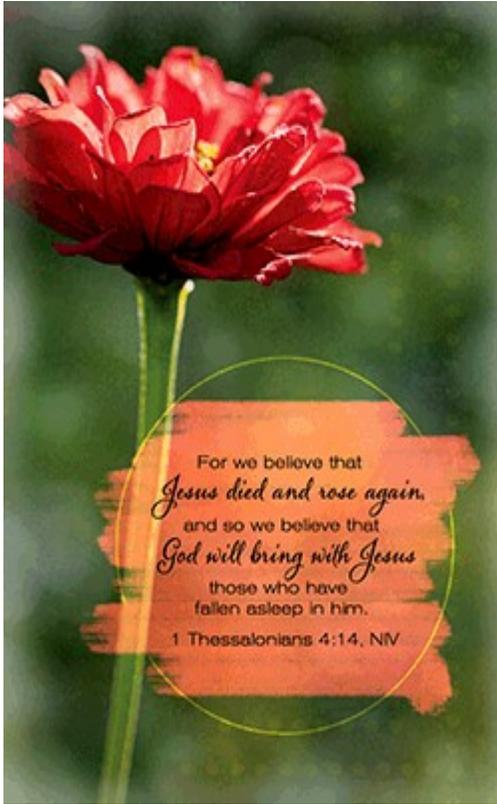


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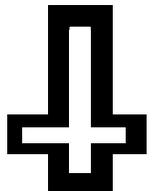
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DATED MATERIAL
 Please Deliver by 2nd or
 3rd of the month.

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



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Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



It's only May and yet traveling has begun. Emanuel has had members going to Fiji, two households traveling to Australia, another going cross country on a road trip. Several others are going to northern California or Arizona for shorter jaunts. I've never heard a congregation being described as a traveling congregation before, but it seems that description certainly fits Emanuel, and the summer travel season has only begun.

I do hope that we all offer prayers for safe travel. Although Jesus never drove a car, took a cruise ship or made arrangements to fly anywhere, I do believe he can address our needs for safe travel. In fact, although we don't usually think of Jesus as a versatile God, He must be.

I wonder how prayers and praying have changed over the centuries. In Jesus' day, or should I say in the post-Resurrection time, prayers offered to God must have been considerably different than they are today, at least most of them. There may have been prayers for safe travel, for adequate food and shelter, for good or better health or for overcoming infirmities, which at the time were to overcome satan or other gods.

The Lutheran Church provides a resource for Sunday prayers called Sundays and Seasons. It's listed among those prayers that we pray for overcoming pollution, overcoming abuse and neglect of various kinds, healing for emotional illnesses and several other needs that have been articulated in the past fifty years or so. It reminds us that the more specific we can be in our prayer requests, the clearer our needs are made before God.

As we are about to engage the summer and its many activities let's remember to ask God's blessings on our activities. Let us bring our needs of today clearly stated and as direct as possible in our prayers. Then, let us wait for God's response. It'll be worth the wait.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



Thank you...

To those who attended, participated and provided prayers and scripture readings for the Zoom Lenten Services, including Janine Ward, Sharon Frazier, Robyn Ospital and Jeanette Parr.

To the music teams who provided special music, for all of the Lenten and Easter Season, especially the Bell Choir, the Praise Band, and the Chancel choir, who provided all of the music for Good Friday.

To Lilly Hernandez and Jill Drummond who worked tirelessly on bulletins and information for all of the extra services.

To the Ospitals and Ricki Fehr who spent the Saturday before Easter in the rain decorating the beautiful cross.

To all of the people who donated and dedicated Easter Lilies for the beauty of the sanctuary.

To those who planned, set-up, prepared, served and cleaned up after the Easter Breakfast, including MaryAnn Carlson, Janine Ward, Jeanette Parr, Ricki Fehr, Denise Whitcher, Kim Beard, and Emily Beard.

To Carl Pulley and Kevin Garcia who planned and organized the first Men's Breakfast on April 6 and the 16 men who attended and began a new Men's Ministry.

To Jill Drummond for planning and organizing the monthly Women's "What's 4 Lunch" events.

To Jack Ward and Geoffrey Roberts who faithfully deal with our sound and video systems every week, despite the ongoing technical issues.

To the roof team who have the new roof project in process...Jerry Schnakenberg, Jack Ward, John Ospital, and Jeanette Parr...for the meetings, scheduling and research.

To all the assistants for Communion, preparation and serving, check-in table, ushers, and readers on an on-going basis.

To everyone who bring food for the Caring Hands Ministry and the items for the Pathways for Hope on a regular basis and for Janine Ward and Jeanette Parr who faithfully deliver them.

To the many donations of clothing for the St. Jude Clothes Closet and to Sharon Frazier who sorts, plans, and makes sure all of these items are delivered and available for those persons needing clothing.

To everyone who worships regularly, and shares the love of God through our Emanuel ministry.

Thank you to the ladies who contributed to the production of the lunch for Ricki's Housewarming... MaryAnn, Jill, Sharon, Jeanette, and Janine!



HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21

HAHO UPDATE

As reported in April, the food items for Caring Hands Ministry at First Lutheran in Fullerton and body wash and bar soap for Pathways of Hope were delivered on Tuesday April 23.

Please see the thank you notes below from both St. Jude and Pathways. It is so important to give thanks as we experience God working through people as they reach out and help others. Consequently, we continue to thank each of you who support our outreach here at Emanuel. We also welcome your input into the selection of recipients, so never hesitate to contact the office and we will gladly call you for details. We also thank Patriots and Paws for donating baby food, not currently needed by veterans, which we delivered with our food donations to First Lutheran.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be collecting feminine hygiene items as our final commitment to Pathways of Hope. There are so many needs that we don't think about until they are brought to our attention. These items can be a costly addition to a grocery list when families need to be fed. Please help if you are able!

Plans are being made as are decisions for future projects through 2024. In June we have designated time to collect NEW Men's and Women's socks and underwear in size large and above for St. Jude's Closet. These are greatly needed for the homeless populations, that we have previously helped with new and used clothing. More to follow.

Lastly, we are attempting to obtain information from the city of La Habra in regard to needs in our immediate community during the holidays.

Again may our Lord continue reminding us that we give to Him when we give to others!

PATHWAYS OF HOPE

April 1, 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church
150 N Palm St
La Habra, CA 90631

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

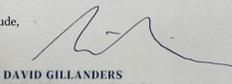
Thank you for your generous in-kind donation to support the people we serve! Donors like you ensure Pathways of Hope can continue to create meaningful, sustainable change for those in our community experiencing hunger, housing insecurity and homelessness.

As you know, the need here in Orange County is immense—but so is Pathways' impact. In 2023, we served over 40,000 people at our four walk-in centers where they were able to access our food pantry program as well as a wide array of housing services and community resources. It's a holistic, collaborative approach that accounts for each person's individual needs and goals. Learn more about our impact in 2023 by scanning the QR code below:



Your contribution will help Pathways of Hope achieve even more in 2024—and will touch the lives of our community's most vulnerable members. On behalf of our staff, our board and the people we serve, thank you again for your generosity!

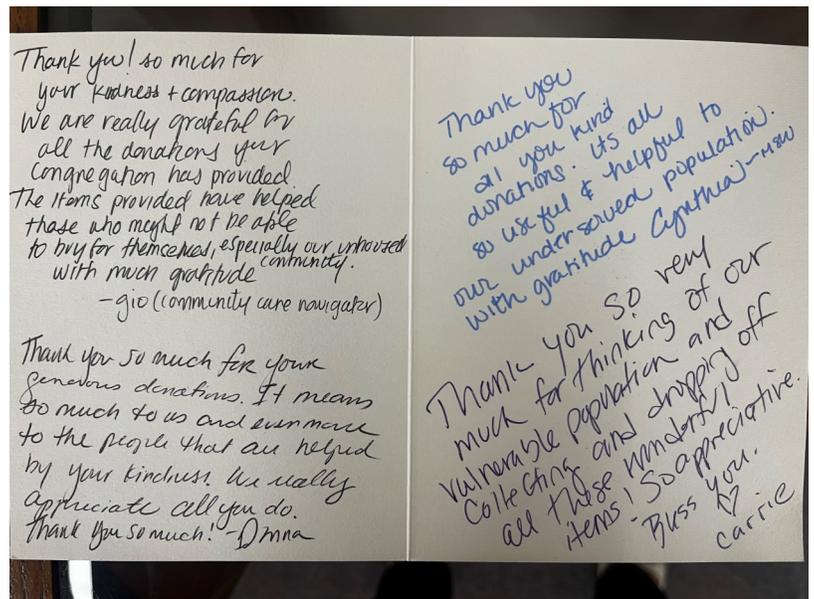
With deepest gratitude,



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Thanks Emanuel Lutheran - D.G.



Join us at Arthur's Coffee Shop
1281 E. La Habra Blvd., Ste. 10

MEN'S BREAKFAST

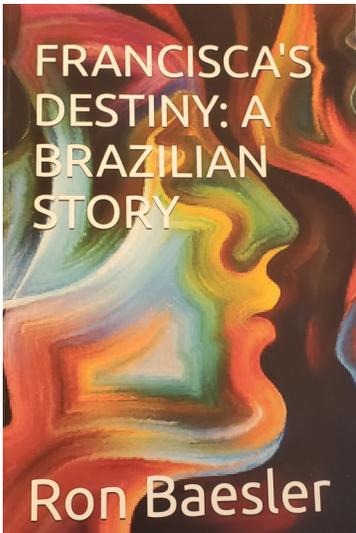


SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 8:00 AM

WHAT'S 4 LUNCH
LADIES

Rutabegorz!
211 N. Pomona Ave.
Fullerton

FRIDAY, MAY 17 @
11:30 A.M.

FRANCISCA'S
DESTINY: A
BRAZILIAN
STORY

Ron Baesler

BOOK GROUP SOON
BEGINS
A NEW BOOK
A book from Pastor Ron Baesler, "Francisca's Destiny: A Brazilian Story" will be our next choice for discussion the months of April and May. It is a story inspired by Ron's brief, intense encounter with a remarkable, courageous Brazilian woman. Experiences and events from his eleven years in Brazil are woven into this fictional narrative.
JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Praise Symphony

ORCHESTRA

IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, JUNE 2

at 5:00 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

150 N Palm St.
La Habra, CA 90631

FREE ADMISSION

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

May 5
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12
Acts 1:15-17,21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Rom 8:22-27
John 15:26-27:16:4b-15

May 26
Isa 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Rom 8:12/17
John 3:1-17



May, 2024-From the Board of Parish Education

Come join Sunday School in-person each Sunday at 11 AM!
Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall at 11:00.
Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School: In April, we learned about the Easter Story by following Jesus' travels from Palm Sunday to His resurrection. We culminated the month with the kids taking part in a Reader's Theater about the story of "Doubting Thomas." The challenge was for the students to decide which short story was "Real or Not Real?" We had some laughs but were able to determine what story was true. We learned about the many feelings the disciples must have had when they discovered that Jesus had been resurrected. Those feelings were expressed in creating a finger-painting picture showing these emotions. We saw peace, joy, excitement, calmness, and happiness.

Offerings:

May is the last month that we will collect our offering for the Humane Society and helping the ocean environment. Thank you for supporting our youth in their passion to help our environment and pet needs.

Study Buddies: Last Meeting until Fall will be Thursday, May 9.

Students are showing us much improvement this spring as progress reports come in, and we are trying hard to keep their attention going strong till the end of the semester. Study Buddies has been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM.

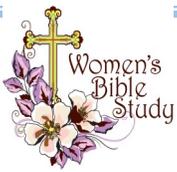
One Day VBS Day Camp: Plans are being made to have our third "Compassion Camp" VBS this summer. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 3. The theme of this day camp will be to show compassion to our neighbors. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Stay tuned for further information.

Summer Kids Choir:

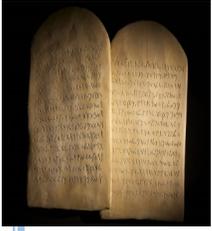
During the summer break we are offering an opportunity for any youth to take part in a 20-30 minute choir session led by our own Susan Wright. They will work on songs and will have the opportunity to sing them during our worship services. This will take place around the Grand Piano in the sanctuary.

Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults.
Board of Parish Education





NO JOY CIRCLE IN MAY! DUE TO MANY PARTICIPANTS GOING OUT OF TOWN, WE WILL RESUME ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN JUNE!



Come give this ladies fellowship Bible Study a try. It is once a month, always the third Monday of the month. Copies of the study are available at that time. It is a no pressure chance to look at different aspects of the Bible's teachings. This month we will be concluding the last lesson from "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith - Food". The lessons come from the Women's ELCA Magazine, Gather. As we don't always agree with the writer, it makes for fun and interesting discussions. And of course with us women, we always include a few snacks. Please come as you will be joyfully welcomed!

Praying we will have many more join us in 2024! Call JoEllen Dobson or Janine Ward with questions.

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING

TUESDAY & THURSDAY,
3-4:30 PM LAST DAY THU
MAY 9, 2024



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.

TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO

You Tube



• 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 Soddors (562)694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com



Dishes Anyone?

Our kitchen has a surplus of ceramic dishes that are no longer being used. If you'd like some, please help yourself during coffee hour after church or contact Janine Ward, Robyn Ospital or MaryAnn Carlson. Whatever is left after June 2 will be donated to Patriots and Paws.



AUDIO-VISUAL
Team

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 Kerry Ospital, Ricki Fehr or Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

Call or email the church office

**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)



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER MAY 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

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| ~ Ruth Fehr | ~ V.J. Roberts | ~ Stephanie Young | ~ Jean Cugini |
| ~ 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

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| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista | ~ Jean Arata |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court |

Friends and Family to Remember

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni grandson) |
| ~ Jesse Valdez | ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family |
| ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & 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.

May 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9a Bible study (L/Z) 10a Bridge club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-anon	2 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	3 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR,2,4,Y) 8p AA (H)	4 7-9:30a BSF Leaders (H/F) 8a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 6-10p HOF (S)
5 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	6 4p Stephen Ministry (C) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	7 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	8 9a Bible study (L/Z) 10a Preschool Bld (C) 10a Bridge club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-anon	9 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	10 6-10p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF(CR 2, 4, YR) 8p AA	11 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 5:30-10p HOF (H)
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Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm
 Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom

Kid's Korner



MY
Mommy
 IS THE
BEST
 LOVE...

My mom is
 the best
 because:

My mom's name is _____
 Her favorite color is _____
 Her favorite food is _____

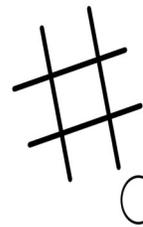
WORD SEARCH

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FUN	GENEROUS
MOTHER	KIND
BEST	FRIEND

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