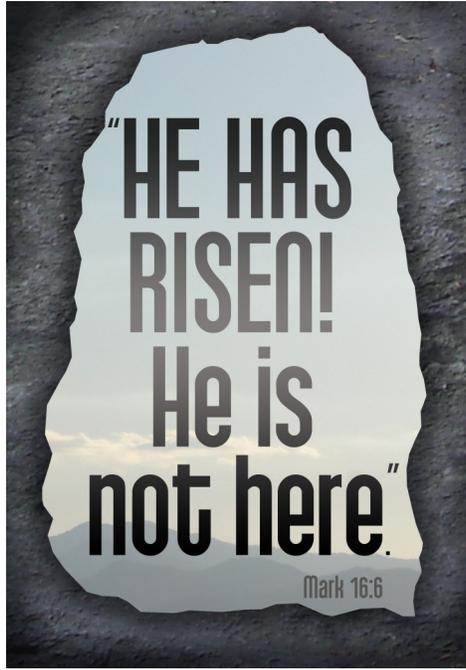


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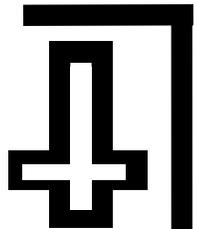
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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



I am on the search for the perfect daily podcast devotion. I put that out there, in hopes that someone might have a suggestion for me. But you need to know that I have some criteria.

1. It must be a Podcast (audio file) devotion that I can download or subscribe to on my phone. I have plenty of devotional books, I'm looking for something to listen to, not something I read.
2. It must be good theology. There are lots of Christian podcasts out there that talk about how *I* can be a good Christian. I'm less interested in what *I* am up to and more interested in what **God** is up to.
3. It must capture my attention. I found a couple of podcasts that were great theological lectures but were BORING. That's not going to cut it in my search for the *perfect* daily devotional podcast.
4. It must be daily. Weekly and monthly are fine, but I need to be fed daily.
5. It needs to be less than 16 minutes long. The length of my morning commute is 16 minutes and this is when I want to listen to my devotion.

In attempts to find the perfect daily podcast devotion I have listened to a number of them. There are a few contenders but none that completely fit my criteria. One of the devotions I listened to (didn't fit criteria #4 and #5 hence did not make the cut) gave me food for thought. The pastor who put out this devotion was talking about the well known Bible verse from Psalm 46, "Be still and Know that I am God." This pastor went on to talk about how some of us in our churches are really good at making time **for** God but not at making time to **be with** God. He went on to distinguish the difference saying, "There are lots of people who will volunteer in their community out of a sense of mission from Christ, or they will do stuff around their church to promote and support the ministry done there. Many of us are much more likely to sign up for things we can do **for** God but not as likely to set that intentional time aside just to be **with** God."

How many of you are now thinking, "*But I don't have time for that!!!*"? I know I often do. The reason I want a devotion that I listen to in my car while I'm driving is that whenever I try to start a regular reading practice of devotion, I end up using my 'being still' time as 'how can I use this in God's service' time. In other words, whenever I start a devotion, I end up figuring out how I can use what I have gleaned in a sermon, Bible Study or as is shown here, in a newsletter article. If I am listening while I am driving, I can't stop to highlight something or jot down a note, I just have to listen to be with God. There is nothing wrong with wanting to share what we have with the world, that is what our Lord asks of us. BUT, he also asks us to come and be present with him. Put down our to-do lists and listen to him.

What would it look like if we were as intentional at setting time aside to be still with God as we are about doing things for God? What if, along with asking people to sign up to help usher, bring snacks or sing in the choir, we also asked people to sign up for a half an hour of being still in God's presence? I pray that as I strive to make that a reality with my ongoing podcast saga, you would find the way to make that important time in your life for stillness in the presence of God.

Pastor Cate Luehr



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 are now learning about Holy Week and Easter (Matthew 21).
- **Middle School / Sr. High:** This class meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 AM with Janine Ward and Denise Whitcher. We encourage all middle school and high school youth to come whenever they can. There is always something to be gained as we continue to study God's Word.

Offerings: Our weekly offerings will go to the Good Samaritan Fund this month. We pray each week reflecting on the many "Hopes and Prayers" that our youth wrote in January. We pray for the homeless people that need shelter, food and jobs.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 1, at 10:20 AM. Enjoy breakfast and a craft activity before the egg hunt.

Seekers: Seekers youth meet each Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM. We will soon begin preparing for the Spring Musical. Come join the fun as we have stories, games and snacks.

VBS — A Three Day Adventure: "Polar Blast": This year VBS will again begin on a Friday evening and end on a Sunday. The dates are Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15. Stay tuned for more info!



It's Play Time!!! Come Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM as we begin rehearsing for our Spring Musical "Danny and the Shacks." The play will be a retelling of the faith adventures of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego in Babylon. The performance will be on Sunday, June 3 at 10:45 AM.

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

Board of Parish Education



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 and visit. Watch for more information soon.

FRISTERS: As in past years, we collected 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. **Thanks to Janine Ward and Marge Glauch for making the delivery on March 22.** Picture to follow. We have also received a generous monetary gift designated for Fristers which was 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*. In addition, we delivered some very special wool baby socks from Minnesota.



John Uhlman, Mischelle Uhlman, Ruth Wolfarth, Warren Parr, Mary Ann Carlson

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 house-keeping. **Items will be collected on Friday, April 13 from 5-7:00 PM, and Saturday, April 14, from 7-9:30 AM and transported to Patriots & Paws at 10:00AM on Saturday, April 14.** In 2017, we delivered three truckloads of wonderful items! Also, if you have items for the "Paws" (bowls, leashes, dry food, etc.), those items will also be appreciated. All items will be collected in the east end of the lower parking lot. Anyone who would like to assist is welcome. If you are willing to provide a truck for transportation, please let us know. For more info, please visit their website at www.patriotsandpaws.org.

LET US KNOW: Following 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, APRIL 28, AT 10:00 AM 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.

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

Jeanette Parr



HAHO OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR

THESE MINISTRIES ARE OFFERED AS OPTIONS FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE. DO ONLY WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO.

- 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, Parish Ed and Children's Ministries
- September:** FRISTERS/KIDSTERS Books
- October:** Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders
Collect unneeded eyeglasses for the Lion's Club.
- November:** Veteran's Outreach
- December:** Angel Tree(s)

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

*****Subject To Adjustment*****



WINGS SHELTER PAJAMA PARTY

In the past, Emanuel has collected purses and cosmetics for the Wings Shelter. This year, we are having a “Pajama Party” for the families in the Shelter who have left their homes due to domestic violence. If you would like to contribute, the Shelter really needs:

- **Women’s pajamas and sweats (sizes Large and Extra Large)**
- **Kids pajamas and sweats (sizes 8-10, and 10-12)**

They can also use specific hygiene items. Stay tuned for a list of those items.

New pajamas and sweats will be collected Sunday, May 13th, and Sunday, May 20th, to be delivered the following week. As always, this is an opportunity to assist our community. Just choose the areas of service that call to you. Call Mischelle Uhlman (626-277-6133) for additional details.

Blessings to everyone for your big hearts for those in need.



SCHOPPA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elroy Schoppa Scholarship Fund is provided by Emanuel Lutheran Church for scholarships to members of Emanuel, who are, or will be attending in the next academic year, an accredited college or vocational school.

To be eligible the student must attend approximately fifty percent (50%) of the Sunday worship services and fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled youth meetings for at least two years within four years of applying for this award. They must also maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. In each subsequent year, for a maximum of four years, the recipient must provide a copy of their transcripts to continue the scholarship.

We currently have three recipients of Schoppa scholarships. **Erika Reyes**, attending Franklin University in Lugano, and **Jamie Witcher**, attending Westmont College in Santa Barbara, are both in their fourth year of receiving Schoppa scholarships. **Jessica Mora**, attending Cal State Fullerton, is in her first year of receiving a Schoppa scholarship. If you would like more information or an application, please contact Warren Parr, Wolfgang Hessel, or Dwight Carey.



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 April they will meet **on Thursday, April 5, and Thursday, April 19.**

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, April 16, 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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FREE SHRED EVENT

On Saturday, April 21, a FREE SHRED EVENT will be 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.

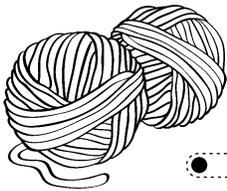
- 8:00AM-10:30AM at Christ Lutheran Church, Brea
- 11:30AM-1:30PM at Messiah Lutheran, Yorba Linda



Kid's Korner

CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.

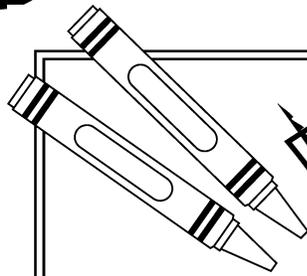


What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

$2+2 =$ ___ united	$2 \times 3 =$ ___ death	$7+6 =$ ___ resurrection
$3 \times 3 =$ ___ certainly	$18-16 =$ ___ have	$4-1 =$ ___ been
$0+1 =$ ___ if	$2 \times 4 =$ ___ we	$13-1 =$ ___ him
$2+3 =$ ___ in	$20-6 =$ ___ like	$2+5 =$ ___ his
$2 \times 5 =$ ___ be	$8+3 =$ ___ with	

“For 1 we 2 3 4
with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his.” Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV