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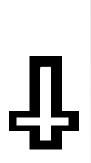
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org Website: www.elclh.org

Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM
PASTOR: Dennis Laherty
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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A NOTE FROM THE

PASTOR



Christian Instruction and Nurturing is the name that is replacing Confirmation Class. You might ask, is this another needless change simply to appear contemporary? Not really. For several years now Confirmation Class was a misnomer. Students in the 7th and 8th grade were expected to attend classes for those two years, come to the end of the instruction and automatically be ready to say, "everything I learned about God, I believe." Imagine that, however many students there would be, their faith was expected to be on exactly the same timetable. It is finally realized that those two years really are a time for Christian instruction and nurturing, thus the new name.

This year the classes have even gone in a new and more inclusive direction. We are blessed to have two students who have autism. With the combination of a special education teacher and a parent for each of the students, we are studying a different parable each week. The insights shared by the students are nothing short of inspirational for the adults who are helping out. Another student who is taking part does not have autism. He is also learning and discussing the same parables. From my standpoint the coming together of the students is working well. From one week to another the discussion and the demeanor of the class can change. But the message from the Gospels is getting through. I find the classes interesting and enlightening. It has become an atypical program, but one that is open to students with special needs.

Do you know of a student with special needs? We are at a point with the class where becoming open to other learning challenges would be a welcome direction. If you know of such a student, anywhere from 6th or 7th grade or older who could benefit and grow from such an experience, please contact me, Jeff Ospital or Kevin Garcia. The richness of this class can certainly grow and continue to have space for more students with educational challenges. And if you're in the 7th or 8th grade and don't feel challenged, you're welcome also. We meet at 6:00 pm on Thursdays. Be in touch.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes 7p.m. in the Sanctuary on March 5, 2025



Mid-week Lenten Worship will be on Zoom at 7pm. Zoom link will be emailed on Wednesdays in the morning. Please keep an eye open for the Midweek Liturgy that will also be emailed.

Wed March 12, 2025 Matthew 4:1-11

Wed March 19, 2025 John 3:1-17

Wed March 26, 2025 John 4:5-42

Wed April 02, 2025 John 9:1-41

Wed April 09, 2025 John 11:1-45



Burrito Ministry

You are welcome to join us in the kitchen or on the road to serve the hungry of our community. When we come together we prepare burritos to take out and give them to those people we find on the street. The first question asked is, "are you hungry"? The answer almost always is a resounding YES. The person is given a warm burrito and a bottle of water. In many cases it's the only warm meal the person has in a day's time. The person is then asked if there's something they would like to have prayer for. It's still amazing the response. People are in need of being touched by a fellow Christian. If you'd like more information about the Burrito Ministry, come and join us for the preparation or the going out or both. Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 10 am.



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" - John 21

HAHO Opportunities for February

As a few questions have arisen regarding the purpose of the HAHO committee, here is a brief explanation. This committee was formed to plan outreach events, organize them and explain them in order to encourage congregational support. It was also developed as a means to evangelize to all people about the love and acceptance of all people by our Lord. At every opportunity we try to explain that the outreach is God working through us. We are open to all suggestions for helping others and diligently attempt to touch base with potential new recipients.

During the month of February, we will continue feeding our neighbors by helping with Caring Ministries at First Lutheran in Fullerton. Not for the first time, we arrived on January 21st with items most needed that week. They had no cereal and we had several boxes! We are reminded that God is in control of our giving and blesses us through it!

We will continue in the ongoing outreach to St. Jude's Closet and encourage you to please **stick to the request sheet** printed in last January's Newsletter! We do not have a recipient for other items. These sheets are also available on the check in table.

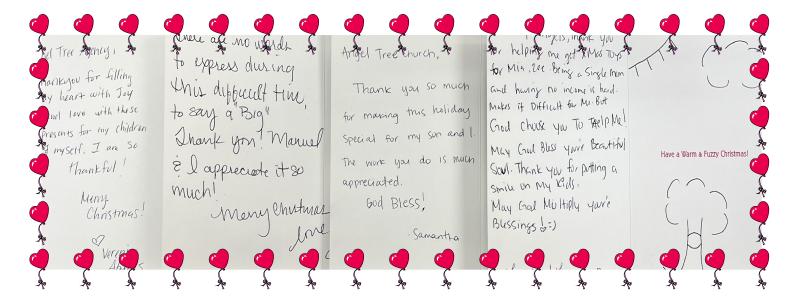
Again, if you are interested in joining HAHO or just attending a meeting, please check the bulletin for the next meeting!! May God continue to lead and guide us.





Angel Tree Thank-You's





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Thank you so much for the gifts. Wishing you all and family Happy Helidays. May 600 Bless you all From: Isfella \$

In behalf of YWCA of San Labrid Valley, we want to extend our heartfelt chanks for your generous donations of Christmas presents for our clients. Your kindness and thoughtfulness bring joy, hope and warmth to whose who need it most during this epecial time of year. Thanks to your support, many, families will experience the magic of the season, knowing whey are cared for and valued. Your generosity truly embodies the spirit of

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DONATION





Thank you to all who donated blood on January 6th. We collected 16 units of blood! Our next blood drive is on June 12, 2025. Please consider giving blood, help save lives.



Thank you to Cindy Reyes for bringing string cheese and oranges every week for Sunday fellowship and everyone who signs up weekly to bring baked treats for us to enjoy with our Sunday coffee.

Thank you to all who have brought small water bottles and snacks to Study Buddies.

Thanks to John Ospital and Jack Ward who are the Saints who can always be counted on to help with property issues...especially recently remeasuring the entire facility for the Orange County Assessor's tax return.

Thanks to all who help out every week in worship, including ushers, greeters, communion servers check in tables, and readers.

Thanks to Jill Drummond who helps with editing and proofing for bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Thanks to Robyn Ospital, Ricki Fehr, Jerry Schnakenberg, and Lilly Hernandez who managed the annual giving statements printing, distribution and mailing in less than two hours.

Thanks to Jonine Sodders who goes above and beyond helping with the facility, meeting service people and fixing items along the way.

Thanks for the Friday Night AA group who assisted in repairing the plumbing in Moerer Hall.

Thanks to all the members of Emanuel who consistently bring food for the Caring Hands Food Bank, clothing for the St. Jude Clothing Closet, and other items which are shared with our community members in need.

Thanks to all of our friends and members who pray fervently for our ministry behalf of God through Emanuel.



St Jude Medical Center has a community closet that supplies clothes to patients and homeless in need. Emanuel, through HAHO, has decided to take on the task of helping to keep that closet stocked. Here's where you can help. Check your closets for the following items you aren't using and bring them to church – **gently used**, please. A collection box will be available in the narthex.

They are in HIGH need of the following:

Men's pants sizes 28-34 and 44-48. Men's shirts sizes M, XXL

Men's jackets sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Women's pants sizes 20+

Women's sneakers sizes 8 and above / Tube socks

Men's sneakers sizes 10 and above / Tube socks

They have an ongoing need for the following:

Men's and Women's casual clothing (gently used, no stains or holes)

Men's & Women's jackets/coats (Men's are in high demand)

Undergarments (new only)

Belts/Scarves/mittens/beanies/backpacks/totes/ponchos (no wallets or purses please)

Shoes (Men's are in high demand)

Also, if you have crutches, walkers, canes, or manual wheel chairs you no longer need, they will be glad to take them. A tax donation letter is available upon request.

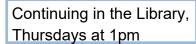
This project is being coordinated through HAHO. If you have questions, please call Sharon or Jeanette.

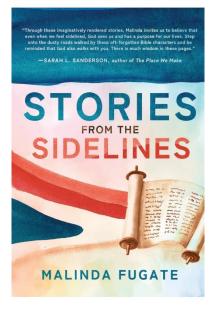
St Jude Closet

A list of requested clothing will be on the narthex table so pick one up on your way in or out from church if you need a new one. We do ask that you stay within the list as we've received some items that we weren't able to take such as dresses, women's shorts/skirts, and children's clothes. Any questions about items on the list, please call Sharon Frazier











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 ~

Presentation of Our Lord Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 2

Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84? Or 24?? Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

February 9

Isaiah 6:1-8[9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 Luke 6:17-26

February 23

Genesis 45:3-11.15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38





February, 2025-From the Board of Parish Education Sunday School meets each Sunday at 11:00 AM in Moerer Hall!

- <u>Sunday School</u>: Sunday School is held weekly for Preschool through 8th grade. Visitors are always welcome! After learning about Jesus, Mary and Joseph's escape to Egypt in January we will continue our study in the Old Testament about the Plague and the Red Sea. Our takeaway is that God sent the plagues to show everyone that God was in control and He kept his promise of leading the Hebrews to the Promised Land. The Red Sea is a story God rescued the Israelites and He rescues us all the time from troubles today.
- Offerings: Our students would like their offering to go toward helping the fire victims of the two L.A. recent fires. Our donations will be sent to Luther Disaster Relief. This organization is already accessing and serving the needs of the residents in the fire areas. Thank you for encouraging your children as they want to participate in helping those in need.
- <u>Study Buddies:</u> Study Buddies is off to a great start in 2025! Our students arrived with smiles on their faces eager to work on their homework and see everyone again. They look forward to the snacks and going to the prize box each time they come. We now have nine eager workers. We meet 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! Thank you to the person who donated small waters and a box with baggies of chips.
- Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt: The date has been set for this event to be on Saturday, April 5, which is a week earlier than the past 3 years. We need some fun crafts for the children and adults to take part in. More information will follow. Come join us! This is an "All Church Event" where we will have the Luther Glen Farm animals join us. Mark your calendars!

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

Parish Education Team







FEBRUARY JOY CIRCLE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 9:30AM -11:00AM

As it turns out, this month's Joy Circle is again on a holiday. We are thankful that those who would normally work, have an opportunity to join us that day.

Faithfulness is the wonderful title of the four part Bible Study that we began in January and will continue to use for the next three months. Remember please, this is not a continuing study!! It is only a continuing theme that is very different each month, so do not be afraid to jump in at any time.

In the near future you will see that Joy Circle, through our donations, will gift the church with a lovely and important item brought to our attention by Pastor Laherty.

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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

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



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- Emanuel's website: http://elclh.org
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 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA
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Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook. Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram (emanuellahabra) for upcoming events

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUESDAY & THURSDAY,

JESDAY & 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.

~ 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.

Celebrating 12 years of meeting and praying together



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER JANUARY 2025

*** 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 people'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

~If you have Prayer requests for the next 8 weeks, please contact the Church office to add names.

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

- ~ It's with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our daughter, Denise Timberlake. She fought a 6 year battle with cancer but now has gone home to the Lord. Services will be announced in the near future. Todd & Sharon Frazier
- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler

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.

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"2nd Mile" Giving for February is:



Federal Chaplaincy Fund

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 if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

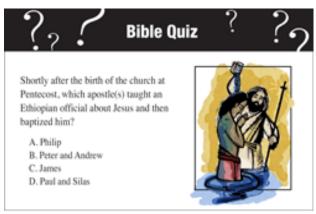


CHRIST IN OUR HOME JAN/FEB/MAR NOW AVAILABLE

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.



Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)

Kid's Korner

Puzz]e!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

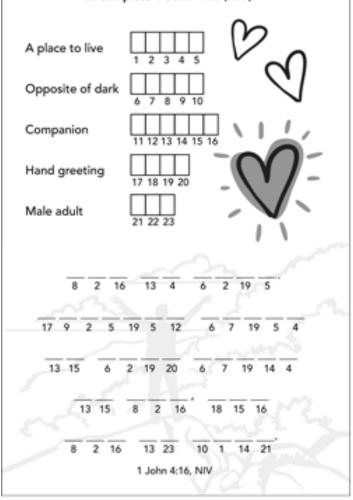
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Answers: ant, files, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).



Answers: house, light, friend, wave, mar; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them, 1 John 4:16, NIV