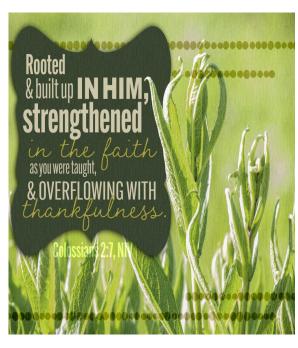
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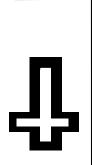
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

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
PASTOROL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Emanuel Evangelisal Lutheran Church

A NOTE FROM THE

PASTOR



By now you have undoubtedly heard of the Burrito Ministry. I thought that an update at this point would be, at the very least, interesting.

It has been once a month for a few months now, that a group of people have come together on a Saturday morning to prepare burritos. The ingredients are brought together then the preparation begins. Very quickly, the kitchen and all of Moerer Hall smells like a Mexican restaurant. It takes about an hour now to prepare the ingredients and assemble the burritos. When they are complete, they are put into a thermos bag and are ready to be delivered.

Another group of people are ready to take the burritos out to people on the street. One or two cars, depending on the day, leave the church parking lot equipped with burritos and bottled water. Although there are random driving routes to find recipients for the burritos, by now, those going out have a sense of where the popular places are for street people to hang out. It is still remarkable to me, that when I am looking for people, they are present. Any other time I'm driving around, I don't notice people on the street very often. When the task at hand is to find hungry people and feed them, they seem to appear as any other people do on the sidewalk.

A person is seen either sitting by him or herself on the sidewalk or near a building or in a parking area. The individual might have a backpack or a grocery cart filled with earthly possessions. The people with the burritos stop, approach the person and ask the simple question, "Are you hungry?" As that question has been asked over the last few months, there have only been 3 people who have said they're not hungry. Usually the answer is yes. The person is asked if he or she wants a burrito. The answer again is, "Yes". At this moment, the importance of distributing burritos to people serves as a wake up call that there are really starving people in our midst. Most often, the person devours the burrito. It's clear that it has become, possibly, the only meal the person will have that day.

The person is then asked the question, "Is there something we can pray about for you?" Again, the response is nearly always a genuine statement about what's going on in the person's life. A prayer is offered. Many times it's clear that the person is a Christian. At times the person will even offer a prayer in return for the gift of the burrito. At this point, the person giving out burritos is ready to move on to the next person.

Our Pacifica Synod has made a grant available to Emanuel for the purchase of the ingredients used for this outreach. Those who prepare the food and those who distribute it, feel blessed by their participation.

If you are interested in finding out more about this outreach, feel free to let pastor know. If you'd like to come and see how this all comes together, the next day of preparation and distribution of burritos will be in Moerer Hall on March 22 starting at 10:00 am. If you're even wondering about what it's like, feel free to join us on the 22nd.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



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

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

March 12 March 19

March 26 April 2

April 9

Zoom links will be emailed to ALL Wednesday morning from the church office!



Stories
Bible text
& Music

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





SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at 5:00 pm Emanuel Lutheran Church

150 N Palm St. La Habra, CA 90631

FREE ADMISSION

praisesymphony.org



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" - John 21

HAHO OUTREACH MARCH AND APRIL

As a reminder, we continue in our outreach to help our community through the Burrito Ministry, Food for Caring Ministries and St. Jude's Closet! May God continue to bless us that we may be a blessing to others.

We will focus during the months of March and April on an important need at **PATRIOTS AND PAWS...DISHES!** This need includes plates, cups, glasses, mixing bowls, etc. They cannot keep them on their shelves as veterans shop without cost on items donated. Many are finding that the next generation is not interested in family china, glassware, etc. so here is the time to donate to those in need! So we ask that you look in your cupboards or look for sales to help our deserving veterans.

Thank you in advance for helping and please contact Janine Ward or Jeanette Parr with any questions. May God bless you for your generosity!









Thank you for our Praise Band which has provided amazing worship music, even with some of the members away.

Thank you for John and Robyn Ospital who purchased a new rolling cart for our round tables so they wouldn't be damaged and for John for putting it together.

Thank you for faithful members who continue to bring food for the Caring Hands Food Bank and clothing for the St. Jude's Closet on a regular basis.

Thank you for House of Faith members who painted and spruced up the Youth Room.

Thank you for MaryAnn Carlson who takes notice of anything which needs to be done and just does it, in addition to being our Parish Ed. Leader.

Thank you for Ricki Fehr and Suzanne Dietrich who have become Study Buddy Tutors and for the care they give to the students.

Thank you for Jerry Schnakenberg who is so ready to help when something breaks or needs outside help.

Thank you for Jack Ward who, with his magic, again got the projector in the sanctuary working.

Thank you for Janine Ward who joyfully leads Bible Study when Pastor is not available.

Thank you for all of our members who assist in reading lessons, greeting, serving as ushers, serving communion, and checking in at the table.

Thank you for VJ Roberts who is so willing to help in whatever way she can and for her reaching out to begin sharing our worship in Spanish by purchasing Bibles and translating documents.

Thank you for Kevin Garcia and Jeff Ospital who are serving as mentors in a new Confirmation format for students with special needs.

Thank you for everyone who attends worship, prays and offers time, talent, and treasures for Emanuel's Ministry on behalf of our Lord.

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.

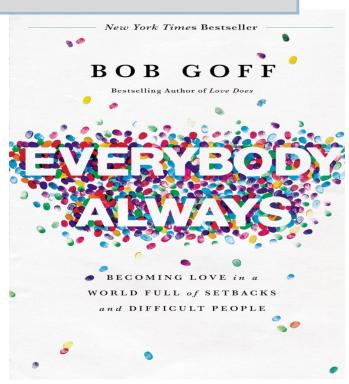
St Jude Closet

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





Starting New book on March 6th



Burrito Ministry

Saturday March 22, 2025 At 10 am please join us preparing or delivering burritos to those who are hungry.

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 ~

Transfiguration of Our Lord 1 Lent

March 2 Exod 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Cor 3:12—4:2 Luke 9:28-36

March 9

Deut 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2.9-16 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

2 Lent

March 16 Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Phil 3:17—4:1 Luke 13:31-35

3 Lent

March 23 Isa 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

4 Lent

March 30 Josh 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Cor 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32





March, 2025-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 at 11:00. Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School:
In February, our focus was on learning about the Ten Plagues and Moses parting the Red Sea. The students made a small class banner showing the people crossing the Red Sea. We learned to not be afraid, stand firm, and God will be there for us.

Offerings: Students are actively contributing offering to help the fire victims of the two recent L.A. fires. Our donations will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you for supporting your child as we hope to help others in need.

Study Buddies: This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran family on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM. Even with the rain our attendance stayed stable, taking one day off for the safety of all traveling. We welcome Ricki Fehr and Suzanne Dietrich as tutors who joined our team!

Community Egg Hunt and Craft Event: The Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event is on April 5 where we have Luther Glenn bringing animals for kids to pet and see. Lunch will be included. A Prep Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 29. Come help us prepare craft materials and fill plastic eggs. Due to previous generous donations, plastic eggs are not needed. Invite your friends and neighbors! This will be an outreach event for our members and our neighbors. Preschool will have an Open House for visitors to see the facility and hear about their program.

Needed:

Candy or stickers or small toy for plastic eggs
People to set up that morning, tables and pop-up tents for shade
Volunteers to help with Crafts guiding kids as they make a craft
People to welcome guests
Lunch servers

This is an all church event. Come join the fun!!!

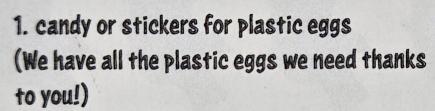
Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults. Parish Education Team





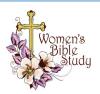
EMANUEL'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY

EGG HUNT CAN YOU HELP? Here's what we need



- 2. paper egg cartons
- 3. capri sun drinks
- 4. Volunteers for prep Day on March 29 at 10 am
- 5. Volunteers for Sat. April 5th event day





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

As spring is approaching, we look ahead to all it brings, such as warmer weather, longer days and of course the celebration of what our Lord and Savior did for us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Those who have attended the first two studies entitled, "Faithfulness" have truly enjoyed exploring the different aspects of this most important part of our faith. As we look ahead to March's study, we will explore Faith Adventures, Peter and Cornelius. Plan to join us as we honestly and openly share how our life experiences relate to the teachings and events in the Bible. All are welcome and you will never feel behind as each lesson is separate from the previous ones and supplied each month. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

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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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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 MARCH 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

~ Jean Arata

~ Lee Reitzel - Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler
- ~ Evelyn Snyder, friend of Jill Drummond

Prayers of Thanksgiving

On behalf of the Frazier and Timberlake families, I'd like to express my appreciation for all the cards, flowers, calls and messages to us as a result of our daughter and sisters passing. Your kind thoughts and prayers did not go unnoticed as all the love for our family was felt and appreciated.

Thank you again, Sharon Frazier

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

BIBLE Study

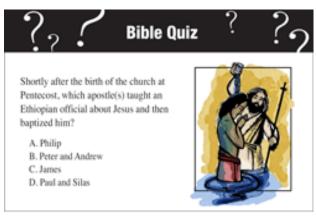
We are reading the book of Luke. Come join us in the Emanuel library 9 a.m. Wednesday. Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME 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.)

Kids Korner



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

Α	В	С	D	Е
F	G	Н	I	J
K	L	М	N	0
Р	Q	R	S	Т
U	٧	w	Х	Υ

- 1. C→↓↓
- 2. H→↑→
- V↑→↓
- 4. I←←↑
- T↑←↑
- P↑→→↓
- 7. D↓→↓↓
- T↑←↑←



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us

into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

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Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

- 1. Water that falls from the sky $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{4}$
- 2. Birds lay these in a nest ______ 7 _ 8

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butseffly, mud; Jesus said ... 'I am acconding to my father and your father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NW) Jesus has risent.