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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Pentecost XIII

September 7, 2025

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

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A Message From Pastor Rick



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Genesis 1:1

For 6 days, God speaks life into being as he creates the world and everything in it. On the seventh day, he does nothing? He rested on the seventh? That is correct, after toiling for 6 days, God rests. Even more he blesses the day and makes it holy.

In the Jewish religion they have been celebrating sabbath since they were given the command to. For them their sabbath day begins at sundown on Friday night and lasts until sundown on Saturday. They have certain meals they prepare in remembrance of who and whose they are. They go to synagogue or temple and worship God. There is to be no work on this day, only a day of rest, renewal and spiritual renewal with God.

In our church we celebrate sabbath on Sundays when we come together to worship God. Unfortunately, we may have lost the idea of rest and renewal as society, the secular world, has put other demands on us. While there used to be a respect for the sabbath day, we see less of this support from government, families and work places.

For pastors we are always serving on Sunday, the accepted sabbath day. In the ELCA we are encouraged to take at least one sabbath day a week. One day where we are to focus on our families, our own spiritualities, and on renewal. What that looks like can change from week to week. For me I will be taking Mondays as my sabbath day, this will begin on September 8th. On these days I attempt to not look at emails, text or other church related materials. I take time for rest and renewal. I try to do what a Jewish rabbi told me sabbath was, "doing nothing out of obligations." I do try and honor this. So, if on a Sunday evening or Monday, I do not get back to your email or text right away, I am not ignoring you, I am following what God commands.

I would encourage each of you to try and find time for sabbath, rest, renewal. You may have to start small and carve out 30-60 minutes of time. Time for you. Time for God. We are more effective leaders and people when we have rest. Come on you can do it, God did.

Pastor Rick

"...he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation." Gen 2:2b-3



God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 14

Sunday, September 14: Plan on staying after worship – grab a cup of coffee and help us make quilts for the unhoused in the Reception Room from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. 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, please:

• 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.

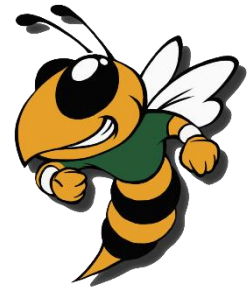
Laurel Hall Hornets

Emmanuel Lutheran Church School Committee is looking for two members willing to serve a one and two year term. We meet monthly via zoom for one hour. School experience is a plus but not required. For more information message Mark Rickertsen at mark.rickertsen@yahoo.com or 818-469-9455."

Thanks

Mark Rickertsen

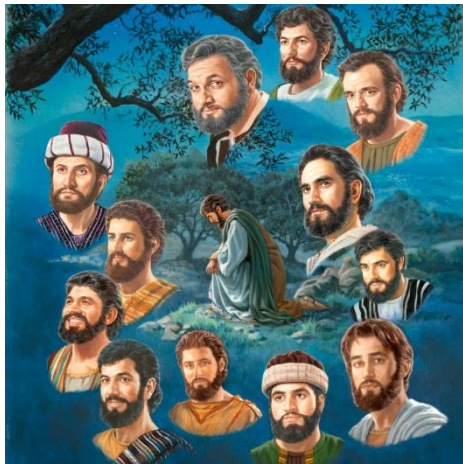
School Committee Chair



Download the [Prayer Ventures here](#) for September 2025. 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 world.

Jesus' 12 Disciples—A New Adult Bible Study starting, September 21

Would you like to know more about “**The Twelve**,” handpicked by Jesus to be his disciples? Do you have questions about how these people were trained to spread the Good News about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection? If so, then this Bible Study is for You



Starting **Sunday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the church conference room, we will gather and have our Bibles ready to learn more about these “fine men?”! Hold it, weren’t they a bunch of fishermen/tax collectors/zealots who Jesus chose? What about the Pharisees and Sadducees? Why weren’t they chosen?

Together we will delve into the New Testament to find out more. Jesus chose these men in the same way Jesus chooses us. This study will take us into at least the early Spring, depending how much discussion we have each week.

Hope to see many of you on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m.!

Worship Leaders

Message

Pastor Rick Hall

Minister of Music

Mark Longfield

Greeter

Kathleen Marsden

Communion Assistants

Debby Semel

Sue Clauss

Bonnie Koch

George Watson

Gail Bohanon

Lector

Mark Garland

Usher

Terri Lau

Usher

Tom Reilly

Gaffer

Marshall Bowen

Sound

Aaron Rockwell

Live Stream

Bob Akin

Birthdays

5) Justin Swanson

6) Patty Wilcox

7) Robert Schooley

Confirmation Classes Starting in October



This year we will be partnering with other churches in the Twin Valley Conference to teach Confirmation classes. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:30pm at differing locations and churches throughout the Conference. Classes will only be once a month and will run until May.

If you are in the 6-8th grade and want to attend or if you are the parent of a middle schooler who wants their kiddo to attend, please contact Pastor Rick at: rhall@elcnoho.org; or call the church 818-761-6124; or catch him on Sunday. It should be an

exciting year of learning as we will focus on: **What does it mean to be Lutheran?**



Piers Bath
Nesbitt Blaisdell,
Bob Boehman
Mike Cosenza
Ruthanne Henderson
The Hodge Family
Rick Holt
Dick Krussow
Kimberly Laux
Samuel Lee
Lillie Lim
Leo Lujan
Lumina Padron-Sanchez
Andrew Piecka
Donna Stenberg & family
Pam Sullivan
Denise Vanzago
Muriel Waugh

***..Recently Added to our
Prayer List ...***

Jim & Karen Ohrt
Virginia Tweedy

..Shut-ins:

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

***We Mourn the Victims of the
recent shooting in Minneapolis
and keep their families in our
prayers.***

...Mission Concerns:

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

... in Military Service: Bryce

Anderson;
Joshua Camarena
Aaron Carpenter;
Marc Gonsalves;
Curtis Haines;
Daniel Lukavsky;
David Lukavsky;
Tyler Stefansen
Austin Swanson;
Jeremy Stephens;
Keaton Wriedt

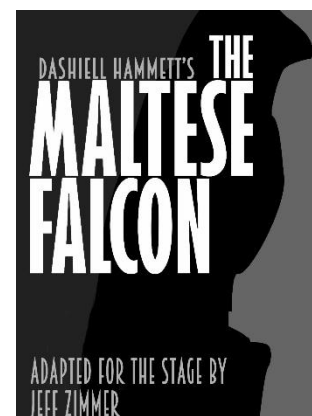
Prayer of the Day: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ELATE

Thanks to everyone involved in the production of *The Miser* and all those who came to see it!

ELATE's next show is a stage adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's original 1929 serial version of *The Maltese Falcon* as printed in Black Mask magazine.

This was turned into a popular novel in 1931, then made into 3 movies-- 1931, 1936 and 1941, the latter being the most famous. Every version is different in slightly (and sometimes more than slightly!) different ways. Our adaptation opens **October 10**, and runs three weekends.



September is Deaf Awareness Month



Synod Women's Organization (SWO) Convention takes place October 10–11, 2025 at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

Join women from across the Southwest California Synod for a weekend of worship, learning, and sisterhood at our 2025 SWO Convention.

The event will feature inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and opportunities for connection. Click here for: [Registration Form](#). Deadline: October 3, 2025.



We need helping hands to pack more bags! We are asking people for an hour or two of their time to pack bags at Temple Beth Hillel. Check out some of the ways you can volunteer below. Then visit our website, NHIFP.org, go to the tab "Sign Up Genius" to help out!

Transportation Team transports the loaded grocery bags from the packing site at Temple Beth Hillel to the food distribution site at First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Transport bags from Temple to new pantry and/or unload truck \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

Packing Team fills the bags and sorts them in the basement of Temple Beth Hillel. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Pack Bags at the Temple OR at Distribution - CHECK LOCATION ADDRESS! \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

Sack Lunches Team makes sack lunches at home and delivers them to the First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Provide sack lunches - make at home and deliver \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

Please place groceries in the food collection box in the narthex and they will be delivered to Temple Beth Hillel.

Special Grant for Fire Victims



This application is to distribute funds raised in the January 2025 Los Angeles Wildfire Emergency appeal by our Synod. Our priority is to support congregations and ministries that are meeting the urgent humanitarian needs caused by the Easton and Palisades fires. We also take requests from congregations on behalf of families and individuals within their care. We offer grants to help congregations repair their property, expand their outreach ministries, and help their members recover. [Los Angeles Fire Recovery Grant 2025](http://LosAngelesFireRecoveryGrant2025.org)

Next Quarter Devotionals Available

Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack in the church narthex, **Portals of Prayer** and **Christ in our Home** each covering one quarter of 2025. **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! Pick these up 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.



[SoCalSynod](#)

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

[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.

YOUR COUNCIL

President: Tom Reilly
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Secretary: Liz Rickertsen
Treasurer: Robert Akin
Financial Secretary: Diana Howison

Members at Large:

Marshall Bowen;
Aaron Kraft;
Michael Madolora
Angela Wiegand



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

[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,
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