

The Good News

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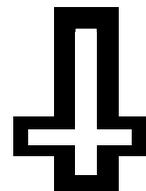


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
INTERIM PASTOR:
Sandy Bentz
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Soders
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
Website: www.elch.org



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**How has your summer been? Vacation? Stay-cation?
What did YOU do this summer?**

At VBS this past Saturday those were some of the questions I heard asked between friends as many gathered in person after not seeing one another for a while. What a gift it is to 'check in' with friends. An even better gift? Taking time to 'check in' with ourselves and God!

As we enter August and prepare to soon return to our Fall routines, there are lots of mixed feelings. For some, August is a scramble to try and finish the summer projects planned way back in the Spring. Others are looking forward to Fall and getting back to familiar routines, some shaped by school and work schedules. I know teachers have already "switched gears" and have begun preparing curriculum and classroom decorations while students have begun counting down their last days of summer freedom. Wherever you "fall" this August, I hope you'll make time to slow down and savor these last days of summer, taking time to reflect on where this summer you have experienced God's love and presence and providing. How have you grown in your faith, in your relationship with God? with others?

When we're baptized, through our parents and sponsors, and, then later, at confirmation, we say "Yes" to living every day rooted in God's promise and the gift of an unending relationship of love and forgiveness and grace that God offers us. At Emanuel and in many churches confirmands are asked to write their own faith statements: a description of THEIR faith – not their parents' faith, or their friends' faith or their pastor's faith. Confirmands also choose confirmation Bible verses – passages from God's Word that help challenge and/or describe their faith. In response to God claiming us as beloved children, central to the confirmation service, we promise at confirmation to continue in that covenant, to nurture that gift of God's relationship with us . . .

- to live among God's faithful people (spend time with other Christians)
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper (worship)
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed (live out our faith)
- to serve all people, following Jesus' example (serving God and neighbor)
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (seek God's purpose for all)

August is a GREAT time for us to 'check in' with God and ask ourselves

- How am I doing in the five areas listed above that will help ME keep growing in faith?
- What would I say if I was writing MY faith statement?
- Through what Bible verse(s) might God be challenging, nurturing, describing my faith right now?
- How does knowing Jesus make a difference in MY life? in how I see myself? others? the world?
- How will I keep growing in faith?

What a gift it is that God has claimed us, adopted us AND calls us BELOVED! Not because of what we do or who we are – but because of who God is!

May all of us keep growing in knowing and experiencing and sharing Christ this summer and always!

In God's Gracious Grip,
Pastor Sandy

Call Team Update

WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

In an effort to keep you updated on the workings of the team, we conducted our first two interviews. We are thankful for the unity that has developed in preparing the interview questions for the candidates. We also thank God for the diversity and involvement of each in life at Emanuel. It is a challenge and a blessing to speak to these called and ordained servants of God. As previously mentioned, our third candidate's name was withdrawn as they had progressed far enough with another congregation's call team that removal of their name was required.

In speaking to our synod contact, I was told that they are definitely seeking other potential candidates for Emanuel. By the time you receive the August newsletter, we should have an update on the status of acquiring new candidates. We continue to ask for your daily prayers for God's guidance that the right pastor is presented as a candidate.

We also ask that you pray for each pastor seeking a new church to serve. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes and hearts to His choice.

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

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 www.elca.org
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

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

Join us for "Coffee Time" After Sunday Worship

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



NOTE: Sunday School crafts and activities are also available after worship this summer in Moerer Hall!

Bring the kids!



Fall Sunday Worship Schedule begins September 11

TWO Worship Services

9 am traditional 10:45 am praise

10 am Sunday School for kids 3 yrs - 5th grade

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

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

YouTube



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

LIGHTS, ‘LECTRICAL, LADDERS, AND LOVE FOR OUR EMANUEL HOME

Saturday, June 25 beginning at 7:30 AM, an outpouring of talent, skill, and time made it possible to complete electrical projects, repair signs, and change all of the light bulbs in the sanctuary. This was definitely a Heart and Hands project! The work enabled better lighting of our outdoor signs as well as brighter and less expensive-to-use LED lights inside. We had some very brave helpers on those tall ladders, as well as the exceptional electrical skill and knowledge of Dave Pisetsky and Jerry Schnakenberg on the outside projects.

BIG thanks to:

Francis Cuyno

Jake Pisetsky

Jerry Schnakenberg

John Mathiesen

Davin Schnakenberg

Jeff Ward

Dave Pisetsky

Seth Schnakenberg

Chip Whitcher

Background Cheerleaders: Jeanette Parr & Jack Ward



OUTREACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE “AGING OUT” OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

In cooperation with HIS HOUSE, we will discuss how we might help these young people make the transition into independent living. If you have some thoughts, don't miss our meeting on August 6!

FOOD FOR OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

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.

VBS COMPASSION CAMP

HAHO assisted with food, registration, crafts, and storytelling at VBS on July 31 as part of our community outreach. What a great opportunity to reach out to our community.

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. Please join us . . .

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator

The next HAHO meeting is
SATURDAY, August 6 at 10 am.
*** We would love to have you there! ***

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

August 7

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Isaiah 59:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrew 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14



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



Through Sunday, Sept 4, we still have one 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. NOTE: On Sept 11 we return to two worship services (9: 10:45am) and Sunday school at 10am.

Offering: Our offering has been extended through the month of July. It will be used to purchase non-perishable food items for the La Habra Food Bank at the Gary Center.

Vacation Bible School Day Camp Saturday, July 30

- **“Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness”** at this writing, we’re busy finalizing last minute planning for this Day Camp. **(editor: see page 6 for pictures!!)**
- This one-day camp will be filled with games, music, an adventure “Down the Nile”, jumping into action and showing compassion to others through creative activities, yoga and crafts. Our Bible story for the day is from Exodus 2:1-10, where baby Moses was put in a basket and sent down the Nile as his mother was demonstrating compassion for his safety. Janine Ward will be our Storyteller sharing how Moses’ mother showed compassion, but also that Miriam and the Pharaoh’s daughter showed lovingkindness to Moses too. Compassion Camp’s goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world.

Study Buddies will resume in September after the students have returned back to school and are back into the homework routine.

Please pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.

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!



BIBLE STUDY OF 1 SAMUEL WED 9-10 AM

****No experience needed!!***

It’s a fascinating book 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 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.

Want to be part of the Prayer Team?
Contact the church office or Pastor Sandy.



Vacation Bible School Compassion Camp



LOVINGKINDNESS



Volunteers not pictured: Rachel Crabb, Ricki Fehr, Gavin Hermann, Jeanette Parr, Zoey Vernon, Chip Whitcher, Pr. Rev Sandy Bentz, & Bobby Wright.





SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN 9:30 – 11 AM MONDAY AUGUST 15

Join Joy Circle in Moerer Hall for our summer Bible study
Crafted in Christ

August 15 Ties that Bind (a new way of life with God and each other)

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?

- Bring your Bible and join us the 3rd Monday of each month in Moerer Hall.
- New to the group?? Email the church office churchinfo@elclh.org. 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.

***** A new study will begin Monday, September 19. Watch for details. *****

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!



THANK YOU TO . . .

- Mary Ann Carlson, Kirsten Garcia, Cindy Reyes, Denise Whitcher, Susan Wright for planning and recruiting and all the volunteers who helped lead and support Emanuel's VBS "Compassion Camp" Day Camp!
- Robyn Ospital and everyone who donated food, helped with set up, serving and clean up for the Celebration of Life for both Warren Parr and Lois Lundberg.
- John Ospital for organizing and Mary Ann Carlson and Chip Whitcher for assisting with Emanuel's July 11 Red Cross Blood Drive. More than 20 blood donors came to give the gift of life!
- Emanuel's Volunteer Praise Band members: Kevin Garcia, John Mathiesen, Jeff Ward, Susan Wright. EVERY SUNDAY, along with Director of Choirs, Stephanie Young, these volunteers share their love of the Lord and their musical gifts to help us worship!
- Emanuel's sound and video techs Ricki Fehr, Geoffrey Roberts and Jack Ward for so faithfully ensuring our Sunday worship and special services go smoothly and that our livestreaming allows people online to share in our worship.
- Jill Drummond for helping publicize Emanuel ministries – church and preschool -- on social media through Facebook and Next Door and other media in our community.
- Mary Ann Carlson, Susan Morgan, Rose Ward for preparing and clearing the altar for Sunday worship and communion each week.
- Led by Jack Ward and Jeanette Parr, all who helped complete electrical projects, repair signs and change light bulbs in the sanctuary as well as doing some outside projects: Dave and Jake Pisetsky, Jerry, Davin and Seth Schnakenberg, Francis Cuyano, John Mathiesen, Jeff Ward and Chip Whitcher.
- Linnita Licano for helping organize and facilitate the Thursday morning Zoom Book Study.
- John Ospital for fixing the office door entry door

Thank You from Lois Lundberg's Family

"Thank you so much for everything that so many people did to make the celebration of life for Lois Lundberg so special!"

Sincerely,
The Stramler Family



Blood Drive Update

On July 18, Emanuel held another blood drive for the American Red Cross. Thank you for giving the gift of life! We collected 20 units of blood which will save many lives at this critical time of need.

Emanuel's next blood drive will be 12 to 6pm
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in Moerer Hall.

Register at www.giveblood.org



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 Soddors (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
- "Giving" link online at www.elclh.org
- Mail to the Church Office
- 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 ~ AUGUST 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 strength for first responders and comfort, protection and healing for all recovering from catastrophic flooding and loss of life in Kentucky.

An end to devastating wildfires in the western US and across Europe. Safety for firefighters, first responders and all evacuated and displaced from homes and work.

Rain to replenish areas in extreme drought in California and across Africa, especially the Horn of Africa. Between crop failures, poor harvests and spiking food prices, more than 23 million people are experiencing extreme hunger in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya, up from 10 million last year.

God's justice and an end to war and oppression in the Ukraine and in all communities and nations that yearn for peace.

Continuing Prayers

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| ~ Marge Dalby | ~ Jeanette Parr and family | ~ Dan Toussaint |
| ~ Ruth Fehr | ~ Sharon Fraizer | ~ Shelley Reesman |
| ~ Mischelle Uhlman | ~ Maiju Hessel | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg |
| ~ John Uhlman | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler |
| ~ Jack Ward | ~ Janine Ward | ~ Ruth Wolfarth |

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

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| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista | ~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Jean Arata |
| ~ Betty Gould – Home | |

Friends and Family to Remember

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| ~ John Dimitri & Family (Dan Toussaint friend) | ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin) |
| ~ Family of Lois Lundberg | ~ Jet Mulvihill (Jill Drummond great nephew) |
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Deloria (Jonine Sodders mom) |
| ~ George Templeton (Celeste Templeton brother) | ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson) |
| ~ Peggy Toussaint-Vowel (Daniel Toussaint sister) | ~ Lori Sering (Shirley Jordan daughter) |
| ~ Denise Timberlake (Sharon Frazier daughter) | ~ Jacob Toussaint |

Prayers of Thanksgiving

For teachers, administrators and all school staff, students and their families as they return to school and in-person learning. May they be safe and feel God's love and presence going with and before them. May they grow in knowledge and especially in compassion, empathy and lovingkindness toward friend and stranger.

For God's blessings on Emanuel's VBS Compassion Day Camp and all who helped prepare ahead of time and that day to make it such a love-filled day for all involved! May all involved feel and share God's compassion, grace and mercy.

For Bishop Dave Nagler who begins his six-year term August 1 and Pacifica Synod Staff as they partner with us in proclaiming the Gospel and in finding Emanuel's next pastor. We give thanks for Emanuel's Call Team and their time spent preparing for and leading initial candidate interviews and pray for God's wisdom and timing to guide their work.

For all who are rich in love toward God and who support Emanuel ministries with their time, talents and finances.

WE CAN ONLY DO THIS TOGETHER

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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Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Meier Hall Monday @7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm
Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Hoerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 2022

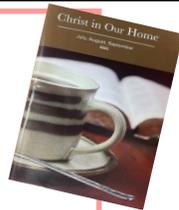


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| 3 Andrew Wasson | 17 John Reyes | 28 Matthew Licano |
| 7 Jaiden Lubin | 17 Andrea Pasillas | 28 Shirley Myers |
| 7 Robert Wright | 21 Jacob Zambrano | 29 John Scott Palmer |
| 8 Madeline Wright | 23 Saddle Diaz | 29 Zoe Vernon |
| 9 Cody Whitcher | 24 Rayanne Dietrich | 30 Michael Haight |
| 13 Bobby Wright | 25 Amy Nuss | 31 Marlys Hemsley |

- 3 Jim & Debbie Pfeifer
- 4 Mike & Barbara Wheeler
- 10 Carl & Meghan Pulley
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- 26 Charles & Leigh Ann Dietrich, Jr.
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CHRIST IN OUR HOME JULY/AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER

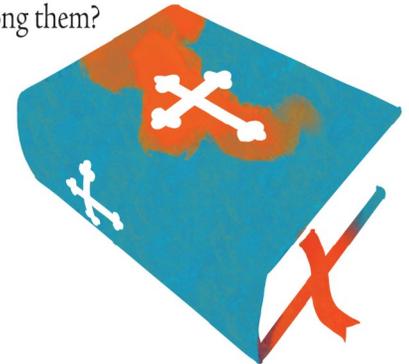


This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email churchinfo@elclh.org if you would like a copy mailed to you.

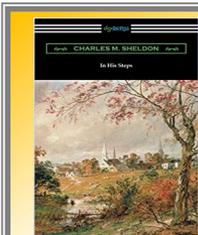
Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C



NEW BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM RESUMES IN SEPT (WATCH FOR DAY/TIME)

In September we begin *In His Steps*, by Charles M. Sheldon, a Christian classic that could change your faith.

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

The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for August is:

*Lutheran Retreats,
Camps & Conferences*



Kid's Korner

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

PUZZLE



Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!

How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!

Were I to 15+6 them,

they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18

when I 13+4, I am still with you.



PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake