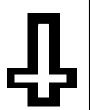
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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL PASTOR:

10:00 AM MA 00:11 Denins Laherty Sodders

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

#### **BETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# PASTOR



There is a site that I have on Facebook that shows videos of animals eating animals. It will show a lion attacking and devouring an antelope, hyenas doing the same to a giraffe. There are videos of snakes attacking and actually eating other snakes. I feel that I've given enough examples to gross out many people and getting you wondering, "Why is pastor watching these videos?

Here's what's really interesting to me. I turn on television to watch news, and with their words, I see and hear politicians eating other politicians. Those who feel they are powerful taking on the vulnerable. Those who are hungry for a political office trying, at least, to devour other predators. Using words rather than teeth is less bloody but it accomplishes the same goal. To devour.

When I'm watching animals devour other animals I don't take sides or cheer for one side or the other. I see it as nature at work. When I hear politicians in the process of eating each other, sometimes I can feel myself agreeing with one side or another and thereby take a passive role in mealtime. More and more I'm finding that I'm not comfortable with that posture.

Everything I know about my Christian belief says to love my neighbor and love my enemy. It does bother me when I feel myself get sucked into the arguments that turn into a form of mealtime for politicians. I find that I've had to work at listening and agreeing or disagreeing without the desire to see either party devoured by the other.

The freedom of speech is a Constitutional gift. Living with this gift is obviously one of the differences between animals and politicians. But as we know, the freedom of speech can be abused by those who choose to take part in name-calling. And mealtime begins.

I'm finding for myself, that between now and November 5, I'll be consciously working on loving my neighbor as well as loving my enemy no matter who they might be. It seems like the Christian thing to do.

Pastor Dennís Laherty

A NOTE

FROM THE



HAHO UPDATE

## HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

#### AUGUST HAHO UPDATE

Many thanks to all who so generously donated food items for Caring Ministries that were delivered on July 9. Jeanette Parr and Robyn and John Ospital found the shelves nearly empty when they arrived with a full truckload of food from you. Again we witnessed God's perfect timing and provision. Please keep filling those baskets in the Narthex.

The St. Jude's Closet donations of new and slightly used clothing are a continuing outreach as well. We can't begin to express how thankful they are for your generosity to the homeless community in our area. When we each do a little, it becomes a great deal. Emanuel lives out it's faith in both these projects...thank you!

We are currently working with Thrivent on a joint project as well as looking at opportunities to help our current partners in outreach. We will meet on August 10 at 10:00AM in the Youth Room to discuss fall and winter projects. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your ideas and thoughts, they are welcomed and appreciated.

The latest clothing delivery from Emanuel to the St Jude Clothing Closet. Thank you for your generosity.





Thanks to Lilly Hernandez, our Secretary, who keeps everything in order and watches out for all of us, and is available to answer questions all of the time.

Thanks to all those who donated blood to help our community of July 15 and for John Ospital for making those arrangements.

Thanks to all of the Parish Administration team who have been working diligently on preparing for VBS on August 3, including MaryAnn Carlson, Cindy Reyes, Denise Whitcher, Chip Whitcher, and so many others who will help on that day.

Thanks to those persons who assist in making the Worship smooth each week, including the readers, communion assistants, communion preparers, ushers, and the diligent workers at the check-in table, Robyn Ospital, Janine Ward, and Maddie.

Thanks to the amazing outpouring of love through food gifts to the Caring Hands Foodbank, who gave just in time to fill the empty shelves.

Thanks to the people who brought gently used clothing and purchased socks, underwear, T-shirts, and bras for the Clothes Closet at St. Jude.

Thanks to Eric Hindley who has stepped in to lead worship as needed on short notice. Thanks to Susan Wright, Denise Whitcher and the Sunday School children's choir for the beautiful music in worship.

Thanks to Bob Wright and AA for procuring the new ceiling tiles for Moerer Hall and Hope Center and arranging for their installation.

Thanks to Jonine Sodders who watches our facility at all times, makes repairs herself, and lets us know what needs attention...far beyond her Pre-School Director duties.

Thanks to Mary Ann Carlson and her weekly children's messages, which are learning opportunities for the adults as well.

Thanks to those members who provide the "goodies" for after-worship fellowship each week.

Thanks to Jack Ward and Geoff Roberts for their unfailing patience and good work on the sound and visual systems.

Thanks to Bob Fallon and John Ospital who "police" the grounds before worship to make it a clean and inviting facility.

Thanks those who count offering each week and those who diligently post offering and attendance statistics – Carol Crabb, Janine Ward, Ricki Fehr, Steve White, Nancy White, Darrell Moyer, Jerry Schnakenberg, and Jeanette Parr.

Thanks to all those who worship together and give of their time and offerings of money and goods every week to make Emanuel warm, welcoming, and a beacon in our community, and provide family for those people who need it.

Thanks to the prayer team who work night and day, 7 days a week, sharing needs and praying for our friends, family, community, church and the world.

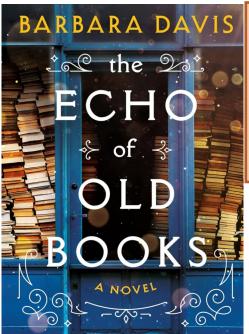
Thanks to Carl Pulley and Kevin Garcia for encouraging our new Men's Ministry.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Aug. 3, 2024 @8:00A.M. Arthur's Coffee Shop

## WHAT'S 4LUNCH LADIES?

VINNY'S ITALIAN 2101 E. LAMBERT RD. LA HABRA LAMBERT/PALM CROSS STREET

Friday, August 16th at 11:30 am



Please Join us for Book Club!

We are reading The Echo of Old Books begins Thurs. July 18th @ 1 pm.



#### **Altar Flowers Donation**

We Invite you to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday Service! Sign up

in the Narthex. Monday before flowers are expected call Blooming Hills to order flowers. Cost will be \$65.00 paid to Blooming Hills Florist, (562) 690-3347 Please take the flowers home after the service on Sunday, or they will be taken to a shut in that week.

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Exod 16:2-4, 9-15	1 Kings 19:4-8	Prov 9:1-6	Josh 24:1-2a,14-18
Ps 78:23-29	Ps 34:1-8	Ps 34:9-14	Ps 34:15-22
Eph 4:1-16	Eph 4:25—5-2	Eph 5:15-20	Eph 6:10-20
John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69
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## From the Board of Parish Education August 2024

**Kid's Summer Music Program:** Our Summer Music time will conclude on Sunday, August 25 with an <u>End of the Summer Fellowship and Potluck</u> in Moerer Hall after the worship service. The kids will perform all the songs they have learned and have a talent show for anyone who would like to participate. Come join us as we celebrate together.

**Offering:** Our summer offering is going toward donating food for people who are in our communities! Donations will be delivered to the Food Bank at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton. Students can bring pasta, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, rice or money which will be used to buy these items. We love the spirit of giving to others in need.

### Vacation Bible School Day Camp--Saturday, August 3

- "Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness by Crossing Barriers" At this writing, we are busy finalizing the last-minute planning for this Day Camp. Next month we will share with you the details of how everything went.
- This one-day camp will be filled with games, music, and an adventure with discovering that crossing barriers means overcoming obstacles that might stop us from seeing, understanding, and helping each other. Through Jesus' parable of the Samaritan, we will explore the question "Who is your neighbor?" and what it means to become a neighbor. We will discover how showing compassion to anyone who needs it, is being a neighbor. Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves and the world.
- We thank all the youth and adults who have volunteered to help with this special Day Camp.

**Study Buddies** will resume on Tuesday September 3 after the students have returned back to school and back into the homework routine.

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

Parish Ed Team









#### JOY CIRCLE AUGUST 19, 2024



I would like to thank those who attended our July meeting. Two new ladies joined us for the first time and it was a true blessing to participate in such a time of sharing and looking at the importance of community in these uncertain times.



In August we will continue this 3-part study "After Certainty" with the theme of "Compassion". All are welcome to come at any time because each study stands alone, so you are never lost or behind! Copies are available upon arrival. Please prayerfully consider giving this fellowship a try.

Any questions, call Jo Ellen Dobson, Janine Ward or the Church Office.

## **SELVING**

### 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 plateMail 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)



## Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now Enrolling students!



- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are 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





#### FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM STARTS SEPT 3, 2024

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 small water bottles 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).

Summer Fellowship Potuck Talent Show! AUGUST 25 after service PLEASE CONTACT DENISE WHITCHER @ 562 458 8852 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM

### ~ 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.



## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024 COMPASSION DAY CAMP

## 9 am to 1:30 pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Emanuel Lutheran Church 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631 email: churchinfo@elclh.org phone (562)691-0656

"Compassion Camp—CHANGING THE WORLD WITH LOVINGKINDNESS BY BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN"

Saturday, Aug. 3 Sunday, Aug.4 by compassion camp kids

ChildrenAges 3 (potty-trained) through those entering 6th gradeYouth & AdultsThose entering 7th grade and up are welcome to volunteer

Join us for Compassion Camp Changing the World with Lovingkindness by being a Good Samaritan

Please pre-register by Monday July 29, 2024

COST IS \$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 PER FAMILY AND A PAIR OF NEW ADULT SOCKS

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP YES / NO

## LOVINGKINDNESS

AGE	GRADE ENTERING	Allergies
	AGE	AGE GRADE ENTERING

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Names Address		City		Zip
Home Phone	Cell		Email	
Emergency Contact Name			Phone	9
Relationship of Emergency Co	ntact to Chil	d		

In case of an emergency and we <u>cannot</u> reach you or an Emergency Contact person, does Emanuel Lutheran Church have your permission to make medical decisions for the above listed minor(s) until we are able to reach the parent or emergency contact person?

Yes /No (circle)

(parent/guardian signature)

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### 9 AM - 1:30 PM SATURDAY, August 3 "Compassion Camp—Changing the world WITH LOVINGKINDNESS BY BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN"

Compassion Camp is where kids (3 years and potty trained through entering 6th grade) explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. The Compassion Camp components bring the themes of compassion to life in unique and engaging ways for each participant as they explore how these themes relate to each session's scripture.

All entering 7th grade through adult are encouraged to volunteer with snacks, crafts, teaching a lesson, helping run games, or set-up/clean-up. Earn community service credit hours!

#### If you are interested in being a volunteer helper, please fill out and return this form to Emanuel Lutheran Church 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631 Email: <u>churchinfo@elclh.org</u> phone: (562) 691-0656

Contact the church office for more information. God Bless!

## VBS Volunteer Sign Up Form

Name	Jr. High / High School / Adult (circle one)
Phone	Email:
Preferred method of communication: call / text / email	(circle preference)
Emergency Contact Name	
Relationship to volunteer	Phone
Volunteer interest(s):	
Small Group Leader/Assistant   Food ServersAssistant Chef   Donate Food (head chef will con   Registration Helper   Music and Opening   Games & Recreation   Crafts   Clean-up   Wherever I am needed	<b>IDVINGKINDNESS</b> <i>nder 18:</i> an Emergency Contact person, does

minor(s) until we are able to reach the parent or emergency contact person?

Yes /No (circle)\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AUGUST 2024**

\*\*\* 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**

In Our

Hearts & Prayers

#### ~ This month, join us in praying that the community may know Christ!

We believe that man's greatest need is to hear and believe in the truth of the gospel. On our own, each one of us is totally depraved and hopelessly lost, and yet the free gift of salvation is available for all who repent of their sin and put their trust in Jesus Christ. He is the way, and the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6).

#### ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

#### **Continuing Prayers**

- ~ Ruth Fehr ~ V.J. Roberts ~ Sharon Frazier ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman
- ~ Jerry Schnakenberg ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel
  - ~ Chuck Holtzendorff

#### Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

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

#### Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)
- ~ Jesse Valdez
- ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family

~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni's grandson)

~ Jean Cugini

- ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family
- ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family

~ Stephanie Young

~ Shelley Reesman

~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court

~ Cathy Spangler

~ Charlotte

~ Jean Arata

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving

- $\sim$  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.

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 vou.

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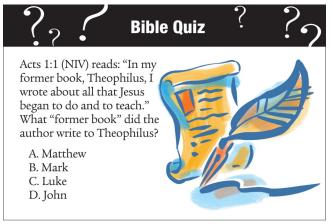
We are reading the book of Esther. Come join us in the Emanuel library 9 a.m. Wednesday. Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

#### CHRIST IN OUR HOME JULY/AUG/SEP 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.



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

## er rn THE WATER OF LIFE A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 6+6 7-2 9+11 23-3 12-4 8-3 9+6 18-4 1+4 18+5 10-2 10+5 <u>13-4</u> <u>12+7</u> <u>18+2</u> <u>1+7</u> <u>10-1</u> <u>20-2</u> <u>17+2</u> <u>8+12</u> <u>22+3</u> <u>1+2</u> <u>11+4</u> <u>15-2</u> <u>2+3</u> 0+1 7+7 9-5 5+7 8-3 7+13 5+15 11-3 4+1 12+3 5+9 16-11 10+13 2+7 12+7 11-3 1+4 24-5 12+11 10-2 6+9 11+9 4-3 6+5 11-6 15-8 5+4 7-1 18+2 4+16 5+3 14-9 9-3 9+9 2+3 9-4 9+6 10-4 27-7 4+4 8-3 18+5 8-7 6+14 4+1 13+5 6+9 14-8 7+5 18-9 2+4 2+3 Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV