

Emmanuel's Good News



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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vision: A Thriving, Joyful, and Prayerful church that changes lives.

Mission Statement: To live faithfully, to witness boldly, serve joyfully for healing and justice in the world.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Dawn Wilder, Pastor
Tracey Poteet, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Ramming, Organist
All members, Ministers

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Member	Office	Term	Team Liaison
Erin McGee	President	2020	Fundraising/Mutual Ministry/Property
Katie Mettler	Vice Pres.	2022	Fellowship
Tina Gerber	Treasurer	2021	Audit and Finance/Worship and Music
Julie Sweet	Secretary	2020	Memorials
Bob Coons		2022	Outreach
Miriam Gaenicke		2021	Pastoral Care
Barbara Long		2021	Stewardship
Elise Sotello		2021	Archives

Pastor's Paragraphs



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

Dear Emmanuel,

It is hard to believe it is May. Now that we have gone through the Lentiest Lent we have ever lented, sheltered in place through Easter (not unlike the first disciples), the question on my mind, and perhaps yours, is: 'When can we be together again?' Trust me, I wish I knew. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that "there is a time and a place for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens."

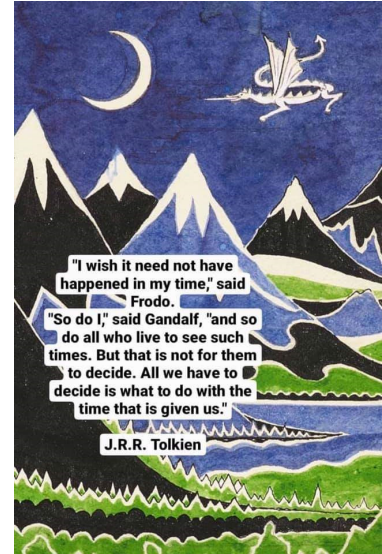
It seems the season we are in is unique. For the church, it is the season of Easter, a time of resurrection, and yet I find myself drawn more and more to images of Advent, that time of waiting and watching for new life to begin. Spring is here, and yet as a society, we are waiting to be sprung from our relative confinements. In this unique season, we are all dealing with dramatically-altered routines, work and family dynamics, financial concerns and more. Still, through it all, we are seeing amazing creativity and generosity from people trying to pull together, even as we remain physically separated.

As J.R.R. Tolkien reflected, we don't get to choose the season we are in, we merely get to respond to the one we find ourselves in. To this end, I am grateful for the many ways our congregation has stepped up and is choosing to navigate the current crisis with flexibility, grace and love. The question is: How do we continue to exhibit these qualities as we weather the next few seasons of doing ministry in the context of Covid-19?

Much of the next phase of our response is uncertain. For example, with the current Stay-at-Home order, we have ceased all in-person worship and gatherings. As California looks toward easing restrictions, what will we, as a congregation, need for our gatherings to feel safe? In the meantime, how do we create more opportunities for our congregation and community to feel more connected? I look forward to exploring what is next for us. To that end, I am inviting all of you to Coffee with the Pastor. This is a Zoom meeting every Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8228317788> and the Meeting ID: 822 831 7788. There will be more information on our website.

I look forward to this next season with you all.

Grace and peace,



THE *GATE*? WILL
PEOPLE REALLY
UNDERSTAND ALL
THESE *SHEPHERDING*
METAPHORS?



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THE "GATE" IS THE
DOORWAY TO ALL THAT
IS NEEDED FOR THE
ABUNDANT LIFE!



SO, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO COUNTS
THE PEOPLE *ENTERING* AND *LEAVING*
THE GROCERY STORE!



JOHN 10:1-10

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Do You Know How Well Our Church is Doing??

Since the newsletter is printed before the end of the month, the information below is how well we did financially during the month of March.

Offerings Pledged for March 2020	Pledged Offerings Received for March 2020	Total Income Received March 2020	Expenses for March 2020	Ahead/Behind +/-
\$9,086.08	\$9,422.72	\$13,253.90	\$10,479.64	\$2,774.26

*Emmanuel's Net Income from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020: \$3,021.08



Those in need of strength and healing: Dennis, Gay, Vivien, Janet, Bill, Gale, Florence, Lucy and the Waters Family, Amy, Ernie, Scott and Kate Lindberg, Rich.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8228317788](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8228317788)
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17	18	19	20
24	25  <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27
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9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

After hours emergency phone number:
 (661) 323-3370

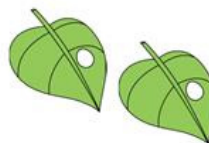
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	7  <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8	9
	14	15	16
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	28	29	30



SPRING



1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.



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Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May

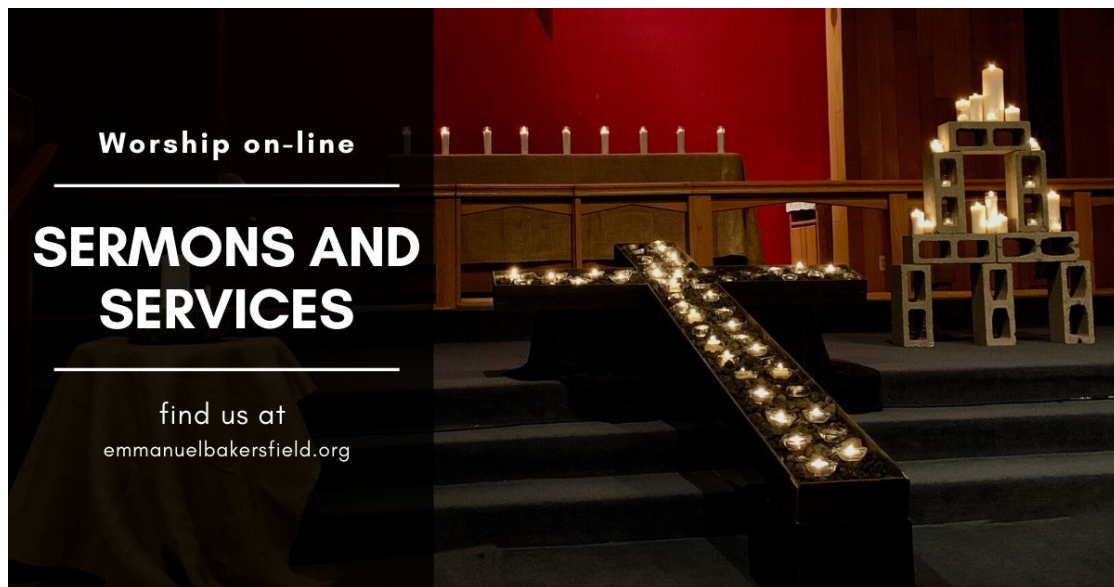


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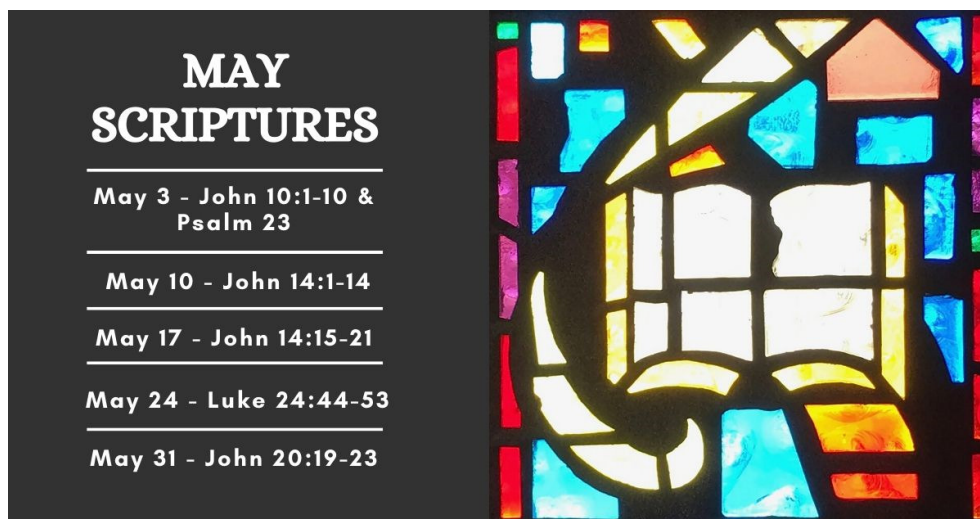




Worship on-line

SERMONS AND SERVICES

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MAY SCRIPTURES

May 3 - John 10:1-10 &
Psalm 23

May 10 - John 14:1-14

May 17 - John 14:15-21

May 24 - Luke 24:44-53

May 31 - John 20:19-23

Word in Season

We have the April-May-June edition of the Word in Season daily devotionals. If you would like one mailed to you, please let Tracey know. You can email her or give her a call during church business hours and she will get one sent out to you.

Happy Birthday

Dodie Mosby	05/13
Larry Poteet	05/15
Cory Deckard	05/16
Elise Sotello	05/17
Shannon Gratt	05/23
Barbara Long	05/27
Abbey Abarquez	05/30
Tracey Poteet	05/30

Happy Baptism

Pattie Beck	05/11
Erin McGee	05/13
Marvin Stone	05/13
Abby Abarquez	05/17
Dustin Marquez	05/17
Laurie McGee	05/17
Ryan Opie	05/29

Happy Anniversary

Pr. Dawn & Cindy Wilder	05/04
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