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LIVING Our Faith...

INTERIM PASTOR

Yesterday we gathered in person and online to celebrate the life and faith of Warren Parr, longtime member of Emanuel. If you missed the service, I encourage you to go to Emanuel's website <u>www.elclh.org</u> Under "News and Events" in the menu bar click on the "Special Events" tab to see the video. You won't want to miss what Warren and Jeanette's son Tim shared about his dad and how Warren LIVED his faith. As Tim said, Warren "*lived life knowing that Jesus loved him, and that knowledge influenced everything he did and how he did it.*"

All too often you and I can be tempted to think that sharing faith is about <u>what</u> we say or <u>how</u> we say it. Warren didn't just talk ABOUT God as much as Warren EMBODIED his trust and confidence in God's goodness and mercy and grace. Warren KNEW to the fiber of his being that God, in Christ, had made God's home with us mortals. Warren KNEW that all he had, all he was, was the result of God's love and blessing. Because of that, Warren LIVED life with thanksgiving, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, joy and radical generosity. He was God's beloved child and Warren wanted others to know the joy and peace that brings.

Living his faith meant Warren's heart and home were open to help anyone in need. Because War-

ren knew that God would take care of him, Warren didn't worry about himself. Warren's trust in God and God's promises allowed him to live wholly for others, for the sake of Christ. As a result, wherever Warren sensed a need – no matter friend or stranger – Warren responded. Having just bought a new pickup truck, he wound up helping someone he never met before move from Orange County to Hemet. People who needed a place to stay were welcomed into the Parr home for

Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received from God to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace ... 1 Peter 4:10

weeks or even months. To feel more "Christmassey", Warren was known to give a significant financial gift to someone anonymously. Why? Because he loved the Lord!! Warren's joy came from making sure God's blessings flowed THROUGH him to others, THROUGH him to the church and to the community!

As Tim shared, Warren was frequently heard repeating "God doesn't need our money, but we NEED to give!" and "There is always enough, if we put God first."

It's true, isn't it? When you and I put God first in our lives, in our relationships, in how we share and spend our money as well as our time, there is always enough! It's when we live fearfully, worried about taking care of ourselves and anxiously protecting what we have, we will NEVER have enough.

The last thing Warren would want is that we would lift him up as an example. Instead, Warren lived to glorify God, to point others to the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness and grace that had so changed his life.

All who gathered yesterday were touched and inspired by how Warren LIVED his faith. More than a few shared how they left yesterday's worship "lighter" than they had come in. LIVING our faith, following Jesus' example does that – it inspires, lifts our spirits and fills our hearts with JOY!

I wonder . . . what would people say is the center or driving force of our lives? Would there be evidence of GOD'S love, generosity and grace flowing THROUGH US to others, to the church? What kind of faith do others see us LIVE?

I pray you and I KNOW we are God's beloved children and that we live life so others know they are God's beloved children, too!

In God's Gracious Grip, Pastor Sandy

Summer Vacation Checklist

- Plan your trip
- Pack your bags
- Stop your mail and newspaper
- Remember to get your offering to Emanuel

Emanuel depends on your generous support, especially through these summer months. When you can't be in worship in person, consider these ways to share your gifts:

- Mail to the church office
- "Giving" link online at <u>www.elca.org</u>
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Thank you for giving to God through Emanuel's ministries!

Call Team Update WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

Emanuel's Call Team has good news to report. We have received three profiles of prospective pastors from the Office of the Bishop. Similar to Emanuel's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), pastors who may be considering moving to a new church complete a Rostered Leader Profile (RLP). In consultation with the Office of the Bishop, they can read our MSP and express interest in being considered in our call process OR the Office of the Bishop may believe they would be a good fit for Emanuel and ask permission to share their name and profile with us. We are in the process of setting up initial interviews with these pastors, which will probably take place in late July. All first interviews are via Zoom and are an opportunity for us to get to know them and vice versa beyond what is in ours and their written profiles. As you all know, it is only after speaking directly with a person that a first evaluation can be made.

Your prayers for God's wisdom and the Holy Spirit's guiding our discernment are VERY IMPORTANT. Please remember this is a first step in a many-step process, so please continue to be patient. Remember, too, this is a CONFIDENTIAL process. NO information can be shared about the candidates until the Call Team recommends a candidate to our Church Council and then our congregation.

We continue to trust that God knows and will guide us to the pastor God has chosen to be the right partner for us in ministry

Susan Fallon Nate Hermann John Ospital Cindy Reyes Janine Ward Chip Whitcher Matt Will



New Members To Be Received in 10 am Worship Sunday, July 10

Would you like to officially make Emanuel your "home church"?

Have you worshipped with us as a "visitor" or "former member" and want to publicly become part of Emanuel's church family?

While you don't have to be a member of Emanuel to be a part of all God is up to in our midst, there is something important about making a commitment to a community of faith that says, "I'm here to stay, to partner with you as family, through joys and challenges, as we serve Christ together!"

Call Pastor Sandy at the church office 562-691-0656 or email her at <u>pastor@elclh.org</u> if you'd like more information about Emanuel, about membership or about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. She would be happy to meet with you in person or by phone. There is NO obligation to join Emanuel and new members can be received on whatever Sunday works best for you.

NOTE: When it comes time to call a new pastor for Emanuel, only those who are officially members of the church will be able to vote

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

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

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

LHCRCC IS NOW THE GARY CENTER:

LHRCC is now part of the Gary Center. Gifts which 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 DID THIS!!!!

On April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15, we had a special in-gathering of protein items for the food bank. Items included canned tuna, chicken, and peanut butter. Three rolling tubs of food were collected and taken to the Gary Center. Thank you so much!

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

HAHO will be assisting with a special VBS Day on July 31 as part of our community outreach. Plan now to be part of this great event.

EYE GLASSES

In October, we will again be collecting used eye glasses and cases to assist the Lions as they provide sight throughout the world. Start saving them now!

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 and participate in our HAHO team.

Jeanette Parr Facilitator

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!

NOTE: The next HAHO meeting will be SATURDAY, JULY 9 AT 10AM. ***PLEASE JOIN US ***

> Emanuel's Sunday "Coffee Time" is Back!

Coffee and some baked goods are now available Sunday Mornings! We hope you'll take some time to enjoy fellowship together before or after worship! If you would like to bring goodies or help make coffee or both, please contact Susan Wright at (714)310-1284.

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke10:1-11,16-20 Luke 10:25-37

July 10 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25 1:10 Colossians 1:1-14

July 17 Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Luke 10:38-42

July 24 Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 1:15-28 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

July 31 Eccles.1:2,12-14;2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21



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

Now that Summer is here, Emanuel is having <u>one</u> worship service at 10AM. Come join us and worship with your kids. We are having a "Children's Table" set up during 11 am coffee hour instead of a formal Sunday School class during the summer break. Come let your kids explore different art mediums as they experience and learn about God's love.

<u>Offering</u>: Our offering collected through June will be used to purchase nonperishable food items for the La Habra Food Bank at the Gary Center. Fortyeight new families just registered to receive help last week. What a great way to help others in need!

<u>Talent Show</u>: We thank all the kids who sang "Pharoah, Pharoah" at this festive event. What a delightful evening!

Vacation Bible School Day Camp Saturday, July 30th 9AM- 1:30PM

- Theme is "Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness"
- The Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. We encourage people to volunteer to help on this special day. We need help with food, snacks, leading crafts, games, and activities. What Fun!

Please invite friends and family to join us for "Compassion Camp" July 30th!

Parish Ed





**No experience needed!!*

This is a new study for ALL of us and will include stories of scandal, betrayal, murder and redemption. Through Samuel, God's prophet, priest and judge, we meet David (and Goliath) and see the rise and fall of King Saul, Israel's first king.

Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org to receive the Zoom



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



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.











SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN 9:30 – 11 AM Mondays July 18 AND August 15

Join Joy Circle this summer as they gather in Moerer Hall for a NEW summer Bible study: Crafted in Christ.

Using the concept of quilting (you don't have to be a sewer!!), we'll explore rest, renewal and Christian community as we discuss Old and New Testament lessons.

What patterns do we follow?

How are the pieces of our lives and communities bound together in Christ?

July 18Quilt Cutting and Piecing (including people of all shapes, sizes, abilities and talents)August 15Ties that Bind (a new way of life with God and each other)

- 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 (churchinfo@elclh.org) to suggest others who might be thanked in future newsletters!

Тнапк уои то ...

- •Robyn Ospital and everyone who helped with the luncheon and the Celebration of Life for Warren Parr.
- •Jeanette Parr and Jerry Schnakenberg and all the volunteers who helped replace sanctuary lights with brighter and energy-saving LED light bulbs!
- •Stephanie Young for organizing and leading Emanuel's Talent Show and Concert. Janine Ward, John and Robyn Ospital, and all the volunteers helping with set up, clean up and bringing food to share at the Picnic Potluck. All who shared their talents and came to share in a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!
- •Mary Ann Carlson, Susan Wright and Cindy Reyes for organizing Sunday School kids for special offering for the animal shelter AND to sing in the Talent Show and the kids "personal band" accompanists: Jeff Ward, Kevin Garcia, John Mathiesen and Stephanie Young.
- •Jonine Sodders for the fantastic sanctuary decorations and the wonderful "growing" promotion ceremony for our preschoolers moving to kindergarten in the Fall. Parents were touched and the congregation rejoiced to see our preschool ministry in action. The decorations made our summer kick off even more festive.
- •Gabrielle Carey, Cici Schnakenberg, Rose Ward, Kevin Wiley for reading the Pentecost Bible lessons in different languages.
- •New offering counters joining the team: Steve and Nancy White and Darrel Moyer.
- •Ricki Fehr, Belinda Ampofo and Jeanette Parr for organizing Emanuel's financial records for a review of the last two years' church and preschool financial accounting.
- •Mary Ann Carlson invited to join Bishop Taylor's two Zoom meetings with congregational presidents to share neighborhood outreach ideas from Emanuel's Easter Event.



Lois Lundberg Celebration of Life Saturday, July 16 11:00 AM Emanuel Lutheran Church Lunch and Fellowship will Follow

To help with food for the luncheon (salads, desserts or fresh cut fruit), please contact Robyn Ospital on her cell or call the Church Office 562-691-0656 no later than Monday, July 11.

Help with set up (9:30 am), serving and clean up would also be VERY MUCH appreciated!



Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling students!

- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are a state licensed, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an atmosphere of love and acceptance in which all children are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.
- Our teachers are dedicated to support and inspire your child's progress.
- Daily activities include motor development, social skills, and language skills to benefit your child at their appropriate level.

If you or someone you know is looking for child care reach out to preschool director Jonine Sodders (562)694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com



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 ~ JULY 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

In a time of increased division, polarization and conflict, we pray for God's love, grace and mercy to help us find ways to listen to one another and work together for the good of all people, especially those who are oppressed, marginalized or living in fear or despair. Help us, O God, to advocate for and act with and on behalf of those with little or no voice or power. Instead of judgement or blame, lead us to always embody and reflect Jesus' compassion, mercy and sacrificial love for all in need.

Many have strong feelings about Roe v. Wade and whether or not women should have the right to access safe and legal termination of pregnancy. Others have strong feelings about gun control and the growing violence that marks our nation. Our faith calls us to prayerfully seek the leading and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we listen to God, to one another and have courageous conversations that help us acknowledge and navigate the complexity in the issues before us with humility. We pray for our nation, for the most vulnerable among us, and that justice would roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)

Continuing Prayers

~ Jeanette Parr and family ~ Dan Toussaint ~ Ruth Fehr ∼ rum ⊢enr ∼ Marge Dalby ∼ Maiju Hessel ~ Shelley Reesman ~ Jerry Schnakenberg ~ Mischelle Uhlman ~ John Uhlman ~ Chuck Holtzendorff ~ Ruth Wolfarth ~ Cathy Spangler Assisted Living Centers/Homebound ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista ~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie's Cottage Anaheim ~ Betty Gould – Home ~ Jean Arata Friends and Family to Remember ~ John Dimitri & Family (Dan Toussaint friend) ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton's cousin) ~ Family of Lois Lundberg ~ Jet Mulvihill (Jill Drummond great nephew) ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) ~ Margaret Roberts (death of brother) ~ George Templeton (Celeste Templeton brother) ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson ~ Peggy Toussaint-Vowel (Daniel Toussaint's sister) ~ Lori Sering (Shirley Jordan daughter) ~ Denise Timberlake (Sharon Frazier daughter) ~ Jacob Toussaint

Prayers of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for God's gifts of life and breath, of love and relationship and the faith that sustains us in the midst of joy as well as challenge.

We give thanks for the gift of summer, of time for rest and renewal and for all who use this time to encourage and bring hope to those who are weary, broken, lost, frightened or alone.

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.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries July 2022





NEW CHRIST IN OUR HOME JULY/AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER



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.



NEW Zoom Book Study 10 am Thursdays

Emanuel's Book Group began a NEW book: *INSPIRED* by Rachel Held Evans. It is

available on Amazon or Target for \$15. To receive the Zoom link so you can join the group, call or email the church office.

(churchinfo@elclh.org). We will send you the weekly Zoom link.



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



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combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.

What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

- 1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
- 2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
- 3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
- 4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable	
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Carrot	Е	0	Spinach	R	S	
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	Η	Р	
Grape	С	F	Broccoli	G	Ν	
Eggplant	Т	D	Pumpkin	Т	Y	
Celery	Ι	Ν	Pear	F	С	
Banana	Κ	Μ	Asparagus	L	R	
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But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j, pea_e,						

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fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, taithfulness, gentleness, self-control