

The Good News

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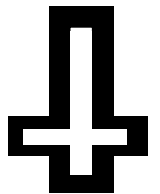


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

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



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316
150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631
Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



There seem to be three major holidays each year, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. All three have their origins involving a religion. All three have become secular, with at best, religious overtones.

For me, I would say that Thanksgiving did start as a religious day with thanks being offered by pilgrims with their Quaker origins. As time went on, I saw Thanksgiving less and less as having a connection to religion and much more with a secular theme of being thankful for what I have. The original pictures in my mind of Pilgrims sitting down at a meal with Indians, “native American” wasn’t a phrase yet back then, became faint, as the treatment of native Americans became more widely emphasized. By the time I was in my 30’s I simply saw Thanksgiving as a time to be thankful for whatever I had, for family and friends and for the roasted turkey and trimmings that were a part of every dinner. By that age, pilgrims and Indians were no longer part of the holiday.

As I consider the last several years, Thanksgiving has again taken on a significant religious meaning for me. I believe it comes from my greater appreciation of all that I have in my life as coming from God. Possessions are on the list but family and other relationships far surpass material things in importance. Health is also a large consideration on Thanksgiving. Like so many people I know, there have been health concerns over the years. Some of the medical issues have been serious, but whatever has come my way has always left me being thankful for how the Lord has brought me through and helped me grow even more in my thankfulness of the Lord in my life.

In the end I believe that for me, Thanksgiving has become a highly significant religious holiday, one that I cherish.

I can’t help but think of the expression spoken so genuinely and with such exuberance by many, “thank you Jesus”.

Pastor Dennis Laherty



HAHO UPDATE

HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

NOVEMBER HAHO REPORT

Thanksgiving blessings to everyone in our generous and loving congregation! Again many thanks for your help in packing hygiene bags last month. 240 bags were packed in 25 minutes. Fellowship, conversation and laughter was enjoyed by all who chose to be part of this great event.

As explained on Sunday, October 20th during worship, our partners at First Lutheran in Fullerton have lost one of their partners in supplying food for their Caring Ministries Program which we currently support. This comes at the time when they give out Thanksgiving baskets. We have accepted the challenge to collect as much as we can before delivery on November 19, just a few days prior to their needed date of the 24th. The list of needed items were handed out and the same list can be found below. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping feed others.

If helping veterans is in your heart, we have been asked to give \$25 and \$50 gift cards to Patriots and Paws to be distributed for gas, groceries, etc. A basket will be available at the welcome table in church or they can be dropped at the office.

Collection of items for St. Jude's Closet continues and names for the Angel Tree will arrive at the end of the month. Again, if you have an interest in joining the HAHO committee that meets every other month on Saturday morning for an hour, contact the office PLEASE!

May your Thanksgiving be blessed as you look upon God's goodness in your life!





2024 Annual Thanksgiving Food Donation
Caring Hands Food Pantry at First Lutheran Church

How can you help?

***By donating and delivering the following items to FLC
by Sunday, November 24, 2023***

- \$20 Gift Cards to Ralphs
- 1lb bag of rice and/or pasta
- 1lb bag of pinto beans
- Cereal
- Shelf stable milks (almond/soy)
- Canned chicken/tuna
- Peanut butter (chunky)/jam/jelly
- Crackers/cookies
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans
- Canned soups/cup of noodles/ramen
- Condiments
- Sauces (pasta/BBQ)

This is a critical time for us to stock up our shelves. We have seen a significant increase in the number of people we serve. YOUR DONATIONS MATTER and make all the difference. THANK YOU!!



Thank you to the Praise Band of Jeff Ward, Susan Wright, Kevin Garcia, John Mathiesen, and Stephanie Young who provide spirited worship music each week.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for their beautiful anthems.

Thank you to House of Faith for deep cleaning the Moerer Hall Kitchen.

Thank you to the many people who worked really hard to make Trunk or Treat a success...Janine Ward, Rose Ward, Jessica Pisetsky, Robin Ospital, Ricki Fehr, and Jeanette Parr for food service and to Bobby Wright, Kevin Garcia, and Jeff Ward for set up and decorations, for all the people who provided trunks and candies for our Trick or Treaters. Thank you to Cindy Reyes, Susan Wright, and MaryAnn Carlson for planning and arranging the event.

Thank you to Jonine Soddors for her ongoing help and dedication with repairs and maintenance in addition to her duties as Pre-School Director.

Thank you to the Church Council members who work tirelessly behind the scenes keeping the business of Emanuel on track in planning, finances, property care, worship and other issues to enable us to be in our community and worship God on a regular basis.

Thank you to Lilly, our Office Manager who always manages to get everything done no matter how many distractions there are and for Jill Drummond who assists her regularly.

Thank you to Sharon Frazier and her team who are working on the new banner.

Thankful for the Emanuel Prayer Team who pray ceaselessly for all needs on a daily basis.

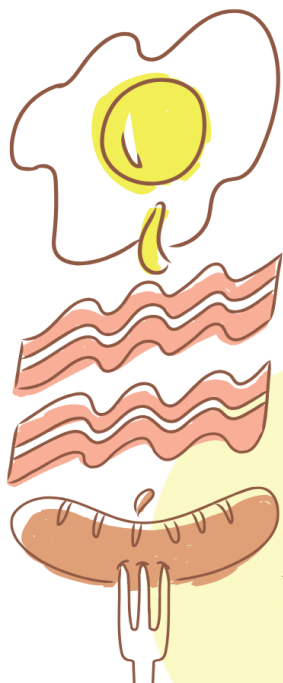
Thanks to Jill Drummond for her many years of faithfully leading Study Buddies at Emanuel and to our current teachers.

Thanks to all of the members who serve every week on check-in, communion servers, ushers, readers, and sound booth workers.

Thanks to everyone who faithfully provides food and clothing for our outreach ministries.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the packing of the hygiene kits for Pathways of Hope. 240 bags packed in 25 minutes...and it was FUN!





TIME TO

Breakfast

**Men's Fellowship
Breakfast
8am Saturday Nov. 2
Arthurs Coffee Shop**



WHAT'S 4 LUNCH LADIES ?

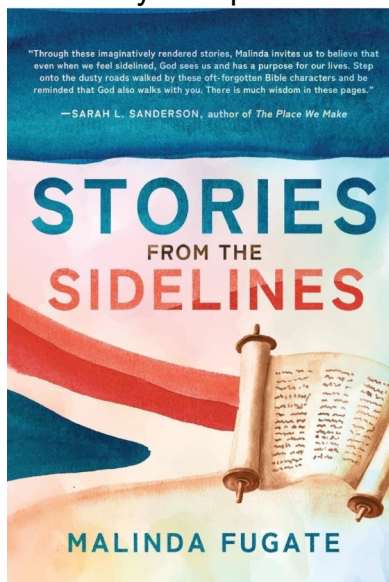
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211 N. POMONA AVE
FULLERTON

NOVEMBER 22
11:30 AM

PLEASE RSVP TO
THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR JILL

Continuing in the Library,
Thursdays at 1pm



The pages of the Bible are full of ordinary people placed in extraordinary circumstances that we often overlook or forget.

Stories From the Sidelines offers a refreshing exploration of biblical narratives focusing on characters who played supporting roles rather than the heroes we know and love.

Through imaginative retellings, this book explores the lives of various Old and New Testament characters, such as Noah's sons, Job's wife, Apollos, and the women of the early church. Each story is followed by an application, highlighting the relevance of these ancient accounts in today's world. Readers will encounter characters who may be new to them, like Huldah or the sons of Hassenah. What was it like to be the younger brother of Joseph or the oldest brother of King David? Two scouts went ahead of Israel into the Promised Land. Joshua became their leader, but the other scout's faithfulness to God is worth remembering.

Stories From the Sidelines challenges readers to appreciate the depth and complexity of biblical figures often relegated to the margins. It provides insights into human nature and moral choices, encouraging readers to reflect on their own lives and the often-unseen influences around them and is a compelling invitation to rediscover the richness of biblical stories through the eyes of those who stood on the sidelines but whose lives still offer valuable lessons today.



Malinda Fugate serves full time as the Children's Education Director at a church in Southern California. She earned a communications degree with a theatre emphasis from Azusa Pacific University, then she worked behind the scenes for Christian radio stations in Los Angeles. Her writing includes *The Other Three Sisters*, published by Ambassador International in May 2020, and the activity-filled devotional, *Bible Time for Active Kids*. Additionally, she has been a commercial copywriter and written various faith-based stage plays. She also co-produced "A Single Girls Guide To," a lifestyle blog and web series. Malinda lives by the beach with her pup, Yoshi, where she continues to enthusiastically study God's Word and live His abundant life.



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.

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~

November 3
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalms 24
Rev. 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 10
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalms 146
Heb. 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 17
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms 16
Heb. 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 24
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalms 93
Rev. 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37



From the Board of Parish Education November 2024

Sunday School:

- We have learned about Baby Moses, the Burning Bush and now have learned that God has told Moses that He is sending him to Pharaoh to ask him to let the Israelites go back to the Promise land.
- Kids three years through seventh grade 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 all who participated, decorated trunks, and helped with this festive event. We also thank Kirsten Garcia for making the trophies for the trunk decorating contest and reserving the Photo Booth for the event.

Study Buddies FREE Tutoring:

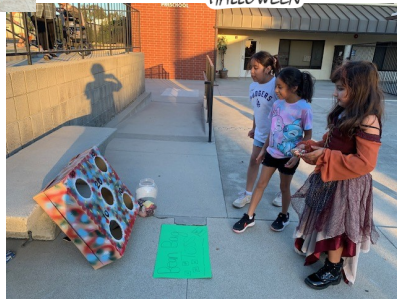
- Study Buddies meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30PM. This program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran families.
- **High School students are welcome to tutor---this would be a great way to earn community service.**
- Jill Drummond announced her retirement and will no longer serve as the leader of Study Buddies. If you need any further information about this program please contact the office and we'll get back to you.

Christmas Play:

Our Christmas Musical was written by Susan Wright. We are now rehearsing lines to the play and learning the music. The play will reach all age levels of kids. The date for this performance is Sunday, December 22 at the 10:00 AM service. Be sure to join us at Sunday School as we present the new material and songs. Come join us! It's a great way to learn about the Christmas story.

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

Parish Ed Team





NOVEMBER JOY CIRCLE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Hello Emanuel ladies, come join Joy Circle this month. As each week is a totally different study, you are never behind or lacking needed information. In November we will be concluding the Ephesians based study entitled, "Living as Children of the Light". These studies have been very applicable to our lives and situations resulting in wonderful discussions and growth in understanding each other better. This of course develops into love of each other as well as compassion for each other's challenges. It is a very welcoming group of ladies who share faith in our Lord and Savior.

Please plan to attend this month as you prepare for the holidays and take some time to be blessed by God through His word.

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**

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 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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- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>



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Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram (emanuellahabra) for upcoming events

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.

~ 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.



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER NOVEMBER 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

~ This month, join us in praying that the community may know Christ!

We believe that man's greatest need is to hear and believe in the truth of the gospel. On our own, each one of us is totally depraved and hopelessly lost, and yet the free gift of salvation is available for all who repent of their sin and put their trust in Jesus Christ. He is the way, and the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6).

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

Continuing Prayers

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| ~ V.J. Roberts | ~ Stephanie Young | ~ Jean Cugini | ~ Marsha Maynard |
| ~ Sharon Frazier | ~ Dan Toussaint | ~ Shelley Reesman | ~ Connie Bogosian |
| ~ 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

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| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni's grandson) |
| ~ Jesse Valdez | ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family |
| ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family | ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family |
| ~ Lin Baesler | |

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.

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<div>Emanuel Lutheran Church: 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631 • Phone 562-691-0656, www.elch.org • Preschool: 562-694-5316 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</div>																																																																																										



The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for Nov. is:

Caring Hands Food Bank

BOOK OF LUKE WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!*



We are reading the book of Luke. 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

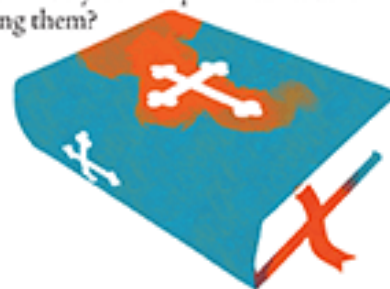
This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email churchinfo@elclh.org if you would like a copy mailed to you.



?? Bible Quiz ??

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C

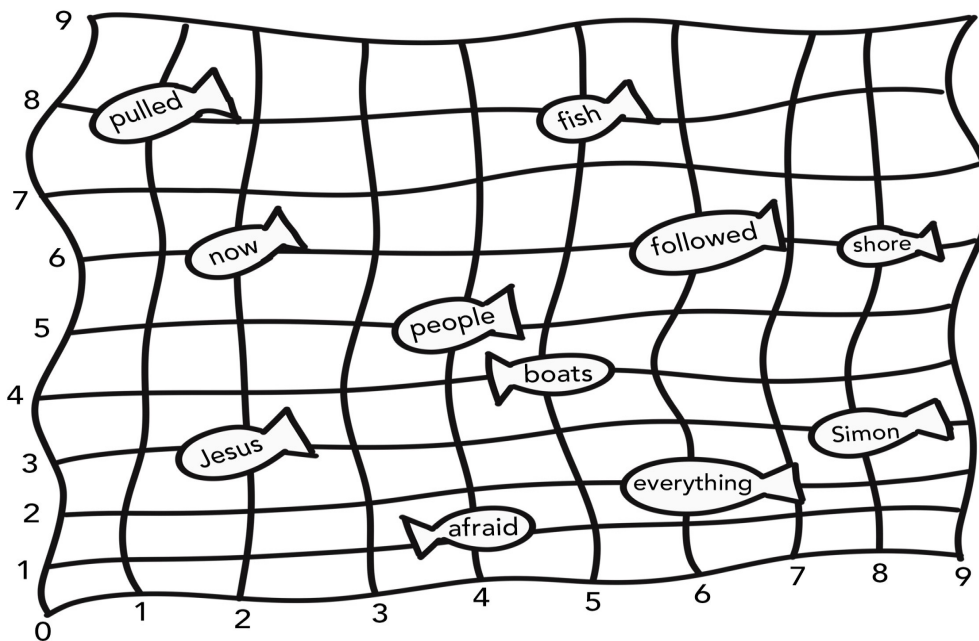
Kid's Korner



FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then _Jesus_ said to _____, "Don't be _____; from _____

on you will _____ for _____. So they _____ their

_____ up on _____, left _____ and _____ him.

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Jesus, afraid, Simon, Simon, followed, followed, everything, everything, shore, shore, boats, boats, pulled, pulled, people, people, fish, fish, now, now, afraid, afraid, Simon, Simon, followed, followed