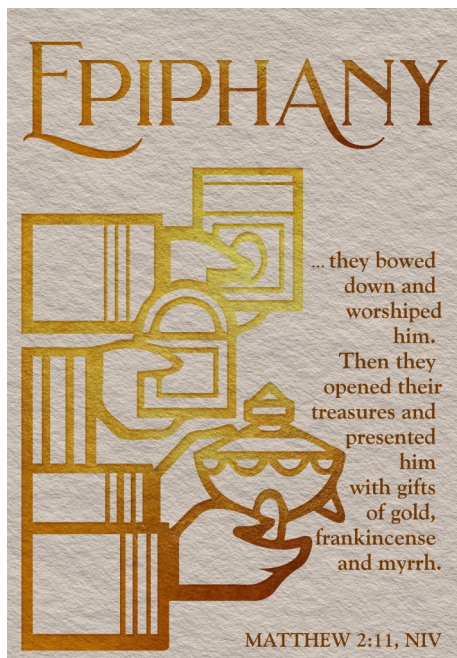


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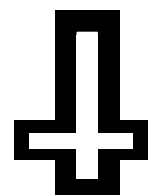
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Sodders
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
Website: www.elch.org



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



As the new year begins, I can't help but give thanks for all of God's blessings that have filled the last almost 19 months of my time with all of you here at Emanuel. It has been my joy and privilege to have shared ministry with you as God prepares you to welcome and partner with a new "settled" pastor in the coming year. And while neither you nor I know God's timing or what the future holds, knowing the ONE who holds our future can give us courage and fill us with joyful expectation of what's ahead . . .

Transitions can create anxiety, but they can also create energy for trying new things. Together we have worshipped and prayed, read and studied the Bible, shared laughter and tears and held hands in hospital rooms as well as living rooms. With the Transition Team we've celebrated and explored Emanuel's history so that you might better discern who you are and where God might be leading you in the months and years ahead. With the council, you've begun looking at stewardship – not just the importance of everyone's shared financial support of ministry, but also how God has called every person here at Emanuel to be God's hands, feet and voices, united in loving and serving God and your neighbor. Be assured: as you step out in faith and focus even more on going OUT into the community to build deeper and more lasting relationships with your neighbors, God's kingdom WILL grow and Emanuel's ministry WILL flourish. It's only when we turn inward, toward ourselves and our own comfort, that ministry dies.

For the Wise Men to follow the star, they had to step out in faith and leave the comfort of what was familiar. And it was then that they discovered the new things God was up to in the world and in them. Imagine what they would have missed if they hadn't set out on the journey to meet God's Son. Imagine all the people – people like you and me—who might NOT have heard the good news of Jesus' birth, who might not have come to know Emanuel – God with us!

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.

Forgive often. Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



As the new year begins, may we BE Christ's Church in new ways! Let's look around for what God is up to in some unlikely places and among people we may not have noticed before. May we LOVE God and LOVE our neighbors and LOVE ourselves as God loves us – completely, unconditionally and sacrificially. Let's take some risks and open ourselves to being changed by the power of God set loose in the world and in the church and in us! Let's LOVE and LIVE like JESUS!

In God's Gracious Grip,
Pastor Sandy

**Help with
"Unhanging of the
Greens"**

3-5 pm Monday,
January 9.

THANK YOU . . .

for your birthday wishes, and for the Christmas notes, cards, goodies and to all who contributed toward the generous financial gifts for all of Emanuel's staff for Christmas. Your love and appreciation is an encouragement and blessing to all of us.

In God's Gracious Grip,
Pastor Sandy



—Jeremiah 29:11

Call Team Update

WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

Thank you for your continued prayers as we trust God to bring us together with the pastor God desires for us. While we wait with joyful anticipation for God's timing and plan to unfold, we are reminded that God has entrusted Emanuel's ministry to all of us. May we continue to be the loving, inviting, welcoming and serving community of faith God calls us to be. And may the new year bring us closer to welcoming our new pastor and partner in serving Christ and our community!

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

Thank You from the Newlyweds!



"From the bottom of our hearts thank you ALL for lovely gift that the congregation blessed us with for our wedding. We are so thankful and can't express how much all of your prayers, kind words and love everyone has expressed to us as we embark on our newly marriage. We are blessed to have all the wonderful people at Emanuel in our lives!" - The Garcia's

Just married!

Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition
Give Blood

Emanuel Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Location: Moerer Hall
150 N. Palm Street
La Habra, CA 90631

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FACE MASKS ARE SUGGESTED WHILE INSIDE THE BLOOD DRIVE ROOM
Please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code "EMANUELLC" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
Picture ID required.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

What's 4 Lunch Ladies!

Join us at Marie Callender's Whittier Blvd Wednesday, Jan 11



11:30

RSVP to Jill or Sharon by January 8

WARNING

The city of La Habra has notified us of road work near Emanuel beginning 12/19 and lasting 2-3 weeks. While they hope to minimize inconvenience, the Monday-Friday work may involve temporary closures of some roads and driveways while they repair concrete and pavement.



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

10 am New Years

10 am Epiphany

9 & 10:45 am TWO worship services resume



January 1

January 8

January 15

January 22

January 29

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1,4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR HAHO TEAM! 2023 WILL BE AWESOME!

REACHING OUT IN OUR OWN LA HABRA COMMUNITY

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

December, 2022 – Angel Tree for WINGS Shelter, for victims of domestic violence. We had 6 families with 19 family members represented. As always, Emanuel exceeded all expectations. We could barely get all of the gifts into Jo Ellen Dobson’s Excursion. The people who sponsor the WINGS shelter were overwhelmed.

FOOD FOR OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

We have become aware of an opportunity in our community to help feed even more people. First Lutheran Church in Fullerton sponsors a food bank each week in addition to providing a free meal every Tuesday evening at “THE TABLE”. Emanuel will partner with them on the food bank and will be encouraging our members to provide food directly and we will purchase additional items from the monetary gifts given to HAHO. Our plan is deliver these items to First Lutheran on the last week of each month. They feed hundreds of our neighbors every week!

Here are the specific requested items: (Packages designed for families)

- 1 or 2 pound bags of rice (they use 100 every week)
- 12 – 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter (crunchy preferred)
- 12 – 16 oz. packages of any variety of pasta
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Shelf stable milk (almond or soy – no refrigeration required)



Please keep this list handy and consider this when shopping and bring your items the last Sunday of every month and place in the food cart in the narthex.

In addition, as you are able, 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 at the Gary Center by Ricki Fehr every week.

CARING FOR OUR DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS:

Pastor Shane Freiberg is an ELCA Navy Chaplain deployed in Japan. Many of our service people don’t receive packages from home. It would be a blessing to make them feel cared about. In February, we plan to prepare care packages to send to these service members. Here are the items requested.

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|-----------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Candy | Beef Jerky | Hand Sanitizer | Deodorant |
| Trail Mix | Socks | Toothbrushes | Toothpaste |
| Floss | Soap | A Note | |

*****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*****

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Jeanette Parr
Facilitator

**The next HAHO meeting is
10 am SATURDAY, February 11.
*** We would love to have you there! *****



FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School January Schedule

Sunday School resumes meeting at 10 am January 15 after our New Year festivities. We'll continue learning about when Jesus was born and why they traveled to Egypt (Luke 1:26-58; 2:1-20). Visitors are always welcome!

On Sunday, January 8, Sunday School kids are asked to meet in Moerer Hall at 9:30 am; they'll sing at the 10 am worship service!!

"Rockin' Royal Christmas" Play

We thank all our students who participated in our musical play. They did a great job, and we learned the Holy Scripture proved that Jesus is indeed the King of Kings. We thank Mary Ann Carlson, Susan Wright, Cindy Reyes, Susan Fallon and Francis Cuyno for helping with our play rehearsals and working out details for this presentation. We are so blessed to have dedicated volunteers.

Angel Tree

Children gave generously as we collected donations for buying gifts for children at the Wings shelter. We gave two gifts. One for a 10 year old boy, and the other for a 6-year-old girl. Our students discovered that when we give offerings, it goes to help others, even kids their own ages.

Offerings

During January, offerings will be used to reach out and help others in special ways. The kids will be choosing where they would like their offering to be used.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring

Study Buddies resumes on January 10 after the Christmas break. We continue to fill the library room with happy kids! Thankful to God to have each of them every week. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel families. Invite your friends! Talk to Jill Drummond for details.

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

Parish Ed Team

Thank you for participating in the "Hanging of the Greens" and making our church look beautiful.

Pictured: Mary Ann Carlson, Pat Sheridan, Ricki Fehr, Phil with Celeste Templeton, Bob Fallon, John & Robyn Ospital. Not pictured: Jeff & Kerry Ospital, Rozlyn Sheridan.



Thank you to the following for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Emanuel:

John and Robyn Ospital
Jeanette Parr
Jerry and Cici Schnakenberg
Jack and Janine Ward

Because of their generosity and others through the year, Emanuel received \$ 2,289 during 2022.



Thank you Thrivent for the thoughtful Christmas basket!

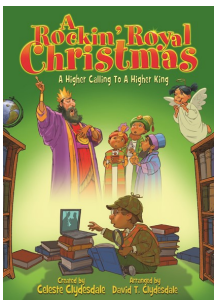
God's Blessings to Winston Young receiving a Bible from Emanuel at 10 am worship Sunday, January 1



If you have a 3rd 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.

Thank You from Marjorie Dalby's Family

"Dear Pastor Sandy– Thank you so much for your beautiful message at our mothers service & the beautiful floral arrangement(from Emanuel). She will be missed. God Bless. Love the Dalby family."



A Rockin' Royal Christmas

Presented by Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School
and youth



Lessons and Carols



Preschool Christmas Program



Fun December Ladies lunch at Fratellino's Italian Restaurant. Won't you join us this month!

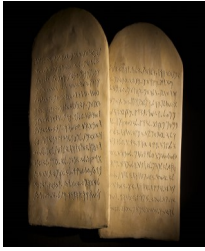


JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY

NEW STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, JAN 16

“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 3rd Monday of each month in Moerer Hall.
- New to the group?? Email the church office 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 & we stop for prayer at 11 am



Thank YOU, Emanuel, for gifts given to our ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response! Year to date in 2022 we have GENEROUSLY sent \$5,975 to help our neighbors in need. Of that amount, \$5,690 was specifically dedicated to respond to desperate needs in Ukraine.

The ELCA Director of Mission Funding wrote to us . . .

“You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love. . . Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disaster . . . enabling people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.”

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) to suggest
others who might be thanked in future newsletters!*

THANK YOU TO . . .

- ~ All serving as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers through Advent and Christmas, including Mary Ann Carlson, Gabriele Carey, Bob and Susan Fallon, Mary Jo and Nate Herman, Martha Klassen, John Mathiesen, Susan Morgan, John and Robyn Ospital, Jeanette Parr, Jessica Pisetsky, Cindy Reyes, Geoffrey Roberts, VJ Roberts, Doris Rossoni, Janine Ward, Rose Ward
- ~ Emanuel's newest Church Council leaders Kevin Garcia and Kerry Ospital, as well as retiring council member Carol Crabb and those continuing to serve God and Emanuel on council: Jerry Schnakenberg, Carl Pulley, Ricki Fehr, Marsha Maynard, Susan Wright
- ~ All who helped with the "Hanging of the Greens" decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season
- ~ Jill Drummond for her persistence and leadership in gathering all for the What's 4 lunch, ladies? group lunches
- ~ Jack and Jeff Ward and Jerry Schnakenberg for help with roofing issues
- ~ All who helped with Emanuel's annual meeting and lunch, especially Kerry Ospital for taking minutes at the annual meeting, Carol and James Crabb for welcoming everyone at the sign-in table, Ricki Fehr and Jeanette Parr for the centerpieces gifted to the Transition Team, and Robyn and John Ospital and Janine Ward for coordinating the food, set up and clean up.
- ~ John Ospital, Jerry Schnakenberg and all who helped with mopping, etc., after rain and water in Moerer Hall and Jeff Ward, before Christmas Eve worship.
- ~ All of Emanuel's Prayer Warriors who pray many times daily for needs of Emanuel members, families and friends
- ~ HAHO and all who donated gifts for the WINGS domestic violence shelter through Emanuel's Angel Tree
- ~ Lorrie Freeman volunteering in the church office while Sabrina celebrated her wedding
- ~ Jonine Soddors, Preschool Director, and teachers Ms. Bradie and Ms. Tanya, for loving our students and blessing their families with such a meaningful preschool Christmas program. Thanks to Jack Ward for providing sound and recording support. It was a beautiful evening with amazing decorations for memory-making pictures with Emanuel's special guest from the North Pole.
- ~ Mary Ann Carlson, Frances Cuyano, Susan Fallon, Cindy Reyes and Susan Wright for leading our Sunday School and for all their efforts planning the program, supporting and leading rehearsals, creating the sets, preparing the gift bags and blessing our children and congregation with an unforgettable children's Christmas program. And for extra help with video and sound by Jack Ward.
- ~ Special thanks to our youth Maggie Diaz, Zoe Harris, Arianna Hermann and Luke Ospital; The Christmas program wouldn't have happened without you!

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
- 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) 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

~ 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 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.

JANUARY 2023

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 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

For us to carry the Spirit of Christmas – love, generosity, humility, curiosity – into this new year. May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi and the peace of the Christ child

God’s wisdom, timing and direction for Emanuel’s Call Team and Council to bring us together with the pastor God desires at Emanuel

God’s Holy Spirit would be stirred in every one of God’s children at Emanuel that we would each find new ways to share God’s love with the people around us with courage and boldness

Continuing Prayers

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| ~ Ruth Fehr | ~ V.J. | ~ Stephanie Young | ~ Jose |
| ~ Sharon Frazier | ~ Dan Toussaint | ~ Shelley Reesman | ~ Adam |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte | ~ Bobby ~ David |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler | ~ Diana |

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 – St. Elizabeth’s Rehab, Fullerton | ~ 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) |
| ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family | ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family ~ “Mo” & Andy |

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Praise God and thank you for the outpouring of generous financial gifts the last month of 2022 that have significantly reduced Emanuel’s deficit!

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 the joyous Advent and Christmas worship shared online and in person. Special thanks for all involved with our worship planning, preparation and leading, especially all who worked behind the scenes: our sound and video crew, altar guild, greeters, ushers, readers, check-in crew and all who helped “hang the greens”.

For Emanuel’s church and preschool staff who support all of us in sharing our gifts as we serve Christ and our neighbor and lead ministry together

For Church Council, Call Team, ministry leaders throughout Emanuel who often serve God quietly, humbly and sacrificially, always seeking to glorify God and not themselves

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.

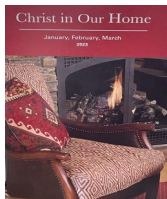
Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 2023



"2nd Mile" Giving for January is
Church Campus Beautification

CHRIST IN OUR HOME JANUARY/FEBRUARY/ MARCH NOW AVAILABLE



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 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 to receive the Zoom link. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.



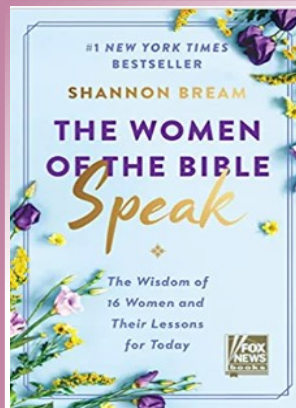
Bible Quiz

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

****NEW** Book Starts**
Thursday January 12

Join us as we begin The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today by Shannon Bream.

You can purchase a copy at Amazon or Target for \$14.

Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org (562) 691-0656 to receive the weekly zoom link.

Kid's Korner

Story stones



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



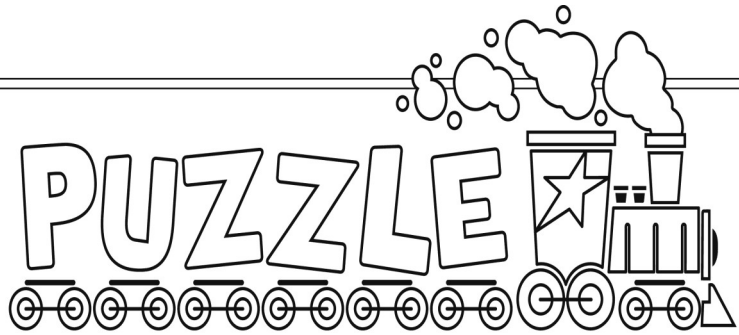
What you need:

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

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior