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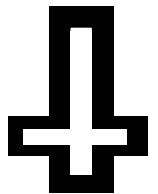


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Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
Amanda Pulos
Jonline Sadders
PASTORAL INTERN:
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org
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A NOTE FROM THE

PASTORAL INTERN
AMANDA PULOS



October Newsletter

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...”
— Hebrews 12:1



Anyone who has worked with children knows the question: “Does my pet go to heaven?”

Oh, that is a question that has stumped me many times over the years. For those of us who love animals, or creation of any kind, these questions can make us stop and think. As we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on October 4, I find myself coming back to this question as an adult, and maybe you have too.

Although the Bible does not give us a direct answer, I can confidently say that the creatures and all of creation we love are part of God’s Kingdom here on earth. They are part of the beautiful web of creation that God has entrusted to us and called us to care for.

We celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on this particular Sunday because October 4 is the day we remember St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for preaching to the birds and referring to all creatures as “brothers” and “sisters.” St. Francis reminds us that creation is not simply something around us, but something we are connected to and called to care for.

As we give thanks for the saints who have entered into the Kingdom of God, October also invites us to learn about another beautiful tradition of remembering those who have gone before us. Since this is not my culture or tradition, I am turning it over to our wonderful office manager, Lilly, who will share with you the meaning and importance of an ofrenda.

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Dia de los Muertos is a beautiful tradition celebrated primarily in Mexico and some of Latin America and now in the U.S. It is a time when we believe our loved ones who have passed away cross over to be with us for the day. Every year on November 1 and 2nd I celebrate by creating an ofrenda or altar with photographs of loved ones who have passed on. Each item on the ofrenda carries special meaning. A glass of water is placed for our loved ones as it is believed they may be thirsty from their journey. I like to set up my ofrenda by adding photos of the babies I lost along with baby bottles of milk and toys. In the ofrenda you add food such as pan de Muerto (bread of the dead) along with food or items that remind us of the people we love and lost. And of course, we cannot forget the beautiful cempasuchiles or marigolds and candles that help guide our loved ones to the ofrenda. For me, this tradition is a way to remember, honor and feel close to those who will always remain in my heart.

*As we enter this season of remembering, I invite you to think about your own traditions. **What is your tradition or celebration for remembering those you have loved who are now saints walking with you today? How do you keep their stories, their love, and the ways they shaped your life alive?***

There is something beautiful about remembering that we do not walk this journey alone. The saints who have gone before us continue to walk with us, reminding us of the love we have shared and the love of God that holds us all together and we praise God for them on November 1st, All Saint's Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Amanda Pulos and Lilly Hernandez

Thank you to all who donated blood for the American Red Cross! Mark your Calendar's for Jan 4, 2027





HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

HAHO OCTOBER UPDATE

ST. JUDE'S CLOSET

This wonderful outreach is again in need of jackets as winter approaches, particularly in large sizes. For the last several years Emanuel has collected an amazing number of slightly used and new jackets for those unhoused in our community. They are placed under the sanctuary Christmas tree in thankfulness to our Lord for His abundant blessings to us. Please look through your closets or look for great sales to help those in need! If you have questions, please speak to Sharon Frazer.

CARING MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

In seeking direction for fall needs at the pantry, we were given an updated list for the fall. In last month's article we were encouraged in what the Lord has done in the number of those helped. By the time you read this, we will have heard from Deenna Elay at the Pantry during worship. We know that costs are rising, so we ask that you do what you can in helping those in our community who need a helping hand. Praise the Lord for your generous giving.



OCTOBER JOY CIRCLE Monday, October 19, 2026 9:30AM - 11:00AM

As we complete the 3-part series entitled, *I am worthy*, I am very thankful that we decided to stay and complete this study though designed for the summer. The final Bible Study in this series is entitled, *I Am Because You Are* and deals with thriving through our connection to other humans. We at Emanuel are blessed to live that truth when we worship, serve and grow together in so many ways. Come on the 19th and celebrate the joy of being part of the body of Christ!

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME AND WANTED!!!



Sonora Boys Baseball Carwash at Emanuel. Such a great group off young men and what a blessing it is to support the baseball team.

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.





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

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

All ages are invited. There will be games, a 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!

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Trunk-or-Treat

October 25, 2026
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 of 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 12.*



From the Board of Parish Education October 2026

Sunday School:

- Fall Sunday School began on August 30 with a Scavenger Hunt inside where students followed clues, did a task each time, and searched for the next hidden clue. The final challenge was to find a “faith rock” in our Sunday School Opening room. Prizes were given and Ariaiah led us in the closing prayer.
- Theme for this Year: “Watch Our Faith Grow!” Each Sunday students will attach a leaf or flower to our tree. At the end of the year they will see how many Sundays they have attended and how full and beautiful the tree has become!
- Whirl Sunday School curriculum is off to a fun and festive start. The Whirl animated characters add so much to the lively video which introduces the lesson’s theme for 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:

- Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, 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 theme for 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 resumed on Tuesday, September 8. 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 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:

A Christmas Musical is being discussed and planned for our youth. The tentative date for this performance is Sunday, December 20.

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

Parish Ed Team

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2026

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.

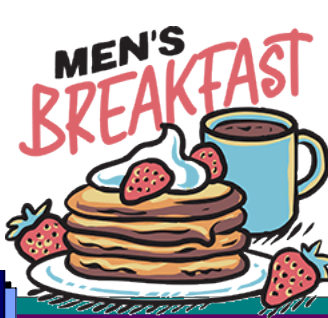
	GREETERS	READER	COMMUNION USHERS	
10/4	Celeste Templeton Connie Bogosian	Mary Ann Carlson	Jeff Ospital Nancy White Steve White	Jerry Schnakenberg Kerry Ospital
10/11	Sharon Patow Doris Rossoni	Jeff Ospital	Susan Wright VJ Roberts Emily Beard	Chip Whitcher Fraloi Cuyno
10/18	Joe McRobert Hailey McRobert	Jo Ellen Dobson	Robyn Ospital Kara Sarkar John Ospital	VJ Roberts John Ospital
10/25	Emily Beard Jo Ellen Dobson	Jeff Ward	Carol Crabb Cindy Reyes Mary Ann Carlson	Fraloi Cuyno James Crabb

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OR JANINE WARD (562) 556-0200 ASAP IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE DUE TO PLANNED VACATIONS, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. IT HELPS IMMENSELY IN PLANNING. MANY THANKS!

PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE

WE ARE DESPERATE FOR USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS! PLEASE SEE JANINE WARD AT THE BACK TABLE IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP. YOU WILL RECEIVE COMPLETE TRAINING!!!

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026
 8 am Arthur's Coffee Shop
 1281 E. La Habra Blvd

Burrito Ministry

Saturday Oct. 17, 2026 10 am
 Please join us preparing or delivering
 burritos to those who are hungry.



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 4Lunch Ladies?



Lazy Dog

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
@ 11:30 AM

NEXT TO BREA MALL

RSVP to Jill or church office





HELP WITH EMANUEL'S SOUND & AUDIO VISUAL TEAMS

Help with video recording as well as running Sound/PowerPoint is needed:

Sound – talk with Jack Ward (562-201-9168) or with Geoffrey Roberts to help with the 10AM service. Keep them “company” in the sound booth and see how it’s done!

Video Recording – talk or sit with Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

***Call or email the church office
(562)691-0656
churchinfo@elclh.org***

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 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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- 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 (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 SEPTEMBER 2026

***** 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

~ Jeanette Parr
~ Dan Toussaint
~ Cathy Spangler
~ Anne Bobchick
~ Connie Bogosian
~ John Uhlman
~ Emerson Grimsby

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

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

Linnita Licano

Remembering the Family of 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.

OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 4 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 10a Blessing of the Animals 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	5 10a Stephen Ministry 7-9p HOF (S)	6 3-4:30p Study Buddies 5:30 BSF	7 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 10:45 a Preschool Chapel time 7:30p Al-anon (C)	1 6p District 18 6 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7-9p HOF (4)	2 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF(CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	3 8:00 a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C) 5:30-9:30 HOF (H, YR)
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18 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	19 9:30 Joy Circle 7-9p HOF (S)	20 3 pm Study Buddies 5:30 BSF 6p Church Council	21 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-Anon (C)	22 3-4:30 Study Buddies 6 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6p confirmation cr3 7-9p HOF (4)	23 11:30a What's 4lunch Ladies 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	24 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF(4) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C) 6p-12a HOF (4)
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Emanuel Lutheran Church: 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631 • Phone 562-691-0656, www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316 <i>Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @ 7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm</i> Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom						

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 2026

2 Shelley Reesman	14 Melissa Kolbeck	26 Kristiana Cuyno
3 Donna Stogner	19 John Uhlman	26 Sharon Frazier
3 Ellie Taylor	20 Jordan Lubin	29 Robyn Ospital
6 Marsha Maynard	23 Camryn Logoteta	
9 Janine Ward	23 Nova Young	



8 Jeff and Rose Ward
25 Chip and Denise Whitcher

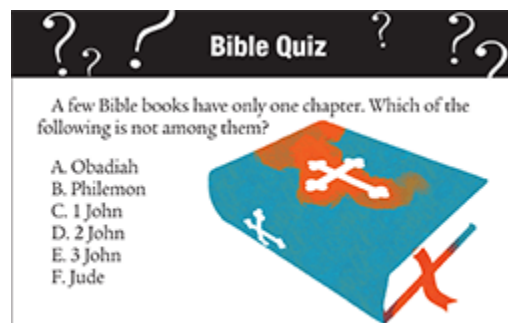
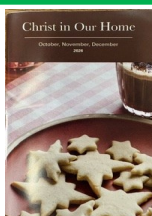


BIBLE STUDY
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY
****NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!****

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.



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