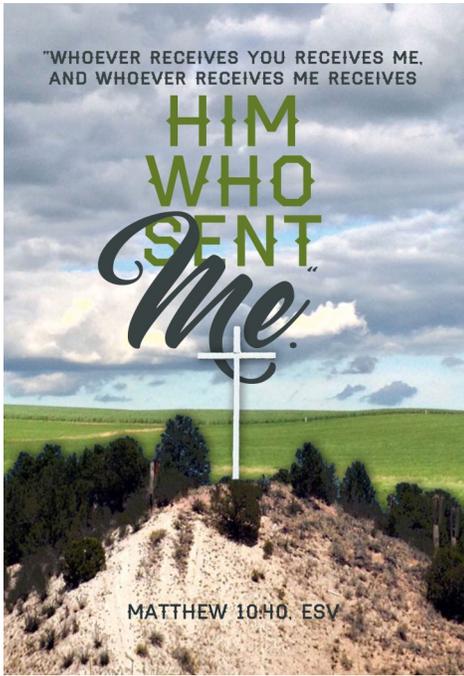


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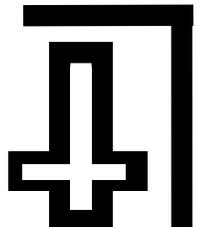
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Traditional Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Praise Service
10:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School:
10:00 a.m.
PASTOR:
Catherine E. Luehr
VICAR:
Matt Polsdöfer
PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Sadders

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



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.

NEW LIFE

During quarantine, one of the things I have been doing frequently is playing games over Zoom with friends and family. I was playing games with some friends and I commented on how beautiful it is to see the birds, rabbits, foxes, and other animals coming out now that people are not out in nature as much. It's almost as if now that people are out of the way nature is taking back its land! To this phrase, one of my friends who is struggling through a cold snap in the upper mid-west said, "Whatever, Pollyanna!" We had a good laugh and I know her comments were based more on her jealousy of our nice weather than they were on the joy of nature.

It got me thinking though, this time is difficult. Many people are ill, many people are suffering, many people are without jobs or are working jobs with VERY long hours. People are missing their friends, missing their families, missing their normal lives. This is a difficult time, and there is new life coming out of it.

We are people who celebrate the new life received through Jesus Christ; however, we only have that life because he was first crucified. Death led to new life. I think about all of the things in our lives that have changed in the last two months and what new life has come from that. What death and new life has occurred?

DEATH

People who are used to gathering every Sunday for worship cannot be at our church.

Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study cannot meet at the church building.

Our tried and true traditions of how we have always done church are put on hold or not happening.

NEW LIFE

Our online worship is reaching people who live all over the country. It is reaching people who haven't been in church for years. It's reaching people every week who may have only come to Sunday worship once or twice a year.

Our Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study has more people and different people attending faithfully each week who would not have been able to attend in person.

We are being forced to look at what we have always done and ask the questions, "How is God being Glorified, our neighbors being served, and the Good news of Jesus Christ being shared?"

I am saddened by what we are no longer able to do, but I am so excited to see what new life Christ is creating!!

Pastor Cate Luehr

Matt's *Motivational* Minute



“Embrace the unexpected. The things we never saw coming often take us to the places we never imagined we could go.” -unknown

I thought this quote was appropriate for a few reasons. First, right now we are going through a time that is unexpected and something that we did not see coming and did not have time to prepare for. Yet, I wonder what the future will hold for us. I wonder what ways we will change to respond to Jesus' call to love and care for our neighbor both during this and after this. During Bible study we have been going through the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, and right after that is the “salt & light” portion. Jesus tells you that you are the light of the world and a city on a hill. With this section I love what a Professor pointed out—that the Beatitudes are our identity, but the “salt & light” portion is how we live out that identity. So, I wonder what new place we never saw coming that we may go to as a church. Maybe it's reinvigorating a ministry we already do or maybe it is something new, but I am intrigued by what places we will go!

The other reason I love this quote is because it's been a YEAR since my family and I have been with you! If you are like me, it feels both like I just got here and on the other hand I feel like I have always been here and part of your family! When Jenni and I were deciding where we felt God leading us for this program and to serve for my internship, we found ourselves moving 1,800 miles and selling our house! We could not imagine then all the awesome people and experiences that have happened to us while we have been here! We embraced all the unexpected (sometimes reluctantly!) but we never saw coming what has happened. While our time together has been impacted and influenced by this pandemic, I look forward to what the next year holds for us and what opportunities will come our way that we did not see coming!

God's peace,
Vicar Matt



Heart And Hands Outreach Sharing the Good News!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

COMMUNITY SHARING AND CARING OUTREACH:

STOREHOUSE MINISTRIES: Thank you Emanuel! Despite this unprecedented pandemic of the Novel Coronavirus, you continue to love and reach out to our neighbors. We can share through our online ministry on the website (www.elch.org), as well as through providing essential items.



Thanks to Ricki Fehr who has been helping pack food at the Food Bank each week for distribution.

Since we were not able to hold our Preschool Appreciation event on March 29, we have asked Thrivent and they have approved for us to repurpose the gift card they provided. As a result, we will purchase more food for Storehouse Ministries with that card.

PATRIOTS AND PAWS: Patriots and Paws continues to provide essential services in caring for our active duty and returning veterans through providing the household items they need. The warehouse is still open to receive new and gently used items from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Please check the website at www.patriotsandpaws.org if you have questions about what is needed. The fundraising events of the open house and the golf tournament have been postponed due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

REACHING OUT IN OTHER WAYS: Since we are not able at this time to manage our regular support of community groups, rather than the items we would purchase for them perhaps a monetary gift would help, either to HAHO at Emanuel or directly to any of those groups who continue to function. Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences (www.LRCCHome.com), our camping ministry which has touched many lives over the years, is unable to offer camp this year due to the virus. However, a gift to them will help enable them to reach many lives in the future.

