



The Star

August 4, 2019 – August 10, 2019



Sunday Prayers: Alice Krautsack, Jan Donnell, Bethany Rabenold, John Guddie, Noel Estenson, Colby VanEstvelde, Gary Karr and Kathryn Cederstrom.

Continuing Prayers: Gary Boe, Linda Goldberg, Elaine Zavodny, Victoria Warrenfelz, Pedro Wasmer, Barbara Stohler, Flo Wing, Rick Bethem, and Jacquelyn Kittinger.

SERVICES AT PEBBLEBROOKE CENTER

11:00 AM SUNDAY- BILINGUAL SERVICE
15205 Collier Blvd , Suite 201 & 202
Naples, FL 34119
239-213-0535

There will be a Bible Study on Thursday, August 8 at 9:30 am
Readings for Sunday, August 11



Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
Color: **GREEN**



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 the office (261-0894).

**August 18; Oct. 6, 27; Nov. 10, 17, 24;
December 1, 8, 22**

Join our Weekly Activities:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Paper Beading - Bible Study Room
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

1st & 3rd Wednesday - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Grief Group - Chapel
Call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894

Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Mahjong - Chapel
call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213



Nursery available for 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am services. Please see an usher if you need further information.

Discover Emmanuel will continue through August

The Bonus Sundays - education classes continued !

Sundays 10:15 - 10:45 am in the Chapel



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).



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.



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.

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

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



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.

All is Vanity

Ecclesiastes is an intriguing wisdom book. That teacher repeats, "All is Vanity." Vanity is not really the best translation. When I hear the word vanity today, I think of people judging someone for wearing pants instead of a dress. I hear it as something that is outwardly, shallow, and not at all important. I don't think that is exactly what the scribe is trying to express.



The Hebrew word that is translated usually as vanity is literally translated as vapor or a single breath. The symbolic meaning then is life or the moment is here and then it is gone. He suggests life is just kind of absurd. Money is here and then it's gone. You might see some benefit of your hard work like Proverbs suggests but the benefits don't last. You might realize it didn't mean anything at all. There might be the feeling of bitterness or hopelessness to it. The teacher makes us question the meaning of it all for it is all so fleeting.

What message can we get from a teacher that seems to be so bitter? The teacher speaking reminds us of the importance of living in the present. The teacher is telling us we only have today, so make the most of it while it lasts. This does not mean throw your life away, or waste it doing reckless things. It means don't plan so hard for tomorrow that you aren't living today.

We are reminded that we can always count on God. God doesn't just work in the future or the past. God works in the present so let us share "God's amazing grace" today.

Blessings,
Karole Langset
Resident Pastor

Children & Youth Ministry Giving God the glory!



**Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever.
Psalm 113:2**

Last Sunday at the Alive worship service many of the youth who went to Lutherock in North Carolina had a chance share with the congregation a medley of their favorite songs they learned while at camp. Their singing testimony was a blessing to all who attended. On Sunday, August 11 they will be sharing some of the same songs at the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM worship services in the main sanctuary. You're not going to want to miss it!

Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier - Leaving in August to participate in ELCA 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 Scholaire 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. (For more information about Kaitlyn and her trip go to the July Newsletter for a full article).

This summer Kaitlyn has been doing mission work in South Chicago for Youthworks, a Christian faith-based company. She returns August 7th for five days before leaving for ELCA training in Chicago and then to Africa. She will be at all services on August 11 - come say "hello" and talk with her.

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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Sunday Services with Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.; Alive Service at 10:00 a.m.
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