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# **Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr**



I know Wikipedia may not be the most reliable source for disseminating information, but it was the first place I went to when saw a sign indicating I was driving through "Little Bangladesh." Recently, my husband Clayton and I were driving through LA when we passed through a neighborhood I had never been in, or more likely, had never noticed before. As we trotted along through traffic, I saw a sign *Little Bangladesh*. Did you know such a neighborhood existed? I didn't until last month!

There are many interesting neighborhoods in the large city of Los Angeles that I know a lot about. Eagle Rock, Hollywood and Highland, K-Town, Boyle Heights, the Garment District, but this was a new one to me. I thought maybe it's a new up and coming neighborhood that is formed out of a recent influx of Bangladeshi people. NOPE, it has been around since the early 70's. How have I never heard of this community?

I'm sure there are many reasons...it's quite small, doesn't contain a lot of entertainment or tourist locations, and I assume most of the time I'm driving right over it on the 101 Freeway. But this little sign about a little community I had never heard of so close me where I live got me thinking about the great commission at the end of Matthew's Gospel

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(*Matthew 28:19-20*)

Jesus Christ commands his disciples just as he commands us, to go out and share the Good News to all the nations. Being an evangelist, a bearer of the Good News can be a daunting task sometimes. Sometimes people won't hear what we have to say. Sometimes people will question what we do. But Jesus teaches us to be faithful in our mission to the world. Where is a place in your life that has previously been overlooked? Is there a group of people, a social situation, a neighborhood of your life that you have not recognized before that might need to hear the Good News? The great commission directs us out to all nations, but perhaps we are to start in our own backyard.

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 through Bible Man videos.
- 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 we pray that family and friends will stay close to us.

VBS — A Three Day Adventure: "Polar Blast—Where Jesus' Love Is Cool" A special thank you to Cheska Cuyno and Chris DeLaTorre who directed "Polar Blast—Where Jesus' Love Is Cool." We skated through Polar Blast VBS with Cool Bible Adventures, Cool Crafts, Music, Frozen Fun & Games, and a Closing Snow Show. The Bible Point "Jesus will always love you" was carefully integrated into each station's activities for Bible learning to stick.

The many volunteers made it an amazing weekend. Those in our kitchen crew, those leading groups, the music, the story tellers, skits, games, and crafts made VBS come alive. We had a fabulous turn-out on our Volunteer and Decoration Day where they helped to create our set for this year's Polar theme and made items necessary for VBS. We are especially thankful for the young adults who allowed us to connect with the younger children and help with their understanding that Jesus will always love you.

Seekers: Seekers youth will meet again in September.

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:

#### 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, supplies are greatly needed. See page 9 for a detailed supply list and for more information about Study Buddies. Each child will also 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 began collecting them last month and will continue during August so we will be ready. (See page 9 for more information.)

#### MAMA HILL'S HOUSE:

Mama Hill's Help is an outreach in South Los Angeles which also helps in this 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.

#### \*\*\*THERE IS A BOX WITH A PRINTED LIST AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. LET'S FILL THAT BOX SEVERAL TIMES!\*\*\*

#### MATTHEW 25 GRANT:

We are collaborating with the La Habra Family Resource Center in making the best use of this grant to PREVENT older women from becoming homeless. Often someone may be managing from month-to-month, but an unexpected expense, such as a car repair or a medical bill, can make them unable to pay their housing cost. This will allow emergency grants for them to retain their home and not fall into the loss spiral. The original grant was \$650. The "Noisy Offering" of \$215.84 from VBS has also been dedicated to this cause. THANKS to the VBS students and staff for this generous sharing with the homeless-at-risk people in our community.

Your HAHO ministry team members have also committed to personally increasing these funds. Won't you join us? If you would like, you can make a contribution by using a pew envelope and marking it "Matthew 25 Grant."

#### Matthew 25:35-40 (English Standard Version/ESV)

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

**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 <u>OPTIONS</u> FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE. DO ONLY WHAT <u>GOD</u> CALLS <u>YOU</u> TO DO.

- August: VBS, Study Buddies/Mama Hill's House
- September: Matthew 25 Grant Support, 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)

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

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



We're excited for our Vicar, Maria Markman, who will be joining Emanuel on August 12. The intern committee has been busy preparing for her arrival. The following non-cost items will also be helpful in welcoming our intern.

- Pray for our intern
- Welcome notes
- Plants or flowers from your garden
- Invitation to dinner with your family
- Help set up intern apartment August 2-5
- Trucks to move furniture August 2-5
- Shopping and stocking the kitchen August 7-9
- Recommendations for the following:
  - Mechanic \*
  - IT personnel
  - \* Hair dresser
  - Running Routes
  - Running Clubs
  - \* Doctor

- \* Dentist
- Counselor
- Chiropractor
  Favorite restaurants
  - Fun things to do in the area

If you would like to help in any way or have recommendations to pass on, please speak with a member of the intern committee (Connie Bogosian, Nathan Hermann, Robyn Ospital, Warren Parr, Bridget Rodriguez or John Ward), or call the church office at 562-691-0656.



## **THRIVENT COMMUNITY "LOVE OUR TEACHERS" EVENT**

On Saturday, August 11, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, Rob Burns and Jay Huckabone of Thrivent Financial will be hosting a "Love Our Teachers" box-packing event in the multi-purpose room at Valadez Middle School Academy (161 E. La Jolla, Placentia). They are looking for volunteers to help pack 60 boxes for the teachers of Melrose Elementary and Valadez Jr. High. Both of these school's students and community struggle to meet their daily needs. Thrivent wishes to help support the students and teachers with extra school supplies in their classrooms. Help pack boxes and make a difference! Please RSVP by August 7 to Katie Anderson at 714-525-4360 or email katie.anderson@thrivent.com. Porto's Bakery items will be served.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped transform Emanuel into a POLAR BLAST for our 2018 Vacation Bible School.

Throughout the weekend of July 13-15, we learned all about Jesus' love through song, story, crafts, food and games.

WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS COOL

We pray for a blessed summer over all of our students and thank you for joining us as we learned "JESUS WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU."



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## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation Another year of Confirmation is starting this month. On <u>Thursday, September 13</u>, classes will resume for confirmation students. We will meet in the Hope Center

Classroom from 6pm-7pm. Confirmation is open to all students from 7th grade up. Confirmation classes alternate between a year of study on Luther's Small Catechism and a year of Bible Study. This year the students will be focusing on the Luther's Small Catechism.

Confirmation mentors are also encouraged to attend the first class where Janine Ward, director of the Confirmation/Mentor program, will meet with mentors to answer questions about being a mentor and talk about this year's study.

For any questions you may have regarding Confirmation, please feel free to contact Pastor Luehr at the church office or Janine Ward (562-696-6573). We look forward to a wonderful year with our returning and new students.

## Confirmation & Jr. High Dinner and a movie!

On Thursday, August 9, at 6pm all Jr. High and Confirmation students are invited to meet in the youth room for dinner and a movie! We especially hope all of the incoming 7th graders will be able to come and meet some of their fellow confirmation classmates. If you have any friends 7th grade or older who might be interested in confirmation, invite them along and we'll be happy to tell them more about it. Please let Pr. Cate or Janine Ward know if you will be joining us.



#### 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 September 25, 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. We are especially looking for male tutors.

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!



- 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

Many of the above items are now in the stores at "Back-To-School" prices. Please bring your donations to the narthex, and thank you for supporting our students and tutors.

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

#### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- Ì • 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help  $\infty$

#### What you do:

- 1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
- 2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
- 3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
- 4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
- 5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



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God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

#### CLUES



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