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Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m.

With God All Things Are Possible

We are a little over half-way through Year C of our lectionary calendar and 5 months away from Advent and the new church year. We've been in the Gospel of Luke since the last Sunday of November 2021 with smatterings of readings from the other gospels as dictated by the Revised Common Lectionary. I've been spending time on vacation rereading the story of Jesus from Luke's perspective.

The Angel Gabriel tells Mary, when she questions how in the world she can carry a child when she is a virgin, that she will be visited by the Holy Spirit, "For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (Lk 1:37-38)

I ask myself, am I willing to say to God, as Mary does, "Thy will, not mine be done?" Am I willing to trust that with God "nothing will be impossible?" As God's creation we are the embodiment of God's divine love in the world and that divine love resides in all of us.

The work we do in the world, the love we embody and extend to others is the love of God that will change the world. Are we willing to do what it takes to live out the kind of trust, faith, hope and love Mary demonstrates?

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Are we willing to let go of our will and live in alignment with God's will for us? Are we willing to live lives of love believing that with God a world full of love and peace is possible. I am. Are you?

Peace, Rev. Holly

Gospel Readings for August

<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Description</i>
7	Luke 12:32-40	Jesus talks to his disciples
14	Luke 12: 49-56	Jesus talks about what he brings
21	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus angers the leader of a synagogue
28	Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Who will be exalted, who will be humbled

This Month's Happenings

Mondays at 7 pm	Evening Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturdays at 9 am	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, August 4 at 7 pm	Taizé Service

Senior Warden's Corner

by Marian Corral

After watching a sermon given by presiding Bishop Michael Curry at Revival 2022, his message was loud and clear. The world needs a revival. Today more than ever people everywhere need hope and healing through a revival. Many are hurting and need a reawakening, a restoration of life, as Bishop Curry says we need a revolution of love. For our community, our church, and, most of all for ourselves. The world is full of tragedy and injustice but there are also many who are hurting and suffering right here in our local community with, homelessness and food insecurity. Reviving our outreach ministry will allow us to come together and work together. Doing our part in the revival of the world.

Healing and hope come through a revival. And revival begins within your heart.

What differences divide and separate us, pains and hurts of the past, we need to get over. Accept our differences to heal those hurts. It's time for renewal. We need to be loving examples of the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God.

By going out and spreading the word of God's love and spreading the word that all are welcome here at Emmanuel, we can plant that mustard seed, that by the grace of God will grow.

Ask God to fill your heart with love and grace to share your faith.

Lets revive Emmanuel!

Blessings to all,

Marian Corral
Senior warden

From Your Treasurer

by Kimberly Nordstrom

Kimberly is on vacation and will be back in September.

The SoCal Growing Connection

by Lorra Dickinson

Emmanuel Community Demonstration Garden and Vineyard – remember this name.

Thanks to all of you who have told me that you are enjoying the story of how our Community Garden came into being. It has been a labor of love by many people from the very beginning. We had people signing up for beds immediately, others followed in the next few months. I love the fact that Warren and Doris Knape were the first to sign up. They were faithful gardeners until they just couldn't do it any longer. For several years Gordon and I planted a garden for them.

Another faithful gardener was my son, Bill, until he got a house with a lot of room for a garden of his of his own. He had 3 of the large beds and planted just about everything but eggplant. (I was a very proud of him.) Now he plants mostly tomatoes and hot peppers. This is what I wanted from the garden – the Demonstration part of our name. I wanted more people to love gardening and be out in the garden.



Elizabeth Oates has been our most faithful gardener. She has always been there year after year. At one time we had over 50 gardeners. Some of them moved out of the area, some passed, and a few lost interest. I think I can safely say that there is a soft spot in all their hearts for our garden.

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In one of my previous articles, I briefly mentioned that we have had challenges along the way. Here are some of them:

Gophers – This has probably been the biggest challenge of all. I had never dealt with gophers before and had no idea what a problem they would be. We knew they were in the garden because when we were grading you could see them running for cover. I was naïve! These little guys could eat all the roots off a 15-gallon avocado tree in just a few days. The tree looked wilted, needing water. I gave it some water and the next day it looked worse. I walked over and touched it, and it fell over, all of its lower roots were gone. I could go on the about the gophers for some time!

I tried to use this as a teaching moment. We had invaded their home, they were here first. Everyone, human or animal, has a right to live. But our gardeners were not buying it. In the end we hired a pest control company. We still have gophers but nothing like they were in the early years.

Water – We had installed this wonderful drip irrigation systems with timers to each bed. It worked beautifully most of the time. However, some of the PVC pipe joints had not been glued together properly. Every time we had to dig up a leak, we had to turn the water off to a part of the church. It was not long before we dug up the main line coming from the church and installed a shutoff valve to the garden.

Stealing – I hate using that word but there is really no other word for it. From the very beginning gardeners were reporting that their vegetables were disappearing. I wasn't too concerned, and I could not believe this was happening in our neighborhood. But after we caught 2 people with bags of picked veggies, I was a believer. The most recent incident happened last month. Lynette and Dave arrived at the garden on a Saturday morning intending to pick nectarines from the tree they had planted and found none, not a single one.

There were other lesser issues – the invasion of the earwigs; oats coming up everywhere; the broken main water line and the mess it made in the lower garden; the thirsty animals chewing our drip lines and being called about the fountains that caused.

Next month: the Vineyard!

Emmanuel Calendar for August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 - 8:30pm Evening Bible Study	2 10:00am Women's Bible Study	3 7:00pm Taizé Service	4 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	5 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	6 9:00 - 10:00am Men's Bible Study
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