

The Star

April 22, 2018 - April 28, 2018



(José's uncle), Mary Lynne Solomon, Karen Kober, David Cole, Jr. (Lea Smith's nephew) and Marsha Thoemke & family upon the passing of her mother.

Continuing Payers: Frank Hudson,
Dick Scherer, Ruby Johnson, George Stine,
Dwayne Russell, Ruth Martin, Marianne
Sander, 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 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Readings for Sunday, April 29



Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8 Color: **WHITE**



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 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



New members and guests

Sunday Classes: The 4-week class on **Faith, Vocation and Economics** has started again 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 million for 2018 by \$8,600. A heartfelt thank you for everyone's support to do God's work. 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.

Long-time Emmanuel member, Margaret Bachman, just donated a beautiful Yamaha baby grand piano to the music room. The piano had belonged to Margaret's husband for many years. Margaret has just moved to Minnesota, and she wanted to donate this beautiful instrument to the church. You need to come and see the beautiful piano bench--on it is a needlepoint Margaret designed--it has



the notes to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"--a song Margaret and her husband loved. Thank you so much, Margaret, for your generous gift. It will be loved and well taken care of!

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*.

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 30th 2:00-5:00, *Objective*: Understand current and projected area demographics and area planned facilities and services.

Tuesday, May 1st 2:00-5:00, Objective: Understand the service capabilities and facility needs.

Wednesday, May 2nd 2:00-5:00, Objective: Vision and reflection.

For additional questions or to RSVP please contact Dee Schleutker: dee@naplesemmanuel.org

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing today at the 9:30 sanctuary service. Many thanks to soloist Pat Day, who will be singing *The Power of Your Love* at both



the 9:30 and 11:00 sanctuary services. Pat is a member of the Emmanuel Choir, and also sings with the renown Apollo Male Chorus in Minneapolis. Thank you to the Choir and to Pat for sharing your musical gifts!

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM

Volunteers Needed For May 4 Adult Education Recognition Night

Grace Place for Children and Families seeks volunteers for its upcoming Adult Education Recognition Night on Friday, May 4th from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. This is a chance to recognize the Adult Education students for all their hard work and their teachers with an ice cream party!

Grace Place needs a group of 6-8 volunteers to help us set-up, serve ice cream and clean up. This is perfect for a small group or youth group service project.

For more information, please call Chrissie Guzman at 239.234.2467 or email chrissie@graceplacenaples.org.

Casseroles for St. Matthew's House

C'mon! You can do it! Can you prepare a casserole? Emmanuel provides casseroles for the emergency feeding mission at St. Matthew's House. All you need to do is: 1.) Pick up an aluminum pan or two at the welcome table outside the narthex after church. 2.) Follow the instructions that come with the pans, and 3.) Bring the casseroles to the welcome table at church. We'll take care of the rest! And, Thank You to everyone who participates in this ministry program!



We met our goal to prepare 50 casseroles for the month of March for the emergency feeding mission at St Matthew's House. We need your help to repeat our goal of 50 for April!

Please put all casseroles for St. Matthew's House in the designated freezer chest located in the kitchen. (It's across from the coffee makers.)

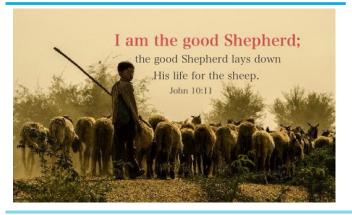


Sunday, May 27

Church Picnic

All come! Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

We need volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and grill. Call the church office at 239-261-0894 to sign-up.







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. 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

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.



Stephen Ministry has welcomed our new class into their supervision groups. We move now into our summer schedule but look forward to the kick-off in the fall with our Pot Luck Supper.

The book we will all read over the summer is "The Centered Life" by Jack Fortin with a forward by Rev. Rick Bliese.



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 foursomes 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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