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FOR US WHO BEL

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A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia !



On Easter morning Emanuel celebrated that Good News with joy and excitement. As the day began, what a blessing it was to gather outside on the patio in front of the Easter cross to be reminded through John's Gospel that "while it was still dark" God does what God does – brings new life out of our Good Friday moments! Our worship continued at 9 and 10:45 worship where we met Mary in Luke's Easter story. When Mary mistakes Jesus for a gardener and after the angels ask her why she looks for the living in a place for the dead, we, too, were reminded to wonder . . . where might the Living Jesus be found today? How might God be bringing new life, forgiveness, love and second chances into our lives, our world and the circumstances that we are tempted to think are hopeless?

As I continue to reflect on THE first Easter morning, I'm convinced that the stone sealing the tomb was NOT rolled away to let Jesus out. Instead, I believe the stone was rolled away to let US in, to let us see that Jesus is on the loose, in our lives, in our relationships and in our world. With the stone rolled away, Jesus' followers met him in surprising places . . . locked in fear and hiding in the Upper Room . . . on a dusty road to Emmaus . . . on a beach tending a campfire that would cook freshly caught fish.

Today, 2,000 years later, Jesus is still on the loose in and through the ministries and people of Emanuel. We're finding new ways to share the Good News of God's love! Check out the pictures from Emanuel's first ever Easter Neighborhood Outreach event. What an amazing day that brought all ages together inside and outside the church! I still remember the crowd gathered around Bobby Wright as he shared the Easter story and the kids' excitement as the kids (and some adults) stood in line to receive palm crosses! Neighbors learned about Study Buddies,



toured our preschool, learned about camp opportunities as they petted sheep and goats and held chickens from our LRCC camp ministry. Since Easter, we've started a new Bible study of Ruth, the kids are scheduled to sing at 10:45 worship May 1 and NEXT month, at 6:30 pm Sunday, June 12, we're planning another opportunity to invite and welcome our neighbors to Emanuel! How will YOU and your family participate in the return of Emanuel's annual Concert/Talent Show? Will you help set up/clean up/perform a talent or cheer others? WHO will YOU bring with you to share the fun? We're even adding a potluck picnic at 5:30 pm so everyone has a chance to visit and meet new and old friends!



Easter reminds us that WE are witnesses to all that God is up to in our midst. It is only because Jesus' first followers shared the story that you and I know it and that we know the faith and hope that transforms our lives. There are a lot of people who STILL don't know the story of God's love, forgiveness and grace. How will THEY know if WE don't share?

Please share with me and others where you are meeting Jesus these days! Imagine what new ministries may be born or expanded as God helps us see Jesus set loose in US!

In God's Gracious Grip, Pastor Sandy Greetings from your Transition Team,



We are in the final stages of submitting our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP will guide the Call Team in our search for Emanuel's new pastor! It is a little like a cross between a resume and position description. It describes who we are as a congregation and the priorities we believe God wants us to focus on as God calls a new pastor to partner with us in serving Christ.

Our congregation has participated in multiple ways with us through this journey:

- through online surveys
- Emanuel's History and Heritage Event and timelines
- Frequent updates from the Transition Team and Council
- Shared ideas, feedback, emails and questions from members

The Transition Team's work has come to an end and now Emanuel's Call Team, in partnership with our Pacifica Synod, begins their leadership of the process.

As the chairperson for the Transition Team, I want to thank our congregation, Council and the Transition Team for all your work in this process. Remember . . .

John Ospital, chairperson Sharon Frasier, secretary Kevin Garcia

CALLteam

Cindy Reyes Jeff Ward Susan Wright

WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

Praise God for Emanuel's Call Team

With the Nominating Team's help, our Church Council is happy to report the following have prayerfully said "Yes!" to serving on Emanuel's Call Team:

Susan Fallon Janine Ward Nathan Hermann Chip Whitcher John Ospital Matt Will

Cindy Reyes

After a meeting of Emanuel's Church Council, Transition Team and Call Team with Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen, the Assistant to the Bishop, the official search for Emanuel's new pastor begins. Please pray daily for God's wisdom and timing to guide us to the new pastor God desires for us!

Thank you to the Transition Team and EVERYONE who participated in Transition Team events and helped shape the Mission Site Profile (MSP) that will guide the Call Team's work.

NOTE: If you would like to read/receive a copy of the MSP, please call or email the church office 562-691-0656 or <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u> and a copy will be sent to you via email or mail. A few "hard copies" will be available at the Welcome Table on Sundays.

TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO

- Emanuel's website: <u>http://elclh.org</u>
- YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra
 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA</u>
- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1

Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook. Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram (emanuellahabra) for upcoming events and information.





HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

Easter Community Outreach:

The HAHO team was thrilled to be a part of Emanuel's Neighborhood Easter outreach with Parish Ed on April 9. 170+ people participated as guests, volunteers for stories, crafts, filling eggs, serving pizza, and having a wonderful time with our neighbors. This event helped make Emanuel more visible in our community. More information is included in this edition of Good News. Thanks to everyone who made this such an amazing day.

LHCRCC IS NOW THE GARY CENTER:

LHRCC is now part of the Gary Center. Gifts that have been made to LHCRCC will now be directed to the food bank at the Gary Center. They are serving and helping the same members of our community.

WE CAN DO THIS!!!! TUNA and PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE through Sunday, MAY 8

Through Sunday, May 8, we are leading a special in-gathering of protein items for the food bank. PLEASE bring either **canned tuna or peanut butter**, as many of these items as you're able, to meet the need. In the past Emanuel has provided more than 2,000 cans of tuna to feed our neighbors and more than 3,000 cans of soup at one time. Let's make this a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those who are hungry!

HAHO encourages you to **continue to contribute non-perishable food items to the carts in the narthex every Sunday!** Each week your donations are faithfully carried to the food bank by Ricki Fehr. Ricki also volunteers there, packing and distributing the food. Thanks, Ricki, and thanks to all of you who help provide food for our neighbors.

We continue to support our other Emanuel ministries, as Heart and Hands Outreach interacts with almost all of them as well as our community-based partner ministries.

We invite everyone at Emanuel to let us know how we might reach out and love our neighbors. Come participate in our HAHO team and join us at our next meetings 10 am Saturday, April 30 and May 28!.

Jeanette Parr Facilitator

NOTE: HAHO MEETS IN PERSON IN THE YOUTH ROOM AT 10 AM April 30 and May 28 ***PLEASE JOIN US ***

Need to Schedule Events (and space) at Emanuel?

Ministry is picking up and LOTS of groups use Emanuel's campus. Do you have an upcoming event on campus? BEFORE it is publicized, please CALL or EMAIL the church office to check Emanuel's Master Calendar and schedule with Sabrina!

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	
<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	
Acts 9:1-6	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	
Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148	F
Rev 5:11-14	Rev 7:9-17	Rev 21:1-16	F
John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	

Easter 6 <u>May 22</u> Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Rev 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29

Easter 7 <u>May 29</u> Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION Join Sunday School in-person 10 am Sundays!



Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall at 10 am. Visitors are always welcome! Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.

Sunday School

- In April, we learned about the parable of the Lost Sheep and played a game of finding the lost sheep. Jesus cares for each of us and we also need to care for others as He did.
- We heard the story of Palm Sunday and discovered that Jesus chose to ride on a donkey into Jerusalem. The whole world was celebrating! Jesus was the King of Peace. We paraded around waving our palm branches as they did long ago.

Sunday School Special Offering

May is the last month that we will collect offering for items needed at the Orange County Animal Shelter. We are eager to deliver the needed items! Our youth have such giving hearts.

Study Buddies- Last Meeting until Fall will be Thursday, May 19

Study Buddies meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. This program is open to all children in our surrounding community as well as our Emanuel family. Invite your friends! Talk to Jill Drummond or Char Ponzio to learn more.

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event:

The Neighborhood event was a huge success with approximately 175 people attending. We thank the many volunteers who eagerly supported this event:

- Helping to set up and take down tables, chairs and easy ups
- Youth and adults heading up a craft table
- Serving pizza
- Donating plastic filled eggs, candy
- Youth hiding eggs
- Welcome Table greeters
- Designing flyers and lawn signs.

All the families learned a lot about Emanuel and Jesus through this community outreach event.

Children's Choir: Emanuel kids will sing May 1st at the 10:45 Praise service

Board of Parish Education

NEW BIBLE STUDY OF RUTH

WED 9-10 AM

No experience needed!!

It's a PERFECT time to grow in faith. Come, join us as we start a verse by verse study of the book of Ruth.

Call or email the church office at <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u> to receive the Zoom link. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

~ Prayer ~

GOD'S WORD TELLS US IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US!



Have a prayer request for yourself or others? Call or email the church office and we will share it with Pastor Sandy and the Prayer Team.

Want to make time to pray with others? Consider joining the Prayer Group in person in the Youth Room or via Zoom 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday mornings.



Emanuel's Easter Celebration

Emanuel hosted so many fun events in celebration of Easter. We held a neighborhood Easter egg hunt for the community with a petting zoo, crafts, stories, and an "Eggcelent" egg hunt! We held outdoor sunrise worship on Easter morning, followed by a continental breakfast as well as our 9 and 10:45 worship services.

















We decorated the altar with lilies and decorated the outside cross with the most beautiful flowers



A special visit by the Easter bunny to Emanuel's Preschool.









What an amazing turnout we had for these events!





Help Bring Back Emanuel's "Coffee Time" between services

Susan Wright is putting together a team who would take turns to "sponsor" coffee and fellowship time Sunday mornings! Commitment might be once or twice every 8 weeks and involve coffee set up, clean up and scheduling others to provide "treats". To help, call or email Susan <u>susiequist@gmail.com</u> or 714-310-1284.



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!! Below are 4 ways to give:

- Entryway offering plate
- Mail to the Church Office
- "Giving" link online at <u>www.elclh.org</u>
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- Checks must be made payable to **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (full name written out)
- Checks are to be written using **blue or black ink only** (other colors not acceptable)
- Make sure the **number in the amount is the same as the amount written in words** (\$100.00 = one-hundred and no/100 dollars)
- Sign Your Check
- Please indicate in the memo line if the check is for a specific ministry.

Thank you SO MUCH for your assistance. If more convenient, you may also give online through our website (www.elclh.org) under the Giving tab or through text message (see above). Thank you for your continued generous support through your offerings.



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ MAY 2022

*** Save this for reference throughout the month. ***

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

- ~ God's wisdom and timing to guide our Call Team as they lead the search for Emanuel's new pastor
- ~ Peace and an end to conflict and war, especially in the Ukraine and the Holy Land

~ Jeanette Parr

~ Cathy Spangler

~ Shelley Reesman ~ Snelley Reesman ~ Jerry Schnakenberg

- ~ Protection, providing and healing for all who are hungry or homeless, especially the millions of refugees from Ukraine
- ~ Relief and strength for all recovering from tornado, flooding, drought, wildfire and other disaster

Continuing Prayers

- ~ Jean Arata
- ~ Marge Dalby ~ Maiju Hessel
- ~ Chuck Holtzendorff
- Assisted Living Centers/Homebound
- ~ Shirley Jordan Park Vista
- ~ Betty Gould Home
- ~ Lois Lundberg St. Elizabeth

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka Celeste Templeton's cousin
- ~ Jessica, Jack, and Ellie Taylor
- ~ Peggy Toussaint-Vowel (Daniel Toussaint's sister)
- ~George Templeton (Celeste Templeton brother)
- ~Denise Timberlake (Sharon Frazier's daughter)

- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Jacob Toussaint ~ Mischelle Uhlman ~ Ruth Wolfarth
 - ~ Ruth Wolfarth
- ~ Eric Sessing
- ~ Margaret Roberts Addie's Cottage Anaheim
 - ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni's son)
 - ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni's stepson)
 - ~ Lori Sering (Shirley Jordan's daughter)
 - ~Friends and family of Warren Parr who
 - went home to the Lord 4/26/2022

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ For God's blessing on Emanuel's first Neighborhood Easter Outreach Event and for so many from the congregation who helped and all who attended.
- ~ For the faithful and time-consuming work of Emanuel's Transition Team as they involved the whole congregation in developing our Mission Site Profile
- ~ For the many Emanuel members who were prayerfully nominated for our Call Team and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in working through the council and nominating team to bring together the team God has appointed
- \sim For the gift and blessing of being able to come together in-person for worship and fellowship, especially on Easter morning, and that so many can still share in worship online
- ~For Warren Parr and all the saints who have so faithfully served Christ and Emanuel and who now make their eternal home with God

If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel's list, please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656. Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed from the list, or you may remove a name at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you.



JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 - 11 AM MONDAY, APRIL 18

Join OUR Winter Study *"The Kingdom of God"* by Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell

May 16

Life Forever with God

We'll learn about "the glory that awaits us". What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?

- Bring your Bible and join us the 3rd Monday of each month in Moerer Hall.
- New to the group?? Email the church office <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u>. A copy of the study is emailed the week before.

If you prefer to join us via Zoom, be sure to call/email the church office ahead of time.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING CHRIST THROUGH EMANUEL!

Scripture says that we ARE Christ's body in the world, God's hands and feet. God has given ALL of us gifts for ministry and when we use those gifts together, God is glorified!



