

# The Good News

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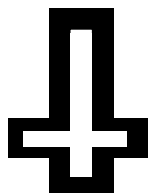


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Please Deliver by 2nd or  
3rd of the month.

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



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**  
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150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631  
*Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*



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## Pastor's August Newsletter Offering

Save the date: Friday, August 29, 2025, at 7:00p.m.

Baritone Jose "Joe" Maldonado and Soprano Siveon Kim will perform at Emanuel.

It is truly a gift that Jose continues to bless Emanuel with his talent. It's a pleasure for me to think back about his involvement over the years at Emanuel.

It was ten years ago that Jose came to Emanuel to audition as a choir section leader. Although I usually didn't sit through auditions, I happened to be in the sanctuary when Stephanie had him sing to see if he would work out as a section leader. I remember hearing him sing no more than five measures of music and thinking, "Stephanie has to stop this, it would be insulting to make him go on." Just as I had that thought, she concluded the audition. He seemed incredibly qualified for the position. He added a dimension to the choir that was magnificent. Not only did he have an outstanding solo voice, but he was able to blend in with the choir as well. Not all operatic voices can do that.

Jose was with Emanuel for a couple of years before moving on to the Manhattan School of Music with his Bachelor's Degree from Cal State Fullerton. While he was in New York, he always found time during the summer, to not only visit his family in southern California, but to offer a performance at Emanuel. It's been notable that people who hear him once, return for subsequent concerts.

With his Master's from Manhattan School of Music, it was on to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan to attain the level of Doctor of Music.

Before he returns this fall to Michigan State to serve on the music faculty, he and a protégé, Siveon Kim, who is enrolled in a Doctoral program at the University of Iowa, will offer a concert at Emanuel titled, "Opera Meets Hollywood". We will be blessed by these two opera professionals.

Tickets for the performance are \$15.00. If anyone needs assistance to pay for tickets, please contact Pastor Laherty.

*Pastor Dennis Laherty*



ANGELS LYRIC OPERA PRESENTS

# OPERA MEETS HOLLYWOOD

BARITONE. JOSE LUIS MALDONALDO  
SOPRANO. SIYEON KIM  
PIANO. SKY LEE

Emanuel Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
150 N. Palm Street, La Habra  
August 29, 2025 | 7:00 pm



TICKETS \$15  
PURCHASE  
ANGELSLYRICOPERA.COM





## HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

*"Feed My Sheep" – John 21*

### JULY/AUGUST HAHO OUTREACH

#### HAHO UPDATE FOR AUGUST

Again many thanks for your generous giving of food to Caring Ministries! It seems that each time we arrive with food it is in God's perfect timing. Sadly the great need continues and we encourage you to continue in your abundant giving.

If you have certainly heard by now, in July and August we are asking you to help St. Jude's Closet! They are in great need of tennis shoes for those who are unhoused and needy. New or slightly used shoes for men size 11 and up and women size 7 and up are most needed! We know how expensive it can to buy new tennis shoes, so we ask that you dig through your closets for those buried pairs that just didn't fit right or look for sales. Smaller sizes are welcome and please no children's sizes!!





Thanks to all of those who serve each week during worship, especially Robyn Ospital and Janine Ward, who are always at the welcome table.

Thanks to all who bring “goodies”, set up, and serve at special events as needed.

Thanks to Susan Wright and Denise Whitcher for the Summer Music Program for children.

Thanks to Mary Ann Carlson, Susan Wright, Cindy Reyes, Denise Whitcher, Kerry Ospital, Kim Beard, Emily Beard, Robyn Ospital, Celeste Templeton, Jo Ellen Dobson, Chip Whitcher, and Amanda Pulos for all of their prep and planning work, along with our other very helpful volunteers for a successful VBS.

Thanks to the “J Team”...Jack Ward, Jerry Schnakenberg, and John Ospital who are always ready and willing to help out with the many issues which come up with our facility.

Thanks to Janine Ward for leading Bible Study on a regular basis with Pastor Laherty and Assistant Minister Amanda Pulos.

Thanks to Jonine Soddors, our faithful Pre-School Director, who takes care of a million things when no one else is here.

Thanks to everyone at Emanuel who faithfully brings food for the Caring Hands Foodbank so our neighbors can be fed and for the St. Jude Closet so they can be clothed.

Thanks to our Church Council who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure we have everything we need to be done through Emanuel on behalf of our Lord.

Thanks to our Ministry Partners At Emanuel, House of Faith (Casa de Fe) who have been with us many years and help to care for our facility. We couldn't do it without them.



## St Jude Closet

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.

This list of requested clothing will also be on the narthex table, so pick one up on your way in or out of 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

### **The following are in HIGH need:**

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

There is an ongoing need for the following:

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

Men's and 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.



Join us at Arthur's Coffee Shop  
1281 E. La Habra Blvd

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 @ 8:00 AM



## WHAT'S 4 LUNCH LADIES?

FRIDAY AUGUST 22 11:30 AM

SEÑOR CAMPOS

1220 W. WHITTIER BLVD  
LA HABRA



Please RSVP  
to Jill or Lilly



## 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.

**Starting in the Fall Sept. 2, 2025**

## ~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

### August 3

Ecc. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### August 10

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### August 24

Isaiah 58:9-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7a  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

To all the people who make  
the Burrito Ministry possible.  
Thank you! Please join us on  
our next burrito mission!



### **Burrito Ministry**

Saturday August 16, 2025 10 am  
Please join us preparing or delivering  
burritos to those who are hungry.







## From the Board of Parish Education August 2025

**Kid's Summer Music Program:** Our Summer Music time will conclude on Sunday, August 24 with an "End of the Summer Fellowship and Potluck" in Moerer Hall after the worship service. The kids will perform the songs they have learned and have a talent show for anyone who would like to participate. **Come join us as we celebrate together!**

**Sunday School:** Our Fall Sunday school year will begin on Sunday, August 31 with a Scavenger Hunt and games. Meet in the Hall right after church.

**Pool Party:** Youth and families are invited to a "Pool Party" at the Wrights home on Saturday, August 16. Watch for the flyer invite coming soon.

**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, July 12**

- **"Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness by showing compassion with the World"**
- This one-day camp reflected upon the mysteries of Pentecost having compassion for all creation including people and with the world. We discovered that we are all different. We speak different languages, have different customs, eat different foods, and have different faiths but we are all worthy of love.
- Highlights: Praise Band led the music, had a great skit that captured their attention, water balloons and giant bubbles, Yoga, games, crafts, and even lunch! Youth were invited to sing at Sunday worship.
- We thank all the youth and adults who volunteered to help with this special Day Camp.

• **Study Buddies:** will resume on September 2 after the students have returned to school and back into the homework routine.

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

**Parish Ed Team**

*END OF SUMMER*  
**YOUTH**



**SWIM PARTY**  
**AUGUST 16 12 - 3**  
360 HILLHAVEN CIR  
BREA CA

PIZZA AND DRINKS PROVIDED  
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

QUESTIONS? 562 691 0656

*congregational*  
**POTLUCK &  
YOUTH TALENT SHOW**  
**AUGUST**  
*save the date!* **24**

*right after 10 am service*

**kids** summer  
music



Make a joyful noise  
unto the Lord!

Learn about beat, rhythm and music

**Sundays  
after church**  
11 am approximately  
June 1st - Aug 24th



## NO JOY CIRCLE IN AUGUST! We Resume on September 15, 2025 9:30 - 11:00 AM

We are taking the month of August off but look forward to continuing our study of “Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships” when we resume in September!

Please think of those you would like to invite and join us. As women of faith, we enjoy time and fellowship through looking at how God has lead us in our lives and continues to be with us each day.

God bless you all in whatever you are enjoying this summer!



### 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](http://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**



### 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**



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Location: Moerer Hall  
150 N. Palm Street  
La Habra, CA 90631

**Monday, September 8, 2025**  
**Noon to 6pm**

**PICTURE ID REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION AND DURING HEALTH EXAM.**

Please schedule an appointment online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **EMANUELLC** or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



1-800-RED-CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App



## Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling



Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now 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](mailto:EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com)



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- 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

### 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.



### ~ 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 AUGUST 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**

~ **Thankfulness and gratitude for God's blessing even in difficult circumstances. This includes shifting focus from problems to God's faithfulness, reinforcing trust in his sovereignty. It also involves reflecting on His forgiveness, as we seek to forgive others.**

### **Continuing Prayers**

- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Celeste Templeton
- ~ Justin Hambly and family, Maiju Hessel's grandson in law
- ~ Cathy Spangler
- ~ Annie Marquez, Lilly's niece

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

### **Assisted Living Centers/Homebound**

- ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista
  - ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court
- ~ Margaret Roberts

### **Friends and Family to Remember**

- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler

### **Remembering Those Who Have Died**

### **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.*



# August 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>July 2025</b> S M T W T F S 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 27 28 29 30 31	 <b>4</b> 10a Stephen Ministry (c) 7-9p HOF (S) 11a Kids Summer Music 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	<b>September 2025</b> S M T W T F S 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 27 28 29 30	<b>6</b> 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-anon (C)	<b>7</b> 6p District 18 (H) 7-9p HOF (4)	<b>8</b> 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	<b>9</b> 8-30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4-10 HOF (YR, H) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C) 6p-12a HOF (4)
<b>10</b> 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Kids Summer Music 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	<b>11</b> 7-9p HOF (S)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 10:15 Preschool Board 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	<b>14</b> 7-9p HOF(4)	<b>15 Good News Deadline</b> 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	<b>16</b> 8-30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 10a Burrito Ministry (H) 12-3p Youth Swim Party 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C)
<b>17</b> 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Kids Summer Music 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	<b>18</b> 9:30a Joy Circle (H) 7-9p HOF (S)	<b>19</b> 5:30 Church Council	<b>20</b> 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	<b>21</b> 7-9p HOF (4)	<b>22</b> 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 11:30a What's 4Lunch Ladies 8p AA (H)	<b>23</b> 8-30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a Hof (4) 10a HAO 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (c) 6p-12a HOF (4)
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<b>31</b> 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	<b>Emmanuel Lutheran Church:</b> Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @ 7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm <b>Legend:</b> C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom					

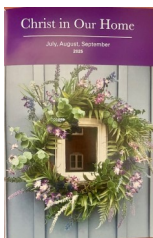
**BOOK OF JOHN**  
**WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY**  
**\*\*NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!\*\***



We are reading the book of John. Come join us in the Emanuel library 9 a.m. Wednesday. Call or email the church office at [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto: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/SEPT**  
**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](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) if you would like a copy mailed to you.



**Bible Quiz**

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude

An illustration of a blue Bible with a red skull and crossbones on its cover, symbolizing a quiz or challenge.

Answer C



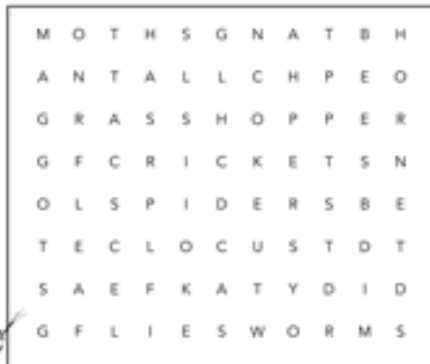
# Kid's Korner

## Puzzle!

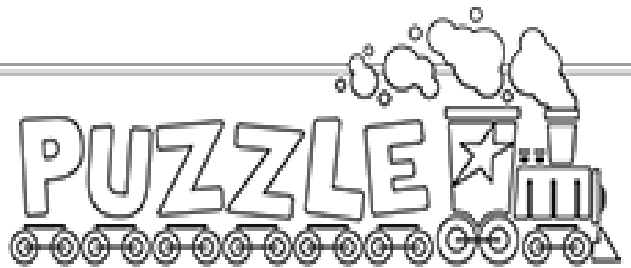


Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Psalm 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judges 14:8b \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_



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

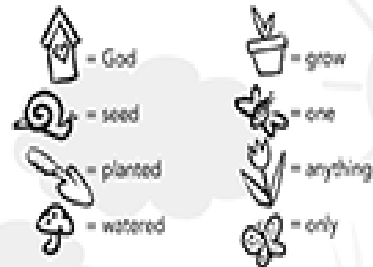


## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,  
 but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_  
 So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_  
 but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, one, anything, only, God, grow