

The Good News

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Then Jesus said,
"Come to me,
all of you who are
weary and carry
heavy burdens,
and I will
give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28



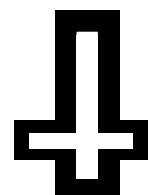
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM
PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Sodders
Spanish Worship is offered at 1:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
Website: www.elch.org



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

On a survey at the end of our worship service on July 2, 80% of the respondents said that if there was one service year 'round, they would be in favor of a blended service. The respondents were from both the traditional worship service and the praise service.

Comments heard every Sunday morning since we began one service this summer have included, "isn't it nice having a fuller congregation and getting to see everybody." People who have worshipped at one service or the other in the past, have commented that the performance of the music is so good, even if the particular kind of music might not be the person's first choice.

One more observation: since we've been having one worship service which brings together two worship services, there is a feeling of vitality and life among the worshippers in the congregation. Personally, I see this during the Greeting of Peace when there is something of a peace-filled riot taking place.

Finally, I ask, what is more appealing to a visitor: a congregation of 35 or 40 people in worship, or a united congregation with double that number and a broad representation of generations present?

You might recall that the Sunday when the survey was introduced, I said that I had no agenda regarding a change to worship. I was interested in people's feelings about where we are as a congregation regarding worship in a post-covid environment. The strength of the response to coming together for blended worship was too significant to ignore. In regards to the preference for the worship time, 10 am was selected by most of the respondents.

The Church Council looked at the survey, shared other comments heard in the recent past and considered what would be best and most desirable for the congregation. It was decided to continue with our blended worship service at 10 am even after summer is over.

We all respect the fact that there are a few people who would prefer to have two services as before. We sincerely pray that you will understand the reasons for the continuation of one service and the part that the decision plays for our future ministry together at Emanuel. Feel free to address any questions or comments you might have about this decision to the church council or me.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



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 Soddors (562) 694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com.



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!

The Sunday School offering for the last few months has been generously given for this Food Bank.

A special thanks to AJ Ward for creating this poster and flyers to share in the community, as well as sharing with the Sunday School Children.

HAHO will help with food prep, food purchase, registration, greeting, etc. at the VBS Compassion Day camp on Saturday, July 29.

Do you know of a worthwhile project or need within our community? Please let us know! We thank all of the Emanuel members for continuing your love and support for our neighbors in this community!

**The next HAHO meeting is
SATURDAY, August 26 at 10 am.
*** We would love to have you there! *****

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



Food Donation

**DROP FOOD OFF AT
EMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OFFICE**

150 N Palm St, La Habra, CA 90631
Office Hours: 9-2:30 Mon-Thurs or Sunday
from 10:00-12:00

Please help donate canned items to The Caring Hands Food Bank. Just in June, they served 453 households, 506 children, 870 adults and 348 seniors. They serve in Brea, Fullerton, and La Habra.

They are currently in need of pasta and sauce, 1 or 2 pounds of bagged rice, plastic jars of peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, pinto beans and shelf stable milk.

Please bring whatever you can and make a difference in your community!



Luille's BBQ

1639 E. Imperial Hwy Brea
Corner Imperial Hwy/Associated Rd

"What's4LunchLadies?!"

Friday, August 11th

11:30 am

RSVP by the 8th!

~ 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.

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION



Come join Sunday School in-person each Sunday at 11:00 AM!
Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall
Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School

Come join us and worship with your kids at 11:00 am. We are having a “Children’s Table” set up during coffee hour instead of a formal Sunday School class during the summer break. The kids look forward to being creative with each activity. Come let your kids explore different art mediums as they experience and learn about God’s love. Each week is a different activity.

Offering

Our summer offering is going toward donating food for people who are in our communities! Donations will be delivered to the Food Bank at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton. Students can bring pasta, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, rice or money which will be used to buy these items. We love the spirit of giving to others in need.

Vacation Bible School Day Camp--Saturday, July 29th

“Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness” At this writing, we are busy finalizing the last minute planning for this Day Camp. Next month we will share with you the details of how everything went.

This one-day camp will be filled with games, music, and an adventure with Elijah in the wilderness (1Kings 19:4-8). We will hear about how God has compassion for us, and how we can focus on having compassion for ourselves and others through creative activities, yoga and crafts. By demonstrating compassion towards us, it enables us to thrive and open ourselves to other people’s needs. Compassion Camp’s goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves and the world.

We thank all the youth and adults who have volunteered to help with this special Day Camp.

Study Buddies Tuesday, September 12!

We will resume in September after the students have returned back to school and back into the homework routine.

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

Parish Ed Team

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.**

VBS 2023



Blood Drive....



On July 24, Emanuel held another blood drive for the American Red Cross.

Thank you John Ospital for coordinating these drives, and a BIG thanks to our community and the following Emanuel donors:

- Jill Drummond
- Susan Fallon
- Marsha Maynard
- Robyn Ospital
- Jeanette Parr
- Jonine Soddors
- Celeste Templeton
- Jeff Ward
- Steve White
- Chip Witcher

We collected 15 units of blood which will save many lives at this critical time of need.



JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Summer Study "Salvation Now" by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen



Session Three: Needed Salvation Now—A World Wanting Wellness

Anyone who's been to a sports game knows John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Lesser known is John 3:17, which states: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved (σωθή sōth, from the root soteria) through him." In this session, we'll explore John's commitment to service, how we as Christians see the needs of a hurting world, and how because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, we are compelled to follow Jesus into the need now.

- Bring your Bible and join us the 3rd Monday of each month in the Library
- 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

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
- 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.

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~



August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

1 King 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



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@elch.org) to suggest others who might be thanked in future newsletters!

THANK YOU TO . . .

- ~ All serving as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers, sound booth, the chancel choir and the praise band
- ~ Janine Ward for leading Joy Circle every month
- ~ Pastor Laherty for visiting our shut-ins and bringing them communion
- ~ Thanks to Sabrina for all of her help in keeping us organized and going above and beyond
- ~ Thanks to Jonine Soddors, our Pre-School Director, for all of the work she does on campus for the Pre-School and the Congregation on the schoolyard, the grounds, keeping us informed of problems, etc.
- ~ Mary Ann Carlson, Kristen Garcia Cindy Reyes and Susan Wright for organizing our VBS camp
- ~ Jill Drummond and Sharon Frazier for organizing What's 4 Lunch Ladies each month
- ~ Thanks to Robyn Ospital and her "posse" for always stepping in for Emanuel family events and meals, even on short notice
- ~ Stephanie Young for always picking our weekly music and leading our worship services
- ~ All the volunteers who help make our yearly VBS camp successful and fun for all the children
- ~ John Ospital for organizing our blood drive that save countless lives
- ~ Jill Drummond for organizing and prepping for Study Buddies to come back this fall

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING RESUMES SEPTEMBER 12 TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM



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.



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 and drink boxes are supplied to our students while they study.

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

Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956).



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www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316
SUNDAY WORSHIP: Traditional 9:00 a.m. • Praise 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
At-Anon meets in Moerer Hall Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm; AA meets in Moerer Hall Mondays @ 7:30 pm and Fridays @ 8:00 pm.
Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library;
 S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom



In Our
Hearts
& Prayers

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ AUGUST 2023

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

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ 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. Roberts | ~ Stephanie Young |
| ~ Sharon Frazier | ~ Dan Toussaint | ~ Shelley Reesman |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler |

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 | |
| ~ Ruth Wolfarth | | |

Friends and Family to Remember

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| ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin) | ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson) |
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Jesse Valdez |
| ~ Martyn Family | ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family |
| ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family | ~ "Mo" & Andy |
| ~ Diana Holzendorff and family | |

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ 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
- ~ For God's blessings on Emanuel's VBS Compassion Day Camp and all who helped prepare ahead of time and that day to make it such a love-filled day for all involved! May all involved feel and share God's compassion, grace and mercy.
- ~ For teachers, administrators and all school staff, students and their families as they return to school and in person learning. May they be safe and feel God's love and presence going with and before them. May they grow in knowledge and especially in compassion, empathy and lovingkindness toward friend and stranger.
- ~ For Church Council, 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

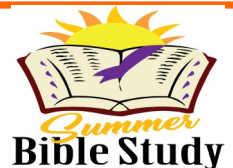
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BIBLE STUDY OF MARK

WED 9-10 AM

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

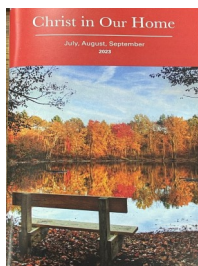


Mark's Gospel is a narrative proclamation that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, whose death and resurrection paid the penalty for our sins and achieved victory over Satan, sin, and death. With this joyful announcement comes the call to all believers for faith and cross-bearing discipleship

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

CHRIST IN OUR HOME JULY/AUG/ SEP 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.



**The 2nd Mile Giving
Envelope for August is:**

*Lutheran Retreat,
Camps & Conferences*

Kid's Korner



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV

Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.

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PROVERBS 2:3-5, NIV

Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV