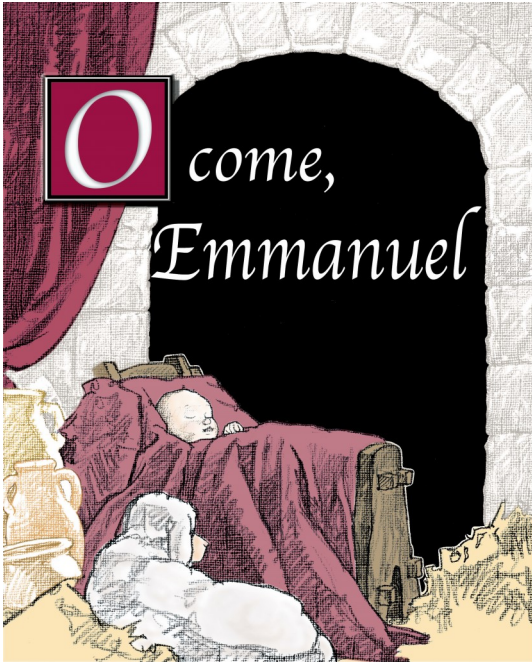


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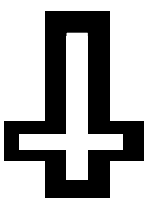
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150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631
 Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 AM
 11:00 AM
 Pastor: Dennis Laherty
 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

Over the years there has been one word in my vocabulary that has defined Christmas. The word is “Incarnation.” For me this word defines the day, the season, and really life with Jesus better than any other.

At Easter, and during the following weeks, we talk about the “living Lord.” We refer to the Resurrection, Jesus walking with his disciples and providing new life for those who follow him. The impact of the Easter season goes without saying because of the long-lasting impact on our daily lives.

Christmas, and the Incarnation of Jesus is different. For me it brings to mind that the event occurred because God the Father made a decision for all creation. The Father came to a point in time when it was decided that the law of God just wasn’t working out. I imagine that the Father looked down, saw Mary and Joseph her betrothed, knew of the faithfulness of both of them, knew they would serve as Jesus’ first disciples, then being one with the Spirit, saw to it that she was to bear a son, the Son. I can’t help but feel that in some mystical way the Father and the Spirit rejoiced because God would now be incarnate on the earth. The presence of the Lord would be more powerful than it had ever been. The future of Creation was secure because God Incarnate would be among the people. He would be welcomed as a newborn, develop as a toddler, grow through adolescence and become a well-adjusted adult. All this occurred while being cultivated in the synagogue and the Temple as the fulfillment of the law, the Messiah and Savior of the World.

We know of many other names for Jesus. This time of year especially we hear of Him as the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. But all of this began when the Father decided that the Incarnation would be the starting point.

This Christmas season I would pray that all people could find a new place in their heart to welcome this living God. As we greet a new year, I would additionally pray that the Incarnation lives on as we grow with this special presence of the Lord as he touches our lives each day.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

Join us for Emanuel’s Annual Congregational Meeting over brunch/ lunch in Moerer Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the 2024 budget, elect council members, receive 2023 ministry reports and approve the updates to our Constitution and Bylaws.

PLEASE make every effort to be a part of this important meeting in the life of our community of faith.

11 am Potluck after worship and ALL are invited!

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of Emanuel’s ministries!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 — 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 / 1st Sunday in Advent — Worship Service at 10 am

10 am Worship
11 am Lunch and Emanuel's Annual Meeting

Over lunch, members will vote on the recommended 2024 budget and elect new Church Council members. **Sandwiches will be provided. You're invited to bring something to share at the Potluck**

DECEMBER 10 / 2nd Sunday in Advent — Lessons & Carols

10 AM Worship with Lessons & Carols and Communion



DECEMBER 17 / 3rd Sunday in Advent — Children's Musical

10 AM Worship with Communion and the Children's Christmas musical
"3 Wise Men and a Baby—A Children's Musical teaching that the best gift is me!"
Potluck following worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 / Christmas Eve-with Communion

10 am Regular Worship with communion
7 pm Christmas Eve Worship with communion



DECEMBER 31

10 AM First Sunday of Christmas Worship



Thank You From- Sabrina Garcia

"Thank you to the every single person at Emanuel for the wonderful 3 years I have spent with you. I am so sad to say goodbye but I know this isn't forever. I will always be thankful for the love, kindness and laughs throughout these years. I will miss seeing your wonderful faces each

week but I will cherish the friends and family I have made here. A million Thank you's for supporting me, believing in me, caring about me and understanding this change is for the best for the future of my family. I'm just a call or text away friends."

Love Always, Sabrina ♥



"HANGING OF THE GREENS"
Help decorate the church for Christmas!!

Saturday, December 9, starting at 10AM
in the Sanctuary.
Christmas music will be playing.
Come join us!



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

Advent 1

December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Advent 2

December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:12,8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Advent 3

December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thess 5:16-24
John:1:6-8,19-28

Advent 4 Christmas Eve

December 24

2 Sam 7:1-11,16
Luke 1:4-46b
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalms 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

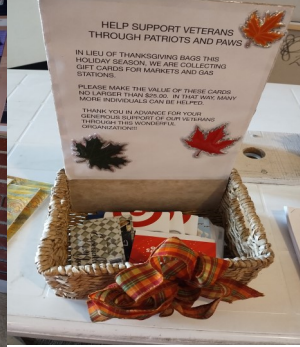


HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!

“ GOD”S WORK...OUR HANDS!”



Jeanette Parr
Facilitator

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



Order your poinsettias now to beautify the altar area at our Christmas worship services. Cost is \$10 each. Orders are due by Please make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **December 4, 2023**. Please indicate on your check memo line “for poinsettias.”
Ordering forms in Narthex.

**A Merry
El Cholo
Lunch**

Whats 4 Lunch Ladies
Friday, December 15 at 11:30 AM

840 E. Whittier Blvd.
La Habra

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School Class Schedule

Kids age 3 years through sixth grade are invited to join us Sunday mornings. Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School:

Our focus in Sunday School is now expanding our understanding of the stories told in our Christmas play and learning the songs.

Bible Presentations: Olivia Reyes, Alice Carmona, and Allison Squires were presented the Adventure Bible in November.

Offerings:

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



Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

Study Buddies meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM for children in grades 1-6. Two new students joined us in November. Study Buddies will be taking off for winter recess from Monday, Dec.18-Monday, Jan. 8. Study Buddies will resume on Tuesday, January 9. 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.

Christmas Play Sunday, December 17:

“3 Wise Men and a Baby” musical will be presented on Sunday, December 17 at 10AM.

A potluck luncheon will follow the performance in Moerer Hall. The kids are so excited and energetic about serving in this way. Come and join us! Bring friends. See how the STAR that was there at the birth of Jesus tells what happened and how the three Wise Men met the King. The play has been a great way for our youth to learn about the Christmas story. Call Mary Ann Carlson if interested in joining us at 562-619-0532.

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

Parish Ed Team

Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra

Lessons and Carols

Experience the Christmas story in Scripture & Song

Sunday, December 10th

150 N Palm Street
La Habra 90631
(562)691-0656

Rehearsals are Thursday, Nov. 30 and Dec 7.
from 7:30-9pm

Children's Christmas Musical

“3 Wise Men and a Baby”

December 17, 2023

All kids are invited to be a part of this holiday musical. Tell your friends. The story is told by “Star” who was the star of Bethlehem. Star, along with other stars of heaven, is trying to plan the perfect birthday party for Jesus. As the story continues, the three Wise Men travel to meet the new King. Come see how the characters shine with humor and joy. Please contact Mary Ann Carlson (562) 619-0532 if you have any questions.

Preschool Thanksgiving Feast and Program with Parents



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.



~ 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.



JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY

SPECIAL ADVENT GATHERING MONDAY, DEC 18

Special Advent Gathering -- 9:30—11 am
Monday, Dec. 18 Food, Fun and Fellowship

Celebration of our Christmas meeting everyone who desires can bring a snack to share! Gather magazine copies will be provided.

- 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.
- NOTE: refreshments start at 9:30 and we stop for prayer at 11 am

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 DECEMBER 18 THROUGH JANUARY 4

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Christmas Fundraiser

Please support our preschool See's Candies Christmas fundraiser! Make checks payable to *Emanuel Lutheran Church*. Please add "Preschool Fundraiser" in memo line. Last day to order is Nov 30. Orders will be delivered the week of December 11-15. Ordering forms in Narthex.



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.



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
- ~ Jerry Schnakenberg for changing out the light in the office
- ~ John Ospital for coordinating the upcoming blood drive
- ~ Thank you to ALL Study buddies tutors who give one or two days a week to this ministry. The kids appreciate you and so do we!
- ~ Jill Drummond and AJ Ward for all the ways she gets Emanuel "in the news" on social media!
- ~ Mary Ann Carlson and Susan Wright for their willingness to organize, direct, rehearse and lead the kids in a Christmas musical this December
- ~ 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.
- ~All supporting Emanuel's preschool See's Candies fundraisers
- ~Jeanette for helping transition to our New office manager Lilly Hernandez
- ~Lorrie Freeman and Phyllis Laherty for helping train Lilly Hernandez
- ~All who come and worship every week and give to Emanuel

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.



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ DECEMBER 2023

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

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

In Ouu Hearts and Prayers

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ Lord God, Creator of all things. Thank You for this new month that You have given me...a new month in which to start fresh. Thank You, that You have the ability – and the desire – to wipe my slate clean. Thank You that forgiveness is there for the asking and You are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Your Word says, “Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.”

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

- ~ 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
- ~ 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 as fortunate.
- ~ 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.

DECEMBER 2023

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31 First Sunday of Christmas
10a Blended Worship (S)
11a Sunday School
12:45-7p HOF(ALL)

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www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316
SUNDAY WORSHIP: Blended Service 10:00 a.m. • Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
(Spanish Service at House of Faith: 1:00 p.m.)
Al-Anon meets in Hope Center Classroom Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm: AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Mondays @ 7:30 pm and Fridays @ 8:00 pm.
Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom



**“2nd Mile” Giving for
December is:**
Good Samaritan Fund

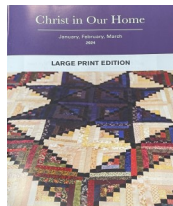
BOOK OF ACTS
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY
****No experience needed!!***



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.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME
**JANUARY/FEBRUARY/
MARCH**



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

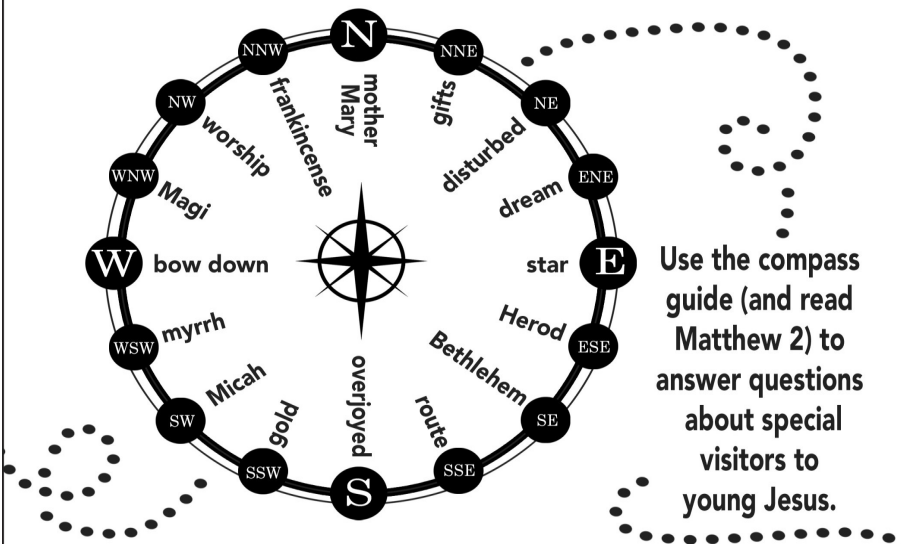
Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman’s wife’s sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
_____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense; myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help

What you do:

- In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
- Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
- In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
- Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
- Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.