

# The Good News

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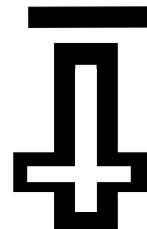
Chill with us as we learn  
JESUS' LOVE IS COOL!

FRIDAY, JULY 13, THROUGH  
SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

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## Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



*“What would you do if Christ himself with all the angels were visibly to descend, and command you in your home to sweep your house and wash the pans and kettles? How happy you would feel, and would not know how to act for joy, not for the work’s sake, but that you knew that thereby you were serving him, who is greater than heaven and earth.”*

*– The Sermons of Martin Luther, Volume V*

In talking with young adults around Los Angeles and Orange counties, one question that often comes up is “What do you do?” I am continually surprised and delighted with the responses I get:

- “Well, I manage a retail store, but my real passion is in urban photography.”
- “I am a high school history teacher, but what I really love doing is working with stray animals at the Humane Society.”
- “I’m a chemical engineer, but there is nothing I like doing better than playing blues on my guitar.”

So often people will tell me what it is they do to make a living, and then follow up with what it is that gives them life. For Christians, the statement gets pushed one step further. Because God is the giver of life, what is it in our lives that connects us with God? What is our vocation?

Vocation comes from the Latin word *vocatio* which means “calling.” Being a pastor and having gone through the long process it takes to get here, I have had numerous conversations around calling, many of them related to the ministry that I do. Sixteenth century theologian and founder of the Lutheran Church, Martin Luther understood calling to be more than just what professional ministers did, but something that all of God’s people did. Vocation is that thing that God has called us to, and the way in which we live our lives as God’s people. For some people, their career or job is a place where they live out their vocation. If not in the actual work they do, then in the manner in which they do that work or treat others around them.

For others their vocation may have nothing to do with their occupation, but is intrinsically wrapped up in their role as mother, brother, artist, environmentalist, Sunday school teacher, Stephen minister, helpful neighbor, and on and on. Indeed our vocation is not just one small area of our lives where God is at work, but the whole of our lives and how God is present in everything we do, from writing meeting memos, to changing diapers, to reading the Sunday lessons.

And so I leave you with these questions: What is your vocation? Where is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? How does your life, in all of its different parts, bring honor to God? May the Lord use your gifts to the glory 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. Our summer Sunday School began in June. Join us as we discover God's truths in stories, games, and crafts.
- **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. Summer is here! It's time to study God's Word through an amazing Bible study. See how God's Word relates to our lives today.

**Offerings:** Our weekly offerings will go to help families through the CRCC in La Habra. We pray each week reflecting on the many "Hopes and Prayers" that our youth wrote in January. This month our prayer is for us to stand up for ourselves and for others.

**Seekers:** Seekers youth will be taking a break for the summer months. We will meet again in September.

**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. Don't miss out! Mark your calendars! Thanks to Cheska Cuyno and Chris DeLaTorre for taking on the Director's role. Please pray for the VBS program. Watch for more details!



**Play Performance:** Thank you to all our students who helped to make our play "Danny and the Shacks" a great success for all to see. Our students deepened their understanding that having faith in God and trusting in Him will give us the strength we need when we face difficult situations. Come by Moerer hall and see the pictures taken from the performance.

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:

#### DANIEL ALVAREZ CENTER:

Men's socks and household cleaning items went to the Daniel Alvarez Center in June for men in addiction recovery. Gifts included mops, brooms, dust cloths, paper towels, cleaning products, and men's clothing. Thanks to Andy Zambrano for leading this ministry for men who are seeking recovery from addiction in this Christian environment.



#### STUDY BUDDIES KICKOFF!

Our newest ministry at Emanuel will begin in September under the leadership of Jill Drummond. In order for our students to have the tools they need to learn, the following items are needed:



- Notebook Paper (3-hole, wide rule)
- Scratch Paper
- #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Highlighters (assorted colors)
- Dry Erase Markers
- 3-Ring Binders
- Backpacks (not too heavy)
- White Glue (small containers)
- Scotch Tape
- Rulers
- Staplers
- Flash Cards (Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication)
- United States Jigsaw Puzzles (ages 7-11)
- First Aid Kit
- Box of Bandages
- Disinfecting Wipes (Clorox/Lysol)
- Facial Tissue (large boxes)
- Gift Cards for purchase of snacks

Each child will receive a snack while studying so healthy, nutritious snacks will be purchased and provided. After we start, you may wish to provide special snacks. Most of the above items will be in the stores at "Back-To-School" prices very soon. We will begin collecting them in July and August so we will be ready. (See page 8 for more information.)

#### MAMA HILL'S HELP:

Mama Hill's Help is an outreach in South Los Angeles which also helps in our area. Children come there weekly for homework assistance and to improve their reading and writing skills. They recently lost their church sponsor and need assistance to continue this ministry. They also need notebooks, pencils, and paper. Some of the supplies we receive for Study Buddies will be shared and delivered to Mama Hill's.

**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.

- 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\*\*\***



# Welcome **MARIA MARKMAN,** **our new Vicar!**



Hello Emanuel Lutheran Church! I am so excited to meet you all in August. Together we will embark on this next step in our journeys of faith.

I grew up in Faribault, MN where my family: Dad (Todd), Mom (Lori Jo) and 20 year old brother (Patrick) still live. We attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church, a large rural congregation in Faribault. After claiming rather boisterously to my childhood pastor that I planned to be an actress on BROADWAY, he chuckled and suggested I was going to be a pastor.

I discerned my call for ordained ministry for many years. While discerning, I took a detour performing with *The Young Americans*, a southern California Music Outreach World Touring Company. Then I attended Concordia University St. Paul where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis on creative writing. I finally embraced my call for ministry and ended up at Luther Seminary. Throughout the last four years, while attending college and seminary, I have been the Children's Ministry Coordinator at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis, MN. Besides theology and theatre, I love to run and be outdoors, I love to laugh and make new friends over a nice cold brew, glass of wine, or ice cream cone!

As much as I have loved my past cultivating experiences, I am excited to bring my gifts and talents to California. I look forward to all the new opportunities I will have as your intern. I am so excited to see what God has in store for us during my time at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Vicar Maria Markman

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*A special thank you to the members of Vicar Maria's internship Committee: **Connie Bogosian, Nathan Hermann, Robyn Ospital, Warren Parr, Bridget Rodriguez and John Ward.** These six members will be meeting with our vicar each month to discuss learning goals and progress throughout her year with us. Starting in mid-July they will also be preparing the intern apartment (a responsibility of the internship church). Once they have a location selected, they will begin to put together a "needs list" to help furnish and stock the apartment to get it ready for August. Please keep an eye on the Sunday worship bulletin for the list of needs. Maria's first Sunday with us will be August 12.*



## VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING AND DECORATION DAY SATURDAY, JULY 7, 10:00AM-1:00PM MOERER HALL

Join us for a day of decorating, practicing, and setting up in preparation for VBS! We will meet in Moerer Hall on Saturday, July 7, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Coffee and Doughnuts will be provided. All volunteers are asked to meet with Directors Cheska Cuyno and Chris DeLaTorre for information about the weekend, and with Pastor Cate Luehr about our Safe Child Policy.

If volunteers are unable to come to this meeting on Saturday, they can also meet with Pastor Cate in Moerer Hall on Sunday, July 8, at 10:15AM or 12:00PM following either service for a brief meeting. Thanks!

## VBS DONATION NEEDS

VBS is just around the corner! Our kids will chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus—the coolest friend of all. There will be cool Bible adventures, crafts, singing, and games. Help our kids by donating the following items:

- Ziplock Twist 'n Loc Small Round Containers & Lids (1 Pint / 2-cup size)
- White sheets (any size)
- Stuffed animals of polar bears, penguins, and walruses. Please label so animal can be returned after VBS.



Please bring donations to the Sunday School office or to the main office in Hope Center. Thank you!



# CONCERT

**José Maldonado,**  
**baritone in recital featuring**  
**Tamara Kim, piano**

**Saturday, July 21, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**



## YOUTH FARM SERVICE WEEKEND AUGUST 3-5 LUTHER GLEN CAMP AND FARM YUCAIPA, CA

As we have done for the past few summers, our youth will again be going up to Luther Glen Camp and Farm for a weekend of service with the animals and crops. The camp staff of Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences (LRCC) will

provide the program for this weekend and put us to work on some farm projects. We will also have a chance to spend some unique camp worship time and have a little fun along the way. Youth will head home after lunch on Sunday. Unlike the winter retreat, this is a time for just our church to go and really get to have time working on the farm. Friends are welcome to attend as well. Talk with the Pastor if you are interested in attending.

Please keep the youth and adults attending this weekend at the farm in your prayers.



## “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 led 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!

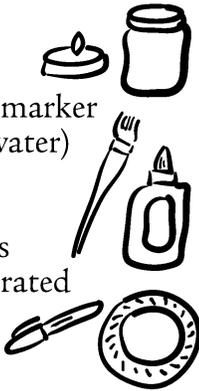
# Kid's Korner



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

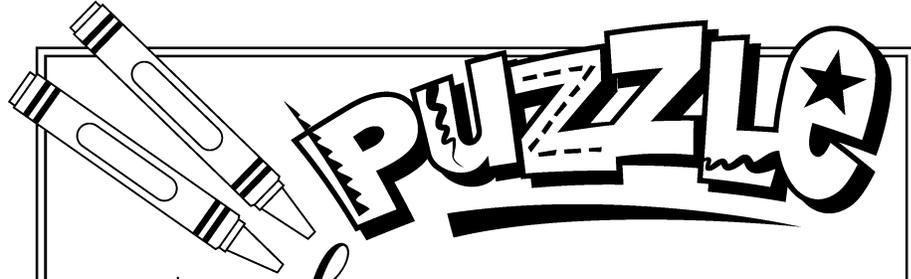
### What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



### What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



## Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

*Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)*

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Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV