p HOF(S/C/H/Y/1-4) 5p House of Faith (S)	5 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)		6 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/C/Y)	7 9a Bible Study (Z) 11:30p What's 4 Ladies Lunch @ Brea Cedar Creek 6-9p HOF (4) 7:30p Al-Anon ©	8 10a Book Club (Z) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	9 6-10:30p HOF (S) 3-5p Hanging of the Greens (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)
11 ADVENT 3 5-7:30a HOF (Y) 9a Sunday School 10a Worship with Lesson and Carols (S) 12:45-7p HOF(S/C/H/Y/1-4) 5p House of Faith (S)	12 4p Stephen Ministry (C) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	13 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 5:30 p Council Mtg (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	14 "Good News" Deadline" 11a Preschool Brd © 9a Bible Study (Z) 6-9p HOF (4) 7:30p Al-Anon © 6p Preschool Christmas Program (S/H)	15 10a Book Club (Z) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	16 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	17 7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) All Day Kid Choir Set Up (H) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 5:30-9p HOF (H)
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 www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316  
 Al-Anon meets in Moerer Hall Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Mondays & Fridays @ 7:30 pm  
**Legend:** C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room



# PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ DECEMBER 2022

\*\*\* Save this for reference throughout the month. \*\*\*

*In Our Hearts and Prayers*

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12*

## Special Prayer Focus for this Month

As we enter the season of Advent, may God’s Holy Spirit be stirred in us to notice signs of God’s presence and providing at work in us and the people, place and circumstances around us

God’s peace and healing for all struggling in mind, body and spirit. May God surround all in need with encouragement, friendship, patience and the assurance of God’s love and presence.

All grieving losses of every kind and entering the holidays with heavy hearts. May they feel God’s presence, love and comfort

That we will prayerfully anticipate and actively prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts, our lives, our community and world today and every day

## Continuing Prayers

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| ~ Ruth Fehr                 | ~ Jeanette Parr      | ~ Cindy Reyes’ family & friends | ~ Jose    |
| ~ Sharon Frazier            | ~ Dan Toussaint      | ~ Shelley Reesman               | ~ Adam    |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte                     | ~ Bobby   |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler                | ~ Maureen |

## Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

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|--|--------------------------------|----------------|
| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista                | ~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills  | ~ Jean Arata   |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel-Emerald Court    | ~ Dwight Carey |
| ~ Betty Gould – Home                         | ~ Ruth Wolfarth--Emerald Court |                |

## Friends and Family to Remember

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| ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin) | ~ Jet Mulvihill (Jill Drummond great nephew)   |
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)          | ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson)         |
| ~ Arnold and Linda Rubio (Sabrina’s parent)  | ~ Jay recovering after heart transplant        |
| ~ Jesse Valdez                               | ~ George Templeton (Celeste Templeton brother) |
| ~ Family and friends of Marj Dalby           | ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family                    |

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

For the faith and servant’s hearts of Emanuel’s council, leaders, staff, volunteers and Call Team. May God continue to bless and guide us as we strive to be bearers of God’s love and light

Emanuel’s staff, for all the musicians, worship assistants, altar care, sound, video and other volunteers who make it possible for us to worship God in person and online

Thanks for God’s love, comfort, faithfulness and providing! May we live our lives so filled with gratitude that we can’t help but share all God’s blessings with others

For the generosity and selflessness of all who give to God through their time, talents and financial support of Emanuel ministries. May God be glorified as we celebrate 2022 and recommit to growing in faith and pursuing God’s will and purposes in 2023

*If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel’s list, please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656. Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed from the list, or you may remove a name at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you.*





Order your poinsettias now to beautify the altar area at our Christmas worship services. Cost is \$10 each. Orders are due by Monday, December 5, 2022.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving to God for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please list PRINTED names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

If you need a call concerning the information indicated above, please be sure to include your phone number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by December 5, 2022. Please indicate on your check memo line "for poinsettias." Questions? Please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656 or churchinfo@elclh.org



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## December 2022



- |                          |                       |                    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Margaret Roberts       | 16 Keith Kruse        | 24 Linnita Licano  |
| 4 Pat Mutschler          | 16 Jack Ward          | 24 Nancy White     |
| 5 Emily Beard            | 19 Pr. Sandy Bentz    | 25 John Palmer     |
| 6 Leigh Anne Dietrich    | 20 James Crabb        | 26 VJ Roberts      |
| 8 Connie Bogosian        | 20 Isaiah Erickson    | 27 Jake Zoellner   |
| 10 Susan Fallon          | 21 Maggie Will        | 28 Maiju Hessel    |
| 12 Sharon Farrell        | 22 Kerry Ospital      | 30 Wolfgang Hessel |
| 13 Amanda Fitzpatrick    | 22 Ashley Wasson      |                    |
| 14 Christopher DeLaTorre | 23 Denyelle Villicano |                    |



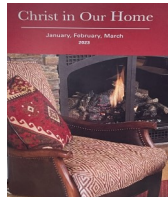
- 18 John & Robyn Ospital  
30 Kenneth & Heather Vernon



**“2nd Mile” Giving for December is:**

*Good Samaritan Fund*

### CHRIST IN OUR HOME JANUARY/FEBRUARY/ MARCH



This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) if you would like a copy mailed to you.

### BIBLE STUDY OF 1 SAMUEL

WED 9-10 AM

**\*\*No experience needed!!\***



It's a fascinating book of scandal, betrayal, murder and redemption. Through Samuel, God's prophet, priest and judge, we meet David (and Goliath) and see the rise and fall of King Saul, Israel's first king.

Call or email the church office at [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) to receive the Zoom link. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

### ?? Bible Quiz ??

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_ in the (3)\_\_\_\_, and the (3)\_\_\_\_ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5)

### BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM THURSDAYS 10 AM



Join us as we study *In His Steps*, by Charles M. Sheldon, a Christian classic that could change your faith.

To receive the weekly Zoom link so you can join the group, call or email the church office. ([churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org))

# Kid's Korner

## Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.



## Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



### WORD BANK

Shepherds  
Child  
Nazareth  
Census  
Baby  
David  
Mary  
Travel  
Town  
Register  
Born  
Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
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O	A	N	D	B	E	C	H	I	L	D	N	Z	F	A
A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
T	R	A	V	E	L	J	C	H	V	O	Z	G	N	H
F	B	Q	I	W	D	X	P	T	E	N	A	O	L	Q
Z	C	R	D	Q	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	V
R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior