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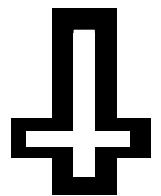
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DATED MATERIAL
 Please Deliver by 2nd or
 3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 AM
 11:00 AM
PASTOR:
 Dennis Laherty
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
 Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316
 150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631
Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Have you ever heard of Music Therapy? It is a professional field much like other helpful therapies for people needing to address an issue in life. It seems to be based heavily on the idea that people relate points in life to a musical piece. The music could be from any or every genre. It can be a piece that was heard once or was heard many times. It can be music that in some way has connected an event in a person's life. When it is heard by the person, there can be any number of reactions from feeling good to being sad or crying or having a moment of anger. Music Therapy is a fascinating concept. Over the years I have experienced the effects of a piece of music in such a way. It is certainly at the very least a starting point for discussion if that's the person's choice.

I believe there are numerous hymns and songs sung at a worship service that can elicit the same kinds of responses. With many, there can be a spiritual dimension that might not necessarily be a part of Music Therapy, although that too is a possibility. I believe we have feelings when a particular hymn or song is sung that touches our relationship to God. Actually, it's for this reason that hymnody and song has been such a significant part of worship for centuries.

Over the next few Sundays, be aware of the feelings you might have during a hymn or song. What feeling do you have? Do you recall the first time you heard the particular piece? Does it bring back good or sad memories? Do you take the hymn or song at face value as if it's never been a part of your life? I am not asking you to overanalyze a hymn or song. Perhaps being aware of the possibilities will enhance your hearing even more for a more fruitful worship service.

I'll conclude by including the third verse of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee." The music is from Beethoven's 9th Symphony. The words are by Henry van Dyke.

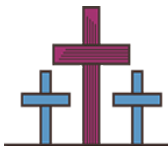
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Pastor Dennis Laherty

ASH

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday with
imposition of ashes.
7p.m. in the Sanctuary on
February 14th



**Mid-Week Lenten
Worship
on Zoom 7p.m.
On Wednesdays
during Lent. Zoom
link will be emailed by
Wednesday morning.**



Dr. Ron Baesler...



Will join us during our
Book Group meeting
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 at
1:00 pm
to talk about his TWO newest books.
Please Join Us in the Library!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



El Ranchito



Whats 4 Lunch Ladies!
Friday, February 23 at 11:30 AM

1351 S. Beach Blvd.
La Habra (across from
Sam's Club)



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

**5 Epiphany
February 4**

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11,20c
1 Cor. 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11**

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

**1 Lent
February 18**

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

**2 Lent
February 25**

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

February is already upon us and as we reflect on Valentine’s Day, we encourage you to share God’s love with those less fortunate.

ST. JUDE’S CLOSET

As you have been told, several bags of warm clothing were collected and delivered to St. Jude’s Clothes Closet for homeless patients who come through the ER. As of this morning, January 15, we have continued to receive three to four times as many bags as we originally delivered! This is an amazing outpouring of generosity toward the homeless in this community.

FOOD COLLECTION

HAHO will continue to collect food for distribution to seniors, young families and students in our area. We do this through working with First Lutheran in Fullerton. To update you on some changes to the list of needed items, there are new lists at the Welcome Table. They badly need cereal, canned corn, condiments and sauces, **ONLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS. NO GLASS JARS PLEASE.** For the time being, they are well stocked with pasta, rice and beans.

PATHWAYS OF HOPE

At January’s meeting, it was decided that we will partner with Pathways of Hope, an organization serving the North Orange County area. We have chosen to help by seeking donations of different hygiene items each month for those families struggling, though housed, not homeless. More information will be given as each month we zero in on a specific request.

As always, we do not want to overwhelm you with requests. **“PICK YOUR PASSION”!** We ask that you give when and if you are able to the place where the Spirit leads you. And we thank each and every one of you who picks up a food item when you shop or respects the desire to be clean when the cost of shampoo is a hardship, or wants others to be warm! Giving is a gift to the giver as well as the receiver! We encourage you to join us or suggest outreach ideas at any time. The next meeting date will be held in March with the date to be announced.





February, 2024-From the Board of Parish Education
Sunday School meets each Sunday at 11:00 AM in Moerer Hall!

Sunday School: Sunday School is held weekly for Preschool through 6th grade. Visitors are always welcome! We have learned about Simeon and Anna and the baptism of our Lord. We made a dove with wings from a coffee filter to help us remember that God sent the Holy Spirit to each of us. Since God calls each of us by name, we played a fun “Name Game” to see if we could remember different names. Stories are read from the Sparks Story Bible.

Offerings: Our students would like their offering to go toward helping the environment by keeping the oceans clean and providing the Humane Society with the items that they greatly need. They had many ideas of how we can help in these areas. We have researched each area, and they are eager to reach out and help in special ways. God calls us to take care of our world.

Study Buddies: Study Buddies is off to a great start in 2024! Our students arrived with smiles on their faces eager to work on their homework and see everyone again. They look forward to the snacks and going to the prize box each time they come. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family. Invite your friends! Talk to Jill Drummond for details.

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt: The date has been set for this event to be on Saturday, March 23, which is Palm Sunday weekend. We need some fun crafts for the children and adults to take part in. Mark your calendars! More information will follow. Come join us! Please pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults.
Parish Education Team





THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who donated clothing for the Clothes Closet at St. Jude. About 15 bags and 8 boxes of clothing were delivered in two trips.

Thanks to Sharon Frazier, Todd Frazier, Janine Ward, Jeanette Parr, Mary Ann Carlson, and Jo Ellen Dobson for helping deliver.

Thank you to all those who serve in worship as communion servers, check-in people, greeters, ushers, and readers.

Thank you to all those who bring treats on Sunday to share after worship and for help cleaning up.

Thank you to the team who put up and decorated our new Christmas tree, decorated the sanctuary, and subsequently took it all down.

Thanks to John Ospital, Robyn Ospital, Jeff Ospital, Kerry Ospital, Mary Ann Carlson, Celeste Templeton, Bob Fallon, Susan Fallon, Susan Morgan, and Ricki Fehr.

Thanks to all who participated in the special worship services during December, especially our Sunday School program, led by Mary Ann Carlson, Cindy Reyes, Susan Fallon, Susan Wright, the Lessons and Carols by the Chancel Choir, the Praise Band, the handbell choir and readers Geoff Roberts and Jeanette Parr.

Thank you to all the participants in our potlucks, including set up, cooking, clean-up and take down.



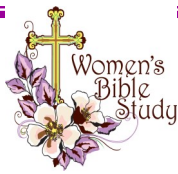


Big Thanks!

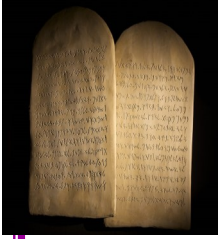
On January 18th, Emanuel held another successful blood drive for American Red Cross. Thank you John Ospital for organizing these drives. To our community, a BIG thank you to you all. A special thank you to BSF for contributing 15 units of blood.

Our Next blood drive will be **Monday July 22 from 12pm-6pm** in Moerer Hall.





COME JOIN US AT JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FEBRUARY 19TH 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY



Happy New Year to all Emanuel women. This is the perfect time to give this group a try! We meet the third Monday of every month. We begin at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments and coffee and conclude at 11:00 a.m. There is no advance preparation as copies of the Bible Study are available when you arrive, and sent in advance for those who want to look ahead. The Studies are taken from the ELCA Gather Magazine.

Give it a try, it is truly a time of easy discussion without any pressure at all. Praying we will have many more join us in 2024! Call JoEllen Dobson or Janine ward with question.

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING 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 small water bottles 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).

~ 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.

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.

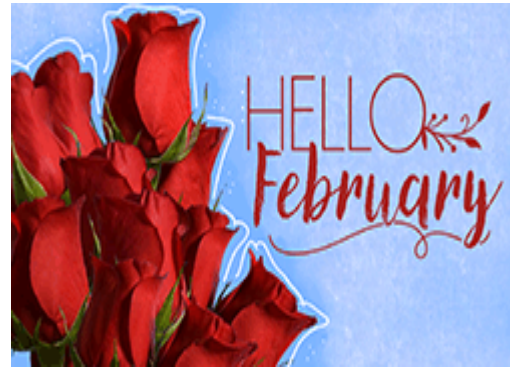
Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now
Enrolling students!



- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are 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



HELP WITH EMANUEL'S SOUND & AUDIO VISUAL TEAMS

Help with video recording as well as running sound/PowerPoint is needed:

Sound – talk with Jack Ward (562-201-9168) to help with 10:45 sound. Talk with Geoffrey Roberts to help with the 9AM service. Keep them “company” in the sound booth and see how it's done!

Video Recording – talk or sit with Kerry Ospital, Ricki Fehr or Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

**Call or email the church office
(562-691-0656, churchinfo@elclh.org).**

**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.

St. Jude's Closet

St. Jude Medical Center has a community closet that supplies clothes to patients and homeless in need. Emanuel, through HAHO, has decided to take on the task of helping to keep that closet stocked. Here's where you can help. Check your closets for the following items you aren't using and bring them to church – gently used, please. A collection box will be available in the narthex.



They are in HIGH need of the following:

Men's pants sizes 28-34 and 44-48. Men's shirts sizes M, XXL

Men's jackets sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Women's pants sizes 20+

Women's sneakers sizes 8 and above / Tube socks

Men's sneakers sizes 10 and above / Tube socks

They have an ongoing need for the following:

Men's and Women's casual clothing (gently used, no stains or holes)

Men's & Women's jackets/coats (Men's are in high demand)

Undergarments (new only)

Belts/Scarves/mittens/beanies/backpacks/totes/ponchos (no wallets or purses please)

Shoes (Men's are in high demand)

Also, if you have crutches, walkers, canes, or manual wheel chairs you no longer need, they will be glad to take them. A tax donation letter is available upon request.

This project is being coordinated through HAHO. If you have questions, please call Sharon or Jeanette.



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.
They serve people in need in North Orange County.

Currently In Need Of:

Sauces and
Condiments (no
glass please)
Cereal
Canned Vegetables

Will Always Take:

Peanut butter
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Tuna/Chicken
Rice/Beans/Pasta





PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ FEBRUARY 2024

*** 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

~ Lord God, Creator of all things. Thank You for this new month that You have given me...a new month in which to start fresh. Thank You, that You have the ability – and the desire – to wipe my slate clean. Thank You that forgiveness is there for the asking and You are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Your Word says, “Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.”

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 | ~ Jean Arata |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court |

Friends and Family to Remember

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


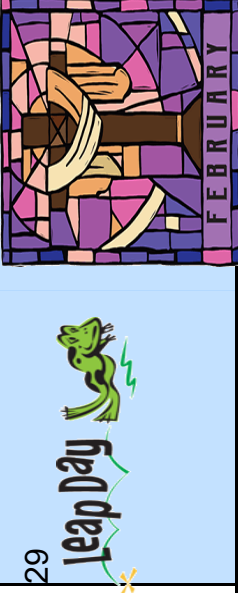
Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ Prayers for Ruth Wolfarth’s family. Funeral will be held on February 17th 2024
- ~ For all God’s blessings, those we see and so many big and small ways God provides for our needs, often before we even know our need
- ~ Thank You, God, for those who are here to share these blessings this month, for the generosity of our hosts that make this possible. Bless those who are here and those who are in our hearts, and all those who are not as fortunate.
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

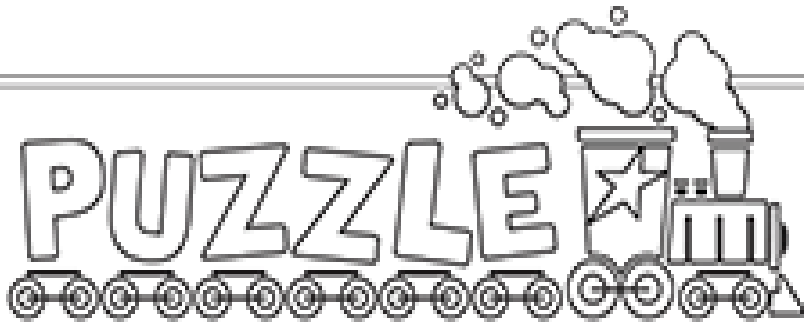
If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel’s list, please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656. Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed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

FEBRUARY 2024



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Kid's Korner



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command is this:
- d. And over all these virtues put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what great
- g. There is no fear in



- 1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one then this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.