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# EMMANUEL

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



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## COMMUNION

### Sunday

NEXT WEEK

do this in remembrance of me

**THANK YOU** for sending in your ballots for the annual election of Elders and Deacons and budget approval. We are pleased to announce that the 2024 slate has been approved and the following people are approved for the 2024 Consistory:

Elders: Ken Solomon and Jared Koops. The new Elders and Deacons will be installed during the month of January. The 2024 Budget was also approved. As we move into 2024, please prayerfully consider how you might give regularly and generously toward this budget.

Starting today we will be offering

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

for the 6pm service!



# Alpha


A place to ask questions about God, the Bible, and the Church

**MONDAYS 6-8PM**

**JANUARY 8 - MARCH 18**  
**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Dinner Included | Free Childcare Available  
For more info contact [christie.palmer@erc.la](mailto:christie.palmer@erc.la)

Get connected!  
Learn about everything going on at Emmanuel in the spring Brochure. Grab one at any entrance or scan the QR code below to access the digital version.




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

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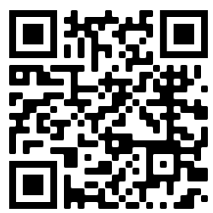
Additional Giving Opportunities  
Vision Fund offering January 21

**Weekly Offering**

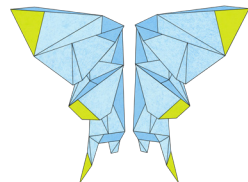
2023 Offering: \$3,350,304  
2023 Annual budget: \$3,160,352

Last Week's Offering: \$57,604.92  
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50

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# WHO ARE YOU BECOMING?



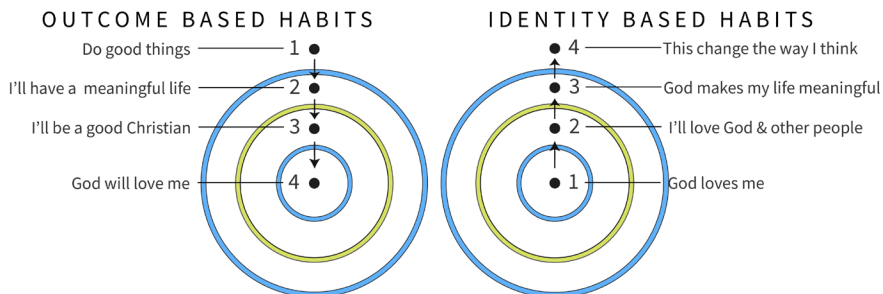
Fun resources on unconditional love and identity

- The Velveteen Rabbit
- Just Because You're Mine

## Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:16-17

- The "Greatest Commandment" is to love God and love people. But remember we cannot give what we haven't first received. God first loved us! We in turn love him and others back. (Matthew 22:36-40 & 1 John 4:19)
- When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan attacked Jesus's identity, "If you are the Son of God ..." (Matthew 4:3, 6)

"Wake Before the Day" podcast clip from Matthew 3



- Your identity, thoughts and life in the Spirit matter (Romans 8:5-6)

You must do a "Thought Audit" - are my thoughts affirming my identity in Christ or are they leading me elsewhere?

- Encouragement to think godly thoughts! (Philippians 4:8-9)

The "Law of Exposure" - your mind absorbs and reflects what it is exposed to the most

CHECKLIST OF THINGS WE GIVE OURSELVES TO. THESE THINGS INFLUENCE WHO YOU **BECOME**

- Scrolling news on my phone
- Texting with friends & acquaintances about non-important matters
- Watching funny memes to share with others
- Listening to podcasts, music, or audiobooks
- Talking to others about current events and pop culture
- Watching sports
- Playing games online
- Taking selfies
- Daydreaming about nothing in particular
- Worrying about things you can't control
- Replaying conversations you've already had and analyzing what was said
- Viewing images online that you know you shouldn't
- Napping, dozing, or mindlessly watching YouTube

- That battle plan you must use to win the war in your mind! (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

## Time of Reflection

- Who you are becoming is closely tied to your identity. Before you take action steps, take a moment to pray and receive God's love for you.
- As Christians, we continually repent of our sin and receive God's love. From this place we love God and others. What is the Lord inviting you to do after today's sermon?