

# The Good News

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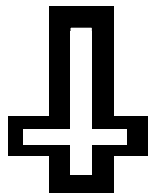


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**DATED MATERIAL**  
Please Deliver by 2nd or  
3rd of the month.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10:00 AM  
11:00 AM  
**PASTOR:**  
Dennis Laherty  
Jonine Soders  
**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:**  
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.  
**E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org**  
**Website: www.elch.org**



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**  
Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316  
150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631  
**Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**



Pretty much every month there comes a time when our secretary, Lilly, says to me, “I need your newsletter article.” I know when she says it that it’s already late but she’s still hoping she sees it. This morning was that time. When she asked for my article there was someone else in the office who, thinking of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration coming up, said “you can write about a patriot.” My sarcastic response was, “define patriot.” It is a word that gets thrown around these days and is hard to pinpoint for an accurate meaning.

As the day progressed I thought of a conversation I had earlier in the week. Kathy Ferkin is Sterling and Cleola Ditchey’s daughter. She and her husband George have stayed in contact with a few people at Emanuel. Phyllis and I are two of those people. During lunch, Kathy mentioned that as she was going through boxes of items that Sterling and Cleola had saved over the years, she found a particular treasure in one of the boxes. They were numerous, if not all, the letters that Sterling had sent to his mother while he was serving in the Army Air Corps in Europe during WW II. Kathy read excerpts from a couple of those letters. Sterling described how he would go on bombing runs over Italy and safely return to his base. In a couple of the letters, he describes the new experience of dealing with flak, anti-aircraft explosions near his plane. He had not experienced this when he first flew on earlier missions so you could tell by his writing that he seemed much more fascinated by the phenomena than scared by the reality and danger of the situation. I could imagine Sterling’s fascination and at the same time appreciate his mother’s fear reading his account. My take on it was that if he knew how the news would scare her, if it did, he probably wouldn’t have included that news in his letter.

The letters are historical writings including one in particular. That letter is dated June 7, 1944. All that Sterling says is, “we’re hearing about something significant happening on the French coast. I’m sure we’ll hear more in the near future.” That was the extent of his knowledge of D-Day on June 7.

Sterling and I had numerous conversations about his experience flying in a B-25 bomber during the war. I have no doubt that those experiences were influential in making him the highly committed and greatly thankful servant of the Lord that we knew him to be.

I realize that in this writing I still haven’t defined the word Patriot. But then I do believe when you meet one, you’ll know it.

*Pastor Dennis Laherty*



HAHO UPDATE

## HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!

*"Feed My Sheep" – John 21*

### HAHO UPDATE

#### HAHO OUTREACH CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER

As we continually endeavor to reach the organizations most effective and needy in our community, our focus will continue through the summer on helping Caring Ministries and St. Jude's Closet.

As a reminder, please remember to pick up condiments, beans, rice, canned meats, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables or pasta the next time you are grocery shopping. Even one item added to the basket from each family on a regular basis will help immensely! Please consider helping your needy neighbors.

We will also continue collecting new socks and size large and extra large underwear for homeless men and women. We have a great deal of faith in the way St. Jude Closet helps the homeless and will continue in this collection throughout the summer.

We thank you in advance for choosing to help our needy neighbors.



**Food Donations**



**Donations for the  
Homeless**



Thank you to all those who planned, worked on, and prepared the food for the Good Bye event for Nick, Amy, and Ben...Robyn & John Ospital, Susan & Bob Fallon, Connie Bogosian, VJ Roberts, Janine Ward, Mary Ann Carlson, Ricki Fehr, Sharon Frazier and Jeanette Parr...it was lovely.

Thank you to Susan Wright, Denise Whitcher and the Sunday School children's choir for the beautiful music in worship.

Thank you to Bob Wright and AA for procuring the new ceiling tiles for Moerer Hall and Hope Center and arranging for their installation.

Thank you to Jonine Soddors who watches our facility at all times, makes repairs herself, and lets us know what/how needs care...far beyond her Pre-School Director duties.

Thank you to Mary Ann Carlson and her weekly children's messages, which are learning opportunities for the adults as well.

Thank you to Marsha Maynard who has donated music supplies and instruments for the children's music program.

Thank you to those members who provide the "goodies" for after-worship fellowship each week.

Thank you to Jack Ward and Geoff Roberts for their unfailing patience and good work on the sound and visual systems.

Thank you to Bob Fallon and John Ospital who "police" the grounds before worship to make it a clean and inviting facility.

Thank you to those who count offering each week and those who diligently post offering and attendance statistics – Carol Crabb, Janine Ward, Ricki Fehr, Steve White, Nancy White, Darrell Moyer, Jerry Schnakenberg, and Jeanette Parr.

Thank you to all those who worship together and give of their time and offerings of money and goods every week to make Emanuel warm, welcoming, and a beacon in our community, and provide family for those people who need it.

Thank you to the prayer team who work night and day, 7 days a week, sharing needs and praying for our friends, family, community, church and the world.

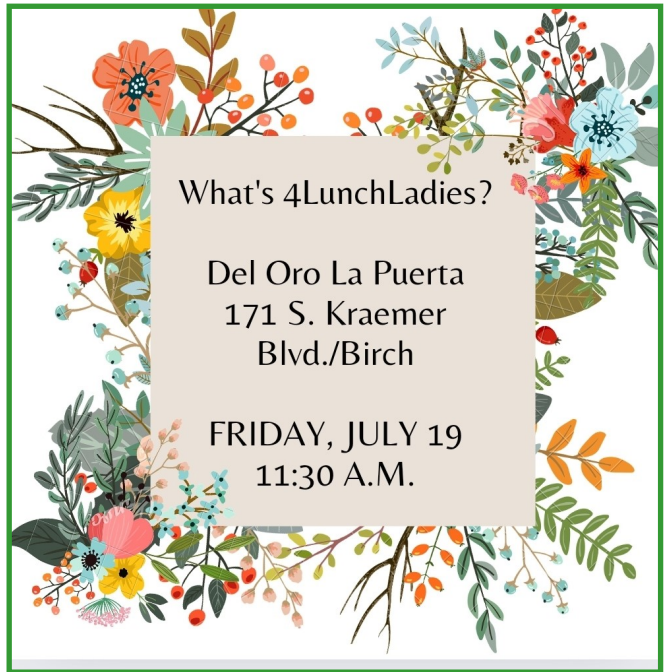
Thank you to Carl Pulley and Kevin Garcia for encouraging our new Men's Ministry.





### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

**JULY 6, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.**  
**ARTHUR'S COFFEE**  
**SHOP**



### What's 4LunchLadies?

**Del Oro La Puerta**  
**171 S. Kraemer**  
**Blvd./Birch**

**FRIDAY, JULY 19**  
**11:30 A.M.**



### Book Club's New Choice!

The Watchmaker's Daughter is one of the greatest stories of World War II that readers haven't heard: the remarkable and inspiring life story of Corrie ten Boom—a groundbreaking, female Dutch watchmaker, whose family unselfishly transformed their house into a hiding place straight out of a spy novel to shelter Jews and refugees from the Nazis during Gestapo raids. Even though the Nazis knew what the ten Booms were up to, they were never able to find those sheltered within the house when they raided it.

Corrie stopped at nothing to face down the evils of her time and overcame unbelievable obstacles and odds. She persevered despite the loss of most of her family and relied on her faith to survive the horrors of a notorious concentration camp. But even more remarkable than her heroism and survival was Corrie's attitude when she was released. Miraculously, she was able to eschew bitterness and embrace forgiveness as she ministered to people in need around the globe. Corrie's ability to forgive is just one of the myriad lessons that her life story holds for readers today.

~ SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS ~			
July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Ezek 2:1-5	Amos 7:7-15	Jer 23:1-6	2 Kings 4:42-44
Ps 123	Ps 85:8-13	Ps 23	Ps 145:10-18
2 Cor 12:2-10	Eph 1:3-14	Eph 2:11-22	Eph 3:14-21
Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34,53-56	John 6:1-21



## From the Board of Parish Education July 2024

Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall at 10 am. Visitors are always welcome!

**Kids Summer Music:** Susan Wright and Denise Whitcher began the Kids Summer Music program on June 2. After the Sunday 10:00 service the youth go to the Hall for refreshments and then back to the sanctuary for music. They have learned the difference between beat and rhythm. They also learned about whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and the rest symbols. “Father, I Adore You” was sang on June 16. See the picture below. The final class will be August 25 where the kids will share all the songs they have learned in the Hall with a Potluck and Talent Show. Be sure to join us then.

**Offering:** Our Summer focus will be to help our neighbors by donating food for hungry people who are in our communities! Donations will be delivered to the Food Bank at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton. Students can bring pasta, tuna, chicken, peanut butter, rice, or money which will be used to buy these items. Let’s surprise everyone with how much the kids can do to help the people who are struggling and will benefit from this service!

## Compassion Day Camp---Vacation Bible School- Saturday, August 3- 9AM- 1:30PM

This summer we will have our 3rd annual **One Day Saturday Day Camp!**

Theme is “**Compassion Camp: Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You.**” Through the story of the Good Samaritan the youth will discover that we can show lovingkindness by crossing barriers and discovering who is my neighbor. Showing compassion to anyone who needs it is being a neighbor.

We encourage people to volunteer to help on this special day. We need help with food, snacks, leading crafts, games, and activities. What Fun!

**Please invite friends and family to join us for “Compassion Camp” August 3.**

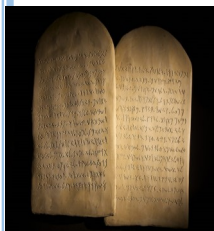
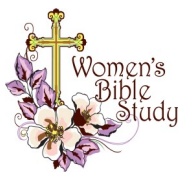
Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and adults.

Parish Ed Team





### JOY CIRCLE JULY 15, 2024



Hello Emanuel ladies! May you be enjoying your summer. We encourage you to join us, if only one time this summer. We understand that you may need to miss on occasion or you work and cannot attend regularly. For this reason each month is a separate study and easily stands alone. Our current series is entitled "After Certainty" and in July the focus will be on Community. There is always a lesson provided and it is a comfortable and friendly time to listen to everyone's ideas who chooses to share. Please give it a try. Snacks are provided by our participants each month and it is a special opportunity to look at different aspects of our faith.

Praying we will have many more join us in 2024! Call JoEllen Dobson or Janine Ward with questions.

**We will meet in the Church office library this month!**

### YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

#### EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!! Below are 4 ways to give:

- Entryway offering plate
- "Giving" link online at [www.elclh.org](http://www.elclh.org)
- Mail to the Church Office
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- Checks must be made payable to **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (full name written out)
- Checks are to be written using **blue or black ink only** (other colors not acceptable)
- Make sure the **number in the amount is the same as the amount written in words** (\$100.00 = one-hundred and no/100 dollars)

#### TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO

**You Tube**



- Emanuel's website: <http://elclh.org>

• YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA>

- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>

**Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook.  
Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram**



## Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is  
now Enrolling students!



- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are state licensed, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an atmosphere of love and acceptance in which all children are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.
- Our teachers are dedicated to support and inspire your child's progress.
- Daily activities include motor development, social skills, and language skills to benefit your child at their appropriate level.

If you or someone you know is looking for child care reach out to preschool director Jonine Soddors (562)694-5316 or email [EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com](mailto:EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com)



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Location: Moerer Hall  
150 N. Palm Street  
La Habra, CA 90631

**Monday, July 15, 2024**  
**12:00 noon to 6:00**

**PICTURE ID REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION AND DURING HEALTH EXAM.**  
Please schedule an appointment online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **EMANUELLC** or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



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## ~ PRAYER ~

**GOD'S WORD TELLS US IT IS THE  
MOST POWERFUL FORCE GOD HAS  
ENTRUSTED TO US!**

*Have a prayer request for  
yourself or others?*

Call or email the church office and  
we will share it with the Prayer Team.

*Want to make time to pray  
with others?*

Consider joining the Prayer Group in  
person in the Youth Room or via Zoom  
8:30-9:30 AM Saturday mornings.

*Want to be part of the Prayer Team?*  
Contact the church office.





**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2024 COMPASSION DAY CAMP  
9 am to 1:30 pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631  
email: churchinfo@elclh.org phone (562)691-0656

***"Compassion Camp—CHANGING THE WORLD  
WITH LOVINGKINDNESS BY BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN"***

**Saturday, Aug. 3      9 am-1:30 pm (includes lunch)  
Sunday, Aug. 4      10 am Worship with singing performance  
by compassion camp kids**

Children      Ages 3 (potty-trained) through those entering 6th grade  
Youth & Adults      Those entering 7th grade and up are welcome to volunteer

**Join us for Compassion Camp  
Changing the World with Lovingkindness by being a Good Samaritan**

**Please pre-register by Monday July 29, 2024**

**COST IS \$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 PER FAMILY AND A PAIR OF NEW ADULT SOCKS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP      Yes / No**

**LOVINGKINDNESS**

NAME OF CHILD	AGE	GRADE ENTERING	Allergies

***EMERGENCY INFORMATION***

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Emergency Contact to Child \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency and we **cannot** reach you or an Emergency Contact person, does Emanuel Lutheran Church have your permission to make medical decisions for the above listed minor(s) until we are able to reach the parent or emergency contact person?

Yes /No (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian signature)



## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 AM - 1:30 PM SATURDAY, August 3  
**"Compassion Camp—CHANGING THE WORLD  
WITH LOVINGKINDNESS BY BEING A GOOD  
SAMARITAN"**

Compassion Camp is where kids (3 years and potty trained through entering 6th grade) explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. The Compassion Camp components bring the themes of compassion to life in unique and engaging ways for each participant as they explore how these themes relate to each session's scripture.

All entering 7th grade through adult are encouraged to volunteer with snacks, crafts, teaching a lesson, helping run games, or set-up/clean-up. Earn community service credit hours!

**If you are interested in being a volunteer helper, please fill out and return this form to  
Emanuel Lutheran Church 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631  
Email: [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) phone: (562) 691-0656**

Contact the church office for more information. God Bless!

### VBS Volunteer Sign Up Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. High / High School / Adult (circle one)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication: call / text / email (circle preference)

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer interest(s):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group Leader/Assistant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food ServersAssistant Chef
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate Food (head chef will contact you in July with food needs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Helper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music and Opening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Games & Recreation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wherever I am needed

**LOVINGKINDNESS**

**Must be signed by parent/guardian for Volunteers under 18:**

In case of an emergency, and we **cannot** reach you or an Emergency Contact person, does Emanuel Lutheran Church have your permission to make medical decisions for the above listed minor(s) until we are able to reach the parent or emergency contact person?

Yes /No (circle) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER JULY 2024

\*\*\* Save this for reference throughout the month. \*\*\*

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

### Special Prayer Focus for This Month

- ~ Lord God, Creator of all things. Thank You for this new month that You have given me...a new month in which to start fresh. Thank You, that You have the ability – and the desire – to wipe my slate clean. Thank You that forgiveness is there for the asking and You are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Your Word says, "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new."
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

### Continuing Prayers

- |                             |                      |                   |               |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| ~ Ruth Fehr                 | ~ V.J. Roberts       | ~ Stephanie Young | ~ Jean Cugini |
| ~ Sharon Frazier            | ~ Dan Toussaint      | ~ Shelley Reesman |               |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte       |               |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler  |               |

### Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista                | ~ Jean Arata                  |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie's Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court |

### Friends and Family to Remember

- |                                     |   |
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| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni grandson) |
| ~ Jesse Valdez                      | ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family    |
| ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family         | ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family         |

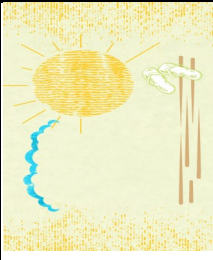
### Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ For all God's blessings, those we see and so many big and small ways God provides for our needs, often before we even know our need
- ~ Thank You, God, for those who are here to share these blessings this month, for the generosity of our hosts that make this possible. Bless those who are here and those who are in our hearts, and all those who are not as fortunate.

*If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel's list, please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656.*

*Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed from the list, or you may remove a name at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you.*



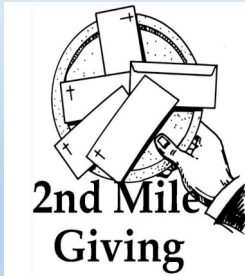
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<div>Emanuel Lutheran Church: 150 N. Palm Street, La Habra, CA 90631 • Phone 562-691-0656, <a href="http://www.elch.org">www.elch.org</a> • Preschool: 562-694-5316 Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @ 7:30 pm &amp; Friday @ 8pm Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom</div>																																																																																																



## The 2nd Mile Giving

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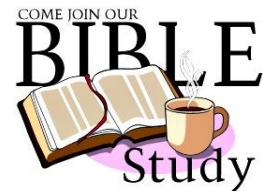
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### BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY \*\*NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!\*

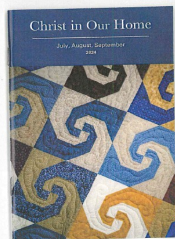
We are reading the book of 2 Timothy. The book has not been discussed by the Wednesday group for 10 years. New insights will certainly be shared and welcomed. Come and join us in the Emanuel library 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Call or email the church office at [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.



### CHRIST IN OUR HOME JULY/AUG/SEP NOW AVAILABLE

This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email [churchinfo@elclh.org](mailto:churchinfo@elclh.org) if you would like a copy mailed to you.



## ? ? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves



Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)

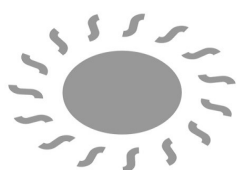
# Kid's Korner



## BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

*Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.*



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How many are your works, LORD!  
In wisdom you made them \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, vast and spacious,  
teeming with \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ beyond number —  
living things both large and small.

*Psalm 104:24-25, NIV*