



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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August 2019 Newsletter



Mooring Line Drive Campus

777 Mooring Line Dr.
Naples, FL 34102
239-261-0894

Sunday Services with Holy Communion

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Alive Contemporary Service

at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center

✠Email: elc@naplesemmanuel.org ✠



Pebblebrooke Campus

15205 Collier Blvd., Suite 201 & 202
Naples, FL 34119
239-213-0535

Sunday Bilingual Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

✠Email: frine@naplesemmanuel.org ✠

Church Office Hours: (Mooring Line Campus)

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Our Mission:

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

Staff and Church Council

Our Staff:

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Church Council:

The Church Council is made up of nine dedicated people who act on behalf of the church membership. According to Emmanuel Lutheran's Constitution, "The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Please do not hesitate to contact a council member if you have any questions or concerns. They are here to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support. If you would like to communicate with the members of the Emmanuel Church Council, you will find their names and e-mail addresses below:

Here is your Council for 2019-2020:

Executive Board:

Michael Puchalla (President) - michael@collierhousing.com
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Carlos Dominguez (Secretary) - joshuaandjacobsmom@yahoo.com

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September Newsletter deadline is August 20th.

Please e-mail Jennifer, jennifer@naples Emmanuel.org, with any information by this date.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: Saturday, September 7th

Join Us For...

God's work.
Our hands.



We invite you to join us for **God's Work Our Hands**

Saturday, September 7th from **8:00 am - Noon @ Emmanuel Community Park.**

We will begin the morning picking up trash along Oil Well road, followed by Park cleanup and projects, ending the morning with a cookout.

More specific details to follow.

For more information or to sign up for the event please contact, Deacon Dee-Anne Schleutker @ dee@naplesemmanuel.org

In *HER* Image: The Women of Genesis

Join us in September for a new Bible Study Class led and written by our own Resident Pastor Karole Langset. **We will meet in the Bible Study room on Thursday from 10:45 to 11:45 AM.** We will begin after the Thursday lectionary Bible Study. **The first class will be on September 5th, 2019.**

Together we will see anew the women in the Book of Genesis who are made in God's image. These women are important to our faith and yet often are overlooked. In these studies, we will examine our own lens that we view scripture. When we read scripture we come with our own views that will impact our interpretation. Our gender, our ethnicity, our life experiences, and our education influence our interpretation. This can be a powerful gift when we are aware of it and dangerous when we are not aware of it. The following Bible studies will engage different interpretations of women in scripture and ask you to voice your own interpretation. "In Her Image" Bible studies are designed to inspire us to open our eyes to relook at women within scripture and to hear their powerful witness of God in their lives.



Coffee, donuts and treats will be provided. Participants of all genders welcomed and appreciated. Come and see why our female faith ancestors are relevant to men and women. **If you're interested in participating, email karole@naplesemmanuel.org. We have an aim of up to 15 people, so let us know if you are coming.**

Bible Studies:

Sep. 5: Seeing Eve (Gen. 1-4.1) - The story of Adam and Eve is one of the most well known Biblical stories. In its familiarity, the image of Eve can often become removed from scriptural basis. This study will derail the assumed narrative that the fall of creation is Eve's fault alone.

Sep. 12: Seeing Sarah and Hagar (Gen. 12,16,18,20,21,22) - The second Bible session focuses on our faith ancestors Sarah and Hagar, and their importance to our faith. We will discern the disturbing power dynamics between the two and how this may relate to our world today.

Sep.19: Seeing Rebekah (Gen. 24-27) - Rebekah is the second matriarchal figure in the ancestral stories. We will explore why Rebekah is often seen as more remarkable and assertive than her spouse Isaac.

Sep.26: Seeing Leah & Rachel (29-31, 35:16-21, 23-26) - Who you calling a cow and who you calling a ewe? Come and find out what that means. Their names may be humorous or strange to us today, but as we read we will witness the real heartbreak of the sister-wives Leah and Rachel.

Oct. 3: Seeing Tamar (Genesis 38:6-30) - If you think soap operas have drama, wait to you read Tamar. The fifth study will show the strength of Tamar fighting for her own security when men fail to live up to their responsibility of care.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 19

Fall Festival at Emmanuel Community Park

Details to Come!



Upcoming Events



Smart Church Management

Many thanks to Myron Johnson as we work to update security plans for our church.

Myron is a part of our Church Security Ministry Team. He has been proactive by visiting local churches as well as getting input from churches outside of Naples who currently have security in place.



We are analyzing potential risks and using what we currently have in place to secure our Church campus. Therefore, starting August 5, 2019, we will have controlled hours of operation. Everyone will use the doorbell to enter the church offices during the week.



As we move through our list of possibilities, we will keep the congregation informed.

Support and understanding are always appreciated.



We will be collecting children's underwear and socks on August 11th & 18th for Catholic Charities. There will be a box in the Narthex and Family Life Center for your donations. This will be a blessing for many students as they go back to school in Collier County.

Our Chapel will be open during work hours if you would like to light a candle or need a few minutes of quiet prayer time.



Emmanuel Park



Greetings,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. As we officially begin the mission development at Emmanuel Community Park, we are writing to request that you prayerfully discern whether God may be calling you to serve as a Launch Team Member of this exciting new ministry.

A Launch Team Member is someone called to serve along side us as we build the ministry of the mission development at Emmanuel Community Park. Launch Team Members will make a commitment to serve the next 9 months as a "member" of the new mission development. As a part of the development, Launch Team members will make the effort to attend meetings, worship services, and various events



leading up to the "grand opening" of our congregation on Easter Sunday, 2020. This responsibility includes a stewardship of your time, talent, and treasure as a "member" of the Emmanuel Park Community (EPC).

Now, what we are not asking you to do is to abandon your membership at Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Emmanuel Community Church! On the contrary, we are asking for your help in developing the next congregation of the Emmanuel Family. That is why this commitment is not open-ended, but until our Easter grand opening.

However, if you do decide after Easter to continue worshipping and giving to EPC, then great! We welcome you with open arms. Just remember that no matter which congregation you call "home," ELC, ECC, or the new EPC, you are a member of Emmanuel.

This is an exciting time for Emmanuel, as we continue to go deep and wide in our faith of Jesus, and follow him in the Way of being better neighbors in our community. We are developing a congregation in one of the fastest growing areas of our nation, and we have the opportunity to show the world what living out the gospel looks like here in Collier County.

Along with the Holy Spirit, we need *your* help in making this ministry a possibility. **Our goal for the months of August and September is to have 25 Launch Team Members.** Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. Might God be sending you to the park? If you believe so, reach out to us at pastorwill@naplesemmanuel.org or dee@naplesemmanuel.org, or give Gina at the church office a call at 239-261-0894 and tell her, "I want to be a Launch Team Member!"

And thanks be to God, for you.

Gratefully,

+ Pastor Will and Deacon Dee

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY

What a year!



We are proud to report a successful year of building homes and hope. Because of you, dozens of families in Collier County were able to build and purchase affordable homes in partnership with Habitat over the last fiscal year. In addition to celebrating families at the beginning of their mortgages, we also celebrated the pay off of more than 50 mortgages with homeowners who have been part of the Habitat family for years. Thank you to each and every person who has offered their assistance, volunteered their time, or made a donation to help people in Naples and Immokalee build and purchase their own homes. Those families now have a solid foundation for the future.

Helped by Habitat, children grow up to become teachers, sports stars, and, yes, rocket scientists! Their families are given a shot at the American dream and allowed to succeed when they had *little hope* of getting ahead. When a family partners with Habitat for Humanity, we all win.

Please join us in with us in offering these hardworking, deserving families a chance for a life-changing opportunity. **100% of your dollars go toward building homes and serving families.** Materials to build one house cost \$50,000. **But this year Emmanuel is off to a slow start - - thus far we have only received sufficient donations to build one home!** Can you help?

Please make a check, large or small, payable to Emmanuel, and indicate Habitat for Humanity. Or call Habitat at 239-775-0036.



Inspired by a Haitian local industry, a group of women at Lord of Life Church in Fairfax, VA, started making paper beads to string into necklaces, bracelets and earrings to sell. Many church groups are now making and selling this beautiful handmade jewelry with the funds

going to VOH. It has been a huge success! Our paper bead group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month to make beads, necklaces, bracelets and earrings. The group sells their creations at least twice a year. The profit of their sales goes to Village of Hope Haiti. To find out more about the group, *see page 15* of the newsletter.

Your donations through Village of Hope Inc. provides funding for The Village of Hope School which has grown from 60 children and 1 building into a campus of 9 buildings on 30 acres, 70 Haitian teachers and staff serving 640 students. Forty new 3 year olds are enrolled each year: 20 girls and 20 boys. Many of them will be educated at VOH for 16 years. National exams are given at grades 6, 9, 12 and 13. The VOH students consistently score higher than the National Average.

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



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!



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.)

These meals make a huge difference to the people receiving them. They get excited to see our casseroles arrive at St. Matthew's. You can really make a difference in someone's day by making a casserole.

Serving Others Ministry



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 the church office at 239-261-0894.

Grace Place for Children and Families is seeking volunteers for the summer. Our Friday Food Pantry needs your help! Demand for food is at its highest June-August, as many of the families we serve have their work hours cut and their children are no longer receiving free or reduced-price meals at school. Our volunteer workforce is also strained, since many of our volunteers go North for the summer, just as distribution is reaching its peak.



Consider spending your Fridays at Grace Place helping us unpack and sort food, greeting our families, and distributing food. This is a great opportunity to come out with family or friends!

For more information, please call Arlene Mendez, Human Resource and Talent Manager, at 239.234.2467 or email arlene@graceplacenaples.org

Food for the Needy



Unlike many cities and counties in other parts of the country, **Collier County has no welfare department.** Thus, many of the hungry and homeless among us have nowhere to turn except to local charities. Nearly 1,000 children in the Collier County School District are currently confirmed to be homeless, and officials believe the actual number is much higher.

Please continue to give. During the summer months, the food pantry shelves are almost empty. **Your donations make a difference! So far this year we have collected and distributed \$4,800 to local food banks.** Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel* and designate *Food for the Needy*.



EMPTY BOWLS

Please join us for a Public Painting Event

Sun, Aug 18th, 2019 2-5pm

Mon, Aug 19th, 2019 5:30-8:30pm

Enjoy a fun afternoon or evening of painting bowls for a great cause with great people. Empty Bowls painting events are open to anyone age 13 and older. Your time helps us spread awareness and raise funds to eliminate hunger in our community one bowl at a time. All bowls painted are used for the annual Empty Bowls Naples event in Cambier Park.

This free event has limited seating and parking.

PLEASE RSVP: friendsofebnaples@gmail.com

St. Matthew's House is a proud recipient of a 2019 grant from Empty Bowls to help eliminate hunger in our community, "One Bowl at a Time."

Learn more at <http://emptybowlsnaples.com/>

Becky Adams and Clare Strohman painted bowls at the event last month. They had a great time!



Music and Worship



ALCM CONFERENCE SUMMARY

What a time of inspiration and learning I experienced this summer in June!

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians met together at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, for a week of sharing ideas and music to bring back to our respective congregations.

There were about 300 musicians from all over the country—about 90% from the ELCA, and the rest were from the Missouri Synod, with a small number of delegates from the

Wisconsin Synod. It was good to be together and realize that we have so much in common, despite the different facets of our Lutheranism.

The keynote speaker was Pastor Samuel Torvend from Pacific Lutheran University in Seattle, Washington. Theologian/musicians Susan Briehl and Robert Farlee also spoke at the daily worship services.

Pastor Susan Briehl spoke about the importance expressing the “Common Word” through common words. She reiterated that the “Common Word” refers to the Holy Scripture. When Martin Luther translated the Bible from Latin to German, he wanted the translation to be faithful to the Hebrew and Greek, and *easy to read and understand* for the everyday common people—so that they could also share these extraordinary stories in ordinary language.

Pastor Briehl referenced Psalm 78: “Listen, my people, mark each word. I begin with a story, I speak of mysteries, welling up from ancient depths, heard and known from our elders. We must not hide this story from our children but tell the mighty works and all the wonders of God.” (Ps. 78: 1-4)

This is our common work, coming from the Common Word: to share God’s story from generation to generation. In addition, there was a strong emphasis on doing *common things*—whether it be in our worship or in our everyday lives—*uncommonly well!*

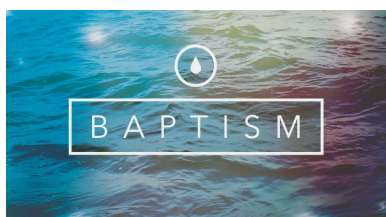
One of my favorite workshops was given by the Church Music Institute: “Planning through the Church Year: Thinking Liturgically and Musically.” I also enjoyed the Augsburg-Fortress reading sessions of new music, led by Ralph Nelson and David Cherwien, director of the National Lutheran Choir.

As one can imagine, the hymns and the singing with a large group of musicians was phenomenal. Everyone enjoyed singing in parts, then women only, followed by men only, acappella, etc.----and we decided that we sounded pretty good!

It is my hope that I will be able to share the excitement and knowledge I gained with you, the wonderful congregation, right here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida.



Births - Baptisms - First Communion



Konstantin Adrian Daniel Oppenberg - baptized on August 4, 2019

Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Parish Nurse



Carol Calling:

Here are two more movements you can practice which are supposed to help improve your balance. 1) Stand with one hand on a wall for stability. Keeping both legs straight, lift one leg and stretch it in front of you until it is at a 45 degree angle to your body, toes pointed. Now touch your toes to the ground, hold a moment and return to the starting position. Do 2 sets of 8 reps with each leg. 2) Stand with one hand on the wall for stability, your other arm at your side. Keeping your feet together and body straight, bend your knees slightly. Now, raise the heels off the floor, straighten your legs and raise your arm above your head all in one motion. Hold this position for a moment. Do 2 sets of 8 reps.

Some sleep advice from ON HEALTH, August 2019...If you feel you are not getting enough sleep or if you sleep is not high quality, try these suggestions. 1) Set a bedtime - research shows that going to bed at the same time each night and waking up around the same time every morning can help quality of sleep. 2) Avoid blue light at night - try to reduce your computer screen and smartphone screen at nighttime. The brightness suppresses melatonin and tells your body to feel alert. 3) Consider sleep apnea. You might need to ask your doctor for testing to determine if you are a candidate for treatable sleep apnea. 4) Limit daytime naps - long, regular naps may make it harder to fall asleep at night.

A hint to avoid heatstroke: Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink your water. Sip water throughout the day. We should strive for 75 or more ounces each day. Aging can dull your sense of thirst and temperature. Keep yourself hydrated to avoid trouble.



The hospitals no longer notify us of your admission. If you are in hospital, please give the church office a call to let us know. We would be happy to visit with you.

If you would like to have a prayer added to the prayer chain, please contact Joyce O'Neill. You may contact Joyce at 239-566-3373 or email her at KSONaples@comcast.net



Grieving Group

Have you lost someone close to you? If you are interested in participating we would love to hear from you. Please call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894. We meet Wednesdays in the Chapel at 1:00 pm the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry was introduced to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 2003. Since that time, we have trained over 70 lay members to become Stephen Ministers for our parish and our community. We are called the "after" people for many reasons; because we try to be there for you after a crisis or a difficult time in your life. **If you think you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister about a problem you are having or to refer someone you know to the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Carol Hartman, RN by email at carol@naplesemmanuel.org or 239-261-0894**



No one has ever seen God: if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:11-12

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of June 30, 2019)

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	Budget Year to Date \$1,089,085	Actual Year to Date \$970,126
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES	Budget Year to Date \$1,000,080	Actual Year to Date \$972,084
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	June 2018 277	June 2019 272

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you are prompted to select a charitable organization. Emmanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church is one of those organizations. **So, if you shop with Amazon, remember to go through AmazonSmile and select Emmanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church.** (Tell your family and friends to do the same.) The direct link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1377616>



Financial Update:

We still have some work to do before year-end to reach our budget of \$2,000,160. Many of us travel in the summer and are not here yet our monthly expenses continue. Please remember to continue to fulfill your pledge.

Youth and Family Ministry

Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier - Leaving in August to participate in ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)



Kaitlyn has been a member of Emmanuel all of her life. She started going to Sunday School at the age of two. At four she attended Emmanuel Day School and loved going to our Growing Together Wednesday night program. Emmanuel was a second home and a second family for her.

Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon, Youth and Family, sent a group to North Carolina to do a mission camp. Kaitlyn participated and her life was changed. It was this first trip that sparked Kaitlyn’s interest in mission work. Since then she has done other mission camps and has also been a leader at these camps for the past three summers.

This coming year instead of attending her Senior year of college she is taking a year off to be a part of ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Kaitlyn has been called to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission in 2019-2020 in Yeumbeul, Senegal. Yeumbeul is a suburb of Dakar, located not too far from the ocean. She will have the opportunity to engage in many different types of ministries in Yeumbeul as she will be working at the Gall Nanondiral Community Center and Complexe Scolaire Nanondiral, which are ministries of the Senegalese Lutheran Development Services (SLDS).

She will be working with three different programs in the Department of Education: the Preschool and Elementary School, the Library and Education Program at the Community Center and the Sports and leisure program at the community Center. She will be living with a family who is getting ready to welcome her into their home this August.

Part of the requirement to attend this mission trip is to raise \$15, 000 for the program. The money will help Kaitlyn and others in the program. This year there are four young adults from the Florida Bahama Synod. **Thank you for the donations so far - she is about two-thirds of reaching her goal!** Please make checks out to **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** and put **Kaitlyn—Mission Trip** in the memo. Thank You!



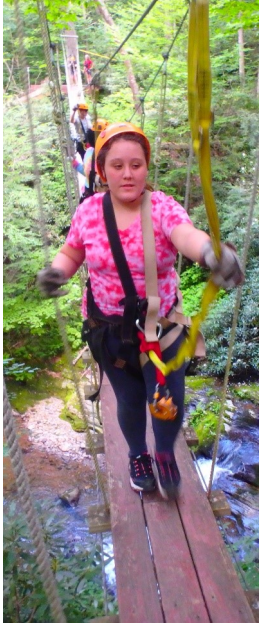


And may the **PEACE** of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

The youth that went to Lutherock a couple weeks ago had a great time. The theme for the week was GOD'S PEACE. Every day they dug into God's word, learning, discussing and doing activities that stretch their body, mind and soul around the idea of receiving God's peace and being God's peace in the world. In addition, they soaked up the beauty of the mountains and got to experience mountain biking, rock climbing, zip-lining, camping out under the stars and white water rafting.

Below are what the youth said about their camping experience - their favorite adventure and a God moment they encountered.



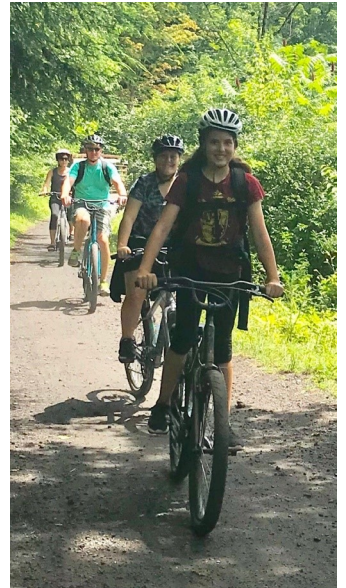
Savannah

What I liked most was when we went zip lining.

A special moment was also for zip lining because I was so scared to do it even though everybody said to just do it. That it would be fun. I just let go and trusted that I would be fine. Kind of like how I trust that God will keep me safe every day and he did when I was high up there. And I ended up having fun. - Savannah 😊

Nicole

- 1) I liked being part of the weird cabin. We had an amazing counselor and we all got along really well. We had so much fun being weird together.
- 2) One of my best God moments was when we were biking. My bike started going towards the side of the cliff and then it got into a little downward dirt hill leading off the side of the mountain. I thought I was going to fall off the cliff but I stopped right before I went over.



Maddie-

- 1. The thing I liked most was being in the group I was in. I enjoyed being able to relate to people but learn about new things because of them as well. We also really had a good counselor and I enjoyed being with them the most.
- 2. My strongest God moment was when they had three candles and three pillows and you would sit and pray (which I did) but when I prayed I had a very strong emotion come over me and it even brought tears and it was like God was with me at that very moment and I felt very connected at the moment to him.

Josh

I liked biking and rafting the best. My best God moment was at the river. I was sitting at a picnic table while everyone was playing in the river and I was looking at the pretty mountains and the river. And having some thinking time.

Bianca

I liked meeting all the nice people at Lutherock and a God moment is when we made it to the top of the mountain because it was a long hike and reaching the top was really cool -Bianca



Lauren

The thing I liked most was white water rafting in the Nawlachuckee River. One of my best God moments was on Friday night after celebration looking up at all the stars they were so pretty. I definitely saw God in all the views of the mountains and I realized that God made this wonderful world for us and died on the cross for us.

MiCayla

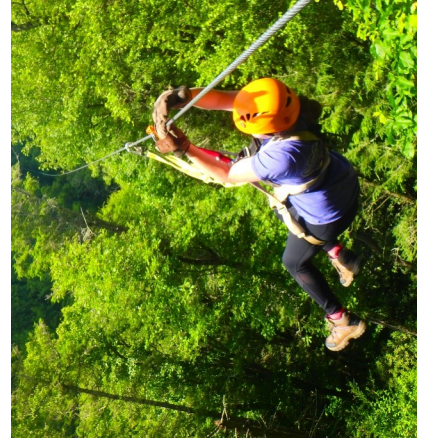
I got to meet new friends and my God moment was when we danced in the rain.



Lantz

Hi, it's Lantz. What I liked about camp Lutherock was all the amazing activities we got to do which we can never do in Florida and all the amazing friends I have made or the friendships I already had growing and just feeling closer with God and I could drop the stress at home.

Some of my main God moments were when I rock climbed and saw the view of all the mountains and it made me feel at peace. Another God moment was zip lining and getting saved by the e line or just the view and finally on celebration everyone came really close as like a family and we all said are good byes and it was really sad but at the same time very happy.



Ty

I liked white water rafting and zip lining. My best God moment was on Friday night looking up at the stars, I saw God working in my life to help me overcome my homesickness.



Olivia

The thing I liked the most about Lutherock was the Biking and Rafting.

My best God moment was when I was biking and feeling the wind passing around me, the scenery was beautiful and it smelled amazing! I enjoyed all of God's creation SOO Much and it really made me appreciate and love EVERYTHING around me.



Clara

At Camp Lutherock, and in our youth group, my favorite part of this week was the people I met and the bond formed between all of them. The trust and love shared and grown between each friend.

My best God Moment was when we were in tents by the river. It was after dinner, and others were conversing happily around the fire. I walked away, alone, down to some rocks that stretched out into the river. After crawling to a nice spot, I dipped my feet into the water and enjoyed the silence. I enjoyed the peace of the landscape around me, and the sound of the rushing river. I looked out, and a little distance away, in front of me, was a meadow. A deer stepped out into the meadow, and a stepped gracefully out into the meadow and grazed. I watched it for quite a while. One deer. It around me, and the deer. It was gentle. Peaceful. I felt the presence of God in that calm instance. God was working in my life just by showing me the beauty found within his creation.

Youth and Family Ministry



On **August 11**, we will be **blessing the backpacks** of all the children and youth starting the new school year. *We will also be providing school supplies to the children of Emmanuel Community Church as well as the children of Little Wonders Daycare who will be transitioning to Kindergarten.* If you wish to contribute with the Ministry of Blessing of Backpacks, **you can donate school supplies such as:** glue, glue sticks, scissors, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, erasers, folders, hand sanitizer, and sharpeners (NO pencils or paper).

Sunday Morning Children & Youth Faith Connection at Mooring Line begins August 18!



All students K-5th grade are invited to meet upstairs in the Children's Ministry classroom, across from the elevator, at 11:00 a.m. Susan Kober and her adult helpers will be leading the children.

All middle and high school students (grades 6-12) will meet in the Oasis Student Center at 11:00 following the Alive Service. During our time together we will focus on the lectionary Gospel message for that particular Sunday with relevant conversation and practical ways we can live out God's call in our daily lives. The class will be led by Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon, Youth and Family.



WELCOME NIEVES!

We are happy to announce that the Nieves Lebrón will be our new part-time **Children's Ministry Specialist**. Her first day was August 1 and one of our first goals will be working towards a more vibrant Sunday morning faith formation experience for all our children. As you may have heard the ECC/Pebblebrooke community will be worshipping here at Mooring Line beginning Sunday, October 6. In addition to them having more space, one of the added benefits will be the combined education for children, youth and adults from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM. It's going to be a new symphony of spiritual growth!

Here's a little welcome from Nieves... My name is Nieves Lebron, and I have a full understanding of the purpose God has for me. Which is letting his light shines in the teachings of his word to our children. I have a master in Art from LSTC, and a master in education from Quincy University. I have been teaching Sunday Bible school since I was a teenager and I have over eleven years of experience teaching public school. I work faithfully beside my husband, and I have seen first hand the significant importance of a children ministry. It is my hope to strength and grow our children education in God.



Emmanuel Academies



Pictured from left to right Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese, Luke Wigdahl, Frine Donadelli and Ana Cabrera

Emmanuel Academies is excited to announce the formation of our first student cohort! We are so happy to bring this special group together to work through the curriculum and stir each other on to academic and theological excellence!

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 24-25

The team from Emmanuel enjoyed a tour of Luther Seminary, Emmanuel Academies Seminary of Affiliation, while on a trip to Minneapolis in June.



Pictured from left to right Will Kittinger, Janet Anderson, Sam Sipes, Theresa Shaw and Howard Isaacson

Emmanuel Communities



Pictured from left to right Pastor Steve Wigdahl, Theresa Shaw, Will Kittinger and Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its ministry leadership visited Minneapolis in June to meet with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to explore lessons and opportunities in collaboration and creationship with not-for-profits and community partners. The team visited LSS' offices as well as The Center for Changing Lives and LSS' newest ministry located in River of Life Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis. The team was led by Rev. Steve Wigdahl and included Howard Isaacson, Rev. Dr. Richard Bliese, Theresa Shaw, Pastor Will Kittinger, Janet Anderson and Sam Sipes, CEO of Lutheran Services of Florida.



Our first **soccer clinic** was a success! I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to Frank Omonte for leading the children through drills and community member Bob Scallon for his leadership with organizing the two clinics.

After the clinic the children enjoyed snow cones.



Emmanuel Communities at Pebblebrooke

On June 22, ECC leaders continued their online leadership classes through The Ecumenical Leadership Academy (<http://academialuterana.org/>) at Pebblebrooke. The goal of these classes is to identify and train healthy leaders to strengthen the ministerial capacity of our congregations.



Book Club List for 2019 - 2020

Lit and Latte Book Club

Everyone in the community is invited to join our group. Please feel free to bring houseguests and friends, as all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Kischer at bkischer@yahoo.com. We meet in the WELCA room (above the church offices) monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM.



Emmanuel Lutheran Book Club 2019-2020

October 14: Mrs. Lincolns Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini
Presented by Carol Hartman

November 11: Educated by Tara Westover
Presented by Ardith Tofteland

An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes to earn a PhD from Cambridge.

December 9: The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith

Presented by Bonnie Kischer True story about random acts of kindness during Christmas season for a family struggling after death of her husband.

January 13: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Presented by Debbie Lawson Romantic and comedic story about an undiagnosed Asperger syndrome man as he looks for a wife.

February 10: The Favored Daughter by Fawia Koofi and Nadine Ghouri

Presented by Bev Ranstrom One woman's fight to lead Afghanistan into the future. Fawzia was left to die in the sun after birth, but she survived and defined her life ever since.

March 9: Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

Presented by Jamie Thompson.

April 13: Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty by Susan Page

Presented by Edie Cole A vivid biography of former First Lady, one of the most influential and under appreciated women in our history.

May 11:

Everyone brings a book they would recommend to others to read. Be prepared to discuss for 5-10 minutes.

Upcoming Events / Clubs

WOMEN WITH WOMEN - will not be meeting this summer but start again in October.



Mah Jongg is still alive at Emmanuel - join us on Fridays at 1:00 in the Chapel. If you have any questions, please call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

Beading for Haiti Project Paperbead Jewelry

YOU can make a tremendous difference in the lives of the Haitian children at the Village of Hope! Come to Emmanuel, every **first and third Wednesday** from **1 pm to 3 pm** and learn to make colorful and stylish paper beads and to assemble them into gorgeous designer necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.

We would like to extend an invitation to all to come and express their creativity designing jewelry and learning to roll paper into beads. New ideas are always welcome.

Interested? Contact Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/beadingforhaiti

Village of Hope Webpage www.villageofhopehaiti.org



Stitchers

The **Stitchers** are done for the season and will start quilting again in October. Call **Jane Hauck, 605-366-4338**, with any questions.

Volunteers Needed: **We desperately need your help!**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



Joyce is always looking for more **Worship Participants**: Greeters, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, and Acolytes. If you are interested, we will train you—just email Joyce at joyce@naplesemmanuel.org.



**Get Involved
in Worship**

ALTAR GUILD

Would you like to help in one of the most important ministries of the church? **Join the Altar Guild!** Setting the Table for Holy Communion is a most rewarding experience—there is much more to it than meets the eye. If you would like to try it, contact Joyce or Diedre Milligan, head of the Altar Guild, at nellefl@embarqmail.com.



ALTAR GUILD

HOSPITALITY BAKERS NEEDED:

We need bakers to make treats (cookies, muffins...) for Sunday mornings. If you are interested, call the church office at 239-261-0894.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees: **Endowment, Property, Maintenance, Welcome Ministry and Serving Others.**

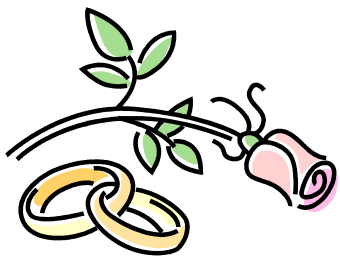
If you are interested, please contact Gina at gina@naplesemmanuel.org or you can also call the office at 239-261-0894.



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August Baptisms

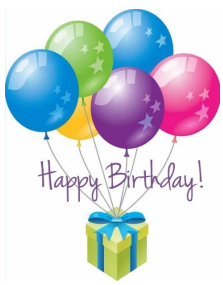
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<i>David Benson</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Karl Fink</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Judie Clarey</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Doug Gallois</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Jeffery Rotsch</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Robert Fowell</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Martin Corbin</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Kasey Weber</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Julio Ruiz</i>	<i>08/00</i>
<i>Patrick Mattes</i>	<i>08/01</i>
<i>Keith Van Norstrand</i>	<i>08/06</i>
<i>Lynn Wuesthoff</i>	<i>08/11</i>
<i>Kathryn Cederstrom</i>	<i>08/15</i>
<i>Max Loney</i>	<i>08/16</i>
<i>Samantha Manring</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Diane Thormodsgard</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Ainhoa Acosta</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Karina Benavides</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Avian Davis</i>	<i>08/21</i>
<i>Chloe Oesterreicher</i>	<i>08/26</i>



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August Anniversaries

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Püpponen</i>	<i>08/04/1990</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. John Hallett</i>	<i>08/05/1962</i>
<i>Gordon & Dolores Sprenger</i>	<i>08/05/1961</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Hatch</i>	<i>08/06/1955</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Krause</i>	<i>08/06/1966</i>
<i>Karla & Jerry Laura</i>	<i>08/06/1986</i>
<i>Jon & Maureen Homstad</i>	<i>08/07/1965</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gemmer</i>	<i>08/08/1981</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moeller</i>	<i>08/08/1971</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Richard Phillips</i>	<i>08/08/1953</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Don Buske</i>	<i>08/09/1952</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Harold Linnerud</i>	<i>08/10/1963</i>
<i>Tim and Anne Miller</i>	<i>08/10/1985</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Gary Strauss</i>	<i>08/11/1962</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sonneborn</i>	<i>08/12/1995</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Swanson</i>	<i>08/12/2001</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Hauck</i>	<i>08/13/1982</i>
<i>Rick & Robin Lee</i>	<i>08/13/0000</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dolph Leytze</i>	<i>08/14/1965</i>
<i>Lizbeth Arana & Nergio Silva</i>	<i>08/15/0000</i>
<i>Drs. George and Helen Stine</i>	<i>08/16/0000</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Ken Weber</i>	<i>08/16/1980</i>
<i>Charles & Carole Lusch</i>	<i>08/17/1957</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Cole</i>	<i>08/18/0000</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Curt Johnson</i>	<i>08/19/0000</i>
<i>Steve Spargo & Donna Wilson</i>	<i>08/19/1979</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Steven Williams</i>	<i>08/20/1998</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fowell</i>	<i>08/20/1994</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kerr</i>	<i>08/20/1966</i>
<i>Nelson Gonzalez & Angela Vargas DeGonzal</i>	<i>08/21/0000</i>
<i>Dan & Bev Mjolsness</i>	<i>08/22/0000</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dale Larsen</i>	<i>08/23/1969</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bob Thatcher</i>	<i>08/24/1952</i>
<i>Rev. Steven E and Maria Wigdahl</i>	<i>08/27/2013</i>
<i>Jim & Gail Duke</i>	<i>08/28/1965</i>
<i>Ron & Ruth Sabol</i>	<i>08/28/0000</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Fisher</i>	<i>08/29/1959</i>
<i>Peter & Patricia Shaulis</i>	<i>08/30/1974</i>



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August Birthdays

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Alvin Roecker</i>	<i>08/01</i>	<i>Teresa Barancik</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Daniel Diaz</i>	<i>08/03</i>	<i>Donald Castens</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Bud Umbach</i>	<i>08/03</i>	<i>Kurt Majeski</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Andrew Mason</i>	<i>08/04</i>	<i>Mary McWethy</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Donald Pierson</i>	<i>08/04</i>	<i>Kenneth Wistrom</i>	<i>08/18</i>
<i>Amber Mason</i>	<i>08/05</i>	<i>Lorraine Carlson</i>	<i>08/18</i>
<i>Jamie Newberry</i>	<i>08/05</i>	<i>Joan Spangler</i>	<i>08/18</i>
<i>Marlen Liliana Velasquez</i>	<i>08/05</i>	<i>Andrew Barancik</i>	<i>08/19</i>
<i>Joyce O' Neill</i>	<i>08/06</i>	<i>Duncan Cameron</i>	<i>08/19</i>
<i>George Brown</i>	<i>08/07</i>	<i>Alain Cordona</i>	<i>08/19</i>
<i>Ainhoa Acosta</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Betty Lee Ziemann</i>	<i>08/19</i>
<i>Linda Goldberg</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Doug Denisen</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Donald Hannemann</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Glenna Gibbons</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Liv Herman</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Scott Kischer</i>	<i>08/21</i>
<i>Kylee Lutz</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Kathleen Nelson</i>	<i>08/21</i>
<i>Keith McCullen</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Pam Jacobson</i>	<i>08/22</i>
<i>Sandra Rasmussen</i>	<i>08/08</i>	<i>Stacey Summers</i>	<i>08/22</i>
<i>Cailine Collado</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>Anna Nelson</i>	<i>08/23</i>
<i>Darrel Schwenn</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>Donald Schuler</i>	<i>08/23</i>
<i>William Seils</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>Samantha Blaes</i>	<i>08/24</i>
<i>Mildred Cedfeldt</i>	<i>08/10</i>	<i>Bob Bordner</i>	<i>08/24</i>
<i>Jerrold Tostrud</i>	<i>08/10</i>	<i>Aaron Johnson</i>	<i>08/24</i>
<i>Pedro Wasmer</i>	<i>08/10</i>	<i>Brad Lutz</i>	<i>08/24</i>
<i>David Swanson</i>	<i>08/11</i>	<i>Helen Stine</i>	<i>08/24</i>
<i>Piper Searles</i>	<i>08/11</i>	<i>Alonso Carrillo</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Marsha Klinke</i>	<i>08/12</i>	<i>Juan José Colmenares</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Lila Mastro</i>	<i>08/12</i>	<i>Ann Abram</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Luke Wigdahl</i>	<i>08/12</i>	<i>James Grant</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Nicole Gheiler</i>	<i>08/13</i>	<i>Julio Ruiz</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Marilyn Hagerman</i>	<i>08/13</i>	<i>James Schiller</i>	<i>08/26</i>
<i>Cheryl Marquardt</i>	<i>08/13</i>	<i>Barbara Davis</i>	<i>08/27</i>
<i>Alma McCaffrey</i>	<i>08/13</i>	<i>Janet Haughn</i>	<i>08/27</i>
<i>Michael Hanson</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>George Wardeberg</i>	<i>08/27</i>
<i>Mary Kozitka</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>Jean Dumouchel</i>	<i>08/28</i>
<i>Monna Meyer</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>M. Dean Haines</i>	<i>08/28</i>
<i>Olga Nicholson</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>John Granskog</i>	<i>08/29</i>
<i>Jack Randall</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>Karen Dalia</i>	<i>08/30</i>
<i>Peter Shaulis</i>	<i>08/14</i>	<i>Raymon Pedersen</i>	<i>08/30</i>
<i>Heather Karl</i>	<i>08/15</i>	<i>Jeri Karr</i>	<i>08/30</i>
<i>Ruth Loney</i>	<i>08/15</i>	<i>Karin Fisher</i>	<i>08/31</i>
<i>Christine Rotsch</i>	<i>08/15</i>	<i>Barbara Williams</i>	<i>08/31</i>
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