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Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr



Over the past few months, MANY people from Emanuel have been giving me the Albertsons Grocery Store Monopoly coupons. Albertsons (the grocery store my family uses), had a shopping promotion similar to many large grocery stores and chain retailers. This particular promotion was themed after the board game Monopoly where upon when you purchased certain items, you received little coupons that looked like Monopoly pieces. Some were able to be combined with other coupons to receive *fabulous* prizes, like vacation homes and \$1 Million!! (I never won any of those). Some Monopoly pieces offered free grocery items (I received a good number of these, but more about that later). Other coupons were for a small percentage off of certain items (I have LOTS of these).

It was actually this third type of coupon that started the large influx of Monopoly pieces from the good people of Emanuel. During the Season of Lent, we were collecting diapers and baby wipes for the Fristers Ministry in La Habra that supports teen mom's and their children. One Sunday during announcements I proudly touted that I had been the big winner of a coupon for 50 cents off diapers and was willing to give it to anyone who still wanted to purchase diapers for Fristers. This began the cascade of church members, their families, their coworkers, their long-lost relatives and the complete strangers they ran into at the grocery store giving me their Monopoly coupons.

It might seem like a weird thing to boast about, but it reminded me of the generosity of this congregation and how one generous act amongst the people of God can produce more acts of generosity. I mentioned that some of the coupons offered free food items and since we already have plenty of food and I had an ABUNDANCE of coupons, I decided once the Monopoly coupons started arriving by the bucketful I would pass on the generosity. Each time I received a coupon for a free grocery item, I redeemed it and gave it to the La Habra Community Resource Care Center Food Pantry or to the Daniel Alvarez Men's Shelter. In such a way, we are blessed to be a blessing each and every day. You blessed me with seemingly insignificant coupons and they grew and multiplied into an abundance of food for our hungry neighbors and for men in our community working towards addiction recovery. The Lord has the ability to take small gestures and make them powerful in the kingdom of God. Thanks for your continued generosity, and if you were wondering, below is the list of items you generously donated to the people in our community:

Flour, Crackers, Corn, Peas, Bottled Water, Snapple, Graham crackers, Tin Foil, Waxed Paper, Pasta, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Animal Crackers, Candy, Trail Mix, Mixed Nuts, French Bread, Donuts, Storage Container, Potato Chips, Aspirin, Frozen Veggies, Tissues, Antacids, Tic Tacs and Gum.

LIVE GENEROUSLY. LIVE ABUNDANTLY.

Pastor Cate Luehr



Do you have kids? Are there kids in your life — grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor kids, students? Are they potty-trained three-year-olds through entering 6th grade? Invite them on a ROARING adventure at Emanuel!

ROAR Vacation Bible School is this summer's "mane" event! We will begin with a community potluck at 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 23rd. VBS programming will be from



6-8:00 PM June 23rd through June 27th. Register your kids using the green form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to Emanuel's office by June 16. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for a family. Or sign up to be a volunteer (see back of green registration form) and return it to Emanuel's office.

At Roar VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good! Roar is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! We will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that empowers us through this wild life. Even though life is sometimes unfair, scary, changing, sad, or good, God is with us and is always good!

It is my prayer Roar VBS will allow everyone involved to discover a wildly refreshing understanding of how God is good — touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids and adults here at Emanuel and in our community closer to our God who loves them.

In order to reach not only families in our church but also families outside of our church, we need your help! Consider sharing Emanuel Lutheran Church's Facebook and Instagram posts to your personal pages. Share posts with your neighborhood groups, with your scout families, and other extra-curricular communities. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to share our Emanuel Story, God with us, with our surrounding community by inviting others to join in on the adventure. If you have other ideas on how to reach out into our community contact Brooke Diaz at (714) 334-9920.

Vicar Maria



What are Zion's favorite cookies?

BOAR-EOS!



Why can't you shock a rhino?

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What do you get when 2 giraffes run into each other?





How do Hoopoe birds get strong?

EGG-ercize!



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

BIG NEWS! HAHO member Janine Ward has worked with Thrivent to obtain a \$3,500 grant for community outreach! This grant will be used by Emanuel members working together to reach those in need. Currently the plan is to have a work party to put together the Thanksgiving bags for Patriots and Paws, with Emanuel members donating only the gift cards. The groceries would be included in the grant. We will also provide needed items for families in transition at HIS House, a ministry in Placentia that both Emanuel and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently collaborated on as Women of Faith where we made and donated 25 blankets.

<u>WINGS & MAMA HILL'S HOUSE</u>: Hygiene bags for the moms, along with household items for the WINGS shelter were delivered in May. We are so happy to support the mom's who continue to care for their children under very difficult circumstances. Here are pictures of the celebration at Mama Hill's House where the bags were gifted to the moms.



DANIEL ALVAREZ CENTER:

Men's socks and household cleaning items will go to the Daniel Alvarez Center for men in addiction recovery after Father's Day on June 16. Mops, brooms, dust cloths, paper towels, and cleaning items such as 409 or Windex are needed. Thanks to Andy Zambrano for leading this ministry for men who are recovering in a Christian environment.

Striving to be more Christlike by following the characteristics of Jesus...

Galatians 5:22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Deliverance from substance abuse
- Power over addiction classes
- Celebrate recovery classes
- Anger management classes

- Group and individual counseling
- Job placement
- Financial freedom strategies

Galatians 5:1: It is freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.



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.

"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.

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

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.

June/July/August:Daniel Alvarez Center – household cleaning & maintenance items
Support VBS and Parish EdAugust/September:School supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill HouseOctober:Bibles for Preschool & third graders as neededNovember:Veteran's Outreach – holiday bagsDecember: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



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. As we continue to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, we can see how each Fruit of the Spirit is vital in our daily lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- *Middle School / Sr. High:* This class will look at biographies of famous people of faith like Corrie Ten Boom and David Livingston in the next couple of weeks.

Offerings: Our offering will go to presenting our new Vicar, Matt Polsdofer, and his family with a welcome gift as they arrive in California. Our students are eager to get to know them and wish them happy times as we begin our summer season.

Seekers: School will soon be ending for the summer and Seeker youth will not be meeting during June, July and August. See you in September!

It's Play Time!!! The play "The Agape League—a Superhero Adventure about the Fruits of the Spirit" will be performed on <u>Sunday, June 9, at the</u> <u>10:45 AM Worship Service</u>. We thank all the parents who have supported their students as they prepared to present this play to our congregation. Our kids have learned that their effort to learn the script is a service that honors God. The words of these songs and the scripture that is so prevalent in this musical will hopefully root deeply into the lives of our children, bringing about the Fruit that is promised in the Word of God!



VBS: This year's VBS program will begin Sunday, June 23, and go through Thursday, June 27. Join our adventure with "Roar! Life Is Wild—God Is Good." We thank Kerry Ospital and Brooke Diaz for being the Co-directors of this amazing adventure.

Confirmation was celebrated on Sunday, May 19. The Confirmands shared their Statements of Faith with our congregation. A delicious potluck was enjoyed by all.

Study Buddies: Our Study Buddies program has concluded for this school year. Next fall we will be looking to add a couple new tutors.

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

Board of Parish Education

PRESCHOOL GROWING CEREMONY

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 AT 6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION ON MOERER HALL.

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"THE AGAPE LEAGUE"

Spring Play Sunday, June 9 at 10:45 AM

All children are invited to join us as we present our Spring Play "The Agape League — a Superhero Adventure about the Fruits of the Spirit."

High in the mountains in the impenetrable Agape Fortress, General Agape has called the mighty Agape League together to

solve a crisis in Suburbiana City! Calling on the super-powered fruits of the spirit available to every follower of Christ, these heroes must also face an enemy within their own ranks when Ironblade forgets his superhero identity (self control) and becomes entangled in the pervasive worldly culture. Will the citizens of Suburbia City be saved? Will the source of true power – God's Word – finally be utilized before time runs out? Find out on <u>Sunday, June 9 at the 10:45</u> <u>AM Praise Worship Service. There will be a potluck luncheon following the service.</u> All are invited to attend!



PROJECT ROCK BAND

By TRITONE MUSIC ACADEMY

Emanuel again welcomes Project Rock Band this summer from June 10 through July 26. Kids 4th through 9th grade will have the opportunity to participate in a week-long band camp (10:00AM-4:00PM daily) and choose between Lead-Vocals, Electric Guitar, Bass or Drums! Their mission is to improve music literacy and music appreciation among children of Orange County and beyond. Kids will learn how to read music, become multi-instrumentalists, and be introduced to the experience of playing together as a full band. Ideally students will have already had at least one year of experience reading music. Student-to-teacher ratio is extremely small, 5 students to 1 teacher. By the end of the week, they will perform two songs in a full band! For more information visit *tritonema.com* (under Programs select Project Rock Band).



VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING AND DECORATION DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 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, June 22, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. All volunteers are asked to meet with Directors Brooke Diaz and Kerry Ospital for information about the weekend, and with Pastor Cate Luehr and Vicar Maria about our Safe Child Policy.

If volunteers are unable to come to this meeting on Saturday, they can also meet with Pastor Cate and Vicar Maria in Moerer Hall on Sunday, June 23, at 10:15 AM or 12:00 PM following either service for a brief meeting. Thanks!



VBS DONATION NEEDS

VBS is just around the corner! We are collecting empty coffee cans and oatmeal cannisters to be used for drums at VBS. Our kids will learn through Bible adventures, crafts, singing, and games that **LIFE IS SOMETIMES WILD, BUT GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD**. Look for the collection box in the Narthex.



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 June 6 and June 20**,

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.



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.

VICAR MATT POLSDOFER AND FAMILY!



Our Vicar for 2019-2021 will be joining us very soon! Vicar Matt, his wife Jenni and their children Ben and Ruby will be joining us at the beginning of June. Shortly after they arrive, Vicar Matt will be heading to Luther Seminary for his first round of intensive classes. Jenni, Ben and Ruby will be around so make sure to say hello and welcome them to La Habra!

On Sunday, June 16, we will officially welcome and commission Vicar Matt for his time of ministry with us. We hope you are able to join us that day to celebrate and welcome the newest member of our ministry staff.

Calling all Seniors . . .



NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH, TO A DOCTOR, TO A GROCERY STORE?

NEED A LITTLE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A ROFESSIONAL SERVICE FOR YOU OR YOUR HOME?





NEED/WANT SOMEONE TO CHECK IN WITH YOU OCCASIONALLY?

Emanuel has some caring people who wish to provide you with a little independence support. If you have a need, just let Pastor Cate or Vicar Maria know and they will put you in touch with someone who can help.





Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

- Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
- If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
- 3. Write your name(s) and the date.
- Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
- 5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



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