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PASTOR

As I write this article, Trunk or Treat plans are firming up, finance people at the church have begun addressing the 2024 budget and the ministry needs of Emanuel, the Church Council decided that again this year there would be one worship service the evening of the 24th of December to celebrate Christmas Eve, (with still a regular Sunday morning worship service that day) and Study Buddies is meeting with a growing number of participants. For no need of another reason, we know it's unquestionably autumn. (Even if the temperature today is supposed to reach 91 degrees.)

We often date days or seasons by what is happening in our lives at that time. All year around there are touchstones reminding us in which month or season of the year we are alive. Sunday morning worship is another of those touchstones. We arise, we go through our morning routines, we pick a particular time to leave our home and we drive to Emanuel. At 10:00 AM we begin that solemn time we call worship. For most people it's the most intensive time of the week in our relationship with Jesus Christ. For that next hour or so, we are reminded over and over again through hymns, songs, readings and prayer, through a sermon and the Eucharist that we have a loving Lord living and nurturing our lives with his Spirit.

As I talk with other pastors about changes that they see in the church in our post-Covid world, two comments immediately surface. First, attendance is lower than before Covid hit our world. Second, and this one caught me by surprise, it is noticed that people who are attending on Sunday morning seem happier and noticeably more pleased to be present than before Covid. It seems that having been deprived of being together has brought home how important having contact with each other really is in our lives.

Seeing each other, worshipping with each other, singing hymns and songs together, sharing the greeting of peace with each other, communing with each other and fellowshipping with each other has become a new and more intense experience than it has been in the past.

Worship has become a new touchstone in our lives reminding each of us how important we are to each other, how we experience the Lord's presence in and through each other and how much richer our lives have become. If we are physically able to worship at Emanuel we add a very positive touchstone in our lives. It is in fact not really a touchstone, it is a time that unites us with Jesus Christ himself.

Pastor Dennís Laherty

A NOTE FROM THE

NOVEMBER STARTS THE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY



**No experience needed!!*

The book of Acts is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the growth of the early church, the conversion of Paul, the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles, and the persecution faced by early Christians

Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.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!

"IT'S FUN TO GIVE!" was one theme of our Stewardship Emphasis this Fall. We continue to experience that fun as we give gratitude to God by reaching out to our neighbors. According to Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

PATRIOTS AND PAWS

From now through November 13, we will provide a basket at the Welcome Table for gifts of food or gas cards to be provided to current and activity military personnel.

HAHO assisted at **Trunk or Treat** by helping provide funds for the Photo Booth along with a grant from Thrivent, and by helping with registration, food, games, and other needed services.

The Food Bank based at First Lutheran has added a few items especially for Thanksgiving. They regularly service 125 families per week and the numbers grow. The list with additional items will be printed for pick up at the Welcome Table.

The **ANGEL TREE is** coming! Everyone gets excited for this and the tags go FAST. WINGS, the shelter for families of domestic violence, who we have worked with the last several years, will provide a list for us by November 1. In addition, we are working with the City of La Habra to explore the needs here. Thanks to Sharon Frazier who is meeting with them.

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. We anticipate a project in January or February.

WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN THE BULLETIN AND ON SCREEN

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOU!



Jeanette Parr Facilitator Planner

The next HAHO meeting is SATURDAY, January 13 at 10 am. *** We would love to have you there! ***

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

- What we learned at Sunday School:
- We learned about the Apostle Paul and how God changed his heart.
- Each student took pride in making a drum to add rhythm to our music time.

Offering

During November and December, offerings will be used to purchase gifts for a boy and a girl from the WINGS shelter. The students can see how their offering can help others in this special way.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring

Study Buddies meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family. Invite your friends! Talk to Jill Drummond for details.

Trunk or Treat

Many thanks to all who participated, decorated trunks, and helped with this festive event. We also thank Kirsten Garcia for making the trophies for the trunk decorating contest and reserving the Photo Booth for the event.

Christmas Play

"**3 Wise Men and a Baby**" musical will be presented on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 AM. We are learning the songs during Sunday School hour and practices will be either Wednesday or Thursday around 4:45 PM. Come and join us! Brings friends. It's great way to learn about the Christmas story. Call Mary Ann Carlson if interested at 562-619-0532. We need lots of kids!

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

Emanuel's website: <u>http://elclh.org</u>



You Tube

• YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA

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.



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

Monday, November 20

Fall Study "Multiple Meanings" by Mark Allan Powell



Session Four: The Prodigal Son Learning from other interpretations (Luke 15:11-32)

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

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

GIVING

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 on • Text dollar amo
- Mail to the Church Office
- "Giving" link online at <u>www.elclh.org</u>
 Toxt dollar amount to 562, 210,0007
- 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 ~

November 5 Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 23:1-12 November 12 Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13 <u>November 19</u> Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30 November 26 Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Psalm 96:1-7a Ephes 1:15-23 Matt 25:31-46



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!

Тнапк уои то ...

- ~ All serving as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers, sound booth, the chancel choir and the praise band
- ~ Susan Fallon and Kerry Ospital for globes in our Study Buddies classroom
- Parish Ed (Cindy Reyes, Mary Ann Carlson, Kirsten Garcia, Susan Wright) and all who helped with Emanuel's Trunk or Treat event! Janine Ward and team for food. All who helped decorate, lead games and provided trunks and treats to hand out
- ~ All who participated in Trunk or Treat. It was a festive evening with decorated trunks, fellowship and children going from car to car in their costumes

~Kirsten Garcia for organizing and creating trophies for the trunk contest

- ~ Susan Fallon for scheduling them and for all serving as lesson readers, ushers, Welcome Table greeters and communion servers through October
- ~ Thanks to Carol Crabb, Darrell Moyer, Steve White, Nancy White, Janine Ward, Jerry Schnakenberg who faithfully count the offering each week and to Carol who schedules to ensure coverage.
- ~ John Ospital for spraying the lower classrooms to keep the mosquitos away
- ~ Jerry Schnakenberg, Jeanette Parr and Jonine Sodders for taking care of the unexpected gas leak repairs we had here at Emanuel
- ~ Stephanie Young for continuing efforts recruiting and interviewing potential Emanuel section leaders for this coming year

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 NOVEMBER 21 & 23



Thank you from The Rev. Murray D. Finck

"Dear Emanuel Luther Church,

The peace of Christ be with you.



Thank you for the opportunity to be with you several weeks ago for worship and for allowing me to share with you the Good News of Christ Jesus and also to thank you for your generous support of the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries'' Scholarship Endowment Fund. It was good to be with you at both worship services and the potluck luncheon following. I also thank you for the additional generous gift of \$2,500.00 that you gave to the chaplaincy scholarship fund that day.

Congregation like yours are making a significant difference as we are now able to award substantial scholarships to the ELCA seminaries intending on answering God's call to serve as Federal Chaplains in the military, in VA hospitals, in federal prisons, and in the Department of Defense and Homeland Security. On behalf of our development team and the whole church, I offer our sincerest gratitude for your generosity.

In the abiding grace of Christ and on behalf of the entire development team, Rev. Chaplains Linda Campbell, Ken DuVall, Harry Griffith, Jeremine Vore, Jeffrey Zust, Christopher Otten, Ms. Ruth Allen, Mr. William Elmstorm and Revs. Marissa Krey & Murray D. Fink."



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and everything they own.

 \sim For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets

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.

~ For all God's blessings, those we see and so many big and small ways God provides for our needs, often before we even know our need

apart for God's holy purposes. We celebrate that WE are the saints of God, called to follow Christ, inspired by the example and faith of the saints who have gone before us and now rest with God. We give thanks for the saints to come, as we prepare Christ's church to welcome them and to help all of us live and grow in faith, love and charity. May we grow more like Christ every day in every way.

~ Thank You, God, for those who are here to share these blessings this month, for the generosity of our hosts that make this possible. Bless those who are here and those who are in our hearts, and all those who are not

- All Saints Sunday (November 5) We give thanks for the 'saints' all God's people who have been set
- ~ "Mo" & Andy **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

~ Diana Holzendorff and family

~ Ruth Wolfarth

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie's Cottage Anaheim

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin)

~ Mischelle and John Uhlman

~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel

- ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)

as fortunate.

- ~ Jesse Valdez

- ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family

- ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson)
- ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family

- ~ Lee Reitzel Emerald Court

~ Eric Sessing – Mirada Hills

~ Stephanie Young ~ Shelley Reesman

~ Cathy Spangler

~ Charlotte

- ~ Jean Arata

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ A Prayer for Peace: Dear God, Our world is torn with war and violence. I pray that you provide this

and violence. I pray you provide them with both physical and mental healing.

~ V.J. Roberts

~ Dan Toussaint

~ Jerry Schnakenberg

~ Chuck Holtzendorff

world with a peace that is only found in you. I pray for those who are suffering from the results of war

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



Continuing Prayers

~ Ruth Fehr

~ Sharon Frazier

Birthdays and Anniversaries November 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 <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u> 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.





"2nd Mile" Giving for November is: Community Resource Care Center



Answers: Across 2: Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphas, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen