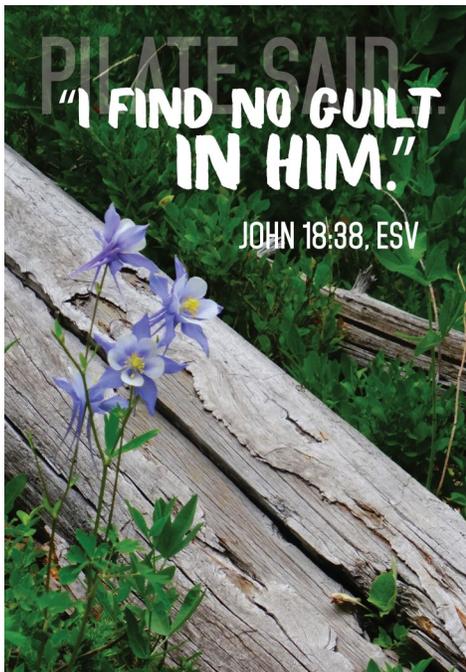


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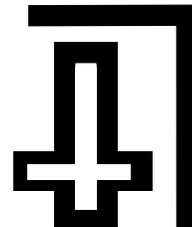
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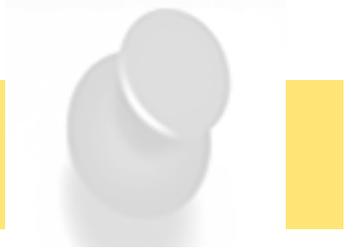
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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



As we entered into the Season of Lent, Vicar Maria helped the children during worship “Hide the Hallelujah” and put it to rest until we resurrect it on Easter Sunday. Today I want to share with you a litany (a call and response used in worship) written by Fran Pratt for Easter Sunday. It beautifully walks through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection and it gives us back our buried Hallelujah.

Easter Day (Year B): Litany for Christ’s Life

God, in human form you lived on the earth,

Doing ordinary things;

But also doing extraordinary things:

Preaching, teaching, healing, calling.

You proclaimed the Good News from a human mouth:

The Kingdom of God is here!

Your good work and proclamation drew the attention of worldly powers

Who perceived it as a threat,

Because it was: The kingdom of God undoes everything it touches

And builds it again newly.

And, by the power of human sin, violence, and confusion -

You were killed -

A fate you did not resist, but instead accepted -

You were buried -

So that you might shame the powers, and teach them a new way:

You were resurrected!

Hallelujah! This changes everything!

Hallelujah!

From the enemies we love, to the suffering we accept -

Hallelujah!

From the violence we reject, to the justice-mercy-healing work we do -

Hallelujah!

This Way-of-God-come-down-to-earth completely rearranges our perspective!

Hallelujah!

For Christ has torn the temple down

And rebuilt it.

The Way of God came down.

The Way of God lives on in us.

Amen

(Written March 27, 2018 by Fran Pratt www.franpratt.com)

Pastor Cate Luehr



The other day I was at the gym and I struck up a conversation with the class instructor. She and I have had conversations before. We are both from Minnesota, and both moved here within the last couple of years, so we are both fairly new to the area. Often after class, we chitchat about our families who continue to live in Minnesota and we discuss life as Minnesota/California transplants.

This week, however, she mentioned that during next week's class there will be a sub instructor because she is going on a women's retreat at her church (she attends a church in Huntington Beach). I began this conversation by asking her the topic of the event. Even though she couldn't remember, I shared with her that I was planning our women's retreat with Pastor Cate and I was just wondering if I could get more ideas from her. She laughed and said she would take good notes for me. I was reminded of the verse from Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

How important relationships are! Our God is a relational God and we were created to be in relation with God, each other, and the world around us. And I cannot stress enough how essential it is for us as human beings, women and men, to have strong faith-filled relationships. Janine Ward and I spoke about this when she shared her story about the Saturday morning prayer group. She says it is all women because no men have come yet, but she encouraged me that men and women are invited and encouraged to attend (Saturday mornings in the chapel at 8:30 AM). When speaking about Saturday morning prayer, Janine said there is a special bond between people who pray together and hold one another in prayer! She likened the relationship to a sisterhood strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit!

I am so excited to experience a glimpse of this May 3-5 with a group of Emanuel women for the Lutheran Women's Retreat: *Found, Forgiven, and Freed*. We will learn, laugh, worship, pray, and play together, all the while growing in our relationships with one another. Together we will continue to build strong faith-filled relationships with one another that encourage and empower us in faith and in life. Our theme verse for the weekend is Psalm 86:4, "For you, Lord, are good and ready to forgive, abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on You." We will explore how free we are because God has found and forgiven us! If you are interested, make sure to fill out the form and return it to the office with your deposit to reserve your spot!

And men, know that there are opportunities for you too, to retreat away or meet with one another. Pastor Cate will continue to keep you informed about groups meeting and retreating in the year to come. And if you have an interest in planning something, a group event or retreat, come and chat with me and I would love to encourage or assist in any way I can.

Each Sunday, each midweek worship opportunity, in the confirmation mentorship program, Sunday school, fellowship events, outreach projects, Study Buddies, property care projects, weekly meetings, and all the times we meet together there are opportunities for us to encourage one another in faith! We do not need a retreat to know that our lives together continue to be encouraged in life and provoked to love and good deeds in the name of Christ, the one who found us, forgave us, and set us free!

Vicar Maria



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

PATRIOTS & PAWS: On Friday evening, April 26 from 5:00-8:00PM, and Saturday morning, April 27 from 7:00-9:30AM, we will collect **new and gently used household items**. Items collected Friday evening will be stored in the Youth Room overnight. We will deliver them at 10:00 AM the morning of Saturday, April 27. Last year we delivered 3 pickup truckloads. We need drivers with trucks.

Also, since P & P has moved into their new warehouse and is receiving more goods for the veterans, their expenses have increased to pay for rent, the truck, and a part-time paid driver to pick up goods. In order to keep this ministry viable, they need cash donations as well. Members of Emanuel may wish to make a cash donation rather than household items to assist. P & P will pick up donations of large items such as furniture. This usually needs to be scheduled about 3 weeks in advance. They made 85 pickups last month! During February, P & P helped 103 veterans and their families and had 921 volunteer hours donated. Volunteers are needed to help in the warehouse on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 to 3. Additionally, on April 27 there is an opportunity to tour the Warehouse and meet some of the veterans. Breakfast and Lunch will be available for \$5.00 each.

FRISTERS: Hundreds of Diapers and Wipes were delivered to Fristers on March 28. This enables the caretakers to properly care for the children while the moms are meeting weekly. Thank you for your generous help!

STUDY BUDDIES: Study Buddies provides snacks and rewards for the students. HAHO contributions help to support this process to encourage these young learners from our community.

WINGS & MAMA HILL'S HOUSE: For our annual focus on Mom's in May, we will prepare special personal hygiene gift bags. We have purchased the bags and will distribute them with a list on April 13. If you wish to participate, fill the bag and return it to Emanuel no later than May 5, for delivery on May 7. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's who continue to care for their children under very difficult circumstances.

- Items For the Bags:
- *Comb*
 - *Brush*
 - *Mirror*
 - *Lip Gloss*
 - *Hand Lotion*
 - *Hand Sanitizer*
 - *Toothbrush & Paste*
 - *Note Pad & Pen*
 - *Mother's day Card with personal Note*

EVANGELISM:

Did you know we have business cards with a picture of our stained glass window, our church information, and our Pastor's name on them? 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.

We are working on developing and making new yard signs for Easter and Christmas. The new signs will include our street address.

"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 six years and we continue to see miracles.

Our next HAHO meeting will be on June 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us.

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR HAHO MINISTRY TEAM!

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR

If you'd like to plan ahead for those ministries which are dearest to your heart, a 2019 calendar of scheduled opportunities is below. (You could post it on your refrigerator!)

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

<i>April:</i>	Specific household items for Patriots & Paws (replaces Free-For-All). We will collect at Emanuel and deliver.
<i>May:</i>	WINGS and Mama Hill's House support for moms
<i>June:</i>	Daniel Alvarez Center – household cleaning & maintenance items
<i>June/July/August:</i>	Support VBS and Parish Ed
<i>August/September:</i>	School supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill House
<i>October:</i>	Bibles for Preschool & third graders as needed
<i>November:</i>	Veteran's Outreach – holiday bags
<i>December:</i>	Angel Tree(s) & Fristers/Kidsters Toys

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

Subject To Adjustment

Lenten Midweek Services / "The Voices of Lent" Thru April 11

Continuing thru April 11, we will gather in the Moerer Hall Fireside room on Wednesdays mornings at 10:15 AM, and Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer and listen to several Pastors, Deacons, and Ministers share their Lenten reflections. Come, listen, and add to the many different "Voices of Lent."

Thursday, March 28 and Wednesday, April 3:

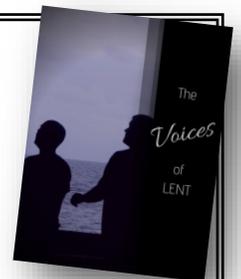
Pr. Murray Finck, Bishop Emeritus of the Pacifica Synod

Thursday, April 4 and Wednesday April 10:

Pr. Moses Barrios, newly ordained Pastor of Crave Life Church and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

Thursday, April 11:

Deacon Barbara Martyn, Interim Deacon serving throughout Pacifica Synod





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 be learning about Bible stories through art, games and science. Our focus will be the Fruit of the Spirit for the next few months. We will see how each Fruit of the Spirit is vital in the life of a Christian and how the Holy Spirit guides us. Come and join us.
- **Middle School / Sr. High:** This class meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 AM with Janine Ward and Denise Witcher. We currently are looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how we are very much like sheep. All are welcome as we discover how God works in our lives. Don't miss out.

Offerings: Our students purchased the Cross Lenten banner that is hanging in the Narthex during the season of Lent. They have chosen the Cross as the banner they would like to donate. We are encouraging them to take pride in their church, Emanuel Lutheran. Our next focus for our offerings will be to support a ministry that is out of the country. More information will follow.

Seekers: Seekers youth meet each Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM. Come join the fun as we have stories, games and snacks. We are beginning to practice for our Spring Musical. Come join the fun as we become very creative!

Preschool Appreciation Sunday: HAHO and Parish Ed will be sponsoring this event on Sunday, April 7, at 10:45 AM during the Praise Service. The students will sing songs and have a luncheon after the service. Don't miss our special preschooler's performing and worshipping with us!

Study Buddies: Our Study Buddies program is going strong with approximately 20 students enrolled and 7-8 kids attending per session. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Note there will not be Study Buddies on Thursday, April 18 due to the Maundy Thursday evening service that day.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 21, at 10:20 AM after the first service. Donations of filled plastic eggs are welcome.

Spring Play: We will be preparing for the Spring Musical "Agape League — a Superhero Adventure about the Fruits of the Spirit." We are learning songs on Sunday mornings and at Seekers on Thursdays. The performance will be on Sunday, June 9 at 10:45 AM.



VBS: This year's VBS will be a five day event beginning on Sunday, June 23, through Thursday, June 27. The theme is "Roar! Life Is Wild—God Is Good." Mark your calendars!

Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 19.

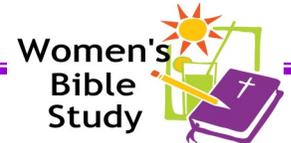
Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults.

Board of Parish Education



PRESCHOOL INVITED TO CHURCH!

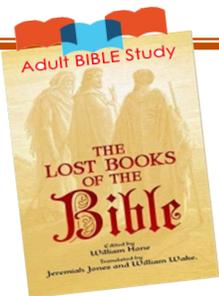
A special invitation has been extended to Emanuel Lutheran Preschool to join us for worship on **Sunday, April 7, at the 10:45 AM** worship service. We want to thank the Preschool families for sharing their children with us and we want to take this time to share the love of Jesus with our preschoolers. The students will be invited to come and sing a few songs during worship and then join us for lunch and games to follow. A very excited group of members is coordinating a meal and a bunch of fun activities for the students and their families. We would also like to invite **all of our children** from Emanuel to this special service. If you would like to help out on this day or would like to join us for lunch please contact the church office.



JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle Bible Study will meet on **Monday, April 15, from 9:30-11:00 AM.** The Joy Circle is a women's group that normally 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.

In January we began a new four-month Bible study looking at the Gospel of John. This month we will continue learning how throughout John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. Over the course of this four-session study by Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, we will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. Their conversations beckon us to explore and grow in faith. We hope you will consider joining us!



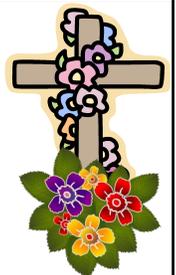
ADULT LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY

**1st and 3rd Thursdays at 4:30 PM
Hope Center Classroom**

At Emanuel, we have an Adult Lay Bible Study led by a member of the congregation. They normally meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 4:30 PM in the Hope Center Classroom. **This month they will meet on April 4 and April 18,** where they will continue their study of *The Lost Books of the Bible*. 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.

FLOWERS NEEDED

Each year we decorate the Sanctuary and the outside patio cross on the Saturday before Easter. We are asking for flower donations for our *OUTSIDE* cross. If you would like to share your garden flowers with Emanuel, we would appreciate them. Just bring them to the church on **Saturday morning, April 20, by 9:00 AM,** and we will be sure that they are incorporated into the beauty of our outside cross. Sanctuary decorating will begin at 8:00 AM, and the outside cross decorating will begin at 9:00 AM. At 9:30 AM, the Hall will be decorated for Easter Breakfast — all are welcome to help with that, too!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Planning Ahead for our Holy Week Celebrations!

Be thinking about who you could invite!

- ◆ **Palm Sunday, April 14**
Procession with Palms, 9:00 am & 10:45 am
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 18**
Last Supper, 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 19**
The Crucifixion, 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 21**
The Resurrection of our Lord! ALLELUIA!

Sunrise Service: 6:30 am
Traditional Service: 9:00 am
Praise Service: 10:45 am



Easter Morning Breakfast

Once again being sponsored by Emanuel's Youth!

Sunday, April 21
7:30 am — 10:30 am

Enjoy a great breakfast of Breakfast Burritos, Rolls, Muffins, OJ, Coffee

AND...

WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP
With your Emanuel Family!

Plan to come and support our youth
(donations graciously accepted).

Have your Easter Breakfast at Emanuel!
Bring a Friend!

Happy
EASTER!



Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held between services on Easter Sunday, April 21, at 10:20 AM. Donations of plastic filled Easter eggs with candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Sunday school room or church office by Sunday, April 14.

Thank you in advance for your support.



DINE AND DONATE

Dine at **BLACK BEAR DINER** and
10% of your bill will be donated to
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday, April 29th
Between 4pm – 8pm

Applies to dine-in and/or
 online orders placed through
 BlackBearDiner.com



THRIVENT FINANCIAL FREE SHRED EVENT

April 27, 8:00 to 11:30 AM

Rob Burns and Jay Huckabone of Thrivent Financial will be sponsoring a **FREE SHRED EVENT** on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00-11:30 AM at Christ Lutheran Church (820 W. Imperial Hwy., Brea). Please bring up to 10 boxes of old documents to be shredded, 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.



American Landscapes

SYNESTHESIA SINFONIETTA



April 27, 2019
7:00 pm

Featuring music by American composers:

- Campbell - On the Shoulders of Giants (west coast premiere)
- Castro - Fanfare from "Fanfare and Variations"
- Cervero - Gondola Ride (world premiere)
- Copland - Clarinet Concerto, Lincoln Portrait
- Williams - The Cowboys Overture

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 150 N Palm St, La Habra, CA 90631

Featuring special guest artists: *Sierra Allen, Clarinet & Bret Iwan, Voice Actor*



Isaiah Castro,
 Artistic Director



Sierra Allen,
 Clarinet



Bret Iwan,
 Voice Actor

ADMISSION: "PAY WHAT YOU CAN"

For more information, please email: synesthesia:sinfonietta@gmail.com

SCHOPPA SCHOLARSHIPS



The Elroy Schoppa Scholarship Fund is provided by Emanuel Lutheran Church for members of Emanuel who are, or will be, attending an accredited college or vocational school in the next academic year. Students must attend 50% of Sunday Worship services and scheduled Youth meetings for at least 2 years within 4 years of applying. They must also maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA. Contact Warren Parr, Wolfgang Hessel or Dwight Carey for more information.

Kid's Korner

God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

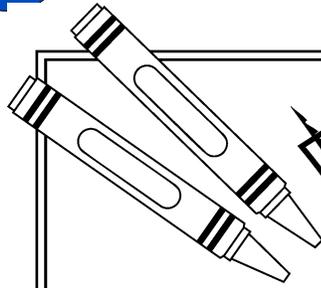
- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



John 3:16

What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.



PUZZLE

Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linen, spices, silver coins