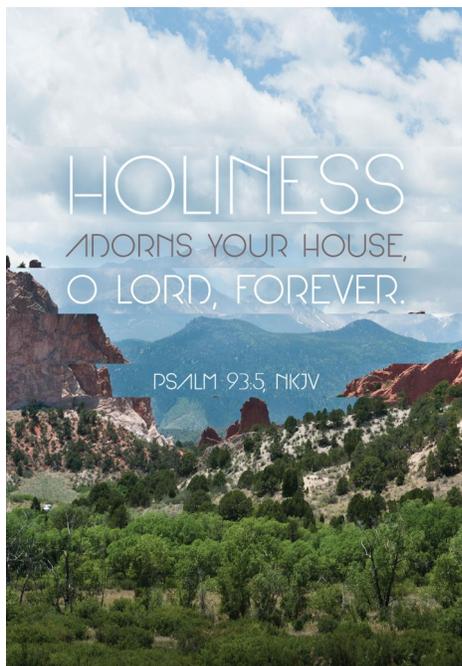


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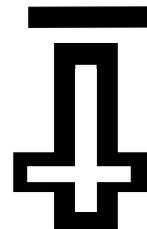


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Sunday, May 20
 Confirmation Sunday Service
 10 AM Combined Worship Service



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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” – Luke 10:40-42

We are an active church, just looking through this newsletter you can see that. We keep ourselves busy with the work of the Lord. In the Biblical story of Mary and Martha, Emanuel Lutheran Church tends to be the Martha. And I think that’s a wonderful thing! God has blessed us with gifts to serve His Kingdom and I’m glad that we as a congregation work so hard to be examples of Christ in all that we do. But sometimes, **SOMETIMES**, we need to be the Mary of the Story. We need to slow ourselves down and sit at the foot of Christ and have our souls fed by Him. This month of May, we have several things happening at Emanuel that are set to focus on our spirituality and our connection with God.

The first weekend in May, we are holding our fourth annual Women’s Retreat in Murrieta. While this event doesn’t encompass all of the congregation, this year it will include twenty women. This is a weekend designed to give the women in attendance a time to rest, relax and be refreshed in the Lord. Because we are together the whole weekend and not just for an hour or two in Bible Study, it truly is a time when all the participants dig deeper into their faith and look at where they encounter Christ in their lives. It is truly a time where the Holy Spirit is let loose!

The next weekend, on Mother’s Day, we are having multiple baptisms — five at the 9:00 AM service and two at the 10:45 AM service! It will certainly be a day of great celebration. This day, when seven people from adults to infants will be welcomed into the family of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism, it will certainly be a day to remember our own baptisms. I know many of you, like myself, do not remember our baptisms, but being washed in the waters of baptism is something that stays with us our entire lives.

Then on the following weekend, May 20, we will have nine students who have completed their two years of study who will be participating in the Affirmation of Baptism. These confirmation students remind us that it is important, not just in Jr. High School but throughout our lives, to take time to deeply examine our honest and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. As these young people and their mentors will attest, to have a true relationship with God does not always mean things will go smoothly, but it does mean that you will never be alone.

I pray that during this month when many people of our church are reconnecting with God in very personal ways that you too would find the time to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from Him.

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 learning about the adventures of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Babylon. We will discover that God calls each of us to have courage and take a stand in different ways. He will be with us and give us the strength and faith to stand for Him.
- **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 continue to go to the Good Samaritan Fund this month as we help the families in La Habra. We pray each week reflecting on the many "Hopes and Prayers" that our youth wrote in January. We pray that we will use kind words at home, in school, and with our friends.

Seekers: Seekers youth meet each Thursday from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have begun preparing for the Spring Musical. Come join the fun as we have stories, games and snacks.

VBS — A Three Day Adventure: "Polar Blast—Where Jesus' Love Is Cool"

This year, VBS will be Friday evening, July 13 (5:30-8:15PM), Saturday, July 14 (10:00AM-1:00PM), and will end Sunday, July 15, with a 10:00AM brunch and slideshow. Watch for more details!



It's Play Time!!! Come Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 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. These stories show faith in God, belief in the impossible, and a trust that God will deliver His people! 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. If YOU have any thoughts about the best way to allocate this grant, please contact Jeanette Parr at parr3@roadrunner.com or Pastor Cate. 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.**



1,671 Diapers and 2,296 Wipes!



PATRIOTS & PAWS: What a wonderful outpouring of gifts for our returning vets and their families through Patriots & Paws. Two trucks and a van delivered the items on Saturday, April 14. Donations included pillows, sheets, towels, vacuum cleaners, small appliances, dishes, suitcases, furniture, and special gifts of bowls and leashes for the “paws.” Thanks to all who participated, collected and sorted, and delivered. Kerry and Jack Ospital, Mary Ann Carlson, and James, Carol, Logan and Rachel Crabb delivered the items to the P & P Warehouse in Orange. Some items went directly from our trucks to the vets in need. What a blessing!



WINGS:

A "pajama party" for WINGS will be our May outreach. Many of the women and children have only the clothes they are wearing when they go to the WINGS shelter for victims of domestic violence. Sweat shirts, sweat pants, and pajamas for women are needed in sizes L & XL, and for children in sizes 8-10-12-14 or L & XL. There is also a need for regular (not travel) size soap, shampoo, lotions, and other hygiene items. Please bring your gifts to Moerer Hall on May 13 or May 20. Questions? Please contact Mischelle Uhlman at MischelleU@aol.com. The generous gift we received at year-end for WINGS has also been used to purchase 16 sets of sweat shirts and pants, so we have a great start!

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!

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
Facilitator



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.

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| May: | It's a Pajama Party for WINGS
Note: We will <u>not</u> 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*****

Confirmation Sunday



Confirmation Sunday

May 20 at 10:00 AM Combined Service

Confirmation students will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism and share their statements of faith during our combined 10:00 AM service on Sunday, May 20, with a congregational Potluck to follow.

This year we will have nine young people who will participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism: **Emily Beard, Rayanne Dietrich, Brianne Immings, Bryan Immings, Arlo Palmer, James Rodriguez, Makayla Schnakenberg, Seth Schnakenberg, and Nicole Strang.** Please plan to attend this 10:00 AM worship service where our students and their mentors will talk about how they have grown in their faith during this two year program. Then join us in celebrating these young people at the church potluck. Look for a dish sign-up in Moerer Hall during the Month of May.

Confirmation Care Bags

In the weeks leading up to Confirmation we will have small bags pinned to the bulletin board in the Narthex, one for each of our students who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 20. Members are invited to leave encouraging notes, devotional items, or small treats in these bags. Please take time to share some kind words of encouragement and blessings with these students. We will give these well wishes and blessings to our Confirmands at the potluck following their Affirmation of Baptism.



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:

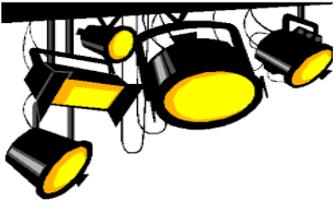
- **Women's pajamas and sweats (sizes Large and Extra Large)**
- **Kids pajamas and sweats (sizes 8-10, and 10-12)**

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.





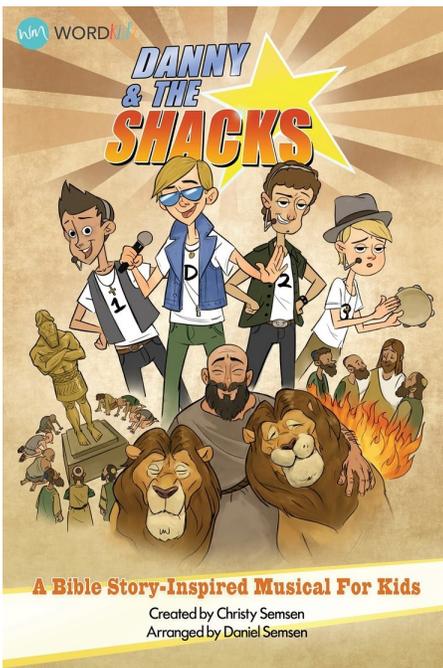
SPRING TALENT SHOW

Sunday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran Church

Emanuel is planning a Spring Talent Show on Sunday, June 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to participate and attend.

If you wish to participate, please contact the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org or Stephanie Young at stephanieyoungsings@gmail.com. Also, you can speak with the pastor, or put your information on one of the blue pew cards and return it in the offering plate. Please consider getting involved in this fun activity.

There will be an ice cream social following the concert. Invite your family and friends!



“DANNY & THE SHACKS”

Spring Play
Sunday, June 3 at 10:45 AM

All children are invited to join us as we present our Spring Play.

The play is a retelling of the faith adventures of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Babylon. They are faced with competing in a Babylonian Warrior Challenge but they never forget the source of their strength. Faced with dangerous situations, they refused to compromise their beliefs.

Practices are on Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 PM. The Spring Play will be presented on Sunday, June 3, at the 10:45 AM Praise Worship Service. There will be a potluck luncheon following the service. All are invited to attend!

31ST ANNUAL PACIFICA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Palm Desert, CA — May 18-19, 2018



Please pray for all who will be attending the Pacifica Synod Assembly this year, that the ministry they do and support would be pleasing to God. Attending this year from Emanuel are Pr. Luehr, voting member Jill Drummond, and one additional voting member not yet selected at the time of this publication.

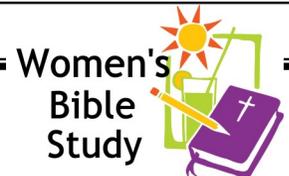


ADULT LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY

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, May 3, and Thursday, May 17.**

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, May 21, 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.

This month, Joy Circle will do a stand alone study on the spiritual practice of Hospitality. We will study and discover the practices of hospitality showed by Jesus and in stories throughout the Old Testament. If you have never been to Joy Circle, I encourage you to come during May and try it out!



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 Whitcher**, 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.



“STUDY BUDDIES”

NEW PROGRAM AT EMANUEL

Beginning this fall, we are expanding our Children’s Ministry by offering a free afterschool tutoring program called “Study Buddies.” This program will be totally run by volunteers and is open to children of the congregation and as an outreach to children in our surrounding neighborhood. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM for children in grades 1 through 6.

BUT before we can do this, we need to know how many of you might be interested in giving two hours a week (pick either Tuesday or Thursday) to help a child get his/her homework done for the night! We can’t do it without YOU! Typical homework would include vocabulary (word definitions), grammar, math, practice spelling tests, reading aloud to you, help finding current events on the internet, classroom computer homework or remedial work such as flashcards (addition and multiplication) and reading sight words.

The program will be lead by Jill Drummond who has led a similar program in Yorba Linda for 10 years. If you would like to join the fun of this pilot program, let Jill know ASAP at (714) 403-0956 or call the church office. You will have FUN! Guaranteed!

What’s a farm without a barn?
*Imagine a school without any classrooms
or a house without a kitchen.*

A farm without a barn
is incomplete.



Luther Glen
Barn

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We are building a barn at Luther Glen
and we need you to be involved.

BARN RAISING FUNDRAISER
JUNE 9TH 2018 **SAVE**
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EVENT DETAILS

The Barn Raising Fundraiser is your opportunity to see Luther Glen, enjoy fellowship with our community and help raise enough money to begin building the Luther Glen Barn!

BARN RAISING FUNDRAISER
Saturday, June 9
3:00pm - 8:00pm

3-5 Activities/Silent Auction
5-5:30 Presentation/Blessing
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30 Live Auction

Kid's Korner

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

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E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____

and your _____,

the _____ your _____ has

_____."

_____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV