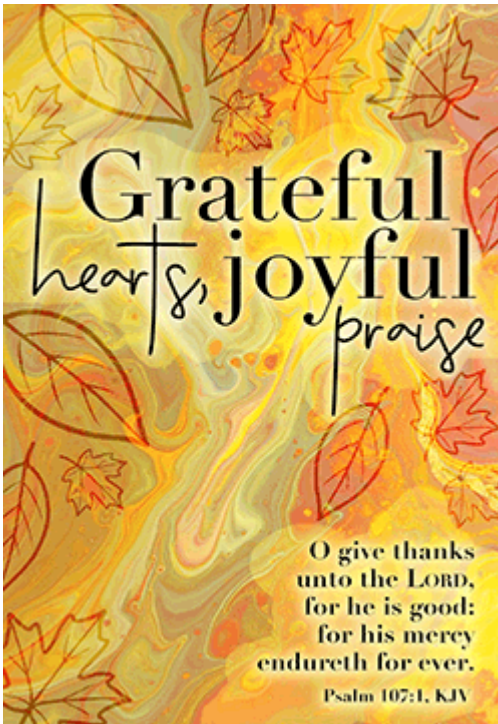


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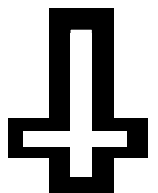


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

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



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor Newsletter Article, November 2025

Ecclesiastes 3:1

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

For me at this time in my life, it's retirement season. I informed the Church Council that I will be retiring on January 12, with January 11 being my last Sunday at Emanuel.

I can say without hesitation that I am ready for this next new direction in my life.

In April of 2023 I returned to Emanuel after a period of retirement and serving on the Pacifica Synod staff. I appreciated those few years. But as it turned out, I was able to return to Emanuel for one last period of service in my greatest love, parish ministry. In January I will have been at Emanuel this time for about 2 and 3/4 years. When I returned it was understood by me and the Church Council that I would return for 3 years or so with a goal of helping transition to the next phase of life for the congregation.

I feel without any reservation that the transition is well in progress and it is time for me to bid farewell. Just thinking of the past 3 years, I'm convinced that returning was beneficial to the congregation as well as me. But it's time to retire.

In November and December, I will continue to be present on Sunday mornings and take my turn with the Wednesday Bible discussions. I will also work with our Assistant Minister Amanda as she begins her internship and prepares to fully assume the pastoral responsibilities at Emanuel upon my retirement on January 12.

I look forward to the conversations I'll have with members of the congregation during the next couple of months. I can honestly say that the years I've been at Emanuel have been the richest years I've been in ministry.

I'll see what the next adventure will bring.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

NOVEMBER HAHO OUTREACH CHALLENGE

As announced in worship, we have two major outreach opportunities through Sunday, November 16. Caring Ministries is in dire need of their normal items as shown below:

Cereal 12-16 oz. Boxes
Peanut Butter (regular or crunchy) 16 oz. jars preferred
Canned Meat - Tuna/Chicken
Canned Vegetables/Beans
NO GREEN BEANS
Rice/Pasta. 1 lb. packages preferred
Condiments- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
Soups/Chili
Sauces, Pasta/Tomato. Plastic jars preferred

Sadly no specific holiday foods are requested as the regular items are so needed and many will not have holiday dinners. SO WE ARE CHALLENGING EVERY PERSON IN WORSHIP TO DONATE AT LEAST ONE ITEM! Our goal in addition to helping the needy is to have you feel the joy of giving, it is a gift from God.

Also during this period we are collecting \$25.00 gift cards for Patriots and Paws from Arco, Stater Bros., Target and Walmart. The collection basket is on the welcome table. These will be used by veterans for gas and food and we thank God for this opportunity to help our veterans through Patriots And Paws!

For those who look forward to the Angel Tree, we are expecting the names from the Wings Shelter by Thanksgiving weekend!

As always, thank all of you generous members of Emanuel for your big hearts!!!





Thank you to MaryAnn Carlson, Cindy Reyes, Emily Beard, Kim Beard, Janine Ward, Robyn Ospital and all who shopped, prepared, and served food for Trunk or Treat. So many people loved the hot dogs, sauerkraut, chili and other goodies. Thanks to all who prepared trunks and purchased lots of treats to give to our friends and neighbors.

Thanks to everyone who has accepted the challenge to provide at least one food item for the Caring Hands Ministry. Our bins “runneth over”! You have helped serve over 140 hungry families each week.

Thanks to Janine Ward to faithfully serves as Bible Study Leader on a regular basis. Her research ahead of time adds to so much to the study.

Thanks to Jerry Schnakenberg who purchased our new computer with Windows 11 and for our Tech Guru, Peter Kelmis who set it up.

Thanks to all who give of their time and talents on a regular basis.

Thanks to our faithful worship assistants, including ushers, communion preparers and servers, greeters, readers, sound booth technicians, and check-in helpers, and for our faithful counters, who provide special gifts on a regular basis to make Emanuel a wonderful place to worship and belong.

Thank you to all those who worship regularly and make that time sacred for those in person and on-line.

Thank you to our amazing Office Manager/Secretary Lilly who always is available to answer questions, help with everything and go out of her way to make sure we are on track. She is a gift!

Thank you to Candy Keller for giving some tender loving care to our lovely fountain.



**ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 23
AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP**

Join us for Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting over brunch/lunch in Moerer Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the 2026 budget, elect council members, receive 2025 ministry reports and approve the updates to our Constitution and Bylaws and Elect Council members.

PLEASE make every effort to be a part of this important meeting in the life of our community of faith. Thank you for prayers and generous support of Emanuel's ministries!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS FUN EVENT.

- **Bring:**
- **An Appetizer to Share**
- **Fun White Elephant Exchange (the older the better!)**

Saturday, December 13 – 5:30 PM – Moerer Hall

Questions? Robyn, Mary Ann, Janine, Celeste, Jeanette



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)

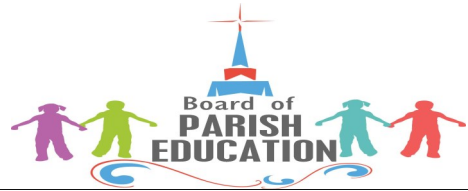
Belts/Scarves/mittens/beanies/backpacks/totes/ponchos (no wallets or purses please)

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.





From the Board of Parish Education November 2025

Sunday School:

- Whirl Sunday School curriculum is off to a fun and festive start. The Whirl animated characters are a part our weekly video that make the meaning come alive for every lesson. In October, we learned about “The Rich Man and Lazarus”, “Faith is Passed Down”, “Jesus Heals Ten”, and the “Widow and the Judge”. These lessons follow the Lectionary readings that are read in church each Sunday.
- Kids three years through upper grades 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:

- Many thanks to the many volunteers who participated, decorated trunks, and helped with this festive event. Many of our community neighbors came and enjoyed the games, food, photo booth and Trunk or Treating in the parking lot.
- We thank Kirsten Garcia for making the trunk decorating trophies and reserving the Photo Booth.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

- Study Buddies 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.
- We currently have between seven or eight students attending regularly.
- If you would like to join us and listen to readers we welcome your help. **High School students are welcome to tutor---this would be a great way to earn community service.** Talk to Mary Ann Carlson for more information.
- Donations of small baggies of chips and small water bottles are appreciated. These snacks get us off to a great start as we begin homework. Thank you!

Christmas Play:

This year's Christmas Musical is “The King's Birthday” which is an enjoyable way of telling the Christmas story. This performance will be on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00AM. Students are now learning the songs and the story lines for the play during the Sunday School hour.

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

Parish Ed Team

Trunk-or-Treat



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, NOV 1. @ 8:00 AM



LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Christmas story in
Scripture & Song

Sunday
Dec 14
JOIN US at 10 am ♥

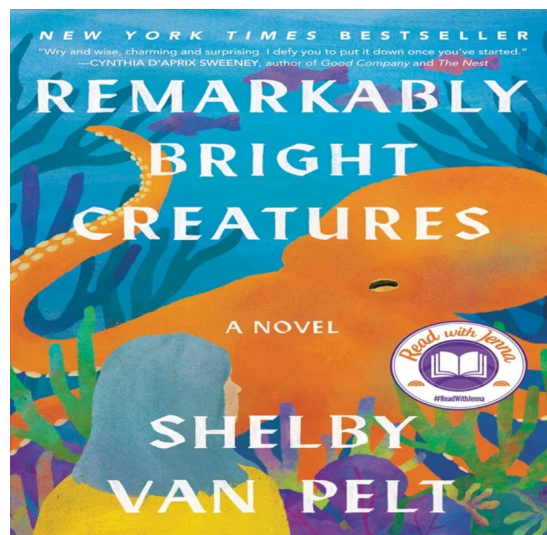


FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM

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.



What's it about?

A widow forms an unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus and together they uncover the truth about her son's disappearance.

Burrito Ministry

Saturday November 15, 2025 10 am
Please join us preparing or delivering burritos to those who are hungry.



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

November 2

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 9

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thess.2:1-5,
13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Col1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER

Thank you for volunteering to serve during worship in various capacities. If you cannot serve on any particular assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone on the list. Then PLEASE notify the church office by the prior Monday so the bulletin will read properly. Thank you for volunteering to serve.

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Sun. 11/2	Celeste Templeton Sharon Patow	Jeanette Parr	John Ward Rose Ward Cheska Cuyno	Emily Beard John Ospital
Sun. 11/9	Connie Bogosian Jill Drummond	Jeff Ospital	Carol Crabb James Sweeney VJ Roberts	Jerry Schnakenberg Chip Whitcher
Sun. 11/16	Candy and Fred Keller	Phyllis Laherty	Mary Ann Carlson Robyn Ospital Emily Beard	James Crabb John Ospital
Sun. 11/23	Suzanne Dietrich Cheryl Blocker	Adriana Ward	Chip Whitcher Denise Whitcher Jessica Pisetsky	Cheska Cuyno John Ospital
Sun. 11/30	Sue Morgan Marsha Maynard	Jessica Pisetsky	Susan Wright Amanda Pulos Cindy Reyes	Jeff Ospital VJ Roberts

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE ASAP IF YOU UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE DUE TO PLANNED VACATIONS, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. IT HELPS IMMENSELY IN PLANNING. MANY THANKS!

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



NOVEMBER JOY CIRCLE

Monday, November 17, 2025
9:30AM - 11:00AM

The end of the year is drawing near. As we look back on the year, we reflect on how many opportunities we have been given to look at how our Almighty God has touched our lives, guided us, at times healed us, brought us joy and comforted us in grief at Emanuel. We have been given a gift of fellowship and sisterly love in Joy Circle! Come join us!!

We will begin a new three part study entitled "Money, Stewardship and Generosity". Session one's lesson, entitled Money: "What do we treasure?" begins with some very surprising details from the Bible! Come and join in the discussion and fellowship. There was always room at the table.



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 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



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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 NOVEMBER 2025

*** Save this for reference throughout the month. ***

"I ask that you take away sickness, infirmity and pain from me and restore me to health"

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" ~ Psalm 103:2-4

Continuing Prayers

- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Justin Hambly and family, Maiju Hessel's grandson in law
- ~ Cathy Spangler
- ~ Annie Marquez, Lilly's niece
- ~ Baby Troy Williams and family
- ~ Anne Bobchick

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

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler

Remembering the Family of Those Who Have Died

- ~ Geoffrey and VJ Roberts on the death of Margaret Roberts
- ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel and Family on the death of Elsu Salonen

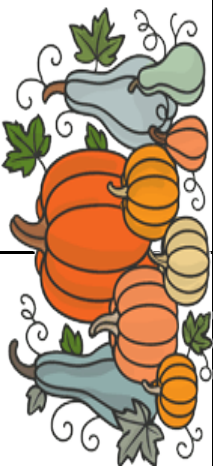
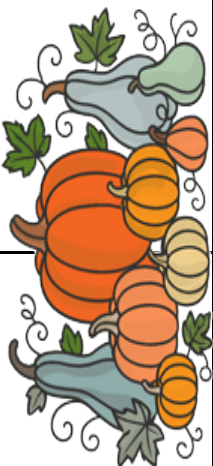
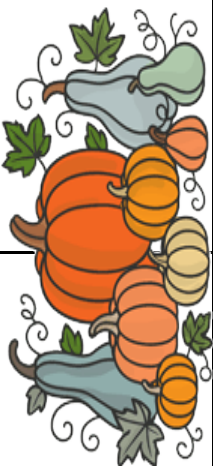
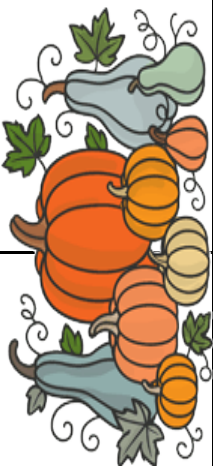
Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ 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.

November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 23 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	 3 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	 4 3-4:30p Study Buddies 5:30p BSF (ALL)	 5 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 10:15 Preschool Board 10:30a Book Club (L,Z) 7:30p Al-anon (C)	 6 3-4:30p Study Buddies 7-9p HOF (4) 6 pm Choir 6 pm District 18	 7 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	1 6:30a BSF 8a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C)
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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 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

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?



A) Eros
B) Phileo
C) Agape
D) Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

Kid's Korner

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____
its _____;
our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest. God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost,
when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next.
Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.*

1. HEAV _____
2. _____ ABLE
3. _____ AY OF PENTECOS _____
4. _____ ONGUE
5. _____ PIRI _____
6. _____ OGETHE _____
7. _____ ES
8. _____ ONGUE
9. _____ A
10. _____ IND



"When the _____ came, they were all
_____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a
violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole
house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be
_____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each
of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began
to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together,
7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind