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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

We strive to provide affordable and delicious funeral luncheons for grieving families at Emmanuel. We are in need of servant minded volunteers to organize and prepare food for these events. If you are interested or have more questions, please email stefany.velasco@erc.la.

TRI-TIP FUNDRAISER!!

On May 5th, we're having our annual tri-tip fundraiser. You can pre-order your delicious tri-tip & help send students to camp by scanning the QR code!



Friday | April 19 | 7PM Buy your tickets today!

Congratulations to parents Tyler & Natalie VandenAkker, big brother Maverick, proud Grandparents Dan & Darla O'Toole, proud Great Grandparents Doug & Claudia O'Toole and Julia Wind, and family, on the birth of Easton Harm VandenAkker born, Monday April 1st.

Congratulations to proud parents Brandon and Allison Williams, proud big sibling Hannah, proud grandparents Randy & Barbara Williams and Wayne & Jill Fairbanks, and family, on the birth of Lucy Lynn Williams, on Friday, April 5th.

Our Christian sympathy to Gabriel & Elsa Espinoza & family on the passing of Elsa's father, Leandro Ramos, on April 9th.

Our Christian sympathy to Barbie Conley and family on the passing of Barbie's brother, Richard Strong, on April 8th, from Alzheimer and complications of pneumonia at the age of 73. Services will take place on Tuesday, April 16th.

All women are welcome to join us for this 5 week Bible study, as we learn about five pillars from the Old Testament. You can purchase a book or ask questions at the table outside between morning services today. Or contact Jody Gras with any questions.



English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities

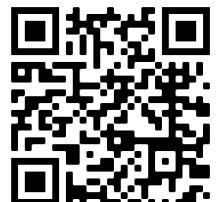
Vision Fund April 21

Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$960,168.46
YTD Budget: \$884,736.50

Last Week's Offering: \$42,646.28
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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THE STRESS TEST YOU NEED



Scripture reading: Matthew 6:25-30

When God makes a covenant with people he is promising to always be faithful and to always provide and to always hold up his end of the deal.

- Obey and enjoy a flourishing life
- Disobey and be plagued by sin and death

Why would Adam and Eve disobey God? They were offered a solution to a desire and it revealed that they thought they would be better off on their own (Genesis 3:6)

The temptation is not presented as a general rebellion from God's authority. Rather, it is portrayed as a quest for wisdom and 'the good' apart from God's provision. - John Sailhamer

Can I tempt you to drop a weight on your foot? No I can't. Why? Because you don't want or desire that. (James 1:14-15)

We usually desire the things we don't have or are depleted of. The same is true of our body:

- Chronic fatigue: need more sleep or anemic and thyroid problems?
- Cramping while playing sports: just tired or in need water, sodium and potassium?

Want I lack → Desire → Temptation → Sin (Psalm 23:1; Exodus 20:17)

Jesus is teaching us that underneath it all lies our battle with unbelief. Can we really trust that God is good and has my best interest in mind? (Matthew 6:25-30)

It is often said that we are crucified between two thieves, the regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow. - Warren Wiersbe

Stress testing - see videos

The Gospel is the ultimate stress test of God's provision and God's goodness. If God went to the cross for us to provide our salvation are there any lengths he wouldn't go to give his children what they actually need? (Romans 8:31-32)

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, Ten thousand beside!
- Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Time of Reflection:

Underneath our sin is an unbelief that God will truly provide for our greatest needs.

Ask yourself, "What is it that my heart does not trust God to provide that I thought my sin would take care of?"
