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April 7, 2024
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission


COMMUNION SUNDAY

Next Week



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!



EMMANUEL CHURCH
PRESENTS



Tickets \$25.00

jazz & java
NIGHT

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

Our Christian sympathy to John & Karen Ostermann & family on the passing of John's father, Jack Ostermann, on Wednesday, March 13th. Services will take place at 11am on Friday, April 12, Graveside at Forest Lawn Cypress, with Reception following at Bethany Reformed Church.

Our Christian sympathy to family and friends on the passing of Alice Finkelstein on Friday, March 15th, at the age of 72. Services will take place at 11am, Saturday, April 13, at Emmanuel Reformed Church.

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.

Our Christian sympathy to Arturo & Alexis Maldonado, on the passing of Alexis's father-in-law, Juan Mendoza, on Saturday, March 30th, after battling cancer. Please also pray for her mother, Rosario Bastida, her brother Bryan, and the whole Mendoza family.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to our 90+ year old Emmanuelites this month. Birthdays cards are welcome!!
Joe Weatherstone, 90 on 4/07

Our Christian sympathy to David & Ruth Hamel & family on the passing of their niece, Kara Wassenaar, on Saturday, March 23rd.

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

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ERC's Hub!

Additional Giving Opportunities
Vision Fund April 21

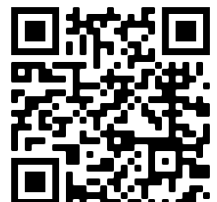
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Weekly Offering

YTD Total: \$917,522.18
YTD Budget: \$821,541.00

Last Week's Offering: \$50,999.64
2024 Weekly Budget: \$63,195.50



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WANT TO CHANGE? HERE'S HOW ...



What is sin?

- Started in heaven with pride and rebellion → God cast out Satan and 1/3 of the angels
- Humanity's first sin was the twisting of God's words, not trusting God and believing they were better off without him (Genesis 3)
- Sin is inherited and part of our nature (Romans 5:12)
- Why do we sin? We sin because we want to

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:43-45

- The Bible teaches us that we need a new heart and that God offers this to those who repent and believe (Deut. 30:6; Ps. 51:10; Jer. 24:7, 31:33; Ezek. 11:19-20, 36:26; Rom. 2:29)
- The Bible also shows us that when we will ourselves to behave and do the right thing but don't really mean it is not true obedience (Ps. 51:17; Is. 29:13; Matt. 15:8, 23:27)
- You cannot just unplug your affections and desires. They must be rewired and reordered. Example of a hardwired want in the human heart

Hardwired Want	Purpose for the Want
Purpose	Reveals a greater reason for your life, God's glory

Versus

Sin	Hardwired Want	Purpose for the Want	Unbelief
Overwork	Purpose	Reveals a greater reason for your life	I make my own meaning

- This is where people would say we need self-control but before you do anything you need to sit with God and get to the heart of the problem
 - Fighting off the ants story
 - There is a command to deny, put off and put to death old sinful ways (Matt. 16:24; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:5)

We need God to realign and repurpose the hardwired desires that are inside of us:

- When we try to distract ourselves from our wants and desires it is like trying to submerge a beach ball under the water. In time, the ball is going to pop back up. Instead of trying to just suppress these desires and wants, submit them to the Lord and ask him to reorder the affections of your heart. This begins by re-evangelizing yourself.
 - Retell and rehearse the story of salvation. Speak God's word and God's truth over and over and over yourself. (Exodus 20:2; John 17:17)

Time of Reflection - "What is the Gospel"

God... is **Holy**. Exodus 34:6-7

Man... is a **Sinner**. Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10

Christ... is the **SAVIOR**. John 3:16, Romans 6:23

Response... **Repent and Believe**. Mark 1:15. Acts 20:21