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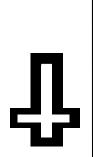
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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org Website: www.elclh.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM
PASTOR: Dennis Laherty
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Jonine Sodders
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



There is a difference between a Bible study and a Bible discussion. When I'm with a group of people I seem to always prefer discussion instead of study. Here's how I understand the difference between the two approaches and becoming familiar with the Bible. Both approaches to learning about Scripture are equally valid. For me, I simply prefer Bible discussion.

To me, Bible study is focused significantly more on the Word than its application to the person's life. The study can take many forms, some more in depth than others. If I think back to my seminary years, I recall taking a class that would spend an entire semester on one book, let's say First Corinthians. The study would include reading portions, if not all the book in Greek. Easier for some, but not all. Verse by verse the book would be studied including verb forms used in the text, references to historical happenings that coincided with when the book was written, how the vocabulary used by the supposed author could be verified by comparing it to others of the author's known writings. For example, Paul used a more sophisticated vocabulary than other writers of the Epistles. When I look back at those classes, and there were several in order to cover as many books as possible, they were often tedious and time consuming, but for one studying for the ministry, important, helpful and valuable.

Although I was speaking of seminary classes, the same or similar approach to study could be used in a congregation with members spending time looking at the Bible in the same way. The important part for me is that the type of study I just described isn't necessarily the most helpful way to apply Scripture to one's life. I believe there's a more helpful way.

For example, in our Wednesday morning Bible get together it's Bible discussion. On February 21, we began discussing the Book of Romans. We're not going to discuss all of the lengthy words that show that Paul is the author of the book. We're not even going to read it in Greek. We will read a few verses, from whatever translation a person uses, and then discuss what the passage means to the listener. I find that questions can be all over the place. With open discussion I believe that the hearer is freer to consider what the particular passage means to them in their life. We often refer to the Bible as the Living Word. When there is Bible discussion, the living nature of the Scripture seems to come out freer as it touches the participant's life directly. For example, Romans speaks about the Holy Spirit in a number of ways. Through discussion we are given the opportunity, not only to read the words, but to think about and discuss how the Spirit has touched the hearer's life. Simply put, I believe that Bible discussion sets the tone for hearing, seeing and feeling the Word that is being read and discussed.

I'm sold on Bible discussion being our primary approach to learning God's Word.

In a way, this presentation in the newsletter is something of a commercial for Wednesday mornings. Since we're just beginning the book of Romans, it would be a great time to start being a part of the discussion. And importantly, if you choose not to read aloud or not ask a question or certainly not be asked a question, that preference will always be respected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am in the library on the second floor.

Pastor Dennis Laherty

Flowers NEEDED to Decorate the Outside Cross for Easter

Bring cut flowers to Emanuel by 9 am Saturday, March 30. Help "dress" the Easter cross. For our Resurrection celebration! Questions? Contact Robyn Ospital or call the church office.

Help Needed with Easter Continental Breakfast

Let's get back to some fellowship fun!! A planning team is forming to offer a "continental breakfast" Easter morning that would begin before our worship service and continue after our worship. We hope to do something simple like egg burritos, fruit, pastries, coffee and juice.



Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 28 7 pm worship includes Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29
7pm worship
with special music and Scripture

Easter Sunday, March 31



Easter Worship 10:00 AM (one service)



"Continental"
Easter Breakfast
8:30 to 10:00 am
and
11:00-12:00



Easter Egg Hunt after worship

~ HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS ~

March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Phil 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14 Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35

March 29 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrew 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY

MARCH 23 CRAFTES! LUNCH! PETTING ZOO! 11-1 PM

11-12 **PETTING** Z00/ CRAFTS 12-12:30 -LUNCH

12:30 **STORY**

12:45 -**EGG** HUNT



Mid-Week **Lenten Worship** on Zoom 7p.m. On Wednesdays during Lent. Zoom link will be emailed by Wednesday morning.



Pastor Ron Baesler was very well received in a 90 minute presentation of his books, the background behind each of them, why he loves to do what he does and what's coming up in the future! We could listen to his stories all day long! Thank you Ron for coming!!

Preschool Spring Fundraiser



See's Chocolates



Order Forms in weekly Sunday bulletins last day to order March10th. Orders delivered March 21-March 24th



~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

March 3 March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31 Exod 20:1-7 Num 21:4-9 Jer 31:31-34 Isa 50:4-9 Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2,14-24 Ps 19 Ps 107:1-3,17-22 Ps 51:1-12 Ps 22:23-31 1Cor 1:18-25 Heb 5:5-10 1 Cor15:1-11 Eph 2:1-10 Phil 2:5-11 John 2:13-22 John 3:14-21 John 12:20-33 Mark 14:1—15:47 Mark 16:1-8



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" - John 21

HAHO Update!!!

As a reminder, we will continue to support food collection and distribution to the North Orange County area in conjunction with First Lutheran in Fullerton. Sadly, upon delivering food on February 13, they shared that their fresh food donation that day was only one pallet. In addition, for the first time they found it necessary to purchase eggs as they had not received expected donations. Please do not forget to pickup a few much needed items when you can and PRAY DILIGENTLY for this ministry!

As previously shared, we will collect shampoo and conditioner through March 3rd for low income households in North Orange County. We are doing this through Pathways of Hope, an organization brought to our attention by Thrivent. We will then collect bar soap and body wash through Easter Sunday March 31st.

If you have questions regarding the above or would like to help on any HAHO project, come to the next scheduled meeting to be announced in the bulletin or contact Jeanette Parr or Janine Ward at any time. We pray that giving to help others might be a consideration in your Lenten focus this season.



- * Thank you to Robyn Ospital and her team for planning, arranging and supplying lovely luncheons for the services of Eric Sessing and Ruth Wolfarth.
- * Thank you to those who bring treats every Sunday to share.
- * Thanks to everyone who has brought 3 truckloads of clothing for the St. Jude Clothes Closet and for Sharon and Todd Frazier, and their team of Janine Ward, Jo Ellen Dobson, Mary Ann Carlson, Jeanette Parr for sorting and delivering.
- * Thanks to everyone who has helped with the leaks and spills during this rainy time, keeping our facility as dry as possible.
- * Thank you to Mary Ann Carlson for the wonderful and inspiring children's messages each week.
- * Thank you to Sharon Frazier for refurbishing our Good Friday banner with her TLC.



March, 2024-From the Board of Parish Education

Come join Sunday School in-person each Sunday at 10:00 AM!

Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall at 10:00. Visitors are always welcome!

<u>Sunday School:</u> In February, our focus was on learning different scripture verses and seeing how they apply to our lives today. We are teaching about the importance of knowing scripture in our lives. The youth sang "I Can Only Imagine" at the February 25 service.

<u>Offerings:</u> The youth's offerings are going toward Keeping the oceans clean and helping the Humane Society with getting requested supplies they need, such as dog and cat collars. Our youth want to help take care of and protect our beautiful oceans and our animals that need loving homes.

<u>Study Buddies:</u> 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 two days off for the safety of all traveling.

<u>Community Egg Hunt and Craft Event:</u> Plans are being made for a Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event where we have Luther Glenn bringing animals for kids to pet and see. Lunch will be included. This will be an outreach event to our members and our neighbors. Preschool will have an Open House for visitors to see the facility and hear about their program.

Needed:

- Filled plastic eggs filled with candy/stickers
- People to set up that morning, tables and pop-up tents for shade
- Craft leaders to guide 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



Líly Garden

Easter Sunday is March 31 and it is again time to order lilies. Please fill out this form if you would like to order a beautiful Easter Lily for our Altar Garden.

PLEASE ORDER	LILIES AT <u>\$11.00</u> EACH.			
Please make checks payable to <i>Emanuel Luther</i> "lilies." You may also contact the church office d 21.				
Please fill out the following exactly as you wish it	to read in the bulletin:			
Given in loving memory of:				
Given in honor or celebration (circle one) of:				
Given in thanksgiving to God for:				
Lilies given by:				
(List the name(s) of person(s) giving the lily as yo	ou want it to appear in the bulletin.)			

We hope to distribute the flowers to our shut-ins, area hospitals and convalescent homes after Easter. If you would like to take your lily home with you, please pick it up after the last service on Easter Sunday or the following Monday morning. Please contact the church office if you can help deliver lilies to shut ins.



COME JOIN US AT JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MARCH 18TH 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY



We again encourage all women of Emanuel to come join us for fellowship, snacks and a Bible Study from the ELCA Women's magazine, "Gather". This month we will explore the third part of the four part series, Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith - Rivers.

This is a no pressure study with no advance preparation required. Copies of the study are provided. Come and give this once a month get-together a try! You will feel very welcome, we promise.

Give it a try, it is truly a time of easy discussion without any pressure at all. Praying we will have many more join us in 2024! Call JoEllen Dobson or Janine ward with question.

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.

Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956).

~ 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.

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
(emanuellahabra) for upcoming events and information.

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





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) to help with 10:45 sound. Talk with Geoffrey Roberts to help with the 9AM service. Keep them "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).



4 ways to give:

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!! Below are

- Entryway offering plate
- Mail to the Church Office
- "Giving" link online at www.elclh.org
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

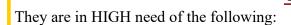
Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- 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)
- Sign Your Check
- •Please indicate in the memo line if the check is for a specific ministry.

St. Jude's Closet

On behalf of HAHO, I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions to this project. So far, we've taken three truck loads of clothing to St Jude and they are so grateful. This is a year round need so please continue to consider this project as you clean out your closets. I asked her to let us know when they didn't need any more and she said that probably wouldn't happen. If you're not sure what to donate, it's adult clothing, shoes and underwear, and there is a list of specific items in the

narthex. Please feel free to pick up a list.



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.



Food Donation

DROP FOOD OFF AT EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE

150 N Palm St. La Habra, CA 90631 Office Hours: 9-2:30 Mon-Thurs or Sunday from 10:00-12:00

Please help donate canned items to The Caring Hands Food Bank.
They serve people in need in North Orange County.

Currently In Need Of:

Sauces and
Condiments (no
glass please)
Cereal
Canned Vegtables

Will Always Take:

Peanut butter Shelf Stable Milk Canned Tuna/Chicken Rice/Beans/Pasta



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ MARCH 2024



*** 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

~ Lord God, Creator of all things. Thank You for this new month that You have given me...a new month in which to start fresh. Thank You, that You have the ability – and the desire – to wipe my slate clean. Thank You that forgiveness is there for the asking and You are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Your Word says, "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past Is forgotten, and everything is new."

Continuing Prayers

~ Ruth Fehr

~ V.J. Roberts

~ Stephanie Young

~ Sharon Frazier

~ Dan Toussaint

~ Shelley Reesman

~ Mischelle and John Uhlman

~ Jerry Schnakenberg

~ Charlotte

~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel

~ Chuck Holtzendorff

~ Cathy Spangler

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista

~ Jean Arata

~ Margaret Roberts – Addie's Cottage Anaheim

~ Lee Reitzel - Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin)

~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son)

~ Jesse Valdez

~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family

- ~ Matt Rossoni (Doris Rossoni stepson)
- ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family
- ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family

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.
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

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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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH



- 4 Emerson Grimsby
- 5 Linda Delatorre
- 9 Lisa Beiderwell
- 10 Lorianne Immings
- 11 George Wright
- 13 Ricki Fehr

- 16 Debbie Pfeifer
- 19 Jeanette Parr
- 21 Anna Diaz
- 22 Lucas Ospital
- 23 Elizabeth Roberts
- 25 Jerry Schnakenberg 31 James Pfeifer
- 25 Celina Zambrano
- 26 Doris Rossini
- 27 Angellee Vernon
- 27 Chip Whitcher
- 31 Gerald Patow





2 Robert & Susan Fallon

BOOK OF ROMANS WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY

**No experience needed!!*

This Wednesday the 9:00am Bible discussion will begin Paul's letter to the Romans. Some theologians have made the comment that without the Book of Romans there would be no Lutheran Church. Our theology is throughout the book Come and join us in the Emanuel library.

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.

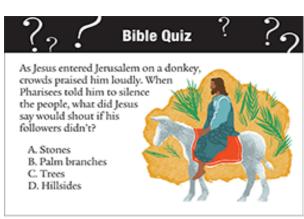
CHRIST IN OUR HOME JANUARY/FEBRUARY/ MARCH

This quarterly devotional resource encourages us out our faith daily. Each



to live

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 Luke 19:40.)

Kid's Korner



a seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

- plants grow here
- to coil and jump (also a season of the year)
- **♦** to expand and get bigger
- .

seeds are planted in this

when watered, these make plants

another word for seedling

come up and a _____ causes ____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _ _ _ _ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

SPRINGTIME SNACKS Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy

What you need:

treats!

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

- 1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
- 2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
- 3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
- 4. Add the tomato as a head.
- 5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
- 6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!