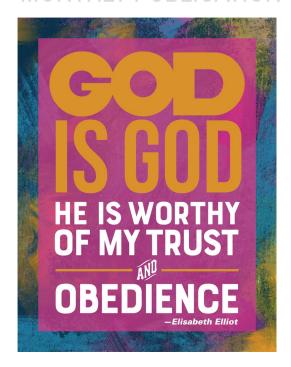
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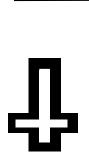
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Spanish Worship is offered at 1:30 pm by House of Faith.

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PASTOR

May I suggest to read every page and paragraph of this newsletter. Every now and then a comment will be made that nobody reads the newsletter. This often comes when one person makes a comment to another, "When is such and such event", "I didn't know that the church was involved in that ministry" or "why aren't there more people involved in church activities"?

Although I'm in the church office more than most people, there are happenings around the church that get by me. There are a number of committees that make plans or support various activities and not being able to necessarily attend the meetings, I miss out on what's happening. If the church was stagnant and nothing was going on it would be easy to stay on top of things. So personally, I find the monthly newsletter a significant gift in order for me to be informed and up to date regarding what's going on at Emanuel. I would imagine for many people, the newsletter is without question the best way to stay informed about the happenings at Emanuel.

My suggestion is to set time aside to read about all that is taking place at Emanuel and our surrounding community. Note how there are many types of outreach to the community. Notice how many people are involved in the activities on a regular basis.

Finally, when you read this newsletter I do hope that either your name or a ministry in which you are involved is mentioned. If your name or involvement is not noted, do consider joining in a ministry supported and promoted through Emanuel.

My writing this month is short so that you'll have time right now to read the rest of the newsletter.

Pastor Dennis Laherty

Join Emanuel's Choir

Are you looking for a way to share your talents and contribute to Emanuel's ministry? We're on the hunt for new members to join our vibrant chancel choir and handbell choir. Rehearsals for the handbell choir are held every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, followed by choir rehearsals from 7:30-9:00 PM. Mark your calendars as rehearsals begin on September 14. Let's raise our voices in song as we raise our spirits in worship! Contact Stephanie Young for more information stephanieyoungsings@gmail.com



Choice Dollars Check In

We encourage everyone to check with Thrivent on their Choice Dollar availability. This is your opportunity to make a personal donation and bring generosity to life by donating to a charitable organization.



BIBLE STUDY OF MARK **WED 9-10 AM**

Bible Study

**No experience needed!!*

Mark's Gospel is a narrative proclamation that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, whose death and resurrection paid the penalty for our sins and achieved victory over Satan, sin, and death. With this joyful announcement comes the call to all believers for faith and cross-bearing discipleship

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



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" - John 21

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!

Emanuel continues to support this ministry through donating household goods, Thanksgiving baskets, and some financial donations from members. Thank you! Emanuel members for continuing your love and support for our neighbors in this community!

Update on Patriots and Paws

Last month we served 200 Veterans, Active Duty and Reservists with our Anaheim and mobile warehouses. This means 200 families saved over \$200,000. Money they can use for rent, food, utilities, transportation, child care, caregiving needs, summer camp, tutoring, and so much more.



We have heard a number of parables recently about priorities in our spending. While I rarely become personal, this seemed a good opportunity for me to consider that.

I LOVE peanut butter pretzels. The big jar at Costco, which specifies 8 per day as the recommended serving, should last 56 days. For me, 10 would be conservative. It is probably not the best diet. So I thought about the pretzels, which are a luxury at \$9.99 versus the groceries which would make a difference to those who are hungry in our community. 2 bags of white rice, 2 bags of brown rice, 2 bags of pinto beans, and two jars of pasta sauce.

GOOD SAMARITAN IN THE MOMENT (one unplanned opportunity making a difference)

I A challenge: how many times per day do we have an opportunity to act in a loving way toward our neighbors?

No doubt there are many other opportunities. A few minutes, a little help, one time, to a stranger can make a difference in their lives.

- •Open the door for someone who is struggling or has their arms full
- •Offer a cold drink to someone who is too warm
- •Offer some food to those who appear hungry and need it outside a food establishment
- •Carry a heavy item for someone who is struggling
- •Offer a ride to someone

Can YOU be a Good Samaritan in the Moment? Share your stories of sharing God's love through your kindness

Jeanette Parr Facilitator Planner

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION



Come join Sunday School in-person each Sunday at 11:00 AM!

Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall

Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School

Starting Sunday, September 10, we will return to having Sunday School after the 10 AM worship service. Kids three years through sixth grade will meet in Moerer Hall. Can't wait to see everyone again! Visitors are always welcome! During the summer we offered a craft activity table for the kids. Activities included watercolor painting, Fourth of July crafts, water beads, clay, building puzzles, and lots more.

Offering

Our Sunday School offering during the summer went to support the Food Bank at First Lutheran in Fullerton. Now we are saving to purchase gifts for children for the Angel Tree in December.

Compassion Day Camp

This one-day Day Camp was very successful, involving many volunteers. It gave the older youth an opportunity to serve.

Highlights: Praise Band led the music, had a skit, water balloons and giant bubbles, Yoga, games related to the theme, crafts, singing at Sunday worship, and even lunch!

We thank all the youth and adults who have volunteered to help with this event.

Truck Or Treat

The proposed date is Sunday, October 22. Mark your calendars! Planning to have a special "Photo Booth" opportunity for families. Watch for more information in your worship bulletins.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring

Study Buddies will resume on Tuesday, September 12. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran families. Invite your friends! Study Buddies meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30PM. We welcome people who would like to be a tutor. High School students are welcome to tutor---this would be a great way to earn community service. Talk to Jill Drummond for details. Donations of small baggies of chips or small water bottles for the kids would add to snack time. The kids come directly from school and need an energy boost when they arrive. We thank you in advance.

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

Parish Ed Team

You Tube





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

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



JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Summer Study "Salvation Now" by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

Session Three: Needed Salvation Now—A World Wanting Wellness



Anyone who's been to a sports game knows John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Lesser known is John 3:17, which states: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved $(\sigma\omega\theta\tilde{\eta}$ sōth, from the root soteria) through him." In this session, we'll explore John's commitment to service, how we as Christians see the needs of a hurting world, and how because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, we are compelled to follow Jesus into the need now.

- Bring your Bible and join us the 3rd Monday of each month in the Library
- 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.

NOTE: refreshments start at 9:30 & we stop for prayer at 11 am



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 www.elclh.org
- 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.

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

September 3
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28 September 10 Ezekial 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 September 17

Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-13 Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Jonah 3:10—4:11 Psalm 145-1-8

Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

September 24



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 ...

- ~ All serving as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers, sound booth, the chancel choir and the praise band
- ~ Mary Ann Carlson for preparing and presenting meaningful Children's Sermons, which are appreciated by everyone in the congregation
- ~ All of the VBS volunteers who made it a great day for the attenders, and for the children who made the Worship Service better with their singing
- ~ Pastor Jennifer Zahnow and Pastor Cate Luehr for their excellent services and inspirational messages while Pastor Laherty was away
- ~ Jack Ward, Jeff Ward, and Jerry Schnakenberg for their on-going help and monitoring with the property, especially the leaking roofs (Note: the leakage was minimal during the Hurricane!)
- ~ Lorrie Freeman for cheerfully and graciously assisting in our office as needed
- ~ Jill Drummond for being our editor of publications
- ~ Janine Ward for leading Bible Study in Pastor Laherty's absence as well as leading Joy Circle
- ~ Sabrina Rubio, our Office Manager/Secretary, and Belinda Ampofo our bookkeeper who are always available for assistance when we call
- ~ All the members of Emanuel who faithfully worship and share the Stewardship of time, talents, and giving on a regular basis

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING RESUMES SEPTEMBER 12 TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM

Study Buddies, our FREE tutoring program for grades 1-6, meets at Emanuel on Tuesdays and Thursdays

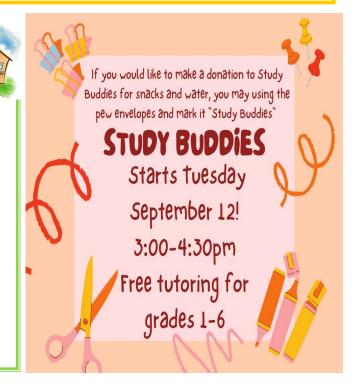
from 3-4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library.

If you'd like to contribute to the fun, they are always in

need of snacks for the kids. Lunch box size bags of chips and drink boxes are supplied to our students while they study.

Invite a friend or neighbor! Flyers are available at Sunday's Welcome Table.

Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956).



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In Our PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ SEPTEMBER 2023

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

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

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ God's Holy Spirit would be stirred in every one of God's children at Emanuel that we would each find new ways to share God's love with the people around us with courage and boldness

Continuing Prayers

~ Ruth Fehr

Ruin Feni

Sharon FrazierMischelle and John Uhlman

~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel

~ V.J. Roberts

~ Dan Toussaint

~ Jerry Schnakenberg

~ Chuck Holtzendorff

~ Stephanie Young

~ Shelley Reesman

~ Charlotte

~ Cathy Spangler

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista

~ Margaret Roberts – Addie's Cottage Anaheim

~ Ruth Wolfarth

~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills

~ Jean Arata

~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin)
- ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)
- ~ Martyn Family
- ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family
- ~ Diana Holzendorff and family

- ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson)
- ~ Jesse Valdez
- ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family
- ~ "Mo" & Andy

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Emanuel's staff, for all the musicians, worship assistants, altar care, sound, video and other volunteers who
 make it possible for us to worship God in person and online
- ~ For all who give the gift of life through blood donation and organ donation.
- ~ For a new year of learning in worship, in Bible and book studies, in Sunday School and Study Buddies, in individual devotion and discipleship and in service to victims of human trafficking, those aging out of foster care and all in need. May our lives and this community of faith be known by our love and grace, always reflecting God's love and hospitality to friend and stranger.
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

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.



Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling



EMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS 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.



The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for September is:

Lutheran Relief



CHRIST IN OUR HOME OCT/NOV/DEC NOW AVAILABLE



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.

Kid's Korner



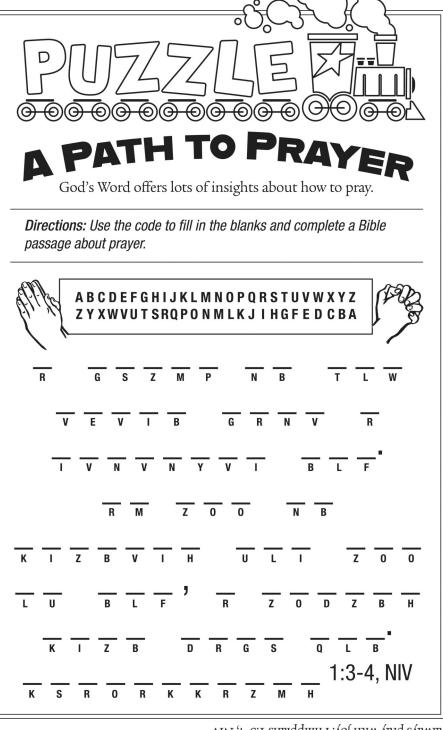
Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

- 1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
- 2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
- 3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
- 4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
- 5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV