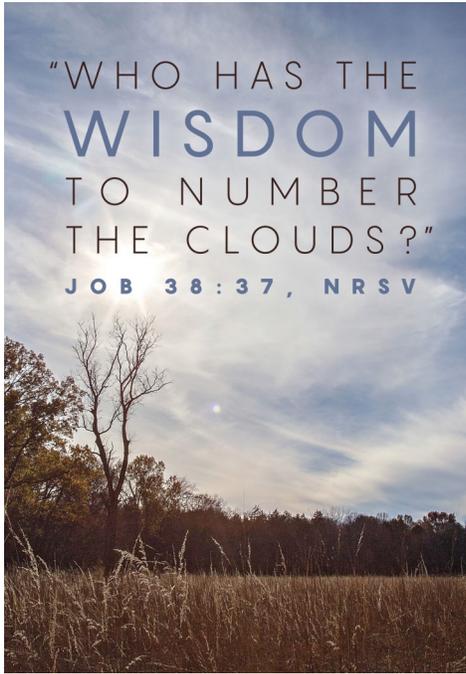


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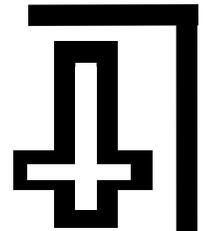
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Traditional Worship Service
 Praise Service
 Children's Sunday School:
 PASTOR:
 VICAR:
 PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:

9:00 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
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 JoInne Sodders

E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
 Website: www.elch.org
 Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



Calling All Men!!!!

I think this is the first time I have written that for any publication, ever. But I wanted to take this opportunity to write a little about the ministry that has been going on for a number of years and an opportunity for the men of our congregation to reconnect with God and other men of faith.

Those of you who were at Emanuel on September 9th may have heard the staff members of Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences talk about the Men's Advance taking place the last weekend in October at EL Camino Pines (the partner camp to Luther Glen). El Camino is set in the mountains outside of Frazier Park and offers a majestic place to get away from the world.

For the past four years many of our adult women have been blessed by taking a weekend away for the Women's retreats in Murrieta. Many of them will testify that some of the most valuable time of our retreats is simply to get away from all of the things that busy our lives and spend a weekend with other sisters in Christ. I believe the men of Emanuel can also benefit from this type of weekend.

You can register for this event and find out more about the discussion leader and the weekend schedule at the website listed below. See page 9 for the flyer.

I pray that God would richly bless the ministry of the men of Emanuel and that you would feel called to attend this weekend of renewal and rejuvenation.

Pastor Cate Luehr

<http://www.mens-advance.org/>



Mens Advance

Oct 26 – 28, 2018

*Becoming Faith
Warriors:*

*Putting on the Full
Armor of God*

Location: El Camino Pines



I have been exploring themes of identity. During worship in early in September, the Pharisees rebuked Jesus and his disciples for not washing their hands before they ate, and Jesus answered, “there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile” (Mark 7:15), bringing into question the identity we show versus the identity we act on. We are the observable of what God is up to in the world. Then we moved our way in the Gospel of Mark to two stories of Jesus healing (Mark 7:24-37). One healing was of Jesus ordering a man’s mouth, one suffering from a speech impediment, to **“be opened,”** and in the same breath ordering all to be silent about what just happened. To which, I ask the question, “Jesus, how will the world know who you are? How will we know your identity?” Bringing us to another Gospel lesson in Mark, where Jesus asks, “Who do the people say that I am... and who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-38). And as Jesus explains to Peter and the other disciples what it means to be the Messiah, their ideas of identity, who Jesus is, who God is, and ultimately who they are is called into question.

Now, I don’t relay all of this information so you can go back and read all of these stories, even if that is a good idea. I remind you of them because each day while I am here at Emanuel, my identity is shifting and I don’t just mean because of what I will choose to wear to this year’s **Trunk-or-Treat**. But with each day and lesson my identity is crumbling and being made new! Yes, I am still a Minnesotan, a daughter, a sister, and a friend. But each day Jesus calls me to **“be opened”** to the life God is calling me, to a life of ordained ministry. I am reminded my identity is rooted in God’s love for me, and God’s plan for my life. Sometimes I think, great, God has got this all figured out. I don’t have to do it on my own. But other times I don’t want to give up total control of my life (thank goodness God loves me anyways).

Most recently, I served at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis, MN, as Children’s Ministry Director. At Christ there were a few members who were pastors. One pastor in particular, who was not retired, but was not currently working in a parish, was named Pastor Mary. Mary would always call me Pastor Maria. At first, I would reprimand her saying, “Shhhhhh! Pastor Mary, you cannot call me that! I am not a pastor yet.” And her response was always the same, “But you are a pastor to me.”

