

# The Good News

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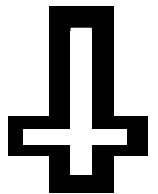


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**DATED MATERIAL**  
Please Deliver by 2nd or  
3rd of the month.

**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



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*Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*



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Pastor May 2025 Newsletter

As I compose this writing, I'm looking at Psalm 150, which is the Psalm designated for the first Sunday after Easter. If I had to title it, I'd refer to it as the "noisy psalm." Each verse begins with "Praise God" and then is followed by: with trumpet sound, lyre and harp, tambourine and dance, strings and pipe, resounding cymbals and loud clanging cymbals. It serves as a how-to for worshiping a God who has become present in our lives. For Christians it is used to say, go ahead, be excited about the Resurrection.

This Psalm impresses me with the strong focus of worship. In worship we are addressing God. We are focused on what the Lord has done in our lives. We emphasize that we are the Lord's and we pay him our reverence and respect.

It also reminds me of current discussion at Emanuel about worship. The question has arisen "Why do we only mention names during the prayers instead of offering the specific reason we are praying for the individual or situation?" The simple answer is that in worship our prayers take on a different form from offering supplications or intercessions. The direction of our prayer in worship is intended to acknowledge God's greatness and that God has people and situations under control. We are worshipping Him in this way. He knows what the individual or situation needs. We are simply acknowledging that the Lord will tend to it.

There is a group at the church called "Take it to the Lord in Prayer". This group will pray more fervently and specifically. They meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and offer supplications and intercessions. These prayers are as important as worship on Sunday morning. They are just stated in a more thorough and descriptive way.

Whatever your preference might be, the Lord hears us and responds to us as the Risen Lord.

*Pastor Dennis Laherty*



## HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

*“Feed My Sheep” – John 21*

### MAY HAHO UPDATE

As of this writing we are wrapping up our two-month outreach to Patriots and Paws of dishes and kitchenware. We can't thank you enough for your generosity to our veterans. We also hope you were helped in giving a home to items you no longer need.

We would also like to thank those of you who continue bringing clothing items for St. Jude's Closet and food for Caring Ministries. Both of these recipients are so very thankful for all they receive and the need never ends.

We encourage anyone who would like to join HAHO or has outreach ideas to call the office at (562) 691-0656 and you will be contacted!!!





Thanks for all of the musicians, including the chancel choir, the praise band, the organist Kevin, and the guest singers for the music on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter...the Hallelujah Chorus was angelic.

Thanks for the readers and story sharers for the Holy Week Services and for all who prepared the altar.

Thanks for the beautiful cross decorations to Robyn, John, Kerry, Jeff Ospital and Ricki Fehr and for all who donated flowers.

Thanks to Kim and Emily Beard who prepared the special egg dishes for the Easter breakfast and to all others who brought items, set up, helped serve, and cleaned up.

Thanks for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter and all the volunteers.

Thanks to all who worked so hard on the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt...it was a great success.

Thanks to our counters who did extra duty.

Thanks to Lilly and Jill for creating extra bulletins and other preparation for Holy Week.

Thanks to Lilly for setting up the computer and making sure the weekly Zoom Lenten discussions went smoothly.

Thanks to all who worshipped and made this Holy Season so meaningful.





**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Location: Moerer Hall  
150 N. Palm Street  
La Habra, CA 90631

**Monday June 16, 2025**  
**Noon to 6pm**

**PICTURE ID REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION AND DURING HEALTH EXAM.**

Please schedule an appointment online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **EMANUELLC** or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



1-800-RED-CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## 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.



*Thanks again to the congregation for the clothes for St Jude.  
Your generosity is appreciated by those of our community who  
are in need.  
Sharon*

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

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 8:00 AM



What's 4Lunch  
Ladies?

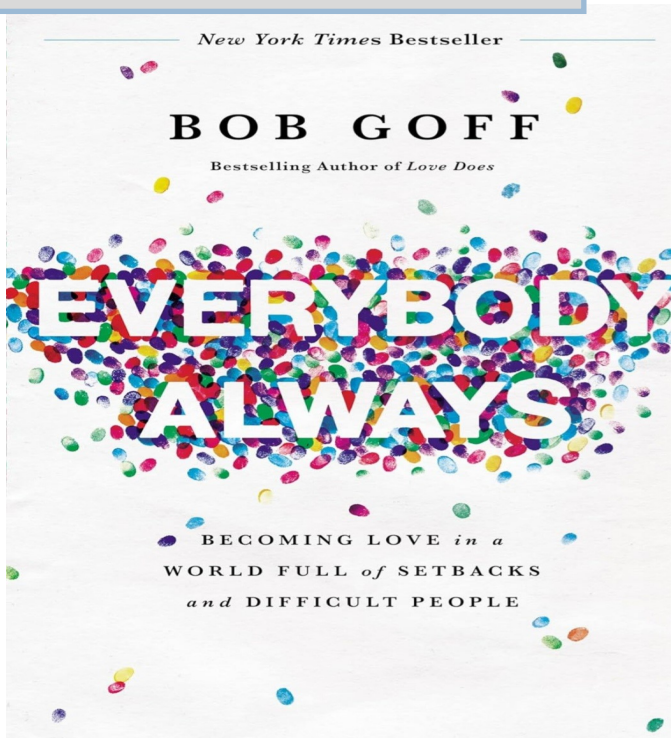
Friday, May 23  
@ 11:30 am

SIZZLER

1401 N. Harbor Blvd  
Fullerton



Going on now every Thursday, at 1pm in  
the library "Everybody Always".



### Burrito Ministry



Saturday May 17, 2025 10am.  
Please join us preparing or delivering  
burritos to those who are hungry.

### 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 ~

### May 4

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
Psalm 30  
Rev 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 11

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Rev 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 18

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Rev 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 25

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Rev 21:10,22—22:5  
John 5:1-9



## **May, 2025-From the Board of Parish Education**

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

**Sunday School:** In April, we learned about the Easter Story following Jesus' travels from Palm Sunday to His resurrection. A class project was devoted to creating a beautiful, flowered cross that looked like the outside floral cross that was in our patio on Easter.

**Offerings:** May is the last month that we will collect offering for helping people who lost their homes in the L.A. fires. Thank you for supporting our youth in their passion to help others.

**Study Buddies:** Last Meeting until Fall will be Thursday, May 15.  
We have faithful students who have participated in our Study Buddies program this year. They have made such positive progress since beginning in September. The parents appreciate our team working with their children. 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 fourth "Compassion Camp" VBS this summer. Watch for the date and further details about this summer event.

**Community Egg Hunt and Craft Event:** Our fourth Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event was a great success and enjoyed by all who came. Our crafters were busy creating crosses, egg carton bunnies, plant stakes, painting, marbled eggs and many more treasures. The Luther Glen Farm animals allowed kids to visit and pet the animals. After a tasty lunch, the Easter story was told by Kevin Garcia and then a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny sent kids on their way to the Egg Hunt. There were so many wonderful volunteers and donations of candy for the plastic eggs. One of the best parts of this event was having Emanuel members working together as we were sharing the love of Jesus with others. Families learned a lot about Emanuel through the Welcome Table information and this outreach event.

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

Board of Parish Education



# Easter Egg Hunt and Festivities 2025





## JOY CIRCLE DATE CHANGE FOR MAY MAY 12, 2025 - 2nd MONDAY IN MAY 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Please note that for one month only we will meet on the 2nd Monday in May instead of the 3rd Monday. We sincerely hope this will not create a problem for anyone wishing to attend.

There will also be a change from a Bible Study format to a devotional one for one month only! This is something that Gather Magazine has chosen to offer as it pertains to exploring our spiritual gifts. It is entitled "Receiving the Spirit's Flame". We will be given a questionnaire to help in evaluating our own gifts. We look forward to this opportunity to reevaluate ourselves at this point in our lives.

Please plan to join us on May 12!

All women of the church are welcome. Consider inviting friends to come along with you in May!

### 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](http://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 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](mailto:EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com)



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<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

## 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.

**Last Meeting until Fall will be  
Thursday May 15.**



## ~ 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 MAY 2025

\*\*\* 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

- ~ For May, consider focusing your prayers on seeking divine guidance, wisdom, and strength as you navigate new opportunities and challenges, while also remembering to give thanks and praise for God's blessings.
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

### Continuing Prayers

- ~ Dan Toussaint
- ~ Celeste Templeton
- ~ Justin Hambly and family, Maiju Hessel's grandson in law
- ~ Evelyn Snyder, friend of Jill Drummond

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

### Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

- ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista
  - ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court
- ~ Margaret Roberts

### Friends and Family to Remember

- ~ Lin Baesler, wife of Pastor Ron Baesler

### Remembering Those Who Have Died

Jean Arata and Ricki Fehr  
We include their families in our prayers.

### 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.*

# May 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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May the God of  
**HOPE** fill you with all  
**JOY & PEACE**  
 as you trust in him,  
 so that you may  
**OVERFLOW**  
 with hope by  
 the power of  
 the Holy Spirit.  
 Romans 15:13, NIV

**BOOK OF GALATIANS**  
**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](mailto: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**  
**APR/MAY/JUNE**  
**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](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) if you would like a copy mailed to you.

**Bible Quiz**

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

A. Babylon; the Assyrians  
 B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians  
 C. Rome; the Greeks  
 D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans

Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)

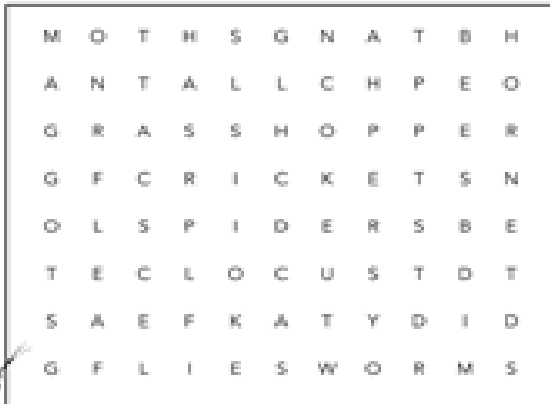
# Kid's Korner

## Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_
- Judges 14:8b \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Samuel 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, fly, moth, spider, katydid, cricket



## Springing to LIFE



New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

### What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



### What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

