

The Good News

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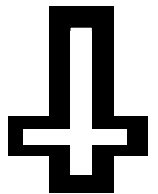
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM
PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Sodders
Spanish Worship is offered at 1:30 pm by House of Faith.
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Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

I don't know when funeral services were renamed "A Celebration of Life". The form of the service hasn't really changed, but the name has changed. In the last three months I have attended such services in other congregations more than I have officiated at them at Emanuel. On each occasion, the celebration of life service has been structured the same as a funeral service of old. The eulogies, delivered by a single person or by a group of people, have sounded like those delivered at funeral services of the past. I do feel that the name change has been good. When one sees the title of the service it reminds us that the celebration is about moving on to a different place and with the presence of Almighty God. Why not call it a celebration of life?

But here's where I'm going with this thinking. Why not pick a time in life, when we're still alive, to say, "I want a celebration of life service"? There have been numerous times in my life when I say, "thank you Lord for bringing me to this point in my life, having blessed me so richly in so many ways." Certainly at those moments of recognition, a prayer or prayers of thanksgiving are offered to the Lord, and our life continues. But would it be a better expression of where one is in life to have a celebration of life at those times?

I'm not saying that we should all go for a service where we can be glorified by all of our accomplishments in life whether real or slightly exaggerated. But how about a service where we point to the various times that the Lord has touched our lives? These times can include a recovery from illness, having accomplished a task that surprised us, thanking God for bringing us into a new and dynamic relationship or coming to a new revelation at how present the Lord has been in our life. The list could be endless.

So why not celebrate these moments while we're still alive on earth, still relating to each other and to the Lord?

Then in my thinking, all my questions were answered. We have a celebration of life every Sunday when we come together and worship the Lord. It is a time to recognize all that has taken place in our lives. Not only are we present with each other but we are in the presence of the Lord. I find that in my life, the Lord is so active that celebrating once a week is a good timeframe for all the blessings that have come my way. I have no doubt that the same can be true for all of you.

There is a praise song that offers us the perfect tone for our celebration of life. We do have an "Awesome God".

Pastor Dennis Laherty

**COMPARATIVE BIBLE STUDY
OF THE FOUR GOSPELS
MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY**

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



Join us as we compare how a passage or story was written in other ways, in different situations by these men of God. Led by Pastor Laherty

Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elch.org to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. 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!

As Study Buddies are a part of our community outreach, HAHO has helped by providing snacks for the new year and purchasing a hard drive and installation for the laptop.

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

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

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

- 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

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.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD BANK CONTINUES. PLEASE SEE THE NEEDED ITEMS AND CONSIDER AT LEAST ONE WHEN YOU ARE GROCERY SHOPPING. PRINTED LISTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME TABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

HAHO will assist at Trunk or Treat by providing the Photo Booth and by helping with registration and other needed services.

We are working on a partnership with PATHWAYS OF HOPE, a local group which assists with food, hygiene/personal items and other needs in our community. Watch for more information.

Seeking a local opportunity for our well-loved Angel Tree through the city of La Habra. Will have more information soon.

Jeanette Parr
Facilitator Planner

**NEXT HAHO MEETING IS
OCTOBER 14, 2023 at 10AM. Would
love to have you there!**



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.



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

- Fall Sunday School began on September 10 at 10:00 AM with a nature scavenger hunt and activities. Students are memorizing a Bible verse each week.
- Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall each Sunday. Visitors are always welcome!
- Offering: We are saving our offering to purchase gifts for kids from the Angel Tree.

Trunk or Treat

- Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 22, for our Trunk-or-Treat evening. Food and games will be set up outside on the patio and food will be served in Moerer Hall for the first hour. Then we will go to the upper parking lot to Trick-or-Treat and vote for our favorite decorated trunk. Come and enjoy the food, games, and fun.
- Planning to have a special "Photo Booth" opportunity for families.
- Watch for more information in your worship bulletins.

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 resumed 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.
- High School students are welcome to tutor---this would be a great way to earn community service. Talk to Jill Drummond for more information.
- We are thankful for the many snacks and water donations and for the good start to busy days of tutoring!

Christmas Play

The students have expressed an interest in participating in a Christmas Play this year. The play will reach all age levels of kids. Invite friends to join us.

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

Parish Ed Team

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

You Tube



- 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, OCTOBER 16

Fall Study "Multiple Places" by Mark Allan Powell



Session Three: The Good Samaritan Learning from other interpretations (Luke 10:30-37)

- 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

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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 ~



October 1

Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32

October 8

Isa 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Phil 3:4-14
Matt 21:33-46

October 15

Isa 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Phil 4:1-9
Matt 22:1-14

October 22

Isa 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]
1 Thess 1:1-10
Ma 22:15-22

October 29

Jer 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Rom 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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
- ~ Everyone who brings yummy snacks to our coffee hour on Sundays
- ~ Thanks to Susan Wright and Mary Ann Carlson who set up for coffee and make sure there are "goodies" and fellowship time each week after worship, and for the cleanup afterward.
- ~ To all our musicians Amy, Stephanie, Sudan, Jeff, John, Kevin and Kevin for the lovely sound of music
- ~ To our Sunday school teachers Mary Ann Carlson, Cindy Reyes and Susan Fallon
- ~ BSF for making Emanuel the lovely thank you banner in Moerer Hall
- ~ Lorrie Freeman for cheerfully and graciously assisting in our office as needed
- ~ Thanks to Carol Crabb, Darrell Moyer, Steve White, Nancy White, Janine Ward, Jerry Schnakenburg who faithfully count the offering each week and to Carol who schedules to ensure coverage.
- ~ Thanks to Jeff Ward, Jack Ward, and Bob Wright who came late on a Friday night to fix the men's toilet in Moerer Hall, then followed up to finish the repair
- ~ Thanks to Jill Drummond who takes the lead in the Emanuel Book Club, helping to choose books
- ~ Thanks to Jill Drummond and Sharon Frazier who find fun places and arrange for the Whats4Lunch group
- ~ Thanks to everyone who is faithfully bringing food for the food bank at First Lutheran Church. They are feeding 125 families every week!
- ~ Thanks to everyone who gives financially to Emanuel and in any other way to give glory to God
- ~ Thank you Carol Crabb for organizing the study buddy bookshelves

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING 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).

NOTE: NO STUDY BUDDIES ON TUESDAY, OCT. 31


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 have begun.

Let's raise our voices in song as we raise our spirits in worship! Contact Stephanie Young for more information stephanieyoungsings@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10a Blended Worship (S) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	2 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	3 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/N)	4 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	5 10a Book Club (L) 6-9:30p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	6 12:45-10:30p HOF (CH) 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	7 7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 9:30a-10:30p HOF (S)
8 10a Blended Worship (S) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	9 4p Stephen Ministry (C) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	10 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/N)	11 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 11a Preschool Brd (C) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	12 10a Book Club (L) 6-9:30p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	13 11:30a What's 4 Ladies Lunch @ Red Robin Brea 12:45-10:30p HOF (CH) 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	14 7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 9:30a-10:30p HOF (S) 10a HAHO MEETING
15 10a Blended Worship (S) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	16 9:30a Joy Circle (H) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	17 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 5:30 p Council Mtg (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/N)	18 "Good News" Deadline 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	19 10a Book Club (L) 6-9:30p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	20 12:45-10:30p HOF (CH) 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	21 7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 9:30a-10:30p HOF (S)
22 10a Blended Worship (S) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL) 5PM TRUNK OR TREAT	23 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	24 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/N)	25 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	26 10a Book Club (L) 6-9:30p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	27 12:45-10:30p HOF (CH) 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (1-4, Y) 8p AA (H)	28 7-9:30a BSF LDR (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 9:30a-10:30p HOF (S)
29 Reformation Sunday 10a Blended Worship (S) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	30 Reformation Day 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	31 No Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/N)				

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www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316

Al-Anon meets in Moerer Hall Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Mondays & Fridays @ 7:30 PM

Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room



In Our
Hearts
& Prayers

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ OCTOBER 2023

*** 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

~ This month, I pray for a calm to all of life's storms. I ask for the authority of Jesus to boldly rebuke every challenging situation. I declare a peace that surpasses all understanding to overtake everyone that needs it.

Continuing Prayers

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| ~ Ruth Fehr | ~ V.J. Roberts | ~ Stephanie Young |
| ~ Sharon Frazier | ~ Dan Toussaint | ~ Shelley Reesman |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler |

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

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| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista | ~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills | ~ Jean Arata |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court | |
| ~ Ruth Wolfarth | | |

Friends and Family to Remember

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| ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin) | |
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson) |
| ~ Jesse Valdez | ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family |
| ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family | ~ Diana Holzendorff and 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries October 2023

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.

~ 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 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.

The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for October is:



Veteran Outreach



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 Soddors (562) 694-5316 or email

EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com.

Kid's Korner

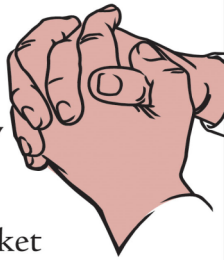
MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

PUZZLE

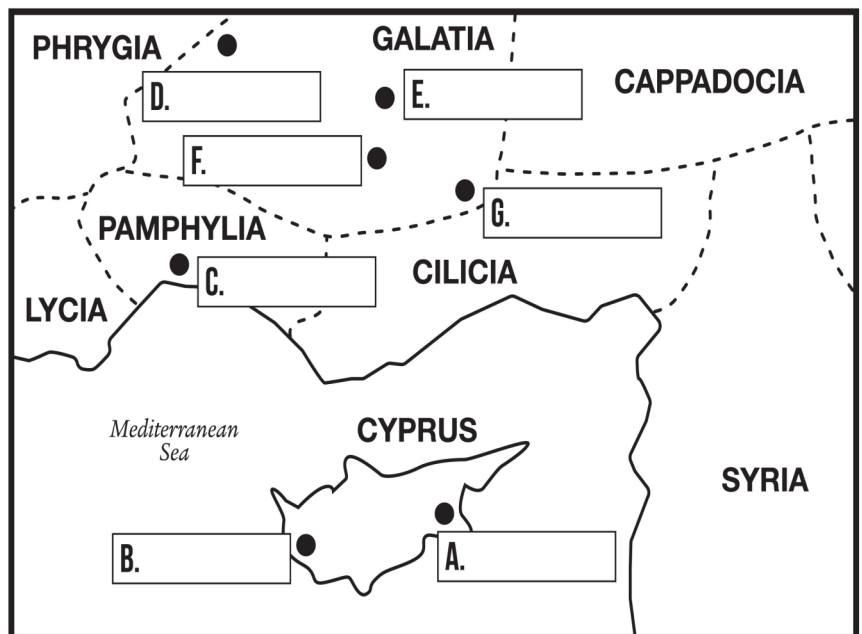
CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5) | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6) | F. LISTRA (ACTS 14:6) |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13) | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6) |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe