



# The Star

April 15, 2018 – April 21, 2018



## Sunday Prayers:

Stephanie Fuss Jensen, Trudie Treymiller, Marci Nichols, Doug Gillespie, William Perez (José's uncle), Mary Lynne Solomon, Karen Kober and David Cole, Jr. (Lea Smith's nephew).

## Continuing Prayers:

Frank Hudson, Dick Scherer, Ruby Johnson, George Stine, Dwayne Russell, Ruth Martin, Marianne Sander, Jim McLaughlin, Margaret Bachman, Diane Fink, Roy Wolff, Kay Supenski, Joanne Zahn, Irene Fox, Carol Goodin and Sonia Santos.

## SERVICES AT

### PEBBLEBROOKE CENTER

11:00 AM SUNDAY - BILINGUAL SERVICE

15205 Collier Blvd, Suite 201 & 202  
Naples, FL 34119

**There will be Bible Study on Thursday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.**

Readings for Sunday, April 15



Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18  
Color: **WHITE**



## OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FLOWERS

If you would like to give flowers for our weekly worship services in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone, please call Jennifer or Gina in the office (261-0894).

April 22, 29; May 27; June 3, 17, 24

## Join our Weekly Activities -

**Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th weeks only)**

**Paper Beading** - Bible Study Room  
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

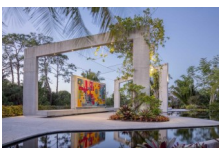
**Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Mahjong** - Chapel  
call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

**Fridays 1:00 p.m.**

**Bridge** - Bible Study Room  
call Don Brown at 239-435-0043

## Women with Women



The next group activity will take place on April 18th. The group will attend the Botanical Gardens. In addition to all their beautiful flowers they will have their Dinosaur Exhibit.

If you want to carpool meet at the church at 10:00 am. Or you can meet at the Botanical Garden at 10:30 am.



## A Note of Thanks

“For everything there is a season,” and with that I end a thirteen year journey which has been among the most memorable and wonderful periods of my life. To say it will be easy to step down as Emmanuel's Choir Director is far from the truth.

Our choir family has experienced peaks and valleys too numerous to list in this short writing. All the annual concerts and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are examples of the exciting times, and losing many of our members to that great choir of angels constitute more solemn memories.

And of course having the privilege of our worship involvement with this wonderful congregation has been paramount. I thank you all for the support and encouragement that I (and we) have received over the years. Plus Pastor Steve has continually paved the way for me to be as creative as I needed and wanted to be.

None of this would have turned out the way it did had it not been for Joyce Finlay who generated the organ and piano accompaniments that so enhanced the choir. And of course, Sharon, my wife and partner through thick and thin, has always been by my side.

Doug Denisen

**Sunday Classes:** The 4-week class on **Faith, Vocation and Economics** will start again on today (April 15th) at both 8:30 and 10:00am. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Each one lasts 50 minutes. Topics include:

**Economics:** What is the big picture of God's activities in the world?

**Faith:** How does our catechism provide eight tools of faith for connecting Sunday with Monday?

**Vocation:** Is my work - at home or employment - a job, career or calling? What does the Bible say?

**Church:** How does Communion/Eucharist model our economic service in the world?

Have questions? Write, call or talk to Pastor Rick Bliese.

(RickBliese@gmail.com) Sign up after services. Classes will be kept small to encourage conversation. **All are welcome!**

**Everybody should give themselves a round of applause!** We are just shy of reaching our goal of \$1.8 MN for 2018 by \$10,000. A heartfelt thank you for everyone's support to do God's work. We all have another goal that we should all try to attain and that is to have everybody pledge. Many people give but do not complete a pledge card. The church has a budget and is run very similar to a household budget. When you pledge you are taking ownership of the church. Please consider pledging instead of giving.

## WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE

We have been so richly blessed to have the talents of our wonderful Choir Director, Doug Denisen, for over a decade. Not only was Doug a fabulous director, but he is a published composer as well. Doug and Sharon will be spending more time at their home in Pennsylvania, and plan on doing some travel in the future. Doug, it has been a fantastic journey—may God continue to inspire you as you begin this new phase of your life.

As many of you know, our Good Samaritan Fund assists in helping people in need whether they are members, friends or acquaintances. The fund is running low and if anyone has a desire to give toward that fund, please make your checks out to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and put Good Samaritan Fund in the memo line.

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Many thanks to our wonderful flutist, Sharon Denisen, for playing at all three sanctuary services today. As you know, Sharon is the gifted wife of our Choir Director, Doug Denisen, who is retiring today after over 13 years of loving service to our amazing choir. (Please see above article). Sharon, we are looking forward to having you sharing your musical talents with us in the future.



# SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY

As a reminder, Emmanuel is still striving to fund the materials for our **50<sup>th</sup> Habitat home!** If we can do it, we will reach an unprecedented landmark here in Collier County! **To do so, we need a total of \$50,000.**

**A generous member of Emmanuel has offered to match, dollar-for-dollar, all donations toward this cause up to a total of \$50,000!**

It's easy to make gifts of stock or, if you're 70-1/2 or older, *tax-free* from your IRA. If you're interested in making an IRA contribution or gift of stock, please contact Jenn Pash at 239-775-0036 or [jpash@habitatcollier.org](mailto:jpash@habitatcollier.org) to make arrangements and ensure your gift is counted towards Emmanuel's 50<sup>th</sup>.

Or mail your check to Emmanuel or use the envelope in your pew. **Make your check payable to Emmanuel, and indicate Habitat.** Or you can donate directly to Habitat by check or credit card.... and be sure to mention Emmanuel!

## Serving Others Ministry Team: Looking for New Members!



Are you interested in learning about our team? Would you like to explore how you could be involved with Emmanuel Lutheran Church and support our faith based Ministry Partners at the same time? If so, contact Mark Fiebrink, the Serving Others Ministry Team Leader. His email address is [mfiebrink@gmail.com](mailto:mfiebrink@gmail.com). His cell phone number is (276) - 791-2647.

## Design Charrettes for Emmanuel Park

We invite you to join us for an interactive discussion on designing our next phases of Emmanuel Park.

The Charrette will take place in the Family Life Center at Emmanuel on the following dates:

**Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:00, Objective:** Understand current and projected area demographics and area planned facilities and services.

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00-5:00, Objective:** Understand the service capabilities and facility needs.

**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-5:00, Objective:** Vision and reflection.

For additional questions or to RSVP please contact Dee Schleutker: [dee@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesemmanuel.org)



## What Does God's Economy Look Like?

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am - 4:00 pm

Join us for a one-day Bible Study retreat that helps participants see new ways to connect faith and economy, finance, and justice in their local communities. The Bible Study ends in action, with the group choosing to make a small loan to a small business in their community in support of a mission concern of the group.

This Bible Study will be led by Dr. Rick Bliese; Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon; Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon.

To sign up for this retreat or for more information please contact, Dee Schleutker, [dee@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesemmanuel.org).

# Children & Youth Ministry



## Calling all children and youth...

Christian faith formation classes for children and youth are as followed:

- ⇒ K - 5th grades will meet upstairs in the Children's Ministry classroom
- ⇒ 6th - 12th grades will meet upstairs in the Oasis

Classes are from **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. This educational hour follows the Alive contemporary service and takes place during the 11:00 AM traditional worship service. Any questions, please contact Jim Cooper. Email: [Jim@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:Jim@naplesemmanuel.org). Also, **we need loving volunteers and parents to help with these programs. Please consider joining the team.**



## Save the Date - Bible Camp for grades K-5th

**June 4 - 8 from 9 am to 3 pm**

If you are interested, call Jim at 239-261-0894.

*Our theme for the week: Ephesians 2:8*

## Family Literacy Day at Grace Place

Last Saturday our youth who are going to the Youth Gathering this summer in Houston Texas, pitched in to help out at Grace Place's Annual Family Literacy Day. Our young people took charge at the Sheriff's



Department tent, encouraging home and community safety. We also manned the food and snacks station as well as promoted learning about the country of India. More than 100 children and families were blessed by this meaningful community event. A big thank you goes to all the many volunteers who helped to make this possible.



Join Deacon Jim Cooper for a fun time of golf and fellowship as we help raise funds for our Caloosa Conference Youth. *Funds will help transportation costs to send Caloosa Conference Youth to the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston.*



**Saturday, May 12 at Cypress Woods Golf & Country Club.** 8:30 am scramble format. *\$90 per player.* Call Jim (239-261-0894) for more information.



Come join Resident Pastor Will Kittinger play golf to raise money for the **St. Matthew's Golf-a-thon** on **Friday, May 11 at 7:00 am** at The Club at The Strand. We are looking to form at least two four-somes to represent Emmanuel. Call the church at 239-261-0894 to sign up.

If you don't want to play, you can donate to this cause. Please put your checks or cash in a pew envelope and place in the offering plate. **Remember, a gift is never too small or large, and it goes to feed and house the homeless of our area. We thank you for your help.**

## Our Mission:

*A Christ-centered community where God's Spirit guides our lives as we worship, learn, love, share and serve.*



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Will Kittinger, *Resident Pastor*  
Ian McMichael, *Resident Pastor*

Joyce Finlay, *ELCA Deacon, Music & Worship*  
Carol Hartman, *Parish Nurse*  
Dee Schleutker, *ELCA Deacon, Service & Outreach*  
Vivian Shea, *Business Administrator*



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