Each month we want to lift up a few people in our congregation that have gone "the extra mile" in helping us be Christ's Church. Please call or email the church office (<u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u>) to suggest others who might be thanked in future newsletters!

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- Amy Nuss for organizing the March 24 Friends of Emanuel Concert, a fantastic evening of music! Thanks to Amy, José Luis Maldonado, Kevin Wiley, Nick Nuss and Francisco de la Torre for all their efforts! The night even included world and West Coast premieres of music.
- Prayer Group for thoughtful St. Patrick's Day and Easter greetings to many of Emanuel's shut ins.
- Transition Team for their amazing work preparing Emanuel's Mission Site Profile which will guide the Call Team and Emanuel's search for a new pastor.
- All who helped with the Neighborhood Easter Event, especially coordinators Mary Ann Carlson, Cindy Reyes, Ricki Fehr and all the high schoolers and adults who helped with craft tables, set up, serving food, take down, filling and hiding Easter Eggs and welcoming everyone to campus. Special thanks to Kerry Ospital and family for sharing their turtles, to Bobby Wright for the Easter story and to Laurie and Anthony for bringing the LRCC petting zoo and Jonine Sodders for offering preschool tours.
- The Council and Nominating Team for their work with the Holy Spirit's guidance to consider all the congregation's nominees, contact candidates and form the Call Team God wants for our church.
- Jill Drummond for her hours making Emanuel look good and be visible on social media.
- For everyone in the congregation involved in preparing for Emanuel's Easter celebration, especially these leaders: Mary Ann Carlson for coordinating altar and worship space decorations and preparation and Chip Whitcher's assistance; Crabb family for Palm Sunday decorations with palms donated by SCE and transported by Jerry Schnakenberg and John Ospital; John/Robyn Ospital transporting lilies and leading the Easter cross decorations, Ricki Fehr and team organizing the Easter breakfast, Susan Fallon coordinating worship assistants, the crew setting up for outside Sunrise worship and for the tireless musicians, sound/video team, choir, handbells, greeters, ushers, readers who shared their gifts so we all would be blessed!
- Sabrina Rubio, Emanuel's office manager/secretary for her good humor and can-do-attitude as she worked tirelessly to coordinate Easter worship details, extra bulletins, emails to the congregation, and meeting all the big and small challenges (plumbing, lighting computers) that arose in the midst of it.
- Jerry and Cici Schnakenberg for replacing the lights outside on the sanctuary building.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries May 2022

- 1 Lori Wasson
- 2 Mike Wheeler
- 3 Samuel Wright
- 5 Levi Kolbeck
- 5 Carmel Hemsley
- 5 Craig Isley
- 6 Benjamin Garcia
- 12 Adriana "AJ" Ward
- 12 Maggie Diaz
- 14 Chason Beiderwell
- 16 Gabriele Carey
- 16 Celeste Templeton
- 18 David Carey
- 19 Mark McNally
- 21 Winston Young
- 22 Jo Ellen Dobson
- 23 Michelle McNally
- 25 Brenda Vrablik
- 26 Diane Isley
- 26 Jacks Ospital
- 27 Elba McNally
- 27 John Ospital
- 28 Mark Meseck
- 29 Jamie Whitcher
 - 30 Kirsten Garcia



- Chuck & Dianna Holtzendorff
- 12 Doug & Lori Wasson
- 17 James & Adriana Pfeifer
- 18 Doug & Sharon Farrell
- 25 John & Cindy Reyes
- 27 Wolfgang & Maiju Hessel
- 30 Gerald & Sharon Patow
- 31 Steve & Nancy White



The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope

for May is:

Ditchey Preschool

Scholarship Fund

CHRIST IN OUR HOME April/May/June



Giving

This quarterly devotional resource 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. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u> if you would like a copy mailed to you.



A. Joshua B. Levi C. Caleb D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUES & THU, 3-4:30 PM



NOTE: Last meeting until Fall .will be Thursday, May 19.

Study Buddies, our FREE tutoring program for grades 1-6, meets at Emanuel Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library. Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956).



ZOOM BOOK STUDY 10 AM THURSDAYS

Emanuel's Book Group is reading and discussing: A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art you Were Made to Live by Emily Freeman. It is available on Amazon or Target for \$10.

To receive the Zoom link so you can join the group, call or email the church office. (churchinfo@elclh.org).





Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

- 1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
- 2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
- Microwave for 1¹/₂ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
- 4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



A VALUABLE **COMMAN**

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may