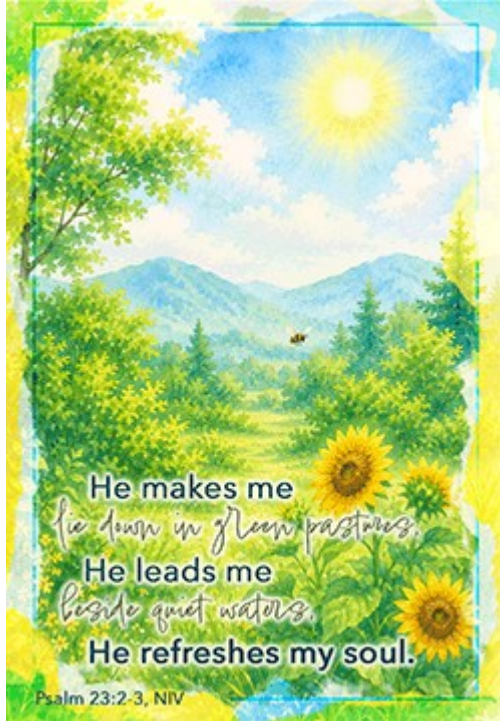


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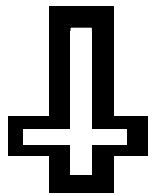


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
PASTORAL INTERN:
AMANDA PULOS
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:
JONLINE SODDERS
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elclh.org
Website: www.elclh.org



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A NOTE FROM THE

PASTORAL INTERN AMANDA PULOS



Dear Emanuel Community,

August tends to be a month of transition. Summer vacations are coming to an end, students return to school, teachers prepare their classrooms, and many of us settle into new routines. Even if school is no longer part of your life, this time of year often feels like a fresh beginning.

In the church, we remain in Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing ordinary about it. This season reminds us that much of our faith is lived in the everyday moments, gathering for worship, sharing a meal, helping a neighbor, or offering a word of encouragement. It is in these ordinary moments that God continues to shape us.

As we prepare to bless students, educators, and all those beginning another year of learning, I am reminded that discipleship is a lifelong journey. We never stop learning what it means to follow Jesus.

So this month, I invite you to wonder:

Where is God already at work in your everyday life?

How is God inviting you to grow in this new season?

My prayer is that we embrace the gift of Ordinary Time and discover God's presence in the simple, faithful moments that make up our everyday lives.

Blessings,

Amanda Pulos
Pastoral Intern

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HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

HAHO UPDATE
AUGUST, 2026

Many thanks to all who so generously purchased children's pajamas through the end of July. As of this writing, you donated over 50 separate top/bottom items or pairs for children at the Wings Shelter.

The HAHO committee is currently attempting to determine the areas which are most in need at this point without burdening our generous congregation. **FOOD** we are finding in great demand at this point! Caring Ministries, who we currently support, served 170 family units last week alone! Everyone is affected by the increasing costs, so we have determined to focus in that direction for the time being. If there is a particular area of need, we will alert you immediately. For now, we ask that you continue remembering those who struggle to feed their families as you always have done.

We ask that you continue with your generous giving of items to St. Jude's Closet. We have determined that we will again do the Angel Tree through the Wings Shelter. Emanuel has always been so very generous and joyful in your giving to these recipients.

Please constantly pray that all those in need will be blessed by the generous giving of those who care.



NO JOY CIRCLE IN AUGUST

We are taking a rest and will resume the third Monday in September! Please prayerfully consider joining this women's Bible Study!!!





Thank you to the ladies of the Altar Guild who clean up the communion wear after church every Sunday: Rose Ward, Sue Morgan and MaryAnn Carlson.

Thank you to ALL the people involved in our VBS Day Camp! And especially MaryAnn who led and prepared for the big day! Great job everyone!

Thank you to our Praise Team for leading us in music every Sunday. We so enjoy your inspirational contribution.

Thanks go to Chip Witcher for being available and always eager to help in any instance that may come up on the church campus. Great job on our new bulletin board in the church office entryway!

Thanks go to all who have donated food, clothing and pajamas this month. We, and certainly the recipients, sincerely appreciate all of them.

Thank you to the HAHO team who diligently works to find us, Emmanuel, places where we as a church community can make a difference.

Great work everyone!

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.



August 2026-From the Board of Parish Education

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

Summer Sunday School:

- Our kids participated in the two Emanuel "Summer Work Shops". One was about "Who is Luther and Why Are We Lutheran?" The second one was "Lutheran Sacraments: Baptism ne Communion." They had the opportunity to participate in the table discussions which showed their ideas were valued.
- During the summer Sundays we had a change of pace where we gave out the "Sunday Funnies." These comic stripes stories reflected and explained the weekly lesson in a fun, kid friendly way. A "Game Time" followed after an engaging Whirl video. This got everyone up and moving. Kids come ready to teach a new game to their friends.

Offerings: Our total student offerings came to \$70 which has been given to the Emanuel Good Samaritan Fund where members and others can be helped when there is a need. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child to give and help others.

Study Buddies: Study Buddies will return after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 8.

Roar Day Camp VBS: August 1,2026

THEME: "WHEN LIFE IS WILD ---GOD IS GOOD"

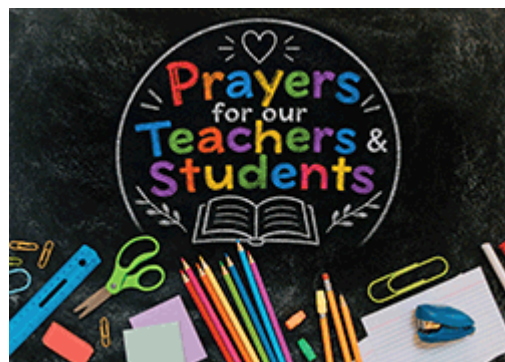
During our camp, kids discovered that when life is scary, or things change, or when life is sad, we can call out to God and God can hear us from anywhere even if you don't have a **roar** like a lion! God is always close by. God is Good!

Thank you immensely to all the people who volunteered to help on this special day.

Back to School Blessing: All students, teachers, of any age will be honored by a blessing on August 16.

Fall Sunday School Kick Off: Our Fall Sunday School year will begin on August 30 with a Scavenger Hunt and games. Meet in the Hall right after church.

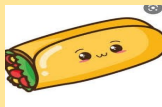
Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.
Parish Education Team





Burrito Ministry

Saturday Aug 15, 2026 10 am
Please join us preparing or delivering
burritos to those who are hungry.



FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING

TUESDAY & THURSDAY,

3-4:30 PM WELCOME BACK SEPT 8, 2026

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.



~ Sunday Bible Readings ~

10th Sunday of Pentecost 11th Sunday of Pentecost 12th Sunday of Pentecost 13th Sunday of Pentecost 14th Sunday of Pentecost

<u>Aug. 2</u>	<u>Aug. 9</u>	<u>Aug. 16</u>	<u>Aug. 23</u>	<u>Aug. 30</u>
Isaiah 55:1-5	1 Kings 19:9-18	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Isaiah 51:1-6	Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalms 145:8-9, 14-2	1 Psalm 85:8-13	Psalms 67	Psalms 138	Psalms 26:1-8
Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28



CELEBRATE MORE *Life*

Red Cross Blood Drive **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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

Monday, September 14, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org
and use sponsor code: EMANUELLC Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health
history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give Blood.

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WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2026

Thank you for volunteering to serve during worship in various capacities. If you cannot serve on any particular assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone on the list. Then PLEASE notify the church office by the prior Monday so the bulletin will read properly. Thank you for volunteering to serve.

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
8/2	Suzanne Dietrich Cheryl Blocker	Jessica Pisetsky	Carol Crabb James Sweeney Susan Wright	John Ospital Fraloi Cuyno
8/9	Jo Ellen Dobson Sharon Patow	Steve White	Jeff Ospital Jeff Ward AJ Ward	VJ Roberts Jerry Schnakenberg
8/16	Celeste Templeton Jill Drummond	Geoff Roberts	Nancy White Steve White Cindy Reyes	James Crabb Jeff Ospital
8/23	Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel	Janine Ward	Mary Ann Carlson Cheska Cuyno VJ Roberts	Chip Whitcher Fraloi Cuyno
8/30	Sue Morgan Jill Drummond	Nancy White	Rose Ward Jeanette Parr Robyn Ospital	Kerry Ospital John Ospital

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OR JANINE WARD (562) 556-0200 ASAP IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE DUE TO PLANNED VACATIONS, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. IT HELPS IMMENSELY IN PLANNING. MANY THANKS

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



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 Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

***Call or email the church office
(562)691-0656
churchinfo@elclh.org***

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)

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



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

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.



~ 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 AUGUST 2026

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

"I ask that you take away sickness, infirmity and pain from me and restore me to health"

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" ~ Psalm 103:2-4

Continuing Prayers

~ Jeanette Parr
~ Dan Toussaint
~ Cathy Spangler
~ Anne Bobchick
~ Connie Bogosian
~ John Uhlman
~ Emerson Grimsby

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

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court

Friends and Family to Remember

Linnita Licano

Remembering the Family of Those Who Have Died

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.

August 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service (S) 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	3 10a Stephen Ministry 7-9p HOF (S)	4	5 9a Bible Study (L/Z) 10a Bridge Club (H) 7:30p Al-anon (C)	6 6p District 18 7-9p HOF (4)	7 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	8 7:30a HOF (S,H) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y,Z) 9:30-11a HOF (4) 4:30-7p Narc-Anon (C) 5:30-9:30 HOF (H,YR)
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30 9:30a-12:30p HOF (YR) 10a Worship Service 11a Sunday School 12:30-7p HOF(ALL)	31 7-9p HOF (S)	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				

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 2026

1 Kathryn Roberts	13 Bobby Wright	27 Rose Ward
2 Lee Reitzel	17 Kim Beard	29 John Scott Palmer
3 Andrew Wasson	17 John Reyes	29 Zoe Vernon
7 Jaiden Lubin	21 Jacob Zambrano	31 Marlys Hemsley
8 Madeline Wright	23 Sadie Diaz	
9 Cody Whitcher	24 Rayanne Dietrich	



3	Jim & Debbie Pfeifer
26	Charles & Leigh Ann Dietrich, Jr.
31	James & Martha Klassen



BOOK OF 2 PETER
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY
****NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!****

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 JULY/AUG/SEPT 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** ? ??

Psalm 103 (ESV) begins:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all that is within me,
 bless his holy name!
 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all his _____."

What should we "not forget"?

A. goodness	C. gifts
B. kindness	D. benefits

Answer: D. benefits (Psalm 103:2)

Kid's Korner

Make a postcard PUZZLE

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

