



# The Star

December 9, 2018 – December 15, 2018



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## 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, Dec 13**

Readings for Sunday, December 16



Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18  
Color: **Advent Blue**



Nursery available for all services. Please see an usher if you need further information.

## Join our Weekly Activities:

**Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Quilters** - Community Room  
Call Jane Hauck at 605-366-4338

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

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

**Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Grief Group** - Chapel  
Call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894

**Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Choir** - Choir Room  
Call Joyce at 239-261-0894

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

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



## Women with Women Group Upcoming Event

**TODAY** Paper Bead Jewelry Sale after all services.

For more information call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

## ADVENT SERVICES

Our Wednesday evening Advent services are on **December 12, and 19**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be singing one of the congregation's favorites, *Holden Evening Prayer*. Each week we will have two speakers from Emmanuel, who will talk about their own journey dealing with their faith and vocation, past and/or present. (12/12 - *Sylvia Boynton, Peter Wasmer*; 12/19 - *Julie Kerr, Ann Marie Gomez*) Please come and join us!



## Christmas Caroling

We invite you to join us on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am to bring some Christmas Cheer to the residents at **Solaris Senior Living North**. This has become an annual event for the ECC children's ministry. Last year nearly 20 children and adults sang Christmas carols to the residents.

For more information please contact Deacon Dee-Anne Schleutker @ [dee@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesemmanuel.org).

## KERN FOUNDATION GRANT

The Kern Foundation has offered Emmanuel a matching grant opportunity for the faith, work and economics. They will match Emmanuel's contributions up to \$50,000. This is exciting news. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Steve, Pastor Rick or Howard. Please put "Kern Foundation" on the memo of your check.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church thoroughly enjoyed hosting the ELCA Florida Bahamas Synod Latino Leaders Summit this past week. The 3-day conference included presentations by various church leaders of Latino congregations from across the state. The vision for Emmanuel Academies' 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program was beautifully delivered by our very first student Ana Cabrera! Bishop Pedro Suarez and staff were delighted with their visit and have expressed how thankful they are for the support they received.



We are in need of bakers and a set-up person for Sundays during "season". If you are interested contact Gina at 261-0894.



## Christmas Giving Program: "Angel Tree"

**Please return all wrapped gifts, with the angel attached, no later than this Sunday, December 9th.**

Thank you for helping to bring Christmas to children and families in Collier County.



If you would like to give a Poinsettia to beautify our Altar on Christmas Eve, please fill out the form below and return to the church office by December 16. Poinsettias will be \$30. You may have multiple names for one plant.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ In Honor of **OR** ☐ In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

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# SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



## It's Habitat Sunday!

This morning we are pleased to welcome Rev. Lisa Lefkow, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, who brings us a message of great joy and thanks, for **this year Emmanuel celebrates the funding of our 50<sup>th</sup> Habitat house!** This means that during our 18 years of partnership with Habitat we have paid for the materials to provide safe, decent housing for over 150 less fortunate people in our community! This milestone is a record among all of the congregations of all denominations here in Collier County.

**But our work is far from complete.** Over 17 families have applied for *each* of the 110 houses that Habitat plans to build in 2019!

Can you help? This year our donations have been somewhat light. Thus far we have only received funds sufficient to build two Habitat homes. Materials to build a Habitat home cost \$50,000. Your donation, large or small will be much appreciated!

It's our last chance to make 2018 tax-deductible donations. And don't forget, IRA owners 70-1/2 and older can donate as much as \$100,000 of account assets directly to charity this year without it counting as income!

## **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 received 28 casseroles for the month of November. **Let's see if we can get back to 50 in December!***

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.)



## **LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS?**

Karen Palmer is looking for a few more 'elves' to help decorate the sanctuary. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Karen at 272-3912 or email her at [tkaper2002@yahoo.com](mailto:tkaper2002@yahoo.com)

**With the tax season just around the corner, please remember to fulfill your pledge with Emmanuel.**

## **ECC Christmas Party - ALL ARE WELCOME**

December 16 - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - \$10 per person  
Live entertainment.  
RSVP Mariela Hernandez at 239-200-6290

Yoga classes are no longer offered at Pebblebrooke, unfortunately our instructor is no longer available to teach.

# 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.**

## **Emmanuel's New Adult Fellowship Initiative**



Dinner  
for 6 or 8

**It begins January 2019. Sign up now!**

**Sign up by calling Gina at 239-261-0894.** Once you've signed up, we will contact you by email to acquire more of your personal preferences such as: group size, couples, single, parents with children and other adults you might want in your group.



The youth of Emmanuel lighting the first advent candle.

## **ADVENT CRAFT FAIR RAISES \$1311**

Last Sunday there was "Advent generosity" blowing in the breezeway. Thanks to everyone who purchased something. Our young people were able to sell almost all of their Advent crafts and raised more than \$1300. This morning during Sunday School these same young people will decide how these funds are spent through the ELCA Good



Gifts program. They will be purchasing such things as chickens, beehives, water filters, pigs, food resources, medical supplies, school supplies, and maybe even a cow. Thanks, kids...for making a difference in the world in Jesus name. A "big thank you" goes to Kristin Sonneborn who yearly organizes this entire project.

*If you had your photograph taken for the directory, you may come to the church office Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to pick up your copy.*

## **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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