Little did I know, but she was planting seeds in my pastoral formation field. As I look back on my life, I can see different moments where other seeds were being planted for my pastoral identity. And I am grateful to all of you at Emanuel for voluntarily becoming farmers for my pastoral identity. Thank you for showing up and inviting me in. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and make mistakes. Thank you for helping me claim my identity as pastor and for planting seeds. I ask for your prayers as my identity as a pastor of the ELCA is constantly being shaped and formed throughout our year together.

Before I sign off, know that my pastoral formation and identity started as a small seed planted when I was a child. That seed has been tended to and cared for at each stage of my life. Our identity formations don’t stop at any one destination. Our identities will take new shapes at the trunk-or-treat, and at the end of the month we will remember our Lutheran identities celebrating Reformation Day (October 31st). We commemorate Martin Luther and the reformers from over 500 years ago and remember God is still transforming our faith and the world. Learn more about Martin Luther and the Reformation with us and attend our Catechism Revisited Day at the Danish Lutheran Church (October 13th).

Our formations and reformations are continuous in our lives of faith. I pray for each of you in the formation of your identities, and that together we will continue to rely on God’s strength and continue in the mission God has called us.

Love,
Maria



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

EYEGLASSES & CASES:

Do you have new glasses? Maybe one or more older pairs, with or without glass cases? On **October 7 and 14**, we will have a box in the narthex where you can leave your old glasses and cases. These will be taken to the Lion’s Club where they will be assessed and repaired to provide the gift of sight to people around the world. Please share yours so that others may see. Thanks to Cindy Reyes for leading this ministry. Non-prescription readers are also needed.

PATRIOTS & PAWS:

Thanksgiving is coming and that means we have the opportunity to provide bags/baskets to our veterans through Patriots & Paws. Last year we provided 47 complete dinner bags, the second largest donation to them from a group. This bag enables over 300 of our veterans and their families to prepare and have a Thanksgiving meal, which they might not otherwise be able to afford. It is a wonderful way for us to be able to thank them for their service on our behalf.



HOLIDAY DINNER BAG

Each bag will need to be filled with the list of items noted below. We have more of our blue shopping bags available to use and they will be in Moerer Hall.

The filled bags need to be returned to EMANUEL no later than Sunday, November 4.

Holiday Dinner List

- *One Grocery gift card to any major grocery store (minimum of \$20.00)*
- *One Box/Container of Stuffing Mix*
- *Two Packets of Dry Gravy or Two Cans of Turkey Gravy*
- *One Box/Bag of Instant Mashed Potatoes*
- *Two Cans Green Beans*
- *One Large Can of Yams*
- *Two Cans of Chicken Broth*
- *One Can of Cranberry Sauce*

You can also add additional items if you wish.

Please provide a card with a note from you for the family that will receive your bag.

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 costs. This will allow emergency grants for them to retain their home and not fall into the loss spiral. A total of \$965.84 was sent to the center and will be used specifically to prevent older women from becoming homeless. As the grant is dispensed, we will be notified how the money was used and how it has been leveraged. We will be applying for the grant again this month.

³⁵ 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, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ 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.' (Matthew 25:35-40)

FRISTERS: Now that school is back in session, FRISTERS will begin meeting weekly. FRISTERS is a Christian-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse within the teen parent population by providing education, access to resources, role models and support to teen mothers and their children. Fristers currently serves 700 mothers and children annually through six chapter locations throughout Orange County. Emanuel has supported this ministry for several years through the donation of children's books, diapers and wipes, and gifts for the children at Christmas. The current book title will be announced soon. At this time, due to very generous donations this past year, we have a large balance toward the costs of these books. If you would like to make a donation for books, that is wonderful. Otherwise, if you would like to share your gift with another ministry at this time, that would be also be much-appreciated.

EVANGELISM:

Did you know that we have business cards with a picture of our stained glass window, our service times, and Pastor Cate's name on it? They are quite beautiful. Take a couple and keep them in your wallet. You never know when you might have the opportunity to share the GOOD NEWS which we proclaim at Emanuel.

"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 eight 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 or Vicar know and it will be lifted up. We have met and prayed weekly for over five years and we continue to see miracles.

Our Next HAHO meeting is on **Saturday, October 27, at 10:00 AM** in Hope Center. PLEASE JOIN US.

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR FOR BALANCE OF 2018

October: Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders / Collect eyeglasses for the Lion's Club.
November: Veteran's Outreach
December: Angel Tree(s)



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 continue to learn about Jesus and His disciples and that Jesus wants each of us to follow Him. As we follow Jesus, we come closer to Him.
- **Middle School / Sr. High:** This class meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 AM with Janine Ward and Denise Witcher. We invite all Confirmation students and youth 6th grade and up to join us in the Youth room. Come see how God's Word relates to our lives today.

Offerings: We are collecting a "Noisy Offering" to support the homeless ministry in our area. We have a can where coins or dollars can be deposited. The students can see how their offering can help others in this special way.

Seekers: Seekers had "Crazy Sock Day" and a scavenger hunt as their kick-off for the new school year. All youth from kindergarten to 6th grade are welcome. We hear stories, have discussions, enjoy snacks, and play games. It's a great way to learn more about God's Word and how we can apply it to our lives at school and at home. Adults assisting are Mary Ann Carlson and Denyelle Villicano.

Trunk-or-Treat: Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28, for our Trunk-or-Treat evening. Food and games will be set up in Moerer Hall for the first hour, and then we will trunk-or-treat in the parking lot and vote for our favorite trunk. Come and enjoy the food, games, and fun.



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

Board of Parish Education

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, **November 4**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Be sure and pick up your copy of the Annual Report. They will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, October 21, or you can pick one up in the Church Office during the week of October 22nd.

Please plan to attend!



"Catechism Revisited: Martin Luther and the Idea that Changed the World"

Rejoice Conference Day of Theological Education

Saturday, October 13 ♦ 9:00 am-12:30 pm

**Danish Lutheran Church,
16881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

The Rejoice Conference of the Pacifica Synod invites you to attend our 5th annual "Catechism Revisited." This event has been held for the past five years as an intentional time set aside for adult learning and reflection on various topics pertaining to the Lutheran Catechism and Theology. For those who did not have a chance to see it on television or in the movie theaters last year, we will be showing the film ***Martin Luther and the Idea that Changed the World***, a PBS documentary interspersed with dramatic reinterpretations of the protestant reformation and the man who lit the fire beneath it, Martin Luther. This film includes commentary from noted theologians within the field of Reformation history and theology. Afterwards, we will have a group discussion about the film along with the theological and cultural ideas that it presents.

Cost \$10 - includes coffee and pastry in the morning and lunch at 11:30.

SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 am Check in, coffee and Danish pastry, Invocation and Opening Remarks
- 9:30 am Film "Martin Luther and the Idea that Changed the World"
- 11:30 am Lunch provided by Danish Lutheran Church (included in cost)
- 12:00 pm Closing Discussion

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 9, to Pastor Anne-Grethe Nielsen
at info@danishchurchsocal.com or (714) 993-6362.**



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. After being off for the summer, they will resume on **Thursday, October 4**, where they will continue their study of Hebrews using Shepherd's Notes. They enjoy learning together about the Word of the Lord 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, October 15, 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 fall we will continue our study focusing on repentance and turning to God. If you have never participated in the Joy Circle before, consider trying one or more of the 3 or 4 month sessions. Extra copies of this Bible study will be available that morning.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Emanuel Lutheran's Annual
"Thanksgiving Dinner"

Tickets will be available for purchase starting Sunday, October 28
and also Sunday, November 4

Watch your bulletins for more information!



How do we as men become courageous faith warriors who leave impactful footprints of faith?

Apostle Paul's admonition to believers challenges to put on the full armor of God each day. By grounding ourselves in Biblical truths, having a right relationship with God and our fellow believers, developing a readiness to share the Gospel of true peace, claiming the grace of God-given salvation, and using the Word of God and prayer, we can unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives impacting our families, churches, and our communities.

Our guest presenter and discussion leader will be Dr. Terry Paulson.

With a PhD in psychology and a Masters in Lay Theology from Fuller Seminary, Terry is an award-winning speaker who weaves contagious enthusiasm, tasteful humor, and practical insights on faith into each presentation.

Join us as an individual or bring your men's group to the **"Full Weekend Retreat"** or take advantage of our **"Saturday Only Registration"** if that's all your schedule will allow.

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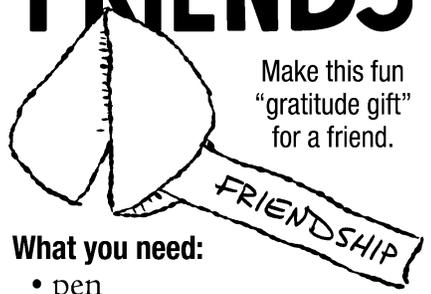
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Kid's Korner

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV