



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2026

Serving the Community since September 1945

*"Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools
love, teach, and serve through Christ."*

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WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

**Join us this Sunday to
Welcome New members**

This Sunday, August 29, at the 10:00 a.m. worship, Council President, Tom Reilly will call forward and present new members: Logan and Rhonda Baldenegro who will make public affirmation of their baptism as they are received into the membership of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13



Join Us Sunday, September 13, 11-12 p.m.: Plan to stay after worship – Come to the reception room, grab a cup of coffee, and help us make blankets for the unhoused. There will also be sign-ups for various activities that day on the patio.

This is also the day we collect donations for Central Lutheran Food Distribution and NoHo Home Alliance. Start now by gathering items from the following list:

- **Regular Canned Goods for Housed– NO GLASS or EXPIRED FOODS:**• Fruits • Vegetables • Meats & Tuna • Peanut butter (large or small)
- **Dry goods:** Beans • Rice • Pasta • Cereal & cereal bars
- **Pop Top Food Cans for Unhoused:** Fruits • Vegetables • Meats & Tuna • Soups – stews
- **Foods Easily Hydrated w/Hot Water:** Cup Noodles • Instant single serve Mac'N'Cheese • Instant single serve Oatmeal
- **Snacks:** Breakfast bars – preferably chewy bars • Chips – snack size bags • Crackers – snack size bags • Gummies – Fruit Chews
- **Toiletries:** Toothpaste, soap bars, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and toothbrushes, disposable razors & shaving cream, dental floss, body wash, deodorant, Hand sanitizer, ChapSticks, Skin lotion, Q-tips, Suntan lotion, wet wipes.



Bagels and Lox Sunday will be Rally Day September 13

The Bible —A New Adult Bible Study starting, September 20

This year the Adult Bible Study will be learning more about “The Bible.” Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our fun-filled discussion-based study on The Bible. If you don’t know anything about the Bible between Genesis and Revelation this study is for you! If you already know the Bible backwards and forwards then we need you to help us along in our conversations. And if you know just enough to be “dangerous” this study is for you as well! No one will be excluded in our new year of studying The Word of God.



Starting Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m., in the church conference room, we will gather to learn more about the book which has been on the best seller list for years. The general set up will be to learn about how the Bible is laid out in sections and then zero in on a nugget in Scripture in that section. Each week we will learn more about workings of the Bible, as well, then break in to the book to read more about it.

Hope to see you on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Liz, Bible Study facilitator

Our Directory is Now Available!!!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Pictorial Directory
Summer 2026
In North Harbor since 1966



Dear Congregation Members, the new Pictorial Directory is now available! It will be good for everyone who wonders who those people are that you have been sitting next to all these months (years?).

Please contact church Office Manager **Ancel Sitton** and she would be happy to send you the PDF. She can be reached at: ASitton@elcnoho.org

Or you can call the church at (818) 761-6124. Happy viewing!



Soda Bottles Needed

Sunday School is preparing for Rally Day and needs empty, clean, two-liter soda bottles. If you would like to donate, please see Mark Rickertsen to make arrangements.

Thank you to everyone for their input and feedback about the Sunday School Format.

Sunday School will continue to take place during the Sermon time of our regular worship service. We will be having our kick off Rally Day soon and will resume meeting in September.

See Mark Rickertsen or Pastor Rick if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Message

Pastor Rick Hall

Organist

Andy Gladbach

Greeter

Shirley Heidersbach

Communion

Assistants

Liz Rickertsen

Diana Howison

Sue Clauss

Gail Bohannon

Debby Semel

Lector

Tom Reilly

Usher

Kurt Marsden

Debie Marsden

Gaffer

Bonnie Ericson

Sound

Stephen Howison

Live Stream

Bob Akin

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School presents:

RALLY SUNDAY!

*Let's Build Faith.
Let's Fly Together*



WHAT:

Our annual "Sunday School Year" kickoff event.



WHEN:

Sunday, September 13, 2026
after worship (11:00am).



WHO:

All children ages 3+ (including LHS and LPS families and their friends).
Parents (and high school students) are needed to help and assist younger kids.



WHERE:

Band/Choir Room (upstairs in the administration building) and Bell Tower Court Yard.



Join us for this fun activity where our lesson will be about faith skills. We'll learn what faith skills you could already possess and how these connect to building and flying "Bottle Rockets."



Donations of empty carbonated soda bottles are needed. Please bring your clean ½, 1 and 2 liter bottles to Emmanuel any Sunday morning between now and September 13, 2026 (or contact Mark Rickertsen to make other arrangements).



Volunteers are needed to help out with specific build/fly jobs. Please contact Mark Rickertsen for more information (818) 469-9455 (call/text).



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**WEAR
OLDER CLOTHES
THAT CAN
GET WET.**



location TBD

January will be a retreat month so the date may change.

Confirmation classes with the Twin Valley Conference will begin on September 13 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

Subsequent classes will be on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30 pm - 4 pm

CAN YOU HELP?



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

The Quilters are gathering the following items to complete Personal Care kits and Baby Care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We welcome any donations to help us accomplish this project.

- 12 jackets or sweaters with or without hoods-infant to 24 month (no inappropriate characters)
- 16 pairs of socks, infant to size 2
- 13 hand towels, dark color preferred
- 13 diaper pins or large safety pins
- 46 bars of mild soap (Dove or Ivory are great)

The Quilters will assemble the kits the end of September and then the kits will be shipped to LWR in October.

Karen Ohrt



WELCA Autumn Renewal 2026

The Southwest California

Synodical Women's Organization (WELCA) invites women from across the synod to Autumn Renewal 2026, a weekend of learning, healing, fellowship, relaxation, fun, and making new connections.

Join us **October 9–11** at the Holiday Inn Oxnard for a meaningful time of renewal, encouragement, and community.

Register by July 31 to receive Early Bird pricing. Registration includes two attendance options: a full retreat package with hotel accommodations or a commuter option for those not staying overnight. **Registration closes September 16.**

For questions, contact Julie Jensen (Registrar) at jujujnsn21@gmail.com or (805) 218-8416. **Registration Form**



Download the [Prayer Ventures here](#) for AUGUST 2026. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer each day of the month for global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and



Prayer List ...

Nesbitt Blaisdell,
Bob Boehman
Mike Cosenza
Dick Krussow
Ernine Larson
Kimberly Laux
Samuel Lee
Edie Lewis
Lillie Lim
Leo Lujan
Mary Ann Manore
Patrick Moya
Jim & Karen Ohrt
Lumina Padron-Sanche
Aaron Rockwell
Pam Sullivan
Vehling Family
Muriel Waugh

We pray for those newly added to the Prayer

List....

Linda Boehman
Emerson Jones
Jonathan Lockwood
Judy Marsh
Catherine Menton
Janet Sellers
Pete Van Zago
Casey Williams-Krubiner

.Shut-ins:

Karen Bollesen;
Gloria Blackman;
Jim & Marie Crawford
Bill Hoffman;
Bernadine Poulsen;
Mavien Ready;
Thorsen Family

..Mission Concerns:

ELC sponsored
missionaries around
the world;
California Lutheran University;
ELCA World Relief

... in Military Service:

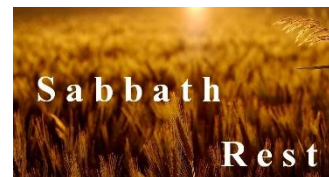
Lord, thank You for the men
and women in our armed forces. We
pray Your protection over each one as
they carry out their various duties in
defense of our country. Wherever they
are in the world, we pray You would
lead and protect them from all the
forces of evil.

We also ask you to place your hand of
protection and peace on the families
of those who have sent a loved one to
serve in the Armed Forces.

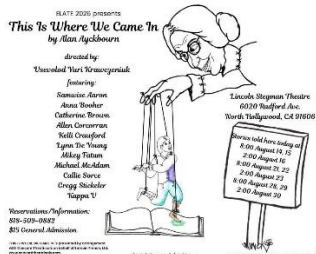
Prayer of the Day: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please note Pastor Rick's Sabbath day is observed on Fridays.

He will be available in the church office Monday through Thursday each week.



ELATE Presents:



Last chance to catch ***This Is Where We Came In***, now playing at the Lincoln Stegman Theater.

Tom From West Hollywood said "I loved it. Perfect for children and Adults. A fascinating humorous exploration into Familial Relationships. You have to get a chance to see it"

Sara from the San Fernando Valley said "It is very funny"

Show runs Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm Sunday at 2:00PM
Thru August 30. Admission is \$15. Call 818-509-0882 or go
to <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/elate-1094460696/this-is-where-we-came-in> to
purchase tickets



Auditions for upcoming musical!

THE 3 SILLIES is a new musical, book and lyrics by Lynn DeYoung and score by Tom Pease, directed by Lynn DeYoung. Performance dates are the first three weekends of November and rehearsals will run from the beginning of September.

The 3 Sillies is based on an old folk tale wherein a young man is betrothed to his neighbors' daughter and breaks off the engagement when he discovers that she and her parents are far too foolish. At their protest, he agrees to marry her if he finds three sillier people in the world. Separated, the young lovers must learn who they are, what they want, and what it means to love. *The 3 Sillies* is similar in style, tone and music to *Once upon A Mattress*. Featured singing roles are required for nine actors, both male and female, various vocal ranges, ages 18 and up. Singer/actors needed for both male and female roles ages 18 and up in all voice ranges. All ethnicities included. [Check the character breakdown here.](#)

There will not be an accompanist, so be prepared to sing a cappella or bring your own track. There will be cold readings - sides provided. Also be prepared for improv exercises, and please wear clothing and shoes that allow you to move.

The Lincoln Stegman Theatre
Sat Aug. 29, 2026 10:00AM-1:00PM



Dear Emmanuel Friends,

My wife and love of 33 years, Denise Vanzago, passed away in her sleep early Wednesday morning, August 19. She will be sorely missed by me, her brothers, Vince and Pete Vanzago, and a little gray cat who is wondering where her human went.

Denise's health had been up and down over the last few years. After a brief stay in the hospital, she was too weak to come home and was recuperating at a care facility. The physical therapy seemed to be working, and so it was a shock to learn that she slipped away overnight.

We live in the confidence of Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Many thanks for all the

prayers and expressions of love.

The memorial service will be Saturday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, with lunch to follow in the Parish Hall.

Marshall Bowen

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Debbie Lowe

MAY 25, 1952 - AUGUST 14, 2026

*Please join us for music, skits, love
& community in celebrating the life
of our dear friend, Deb.*

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 4PM - 6PM

THE PERCH IN THE PINES
16200 MIL POTRERO HWY
PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB, CA 93222
{FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE}

SAVE THE DATE



The African Descent Lutheran Association-Los Angeles Chapter
Southwest California Synod -ELCA

A Celebration Worship Service Honoring Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout

The First African Descent Bishop elected to the American Lutheran Church South Pacific District (now ELCA).

Theme : Hands of Service, Hearts of God

Sunday - September 20 , 2026 | 3:00PM

All clergy and rostered leaders are invited to Vest (the color is **RED**) and process. Arrive by 2:15pm.

Ascension Lutheran Church
5820 West Blvd
Los Angeles, California 90043



The Preacher for the occasion is :
The Rev. Brenda Bos
Bishop, Southwest California Synod



Honoring The Rev. Dr. Nelson Wesley Trout Bishop Trout, the Teacher was the first African American Bishop of the former American Lutheran Church. He was elected on the campus of what is now California Lutheran University. He served as the Bishop of the South Pacific District from 1983 to 1987, which comprised 310 congregations and had 144,000 members. [Read more here,](#)

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Bier!



EAGLE ROCK

OKTOBERFEST

Live
Music!



Join us for the "Würst"
party of the year - the Eagle
Rock Oktoberfest Benefiting
Solheim Senior Community!

SAT, SEPT 19

5:00pm – 9:00pm

At 2236 Merton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90041

Purchase your tickets today online at
solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$10 Kids Ages 6-12: \$5

Tickets at Door: \$15 Kids 5 and Under: Free

Your ticket buys you entrance to the Oktoberfest with live music by Bavarian
Stew and more! Tickets must be purchased separately for food and drink.

For more information, visit
solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest or call 323-257-7518.

With live Bavarian music, authentic German food, beer and more, you're sure to have a great time... all while supporting a great cause!

Solheim Senior Community is a nonprofit that provides abundant living to older adults in a caring, faith-based community filled with love, peace, dignity and security. For more information about Solheim Senior Community, visit us: www.solheimsenior.org



SOLHEIM

SENIOR COMMUNITY

Next Quarter Devotionals Available

Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack in the church narthex, ***Christ in Our Home*** covering one quarter of 2026. ***Spark*** is available in limited number. In this magazine style devotional book ***Spark***, there are activities and stories to lead everyone in the family through the season. Finally, ***The Word in Season*** is also available. Pick up any of these in the narthex today! These are offered for you at no charge. They are our gift to help you.



[Give Now](#)

The link takes you directly to our giving page. If you have questions about any giving options, you may benefit from watching this tutorial on safely donating online: [Online Giving](#)

Please feel free to call the business office: (818) 763-5434.

YOUR COUNCIL

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Vice President: Sue Clauss

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Marshall Bowen

Aaron Kraft

Morgan Loy

Michael Madolora

Greg Sieme

Anna Wilson



[SoCalSynod](#)

Visit the synod website to check out upcoming events. Sign up to receive newsletters from the synod office.



For the Kids

+ Download Children's pages with stories, puzzles and quizzes based on the lessons for the week.

[Gospel page for 7++](#)

[Gospel pages 3-7](#)

[LSS](#)



See how Lutheran Social Services works and how you can make a donation. Your donations are essential. See a complete list of urgent local needs in this time of covid here.

[Gather Bible Study](#)

for

Women of the ELCA at Emmanuel Lutheran

[Church Website](#)

There are several links in these online newsletters. Please let me know if any of them don't work for you. THANK YOU for your positive comments. I always welcome your input.

Sincerely,

Marty McCambridge

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