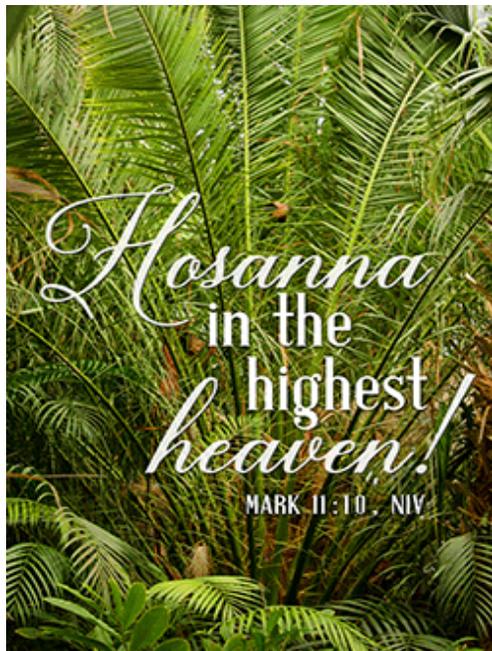


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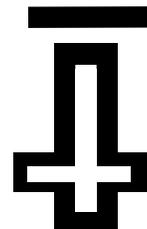
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Praise Service

Children's Sunday School:

PASTOR:

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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:

Jonine Sadders
Dennis M. Lahrty
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10:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



“Without the Resurrection, the Cross is only tragic defeat; without the Cross, the Resurrection is only a romantic dream of life without end.”- Philip H. Pfatteicher

This newsletter will presumably find you sometime during the first week of March, but I wanted to take a moment and look at the last week of this month, the week we call Holy Week. Each day is a piece of the story, our story, and each day builds on the others.

March 25th - Palm Sunday: We stand on the steps of the narthex, we wave our palm crosses, we reenact the parade of the citizens who shouted praises of “Hosanna, Hosanna!” But, those cheers of celebration quickly turn into jeers of disgust, and those palms were burned down to make the ashes that covered our foreheads at the beginning of this Lenten journey. This is a day of fleeting celebration.

March 29th - Maundy Thursday: This night is the beginning of the end it seems. On this night we remember the final meal that Jesus had with his disciples and we participate in that meal along with the whole company of saints who have gone before us. On this night we remember Christ’s humility when he, the suffering servant, lowered himself to wash the feet of his disciples. And on this night we remember his mandate that we are called to live as people of faith, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

March 30th - Good Friday: Today is the day the Lord died. Today is the day we nailed Christ to his Cross. Today is the day that we shared in with crowd of people and turned our praises of “Hosanna” into vile shouts of “Crucify him, Crucify him!” Today is the day that the heavens were torn in two. Today is the day Jesus forgave the thief on the cross. Today is the day that Christ destroyed all of our sin, not by a glorious victory but by a disgraceful death. This is the day the Lord died.

March 31st - The Day of Waiting: On this day we have no worship service at Emanuel, we have no celebration, no hymns, no prayers. This is the liminal time, after the devastation of the crucifixion but before the joy of the resurrection. This is the great day of anticipation.

April 1st - Easter Sunday: Early in the morning, Peter and Mary and the other disciples arrive at the grave to find something more remarkable than Jesus’ miracles, more moving than his preaching to the multitudes, more shocking than his claim to be the Son of God...they found the tomb empty! This is what we have been waiting for, this is what all of Christ’s teaching and preaching have lead up to. This is why we gather week after week as resurrection people. Today is the day that Christ, who has already conquered and forgiven all our sin, now turns towards death and says, “No! For me and my beloved, death does not get the final word.” This is the day of promise; this is the day of Good News.

Pastor Cate Luehr

Thrivent Financial Events

On Saturday, March 17, from 9:00-12:00PM, Thrivent Financial invites you to join the Action Team of Rob Burns and Jay Huckabone. Volunteers are needed to help fill backpacks of food for 1,500 underprivileged children of Orange County at the Giving Children Hope warehouse (8332 Commonwealth Avenue, Buena Park). They will also be helping with their International Aid relief. Canned food donations are appreciated. A small breakfast will be provided. Volunteer spaces are limited in the Giving Children Hope warehouse, so please RSVP to Katie Anderson at 714-525-4360.

FREE Shred Event on Saturday, April 21 hosted by Rob Burns & Jay Huckabone of Thrivent Financial. Please bring up to 10 boxes of old documents to be shred, AND drop-off donations of non-perishable food items to be donated to O.C. United, Pathways of Hope, and Giving Children Hope. Please call 714-525-4360 with any questions.



- 8:00AM-10:30AM at Christ Lutheran Church, Brea
- 11:30AM-1:30PM at Messiah Lutheran, Yorba Linda



From the Board of Parish Education

Sunday School Class Schedule: Sunday School classes are held weekly. Join us on Sunday mornings for classes for all age groups starting at age three. Visitors are always welcome!

Classes for Preschool to 5th grade meet at 10:00 AM in Moerer Hall. We will be learning about Daniel and his friends after they were captured and taken to Babylon. When faced with dangerous situations, they refused to compromise their beliefs.

Middle School / Sr. High: This class meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 AM with Janine Ward and Denise Whitcher. Come and discover how God works in our lives. Don't miss out.

Offerings: Our weekly offerings will go to the Good Samaritan Fund where it serves the people of La Habra. We pray each week reflecting from the list of "Hopes and Prayers" that our youth created in January. One prayer was, "We hope people will be kind to others and we will have world peace."

First Communion will be on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Seekers: Seekers youth meet each Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM. Come join the fun as we meet each week.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 1, at 10:20 AM.

Spring Play: We will be preparing for the Spring Musical learning songs on Sunday mornings and at Seekers on Thursdays starting in March.

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

Board of Parish Education

EMANUEL PROPERTY TEAM ROCKS AGAIN!



Thanks for this loving gift! You are AWESOME!

9 Days—216 Hours—303 Years of Experience—Lots of Sore Muscles!

(Charles Williamson, Wolfgang Hessel, Jack Ward, Keith Kruse)



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

LA HABRA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CARE CENTER & DANIEL ALVAREZ RECOVER CENTER: Receptacles are in the Narthex at all times for these ministries. Thanks to Marge Dalby and Andy Zambrano who faithfully deliver these gifts every month.

In addition, through our Good Samaritan Fund we assist the LHCRCC with emergency housing vouchers as the need arises within our community.

MATTHEW 25 GRANT: Emanuel wrote and submitted a grant application to the Pacifica Synod to support CityNet in La Habra. We have been awarded a grant of \$650.00. Our grant was specifically to participate in CityNet, La Habra, which works with our local first responders and other community agencies to prevent and address homelessness.

We are currently working with CityNet to determine how to best leverage this grant. Since we have learned the most at-risk population for homelessness is older women, we are devising a plan to focus on this vulnerable group.

One of the ways we can help is to volunteer at the Community Center to serve lunch at visit. Watch for more information soon.

FRISTERS: As in past years, we will be collecting diapers and wipes for the children of Fristers (KIDSTERS). Fristers is a ministry for young mothers to assist them in learning life skills, finishing school, and caring for their children. They meet weekly and each child who comes is cared for and receives diaper changes while their mothers are meeting. **Please bring diapers and wipes to the Narthex or Moerer Hall by March 18 for delivery March 22.** We have also received a generous monetary gift designated for Fristers which is being used to purchase 25 copies each of *The Little Mouse*, *The Red Ripe Strawberry*, *The Big Hungry Bear*, and 40 copies of *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*. 

PATRIOTS & PAWS: New or gently used kitchen items, small appliances, linens, dishes, flatware, small furniture items such as side tables and ottomans are needed to assist our returning vets to set up housekeeping. **Items will be collected on April 13 & 14 and transported to Patriots & Paws at 10:00AM on Saturday, April 14.** In 2017, we delivered three truckloads of wonderful items! For more info, visit their website at www.patriotsandpaws.org.

LET US KNOW: Attached is the HAHO Opportunity Calendar for 2018. We encourage you to support only the ministry which is important to YOU. We share our love with others because God has shared His love with us. We'd love to hear from you regarding those ministries which really touch your heart and why. What ideas do you have about them and how they are carried out? Are there other areas you'd like to reach? Thanks so much! **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US WHEN WE MEET NEXT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3, AT 10:00AM IN THE LIBRARY.**

EVANGELISM: “Take It To The Lord In Prayer” — prayers for our church, our pastor, our world, and any special needs, in the Chapel or wherever you are at 8:30 on Saturday mornings. We now have seven people praying every week. Join us. We are hoping to run out of space in the Chapel and move to a larger prayer space. If you have a prayer request, please let the Pastor know and it will be lifted up. We have met and prayed weekly for over five years and we have seen miracles.

The next HAHO meeting is Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 AM. We encourage you to join us or let us know your thoughts about this ministry.

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator

HAHO OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR



HAPPY 2018! In reviewing 2017, it is amazing what the wonderful people of Emanuel have done to support God's work with our Hearts and Hands. Sometimes we get tired and sometimes we wonder if it really matters. The answer is a resounding YES.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Thank you for the love and care you show all of the time on behalf of our Lord. If you'd like to plan ahead for those ministries which are dearest to your heart, a 2018 calendar of scheduled opportunities is below. (You could post it on your refrigerator.) THESE MINISTRIES ARE OFFERED AS OPTIONS FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE. DO ONLY WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO.

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| March: | Diapers & Wipes for FRISTERS |
| April: | Specific Household Items for Patriots & Paws
(replaces Free-For-All) – we will collect here and transport on
SATURDAY, APRIL 14 AT 10:00AM. |
| May: | It's a Pajama Party for WINGS
Note: We will not be collecting gently used purses and hygiene items this year. |
| June: | Daniel Alvarez Center – Household Cleaning and Maintenance Items |
| July/August: | Support VBS and Parish Ed |
| September: | FRISTERS/KIDSTERS Books |
| October: | Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders |
| November: | Veteran's Outreach |
| December: | Angel Tree(s) |

All opportunities will be highlighted with more information in the "Good News" and the weekly bulletin.

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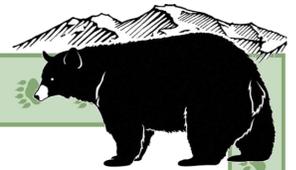
Confirmation Retreat

The weekend of **March 9-11** we will be heading up to Luther Glen Camp and Farm for our winter retreat. We will be able to play with the farm animals, worship, join in great camp activities, learn with other confirmation students from around the area, and generally have a great time!

Through generous donations made to the youth program and fundraising efforts, the cost of this weekend will only be \$75 per student.

Luther Glen is part of the Lutheran Retreat, Camps & Conferences network and is located outside of Yucaipa. More information can be found on their website <http://www.lrcchome.com>.

Black Bear Diner



SPECIAL EVENT!!!! ELFFF's

Emanuel Lutheran FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP

Let's Support Our Youth!

- Who:** Any adults and children who enjoy the above!
- Where:** Black Bear Diner (formerly Carrows)
1000 S. Beach Blvd, La Habra
- When:** **Monday, March 26, any time from 4:00 to 8:00 PM**
- Menu:** Your choice from the menu – including breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, and large entrees
- Cost:** Menu price – a portion will be donated to Emanuel Lutheran Youth Ministries – **Just tell them you are from Emanuel**
- INFO:** Ricki @ rickifehr@yahoo.com — (714) 718-6127 or
Jeanette @ parr3@roadrunner.com — (562) 761-9488

SEE YOU THERE



“Soup and Pie Suppers”
Wednesdays thru March 21, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Moerer Hall

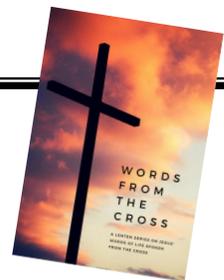
We will continue through the Lenten Season with our midweek services at 10:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. As is our tradition here at Emanuel, at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening through Lent, we will enjoy soup, bread and pie together before our 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. There will be additional information on the sign-up board in the Narthex.

- Please sign up to bring soup, breads, or pie for the evening. Any variety of soup, pie or bread is fine, store-bought or homemade. Napkins, bowls, cups, drinks, butter and margarine will be provided by the church.
- For those who choose to prepare soups - any soup is fine. The greater the variety, the better. Please make a LARGE portion, since soup is the main part of the meal, and bring it to the church anytime between 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. If you bring your soup in crock pots, we have the facilities to keep them warm.
- The Wednesday night soup suppers are a “*come as you are able*” affair. The meal will open at 6:00 p.m. but all who come will be welcome between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Services begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Together, we will serve each other and discover one of the joys of being in the Body of Christ. Your stewardship in preparing and helping during the evening will be greatly appreciated!

This has always been a great time of fellowship during Lent. Thank you Emanuel members for carrying on with this tradition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lorrie in the church office at 562-691-0656.

Lenten Midweek Services
Thru March 21

“WORDS FROM THE CROSS”



Continuing on Wednesdays through March 21, our midweek services will be a time of quiet contemplation, scripture reading, intentional prayer and Taizé style songs. Each week will center around one of the phrases Jesus said from the cross. Our morning service will be held at 10:15 AM and our evening service will start at 7:00 PM. Both services will take place in the Moerer Hall Fireside Room. Join us for this unique time of worship in the presence of the Lord.

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| March 7: | <i>A Faithful Word</i> |
| March 14: | <i>A Compassionate Word</i> |
| March 21: | <i>A Suffering Word</i> |

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Planning Ahead for our Holy Week Celebrations!

Be thinking about who you could invite!

- ◆ **Palm Sunday, March 25**
Procession with Palms, 9:00 am & 10:45 am
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, March 29**
Last Supper, 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Good Friday, March 30**
The Crucifixion, 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 1**
The Resurrection of our Lord! ALLELUIA!

Sunrise Service: 6:30 am
Traditional Service: 9:00 am
Praise Service: 10:45 am



Easter Morning Breakfast

Once again being sponsored by Emanuel's Youth!

7:30 am — 10:30 am

Enjoy a great breakfast of Breakfast Burritos, Rolls, Muffins, OJ, Coffee

AND...

*WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP
With your Emanuel Family!*

*Plan to come and support our youth
(donations graciously accepted).*

*Have your Easter Breakfast at Emanuel!
Bring a Friend!*

*Happy
EASTER!*



Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1, at 10:20 a.m., between services. Donations of plastic filled Easter eggs with candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Sunday school room or church office by Sunday, March 25.

Thank you in advance for your support.





Flowers Needed

Each year we decorate the Sanctuary and the outside patio cross on the Saturday before Easter. We are asking for flower donations for our *OUTSIDE* cross. If you would like to share your garden flowers with Emanuel, we would appreciate them. Just bring them to the church on **Saturday morning, March 31, by 9 a.m.**, and we will be sure that they are incorporated into the beauty of our outside cross.

Sanctuary decorating will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the outside cross decorating will begin at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., the Hall will be decorated for Easter Breakfast — all are welcome to help with that, too!



ADULT LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 4:30 PM
Hope Center Library

At Emanuel, we have an Adult Lay Bible Study led by a member of the congregation. They meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library. In March they will meet **on Thursday, March 1, and Thursday, March 15.**

They are now studying the book of Hebrews and enjoy learning together about the Word of the Lord. They use reliable resources in their study and hope you will feel led to join them. Both men and women are welcome! For more information, contact Mischelle Uhlman.



JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle Bible Study will meet on **Monday, March 19, from 9:30-11:00 AM.** The Joy Circle is a women's group that gathers on the third Monday of each month in the Hope Center Library for fellowship and treats and to participate together in a Bible study taken from *Gather Magazine*, the magazine published by Women of the ELCA. This year the Bible study will consist of several short term Bible studies, all focusing on a different topic. If you have never participated in the Joy Circle before, consider trying one or more of the 3 or 4 month sessions.

This month, Joy Circle will be continuing their Bible study called *Multiple Meanings* by Dr. Mark Allan Powell. In this series of Bible studies, we are looking at "multiple meanings" and discovering reasons why the same Bible stories can mean different things to different people. Extra copies of this Bible study will be available that morning.

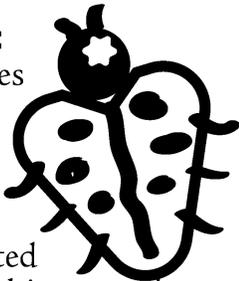
Kid's Korner

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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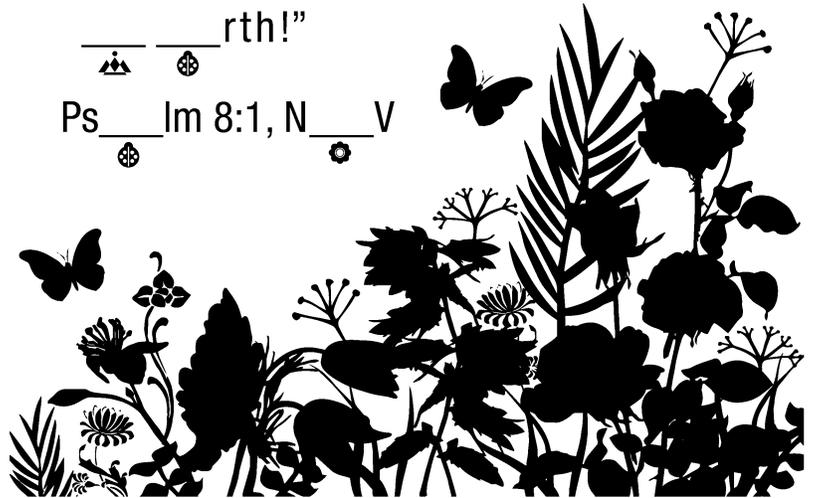
"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w

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Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, our majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Psalm 8:1, NIV