Many of us have received a payment from the government to assist in this difficult time. If you would like to continue your generous support and can do so, it would be wonderful to share some portion of that gift with our neighbors in need.

EVANGELISM: Wow! How many people have tuned in and watched our online worship? What a wonderful way to share the Gospel and our Emanuel story!

God bless all of you for your generosity.

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator



FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Greetings to all Emanuel Youth and Parents!

Those students that are in school have been busy with their distance learning lessons at home completing many tasks weekly. Although this has occupied a lot of your child's day, we hope parents have found time to have their kids watch our weekly Sunday School lessons. They can be found on our website at elclh.org, on YouTube under Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra, and on Facebook under Emanuel Lutheran Church.

When we return to Sunday School together in person, we will share what they have learned and any projects they have completed that go with the lessons:

- Bring the drawing of the 12 Disciples
- A picture of your calm and peaceful place
- Your slider pictures which tell about the story of the paralyzed man
- The slider picture that shows the house built on sand by the foolish man and the house built on the rocks by the wise man

When we return, we will decorate our room with all your pictures and projects. We'll have the "Animal Track Mystery" pictures up for you all to see. Remember, you were a "Naturalist" looking for evidence!

The Sunday School lessons completed as of this date are:

1. The Twelve Disciples
2. Doubting Thomas
3. Four Friends and the Paralyzed Man
4. House on the Rock
5. Walking on Water

Blessings from all your Sunday School Teachers

EMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Reopening June 1, 2020



Our preschool has been sadly quiet since March 20, but that will all change beginning Monday, June 1. The State of California “stay-at-home” order is in a new phase of reopening and child care centers are on the list of approved openings. With new guidelines that centers must follow, we will begin to reopen with limited space and shortened hours in order to accommodate parents that have been actively working or are beginning to return to work. There will be necessary policy changes, but those changes will help keep our staff and children healthy.

We have missed the little voices of the children and are excited for the return of their sounds around our campus. Please keep our preschool program in your continued prayers as we navigate a successful summer and a bright new school year. Feel free to call the school office at (562) 694-5316 or email us at emanuelpreschoollahabra@hotmail.com with any questions. May you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

DIGITAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



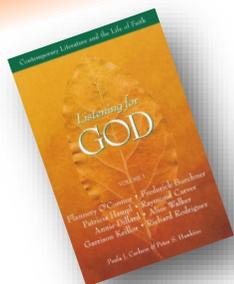
Join us each week as we post a new children’s Sunday School class lead by Mary Ann Carlson. We will continue through the stories of Jesus and hear them retold in our SPARK Bible. Look for the Sunday School Class on all the platforms you find worship (elclh.org, Facebook, and YouTube).

VIRTUAL HYMN SING



On Sunday June 7 at 10:30 AM, Emanuel Director of Choirs, Stephanie Young will be holding a Virtual Hymn Sing, and we are taking requests!!!! If you are interested in joining us, please email churchinfo@elclh.org to indicate your interest by Monday, June 1. Please also include what hymns you would like to sing. We will then email interested participants both the Zoom link and the hymns. We will not be able to provide technical support the day of so if you are unfamiliar with Zoom please indicate that in your email and we will work to help get you prepared prior to June 7. Stephanie will be playing and singing from her home and we look forward to you joining us as well.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Pr. Cate Luehr will be holding a virtual book club this summer and we will be reading ***Listening for God, Volume 1*** (edited by Paula J. Carlson and Peter S. Hawkins). We will be holding book club weekly via Zoom. If you are interested, contact Pr. Cate (pastorcate@elclh.org) no later than Sunday, June 7. Day and time will be determined based on participant desire. Books can be purchased on Amazon. If you would like the church to order you a copy, please indicate so in your email to Pr. Cate.

PRAYER REQUESTS



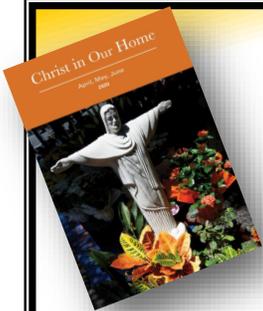
Prayer is one part of our ministry that we continue to do strongly. If you have any prayer requests you would like included in Sunday Worship, please contact the church office by Wednesday and we will be able to include them in our filming.



TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

Our Saturday morning prayer group has gone digital! For the past seven years, each Saturday morning at 8:30 AM a group of people from Emanuel had been meeting in our prayer chapel to spend time in intentional prayer for our church, our community, and our world. Now that we are not able to meet in person, the *Take It to the Lord in Prayer* group is now online! If you would like to join this group on any given week, please contact Jeanette Parr (Parr3@roadrunner.com) to receive the Zoom link.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME



Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. We have a supply of *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets in Emanuel's church office. Please email us (churchinfo@elclh.org) if you would like a copy of the April-May-June 2020 booklet mailed to you.



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. Current recipients are Jessica Mora (third year) and Amanda Zambrano (first year). Contact Warren Parr, Wolfgang Hessel or Dwight Carey for more information.

Kid's Korner

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

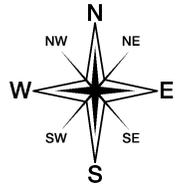
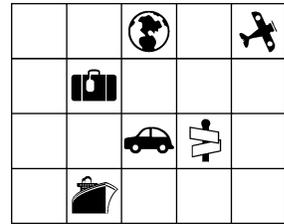
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV