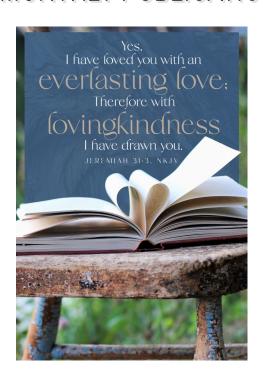
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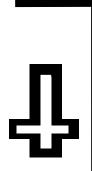
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
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E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org Website: www.elclh.org

INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM
INTERIM PASTOR: Sandy Bentz
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders
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INTERIM PASTOR

What do YOU see – Abundance or Scarcity ??

In worship yesterday we talked about Jesus miraculously feeding more than 5,000 people with 5 small biscuits and 2 tiny fish. It is the only story shared in all 4 gospels. Each of the gospel accounts includes and emphasizes different details. Yesterday we focused on John 6:1-15. Slightly different accounts are in Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44 and Luke 9:10-17.

In all the accounts, Jesus' disciples are exhausted and overwhelmed. They're in a deserted place, surrounded by hungry crowds of people waiting to see and hear Jesus, wanting comfort, healing, and demanding the disciples' attention. Who could blame the disciples for suggesting that Jesus send the crowds away? They look around and all they see is scarcity. Sure . . . they have a little boy's lunch. But what is that in the face of so much need? In Matthew, Mark and Luke, that's when Jesus says to them, "Bring what you have to me!"

There, in the wilderness, in a deserted, seemingly lifeless place, God creates a place of plenty, a place of abundance. Jesus looks up to heaven, blesses and breaks the loaves and gives them to the disciples. And out of what seemed so little, there is food for the hungry thousands, healing for people struggling in mind, body and spirit. The crowd sits and eats until they are full and there are even leftovers . . . enough to fill 12 baskets.

How often you and I are like those disciples! We are tired. Overwhelmed. Certain that whatever resources we have — time, patience, money, or talent — it is NOT enough to meet the challenge before us. Sometimes we've become so used to doing it all by ourselves, that we forget how God wants to strengthen the body by having us work together! How quickly we can get paralyzed or defeated by our limited perspective. And how easily we forget that Jesus is beside us and longing to help and partner with us.

Despite how often we may be tempted to try, none of us can single-handedly lead Emanuel's worship or ministries. Alone, we can't feed the hungry or house the homeless. But when we all faithfully and generously bring our meager offerings of time, talents and resources to God, they are multiplied beyond what we could ever ask or imagine. Doesn't that happen every time we gather in worship, with God using all our meager gifts to make our worship together more than any of us could do alone?

How many hearts were touched as the Holy Spirit led little Olivia to play maracas with the Praise Band or as Melissa, visiting from Arizona, helped lead vocals? How many veterans will be blessed because a handful of people will share 90 minutes of their morning July 31 to drive a truck or help load and unload furniture and household items we're donating to Patriots and Paws?

God has entrusted Emanuel's ministries to all of us. It may be tempting to stay on the sidelines, allow others to lead the way, sure that we don't have enough time, enough money, enough volunteers, enough resources to make a difference. But imagine what we'd miss. We'd miss seeing God bless others through us. We miss *being* God's miracles.

With Jesus we are blessed with abundance. With life and breath. With love overflowing. With forgiveness to share. Jesus says, "Bring what you have to me!" He doesn't say bring some of it. He simply says, "Bring what you DO have." And then Jesus blesses it. He gives thanks. And in Jesus' hands our offering — whatever the size — is multiplied and shared with all. What amazing and miraculous generosity!

Together with you, in God's Gracious Grip,

Pastor Sandy Bentz

HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!



"Feed My Sheep" - John 21

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

FOOD! Ricki Fehr assists with food distribution every week in our community at Our Lady of Guadalupe. We continue to collect food every Sunday at Emanuel. Please bring an item to share with our neighbors and put it in the food cart.

STUDY BUDDIES IS COMING BACK! While there are adequate amounts of school supplies, the teachers believe there are some items which would make the tutoring even better. The following items are needed. If you have any or would like to supply them, please let us know. In addition, we will apply for a Thrivent Team Grant to make sure these students and teachers have what they need. Study Buddies enables us to meet young people who may have not been exposed to the love of Jesus as well as improve their education.

- Card Table
- CD Player
- Scholastic Children's Dictionary
- 4' X 2' Foldable Table
- Individual White Boards (used for math, spelling, etc.)

<u>GLASSES FOR THE LIONS' VISION OUTREACH!</u> It's been two years since our last collection and many of us may have glasses or cases we no longer use. A box will be in the narthex in October to collect and give to the Lions for their work in this valuable outreach. Thanks to Cindy Reyes for coordinating.

The **BLUE EMANUEL BAGS** with our logo are back! If you need one for yourself or to share with a friend, they are available in Moerer Hall. We will also use them for other projects coming up.

Stay tuned for all of the specific and exciting opportunities!

NOTE: HAHO WILL MEET IN PERSON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT 10 A.M. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Jeanette Parr Facilitator



FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

Greetings to all Emanuel Youth and Parents!

This past month we have learned so much about Jesus and the Bible.

- 1. In our lesson about "Bubbles" we saw that bubbles are fun and pretty with iridescent colors. But they just don't last! The Bible says that nothing on earth will last forever. The grass and flowers may last longer than a bubble, but after a while they die too. Only God's Word will last forever (Isaiah 4:8).
- 2. Maggie and Sadie Diaz told us the parable of the "Rich Fool." The rich fool had enough good things stored for many years for himself. God wants us to show concern for others and not just be thinking of ourselves. Jesus knew all about sharing. Jesus shared His love, His power, and finally He gave away His life on a cross for us.
- 3. "Why should I Read the Bible?" All the food we need to feel better and to grow is in the Bible. If we never open it, never read it, and never get our spiritual food, we'll go on feeling empty. Food, like peanut butter, satisfies our physical needs when we are hungry. Just as food gives us nutrition for our bodies, reading the Bible gives us spiritual nutrition. God's Word is important for our spiritual life as food is to our physical life.
- 4. Our guest during this lesson was Jack Ospital. He helped us figure out, "How do you close a banana?" Once a banana is peeled there is a problem if you don't want to eat the whole banana. Jack tried different ways to close up a banana so it wouldn't turn brown and mushy later. Once a banana is open you can't put it back together. There are things in life like that too. If you say an angry word to someone you can't take it back. God knows we can't take back the wrong things we've done (sin) so He forgives us. We can ask God to forgive us and then enjoy the beautiful world God has made.

After much thought and planning, Parish Ed has decided to not hold our one-day VBS Day Camp in August due to the elevated COVID numbers in both L.A. and Orange counties. Thank you for returning your surveys. Your input is important to us and we will use this information as we plan programs for our youth in the months ahead.

A special thank you goes to Ricki Fehr as she is editing our weekly Sunday School lessons and getting them ready for online viewing.

As we continue to prepare digital Sunday School lessons, we are inviting our kids to take part in presenting a lesson. Thank you, Luke Ospital, Maggie Diaz, Sadie Diaz, and Ari Hermann who have eagerly now become "YouTubers."

Prayers are lifted for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.

Blessings from all your Sunday School Teachers.



EMANUEL PROPERTY UPDATE

Our church home is getting older and needs repairs, just like our homes do. This last few weeks have been especially busy.

- Installed new water heater in Moerer Hall
- Replaced kitchen faucet in Moerer Hall
- Unclogged drain in the janitor closet in Moerer Hall
- Replaced valves for our sprinklers
- Replaced cracked air conditioning drain pan in the Hope Center
- Checked and replaced lights in the sanctuary
- Tightened up loose screws and reinforced the pews

THANK YOU for your gifts and offerings that allow us to pay professionals for these repairs as necessary!

And A BIG THANK YOU for our "A" Team of volunteers, who use their time and skills to fix things whenever possible as a gift to Emanuel and to God.

- Mary Ann Carlson
- Dave Pisetsky
 Ioff Weight
- Jeff Ward

- Keith Kruse
- John Ospital
- Jack Ward
- Chip Whitcher

...and Lorrie Freeman, who is always pitching in to coordinate and help.

We couldn't do this without you all.

If you are willing and able to help, please let us know.







UPDATED WORSHIP NEWS

Emanuel's Church Council continues to prayerfully balance congregational safety with a desire to make worship as accessible and enjoyable as possible for everyone.

- ◆ Starting Sunday, August 1*, the following guidelines will be in place for INDOOR worship:
 - Masks optional; the congregation is asked to wear masks if they should. (We trust you will know if you should.)
 - The congregation is encouraged NOT to sing without wearing a mask.
 - Everyone is encouraged to practice social distancing.

*(subject to change if county or CDC guidelines indicate otherwise)

◆ Starting Sunday, September 12, the Council's goal is for us to return to two Sunday in-person worship services (9 AM Traditional and 10:45 AM Praise)!!

We will continue to live-stream and record worship.

August 1 through September 5 ONE worship service (in person and live-streamed) 10 AM Sunday mornings Praise and Traditional styles alternate

August 1 — Traditional (Worship will include baptism!) Exodus 16:1-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	August 8 — Praise 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25—5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	August 15 — Traditional Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
John 6:24-35		

August 22 — Praise	August 29 — Traditional	September 5 — Praise
Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Isaiah 35:4-7
Psalm 34:15-22	Psalm 15	Psalm 146
Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
John 6:56-69	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37

Not all of the lessons will be included in every worship service, but they are listed here for those who would like to read and meditate on them before gathering for worship.



WANT TO GET MORE OUT OF WORSHIP?

The <u>WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY</u> gathers from 9-10 AM on Zoom to read and study the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday. NO EXPERIENCE in Bible study and NO PREPARATION is needed. Call or email the church office for the Zoom link and come join us. Your faith WILL grow as God's Word goes deeper into your heart!

STEP OUT IN FAITH! BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT!



As we prepare to return to two worship services, many more worship leaders will be needed. PRAYERFULLY consider how God might use YOU!

Consider serving with your children, grandchildren, spouse or best friend!

Thank you to Susan Fallon for scheduling worship assistants. Call or email her (562-694-5557, rsfallon@aol.com) to get scheduled to be a

Reader – read the Bible lessons during worship

<u>Greeter</u> – be the first smiling face to welcome worshippers

<u>Usher</u> – share a worship bulletin, help worship go smoothly

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

<u>Sound</u> – talk with Jack Ward (562-201-9168). Keep him "company" in the sound booth and see how it's done!

<u>Video Recording</u> – talk or sit with Kerry Ospital, Ricki Fehr or Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

Call or email the church office (562-691-0656, churchinfo@elclh.org). You will be blessed by the experience!



DIGITAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each week as we post a new children's Sunday School class lead by Mary Ann Carlson. We will continue through the stories of Jesus and hear them retold in our SPARK Bible. Look for the Sunday School Class on all the platforms you find worship (elclh.org, Facebook, and YouTube).

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 Pastor Sandy and the Prayer Team.

Want to make time to pray with others?

Consider joining the Prayer Group in person (in Moeher Hall) or via Zoom 8:30 to 9:30 Saturday mornings.





PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ AUGUST 2021

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

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Special Focus for This Month — Emanuel's Preschool and all returning to school

As the end of summer draws near, we pray for children, parents, teachers, administrators, aides, preschool and day care staff, all preparing for a return to school and fall activities. May God's hand of protection be around them. May they feel God's presence, love and peace as they adjust to new ways of teaching, learning and being together. May God be especially close to our preschool here at Emanuel, guiding our director Jonine and our teachers Bradie and Tanya. May God bless the children entrusted to our care and draw others needing childcare to Emanuel. Because of Emanuel's ministry and though our support, may all know they are loved unconditionally by God and by us.

Continuing Prayers

~ Jean Cugini	~ Warren Parr	~ Jacob Toussaint
~ Marge Dalby	~ Shelley Reesman	~ Mischelle Uhlman
~ Sharon Frazier	~ Jerry Schnakenberg	~ Chip Whitcher
~ Maiju Hessel	~ Cathy Spangler	
~ Chuck Holtzendorff	~ Dan Toussaint	

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

- ~ Shirley Jordan Park Vista
- ~ Betty Gould Home
- ~ Lois Lundberg St. Elizabeth
- ~ Eric Sessing Posada Whittier
- ~ Margaret Roberts Addie's Cottage Anaheim

Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Cherie Blair-Sandberg & David Sandberg Greg Blair's sister and brother-in-law
- ~ Peggy Toussaint-Vowel sister of Daniel Toussaint
- ~ Susan Blackstock cousin of Tammy Mora
- ~ Mike Rossoni stepson of Doris Rossoni
- ~ Lori Sering daughter of Shirley Jordan
- ~ Denise Timberlake daughter of Sharon Frazier

Prayers of Thanksgiving — We Are Blessed to Be A Blessing

We give thanks to God for all who support Emanuel's ministry with their time, talent, treasure and prayers! Scripture tells us that WE are the Body of Christ, blessed by God to be a blessing to others. May God continue to give us courage, strength and faith to trust in God's faithful providing so that we would generously share with others all God has entrusted to us, for the sake of Christ. May we boldly live and confidently witness to God's love, mercy and saving grace poured out for all people through our Lord, Jesus.

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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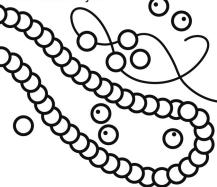
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Al-Anon meets in Moerer Hall Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Mondays & Fridays @ 7:30 PM
Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; \$: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room

Kid's Korner

Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

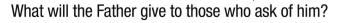
- 1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
- 2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
- 3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):
 - **blue** = the Father
 - white = God's holiness
 - **gold** = God's kingdom
 - **green** = the earth
 - **yellow** = wheat (bread)
 - red = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
 - **black** = temptation
 - **orange** = God's power to deliver



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.



Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts; Holy Spirit

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