

The Good News

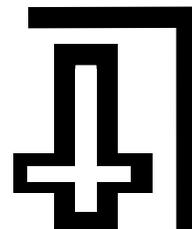
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631 (562) 691-0656
 Preschool: (562) 694-5316

Traditional Worship Service

Praise Service

Children's Sunday School:

PASTOR:

VICAR:

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:

Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org

Website: www.elch.org

9:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Catherine E. Luehr

Matt Polsdorfer

Jonine Sadders

DATED MATERIAL

Please Deliver by 2nd or
 3rd of the month.

Post It Notes from Pastor Luehr

John 13:35
By this shall all
men know that ye
are my disciples, if
ye have love one to
another.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NRSV)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

Over the past two months and throughout February, a group of dedicated volunteers have been working on creating a new banner for Lent. Those of you who were at the 60th anniversary were also able to add your piece to this creation! The dedicated crafters and sewers have spent hours working on this project, and one of the workers happened to get this devotion sent to her through Luther Seminary God Pause. She quickly sent it to me and said it reminded her of the work they were doing on the banner. I think it is a reflection of the work we do as Christians. We may not agree on everything (or anything), but we are called to be united in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Pastor Cate Luehr



A group of quilters gathers around a piece of cloth. It is the genesis of an act of love that, when completed and given away, will change a life for the better. Among the craftspeople are differing political opinions, theological viewpoints, and ways of looking at the world. But they are united by baptism into Christ, and in that communion they are unified by Jesus' love. And it is a love that makes all the difference in the world.

Paul addresses the dark clouds of division that threaten the church in Corinth. He reminds his audience to look at the bigger picture. What matters most is their unity in Christ and their common, shared identity as baptized and beloved children of God. Paul's words can also shine some light for us today, reminding us to whom we belong, in whom we are unified, and through whom we are blessed to bless others.

Lord Jesus Christ, keep us united in you, and in our communion help us to share your love. Amen.

Derrick Fallon, '11
Pastor, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, New Canaan, Conn.

Matt's Motivational Minute



“And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.” — Peter Scholtes

THE MONTH OF LOVE

February is the month of love with Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. When we think of love, we often think of romantic love. We may think of romantic gestures, jewelry or other grand displays of love. The other day I was thinking of the song “They will know we are Christians by our love.” It got me thinking of what we think of when we think of love. We often think of romantic, family or love we have for friends, yet this song tells us that people will know we are Christians by our love. They will not know we are Christians by us having the right words, what we wear, or what music we listen to, but rather by our love. It got me thinking, what kind of example of Christ's love am I to the world? Does the world know that I am a Christian by my love or by my role at church? I invite you to wonder with me what kind of love are we sharing with the world? “We will work with each other; we will work side by side.” Emanuel does a great job working with each other and working side by side to share God's love to the world and community around us. As we read in 1 John 4:19, “We love because he first loved us.” Let us continue to work together to show La Habra, Orange County and the world that we are Christians by our love, because Christ first loved us!

God's peace,
Vicar Matt

PRAYERS OF THE NATIONS

One of the exciting things I got to do while on campus at Luther Seminary during my two weeks of classes was to attend chapel throughout the two weeks. Each day of the week is a different worship service and each one had a different focus. One of the services that was profound for me was the “Healing of the Nations” service. During the service we prayed for several countries throughout the world and that Christ's peace would be with them. After this, we were invited to come forward to a giant map of the world and place a lit candle on a part of the map and to pray for that nation. It was amazing to see at the end all of the candles and know that we were praying for each of these places throughout the world. In Ephesians 6:18 we read, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.” Emanuel has a strong commitment to prayer. One of the new things we are going to start in February is during the Prayers of Intercession each week we will pray for a country throughout the world beginning in alphabetical order. We will begin praying for all the countries in the world and will start with Afghanistan. I am excited to be on this journey for you as we pray our way around the world and pray for all of God's people!

Vicar Matt



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

When you read this, we will already have celebrated the 60th anniversary of Emanuel...years of joy, sharing, worship, evangelism, and community outreach. February 9, will begin the 8th year of our weekly prayer ministry on Saturday mornings. As the HAHO team, we know that God guides us in our outreach and blesses all of those who give and those who receive within our community. God is Good...all the time.

Below is our planned Opportunity Calendar for 2020. We welcome your input and thank you for your generosity.

February & March:	As part of our Lenten Discipline, we will be collecting, delivering, and helping to distribute food to our local food bank. Watch for more specific information.
March 29:	Preschool Appreciation Worship & Luncheon (with Parish Ed)
April:	Specific household items for Patriots & Paws
May:	WINGS Support for Moms (specific needs to be determined)
June:	Daniel Alvarez Center — household maintenance items and socks
June/July:	Support VBS and Parish Ed.
August:	School Supplies for Study Buddies and Mama's Hill House
September:	Eyeglasses for donation to Lion's
October:	Bibles for Preschool
November:	Holiday Dinner Bags for Patriots & Paws
December:	Angel Tree & His House Toys

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

THE BLUE SHOPPING BAGS ARE BACK! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

NEXT HAHO MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 10:00 AM. PLEASE JOIN US!

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes are held weekly for Preschool through 5th Grade. Visitors are always welcome! Classes for Preschool to 5th grade meet at 10:00 AM in Moerer Hall. Join us as we learn about God through the many stories in the Bible. Visitors are always welcome!

Offerings: Our offering will go to purchase canned goods for a food drive for the Gary Center. Students may bring canned goods or money for this special service project. We will stack the cans we receive and make a tower with them. Let's see how tall it will be!

Seekers: Seekers youth meet each Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM. Come join the fun as we meet each week.

Study Buddies: Our Study Buddies program is going strong. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. If you would like to tutor on either of these days, please talk to Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio for details. Come join the fun.

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

Board of Parish Education



Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and most of all for the many prayers. It is wonderful to be back in church.

Jean Cugini



PARISH COORDINATOR

Jeanette Parr has taken on a new role at Emanuel we are calling Parish Coordinator. We are a busy campus with many moving parts and lots of amazing volunteers. Going forward, issues related to property care and administration will be coordinated by Jeanette. She will not be doing the work herself, but is the person to contact if you have any questions. Also, be on the lookout for a call from her asking for your assistance in some of these areas. With issues surrounding property and administration, feel free to contact Jeanette at (562) 761-9488 or parr3@roadrunner.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26th, Ash Wednesday. We will have our evening serving in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM with the Imposition of Ashes.



ELCA FEDERAL CHAPLAINCY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT



Supporting Leadership and Spiritual Care for the U.S. Armed Forces

Chaplains of the U.S. Armed Forces have served this nation with distinction throughout history. Ordained Lutheran pastors, men and women, serve in uniform in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and Civil Air Patrol. The need is as great as ever for pastors who will serve – in Active, Reserve or Guard status. Together, with Veteran’s Administration and Federal Prison Chaplains, they bring the hope, help, and healing of Christ through Word and Sacrament, pastoral care, and community leadership. The effects of the longest war in our history include increased suicide rates, brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, moral injury, depression, and other spiritual wounds of war. These all beg attention by those in service to Christ.

The number one obstacle to women and men answering the call to chaplaincy is educational debt. Our Second Mile giving in February is dedicated to this important Scholarship Fund. Additionally on February 9th, Rev. Scottie Lloyd, retired ELCA Pastor Military Chaplain and current member of the Board of Directors for LSS-Southern CA, will be our guest preacher to tell us how we at Emanuel can be part of this important ministry.



**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**
Ephesians 2:10



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

The weekend of **March 6-8**, we will be heading up to Luther Glen Camp and Farm outside of Oak Glen for our winter retreat. Registration is due to the church by **Thursday, February 20**. We will be able to play with the farm animals, worship, join in great camp activities, learn with other youth from around the area, and generally have a great time!

Through generous donations made to the youth program, the cost of this weekend will only be \$75 per student. Students are able to pay their cost anytime before we leave and can even bring the funds that day. If you write a check, please make it out to "Emanuel Lutheran Church" with "Youth Retreat" in the memo. *If this cost is prohibitive, please speak with Pr. Cate Luehr and we will make funds available for you to attend.*

This year's theme is ... **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." —Ephesians 2:10

Please keep our high school youth in your prayers during their retreat February 15-17.



FREE SHRED EVENT PLUS A FOOD DRIVE

Shred your documents and share your gifts! This event serves two purposes — you have the opportunity to shred unwanted documents plus provide your neighbors with needed nutrition. Bring a nonperishable food item to help support families in our community. There is a 10-box limit for shredding. This event is sponsored by Rob Burns and Jay Huckabone of Thrivent Financial and will be held on **Saturday, April 18, from 8-11:30 AM at Christ Lutheran Church, 820 W. Imperial Highway in Brea** (corner of Imperial Highway and Arovista). For more information call 714-525-4360 or email katie.anderson@thrivent.com.





FULFILLING YOUR GENEROSITY WITH LEGACY PLANNING

Wednesday, February 19, 10:15-11:15 AM in Moerer Hall

When creating our legacy plans, we hope to create financial support for all the organizations and people we love. However, navigating this pathway of intent can be trying and confusing. Please join us for a dynamic conversation about your passions, legacy intentions, and how to connect them with efficiency to your estate planning. A dedicated committee of Emanuel members have been working for several months creating a gift policy to best serve the ministry of Emanuel when we are blessed to receive such gifts. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, February 16. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend but cannot be there on February 19, please let us know and Lisa Higginbotham will be happy to meet with you individually.



Lisa Higginbotham, Regional Gift Planner for ELCA Foundation will be leading our presentation. Lisa successfully worked in the financial services industry for 25 years, including her own professional practice as a financial advisor, specializing in retirement and legacy planning. Hoping to bring her experience and advocacy to each, she helps create gift and endowment policy, works directly with donors to help them express generosity, and transitions merging or closing organizations to fulfill their legacies by combining assets or disposition.



ADULT LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY

Hope Center Library

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 (across from our library upstairs). **In February, they will meet on February 6 and February 20.** They are using Dr. Charles Stanley's monthly Bible study lessons along with *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. All are welcome to join! For more information, contact Mischelle Uhlman.

JOY CIRCLE



The Joy Circle Bible Study will meet on **Monday, February 17, 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.

Last month we began a 4-month study titled "We are Called." Each Bible Study we will explore what it means to be called by God and to what ministries and vocations our Lord calls each and everyone of us. 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.



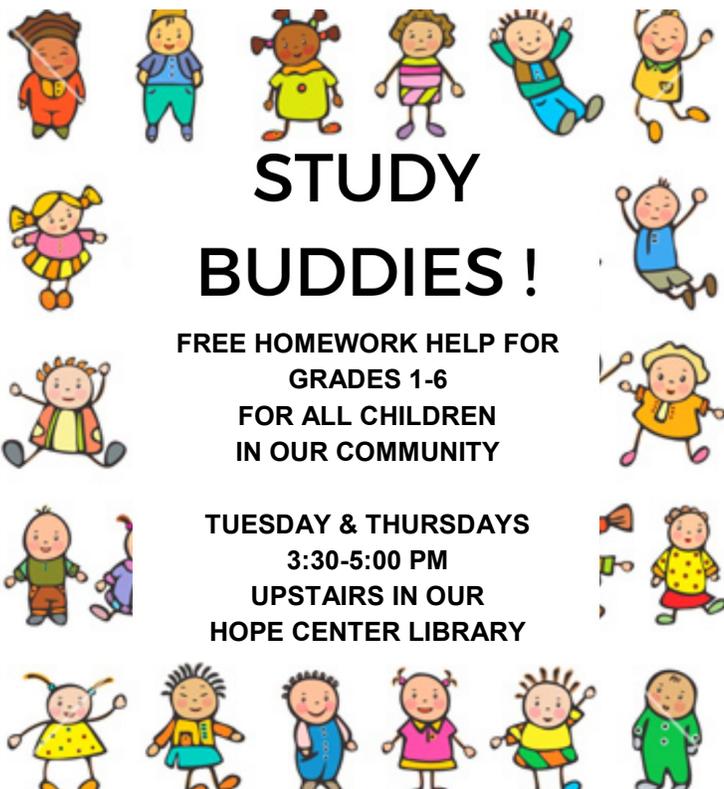
EMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

Full and Part-time Teacher and Teacher Aid Positions Available

Qualified applicants must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Have fingerprint clearance through the Department of Social Services
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units ECE
- Be available to work 8 hours between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Friday
- Be CPR Certified

For more information, contact Jonine Soddors at (562) 694-5316.



STUDY BUDDIES!

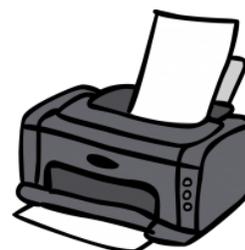
FREE HOMEWORK HELP FOR
GRADES 1-6
FOR ALL CHILDREN
IN OUR COMMUNITY

TUESDAY & THURSDAYS
3:30-5:00 PM
UPSTAIRS IN OUR
HOPE CENTER LIBRARY

WANTED

**Study Buddies is
in need of a
computer printer
(new or used).**

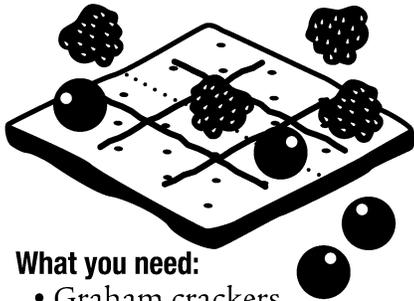
Please contact Jill Drummond at
(714) 403-0956 for more
information.



Kid's Korner

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

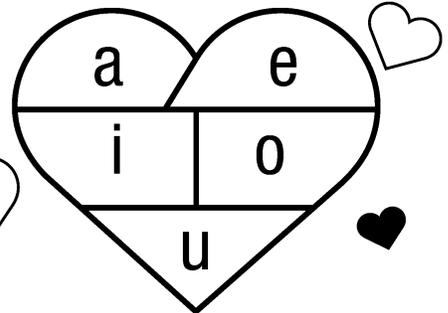


A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



“Y _ _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f

y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV