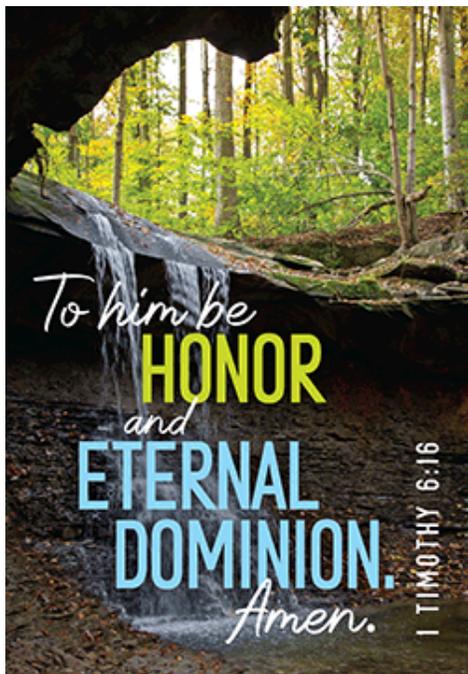


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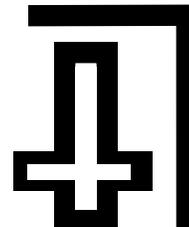
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Children's Sunday School:  
9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
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PASTOR:  
Catherine E. Luehr  
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Matt Polsdöfer  
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# 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*

When I meet new people, one of the first questions is often, “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. Additionally, working with our interns over the past two years I have had plenty of conversations about vocation. 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, 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. Vocation includes the identity we carry into our families, our churches, our work and friendships.

For others their vocation may have nothing to do with their occupation, but it is intrinsically wrapped up in the 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

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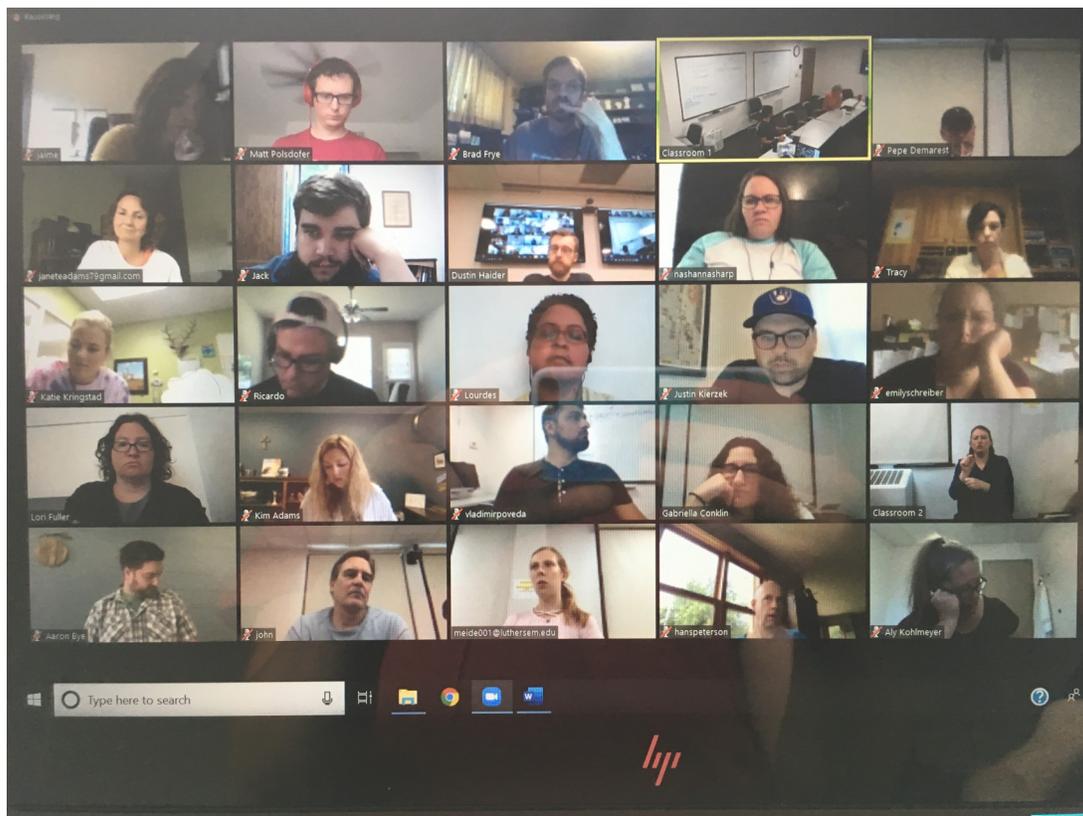
*Starting this month and continuing throughout the fall Pr. Cate will be moving her day off from Friday to Monday. Our regular office hours will still be Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30. Pr. Cate will be primarily using Friday for visitation and writing but will be accessible by phone on Fridays. She will also be holding office hours by appointment on Fridays.*

# Matt's *Motivational Minute*



## “THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES”

In our MDivX program, those of us who are learning via distance are affectionately referred to as the “cloud of witnesses.” We have classmates and a professor who are in a classroom with two huge TVs displaying our images. I wanted to share with the congregation what I see during class, because I think it is a neat image. We are live in most all of our courses. I affectionately call us “The Brady Bunch” because we each have our own little screen.



As part of this program that I am in, I will be in classes and internship simultaneously except when I am on vacation or in Minneapolis on Luther Seminary's campus. With the intensive nature of this program, Luther has the next two years of my life planned out! They decide when classes and break are. I just wrapped up my first term of classes. I will be on a break/vacation for two weeks, then in the congregation full time for a week, and then gone for a few weeks at Luther for a cohort gathering and intensives for our next term. So don't worry where I am! I am still around, but this is a full month of break and intensives that will be coming up!

Thank you for your support in my learning and for your continued prayers.

In Christ,

Vicar Matt



## Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

*“Feed My Sheep” – John 21*

### COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

**HIS HOUSE:** HIS House exists to help people overcome homelessness and achieve independence. Since 1989, HIS House has provided shelter and support services to more than 3,800 homeless men, women and children. Part of the grant we are receiving from Thrivent will be dedicated to this wonderful ministry to overcome homelessness. Pictured below are Emanuel’s HAHO team and Thrivent members packing Welcome Home boxes on August 17. Jay Haley from HIS House was also in attendance.



**STUDY BUDDIES, MAMA HILL’S HOUSE and THRIVENT:** Study Buddies resumed August 27. They have a lot of school supplies, but they are in need of gift cards to purchase snacks and rewards. Gift cards may be designated and put in the offering or left in the church office.

During August we collected and delivered notebooks, pens, pencils, and other school supplies to Mama Hill’s House. We also collected several pairs of athletic shoes which were donated through our local Thrivent chapter.

**PATRIOTS & PAWS:** Patriots & Paws will be hosting an open house at the new warehouse (1825 E. Via Burton, Anaheim) on Saturday, September 21, from 8:00-2:00 PM. Come and meet some veterans, see the warehouse and have breakfast or lunch for \$5.00. More than 100 veterans and military families are assisted every month by this ministry. We will again be providing Holiday Dinner Bags for our veterans in November.

**WANDS FOR WILDLIFE “WANDRAISER”— NEW OPPORTUNITY:** Now through October 20, a box will be in the Narthex. Gather up your old mascara wands (clean them if possible) and put in the box. They will be mailed to Wands for Wildlife. Old mascara wands are used to remove fly eggs and larva from the fur and feathers of wild animals. They work well because the bristles are close together. What a great way to help our animals and recycle!

For more information, see [www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html](http://www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html).



EYEGASSES/CASES: Used eyeglasses and cases are again being collected for the Lions Club to assist people who need help with their vision. A box is in the narthex until October 20. Are we making a difference with these glasses? The La Habra Journal reports that in June 2019, the Lions, a part of the international Lions and Knights of the Blind, held a free vision screening event open to everyone regardless of age or income. A total of 234 adults and children had their vision tested by volunteer opticians. That day 158 people went home with glasses, and another 25 people will receive new glasses made at the optical lab — a total of 183 patients received new or recycled eyeglasses! This was a life-changing event for them. Imagine being able to see clearly for the first time in your life!



**EVANGELISM:**

THE BLUE SHOPPING BAGS ARE BACK! If you need a new bag, they are available, just let us know. The La Habra Resource Community Care Center is now distributing food to members of our community by letting them “shop” and pick up the items. Hortencia Vizcarra, the Executive Director, has requested that we provide bags for this ministry. Not only will we be providing a service to the center, but Emanuel’s bags will be all over our community.

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.

**The next HAHO meeting is Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 AM. Please join us.**

Thank you for your generous Hearts and Hands!

Jeanette Parr  
Facilitator



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**OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR**

If you’d like to plan ahead for those ministries which are dearest to your heart, a 2019 calendar of remaining 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.**

- September:* Gift Cards for Study Buddies
- October:* Bibles for Preschool & Third Graders as needed  
Used Eyeglasses and Cases for Lions Club  
Mascara Wands for Wands For Wildlife
- November:* Veteran’s Outreach – Holiday Dinner Bags
- December:* 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. During August, our summer Sunday School showed the “Little Dogs on the Prairie” series teaching that when we lie, steal or cheat it hurts our friends and family. Now we are viewing the Max Lucado’s “Hermie and Friends” series where we learn the importance of prayer, saying you’re sorry, and behaving.

**Offerings:** Our weekly offerings have gone to support pets that belong to our veterans when they return home from duty. Now we will collect donations for our Angel Tree where we supply gifts for the families in need at a shelter during Christmas.

**Seekers:** Seeker’s youth group “kick-off” will be on Thursday, September 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Come wearing your shirts INSIDE OUT and be ready for some missed up games and a scavenger hunt!

**Confirmation:** Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday, September 19 in Hope Center. Confirmation is open to all students from 7th grade up. This two-year faith formation program meets every Thursday night and participates in a mentor dinner night once a month. See Janine Ward or Pastor Cate if you know of someone who might be interested in Confirmation.

**Study Buddies** started their 2019-2020 year on Tuesday, August 27, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family. Invite your friends! We would like to add 2 or 3 more tutors to our wonderful group of volunteers so please consider giving us a try. We think you’ll love it! High School students are also welcome to tutor — this would be a great way to earn your community service. Talk to Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio for details.

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

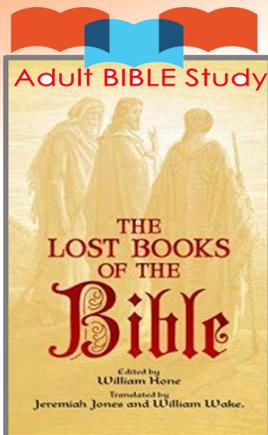
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## JOY CIRCLE



The Joy Circle Bible Study will resume on **Monday, September 16, 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 begin a 3-month study focusing on Old Testament poetry and the emotions they portray. 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.



## 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, September 5**, 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.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Another year of Confirmation is starting next month. On **Thursday, September 19**, classes will resume for confirmation students. We will meet in the Hope Center Classroom from 6:00-7:00 PM. 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 Bible.

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.

A Confirmation Kick-off will take place on Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 PM in the Youth Room. This is a mandatory meeting for all students, parents, and mentors. Root beer floats and cookies will be served.



## FARM SUNDAY AT EMANUEL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

For the last few years the youth of Emanuel have been involved with Luther Glen Camp and Farm through their retreats and during summer service weekends. On **Sunday, September 15**, members of the camp staff will be visiting Emanuel during both of our morning worship services to tell us a little bit about the ministry they do and some of the work our youth have participated in. They will be bringing along a few goats and will have **farm fresh eggs and produce for sale on the patio!**

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## SAVE THE DATE



This coming January, Emanuel will be celebrating 60 years of ministry in La Habra. We will have a 60th anniversary celebration the morning of **Sunday, January 26**. Please reserve this day on your calendar to celebrate with your Emanuel family.

# CALLING ALL SENIORS . . .



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

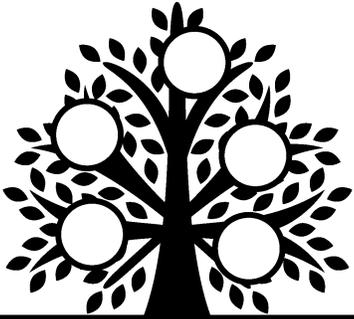
NEED A LITTLE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FOR YOU OR YOUR  
HOME?



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 know and she will put you in touch with someone who can help.*

# Kid's Korner



## GROWING generations

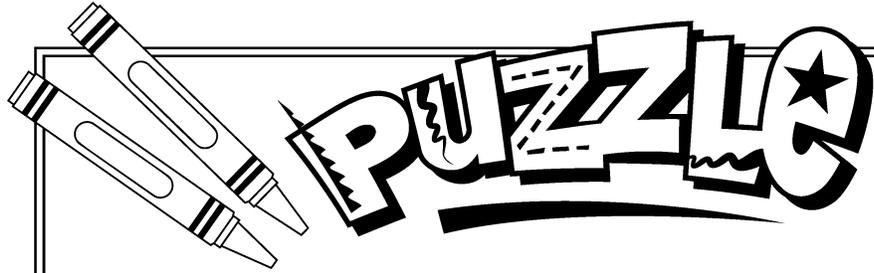
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

### What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

### What you do:

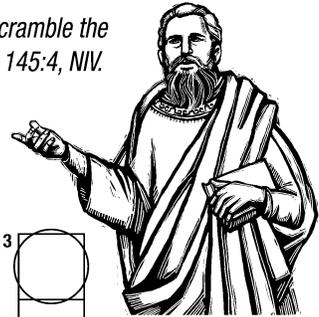
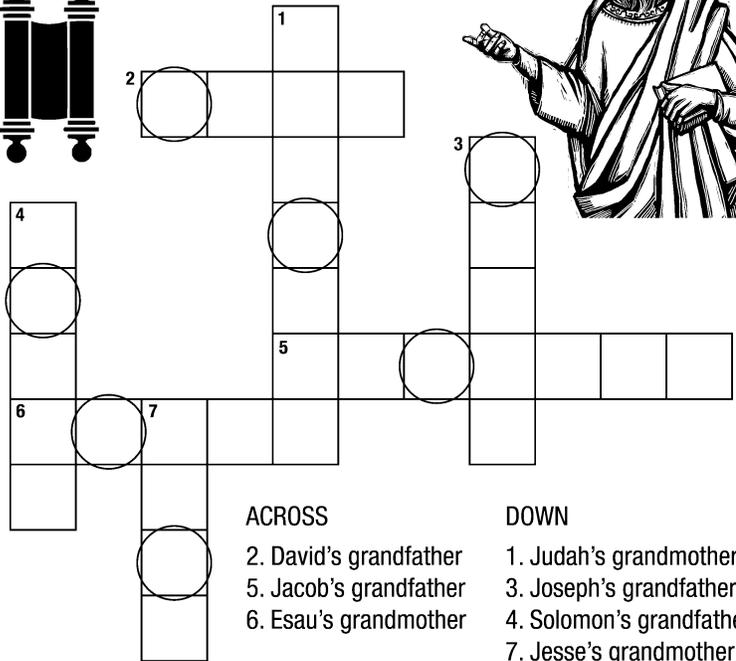
1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

*Directions:* After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



### ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

### DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation