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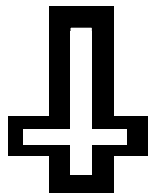
HE HAS MADE
everything
BEAUTIFUL
IN ITS TIME.
ecclesiastes 3:11

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
PASTOR: Dennis Laherty
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
Website: www.elch.org



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A NOTE FROM THE

PASTOR



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 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





HAHO UPDATE

HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

OCTOBER HAHO UPDATE

Happy Fall! So there is no confusion, please keep bringing food for Caring Ministries in Fullerton and new or slightly used clothing for St. Jude's Closet until further notice! Please keep in mind that all underwear and socks need to be new. Thank you so much for your support of these two organizations which are constantly in need of the items you so generously bring.

We have a hands on opportunity to help Pathways of Hope reach out to the homeless through the generosity of Thrivent. On Sunday, October 13 after our regular service, we will be packing one gallon plastic bags with hygiene items and snacks for the homeless in Orange County. All items have been purchased by Thrivent, so please plan to join us for a short time to make quick work of this worthwhile project.

We will be collecting gift cards in November for veterans through our partnership with Patriots and Paws. More details regarding needed card values and collection dates will appear in the November Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported all of the HAHO outreach opportunities!





Thank you to all of the participants in the Talent Show. It was awesome. More than 12 people/groups shared their talents, including the Bible Study Choir singing “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”.

Thank you to Jack Ward, John Ospital, Bob Fallon, and Jeff Ward to who put up the new ceiling tiles in Moerer Hall and Hope Center and did all of the patching, painting, and pre work to make Moerer Hall look great.

Thank you to all of our people who faithfully bring food and clothing to help our neighbors at The Caring Hands Foodbank and St. Jude Clothes Closet.

Thank you to all of our counters, who do their job every week.

Thank you to our hard-working Council members who come and manage the business and property at Emanuel whenever needed.

Thank you to Geoff Roberts and Jack Ward who work on the sound and video systems every week so those not in person can still worship.

Thank you to John and Natalie Ward who have stepped in to help in the Sound Booth.

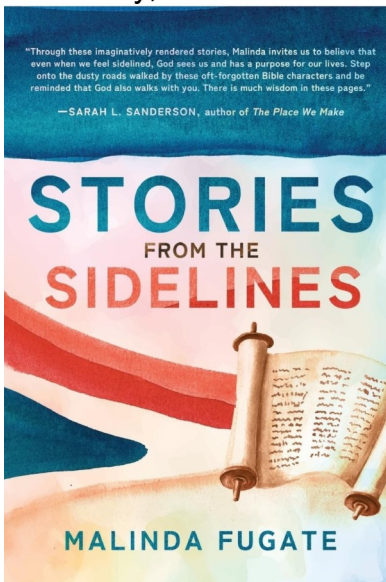
Thank you to MaryAnn Carlson who does everything necessary to keep so many of our operations running on a regular basis, including Sunday School, flowers, communion, and so much more.

Thank you to Robyn Ospital and Janine Ward who faithfully staff the Welcome Table each week and make sure our guests feel welcome and at home.






New book starting
Thursday, Oct. 3



Altar Flowers Donation

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar on any Sunday Service! Sign up in the Narthex. On the 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.



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

October 6 Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	October 13 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	October 20 Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	October 27 Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
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Sunday School:

- Fall Sunday School began on September 8 at 10:00 AM with a nature scavenger hunt and activities. We also had a scavenger hunt inside on this hot Sunday morning looking for clues for what we will be studying in the fall. Students played games and celebrated a summer birthday.
- Kids three years through seventh 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 20, 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. It's time to start planning your trunk!
- A special "Photo Booth" opportunity for families will be a treat for all.
- Watch for more information in your worship bulletins.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

- Study Buddies resumed on Tuesday, September 3. 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:

A Christmas Musical is in the final stages of being written by Susan Wright. The play will reach all age levels of kids. The date for this performance is Sunday, December 22. The songs are being introduced during our Sunday School hour.

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

Parish Ed Team





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

- 5:00 pm** Hot Dogs, Nachos, Chili (free will offering)
Games and free Photo Booth
- 6:00 pm** Decorate & Set Up Car Trunks
- 6:30 pm** Trunk-or-Treat (upper parking lot)

All ages are invited. There will be games, a free photo booth and treat decorating for the children. Awards will be given for trunks decorated in the following categories:

- **Spookiest**
- **Most Creative**
- **Funniest**
- **Best Theme**

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship! Vote for your favorite trunk and share in the excitement of Halloween!
Volunteers needed (high school and older) to help set up and run games and the voting contest. Contact the church office to volunteer or host a trunk.

Please, no scary costumes!

*Sponsored by the Parish Education Board
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Trunk-or-Treat

October 20, 2024
5:00 PM



How can you get involved? We need the following volunteers:

1. Provide a car trunk (decorate as you desire) and treats to pass out _____
2. Help with set up and decorating at 3:30 pm _____
3. Help/host a game (games are provided) _____
4. Donate grated cheese _____
5. Donate a crock pot of chili _____
6. Help with clean up _____
7. Large can Nacho Cheese Sauce _____

Thank you for helping us serve our neighbor, together.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____



*Please place this form in the offering plate or
bring to the church office by Sunday, October 13.*



OCTOBER JOY CIRCLE
Monday, October 21, 2024
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Thank you to all of the sisters in Christ who continue to join us on the third Monday of each month and for each new member who has joined this wonderful group. The current Bible study, "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" will address how God's power works in us in October. Copies of the lesson are always available. Please bring your Bible and plan to join this comfortable no pressure study. Thank you also to all who bring delicious snacks to this time of fellowship and sharing.

Any questions, call or talk to Jo Ellen Dobson or Janine Ward.

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)

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

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 Soddors (562)694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com



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<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>



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Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram (emanuellahabra) for upcoming events

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 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).

~ 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.



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER OCTOBER 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

~ 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

- ~ V.J. Roberts
- ~ Sharon Frazier
- ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman
- ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel
- ~ Stephanie Young
- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Jerry Schnakenberg
- ~ Chuck Holtzendorff
- ~ Jean Cugini
- ~ Shelley Reesman
- ~ Charlotte
- ~ Cathy Spangler
- ~ Marsha Maynard

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

- ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista
- ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim
- ~ Jean Arata
- ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)
- ~ Jesse Valdez
- ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family
- ~ Lin Baesler
- ~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni’s grandson)
- ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family
- ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family





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.

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.

October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 6 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 10a Ariah McCloskey Baptism 11a Sunday School (H) 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	 7 10a Stephen Ministry 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p AA (H)	1 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF	2 9a Bible Study (LIZ) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-anon (C)	3 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4) 6-9:30p District 18 (H) 6:30p Bells and Choir (S)	4 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF(CR 2, 4, YR) 8p AA (H)	5 7-9:30 BSF Leaders (H/F) 8a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Prayer Group (Y)
13 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 11a Hygiene kit packing (H) 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	14 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p AA (H)	15 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF	16 9a Bible Study (LIZ) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	17 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF(4) 6:30p Bells and Choir (S)	18 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2,4, Y) 8p AA (H)	19 7-9:30 a BSF Leaders 8:30a Prayer Group (Y)
20 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 12:30-7p HOF(ALL) 5p Trunk or Treat	21 9:30a Joy Circle (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p AA (H)	22 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 5:30p Church Council (L,Z) 6p BSF	23 9a Bible Study (LIZ) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	24 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4) 6:30p Bells and Choir (S)	25 11:30 What's 4Lunch Ladies? 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2,4, Y) 8p AA (H)	26 7-9:30a BSF Leaders 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 5 10 p HOF (MH, YR, CR 4)
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 Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm
 Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom

The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for Oct. is:

Veterans Outreach



BOOK OF LUKE WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!*

We are reading the book of Luke. 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 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.



Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10)

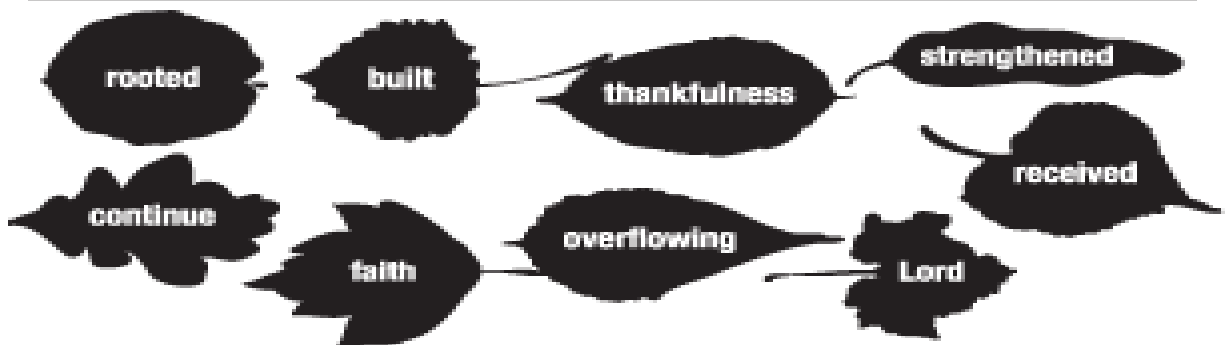
Kid's Korner



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness