



# The Star

December 16, 2018 – December 22, 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 20**

Readings for Sunday, December 23



Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55  
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

### ADVENT SERVICES

Our last Wednesday evening Advent service is on **December 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. (*Speakers: Julie Kerr, Ann Marie Gomez*) Please come and join us!



### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES:

On **Monday, December 24**, help us welcome the birth of the Christ Child:

◆ **5:00 p.m.** – Our family-friendly “**Paper Bag Pageant**” returns, followed by a service of Holy Communion and candle lighting.

◆ **7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**– Our **traditional worship service** with special music, choir selections, Holy Communion and candle lighting will be offered. (Special Christmas music will begin 30 minutes before the service).

### ECC Christmas Party tonight! ALL ARE WELCOME

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

### KERN FOUNDATION GRANT

The Kern Foundation has offered Emmanuel a matching grant opportunity for the faith, work and economics initiative. 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.*



We need a Kitchen Queen or King to make sure the kitchen stays organized and if it needs cleaning to let the staff know. This person should check on the kitchen on a weekly basis to make sure that it is maintained and to let the staff know what supplies are needed.



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”



**Thank You** to all who donated Christmas gifts this year. We collected nearly 100 gifts again this year for children in our community.



Thank you from Palmetto Ridge High School student government for the distributing the gifts to the children in our community.



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 today, 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



**VOLUNTEERS:  
THE HEART AND SOUL  
OF ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE**

St. Matthew's House relies on the volunteers and the thousands of hours they give every year to make our mission a success. We couldn't do what we do in support of our programs without these amazing people. Our volunteers unselfishly come together for a great cause to support those we serve in a spiritual, Christian, faith-based environment. If you would like to make an impact through your volunteerism, please contact Ronnie Sopena, Volunteer Coordinator, at [rsopena@stmatthewshouse.org](mailto:rsopena@stmatthewshouse.org), or Michelle Mendoza, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mmendoza@stmatthewshouse.org](mailto:mmendoza@stmatthewshouse.org).



**Emmanuel Lutheran Serving Others Ministry Team  
Looking For New Members!**

Are you interested in learning about the Serving Others Ministry Team at Emmanuel Lutheran Church? If so, contact Mark Fiebrink by phone: (276) 791.2647 or by email: [mfiebrink@gmail.com](mailto:mfiebrink@gmail.com).



## LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS?

Karen Palmer is looking for a few more 'elves' to help decorate the trees. 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)

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

*The 9:30 and 11:00 Prelude will be played by pianist Bev Ranstrom. Bev is serving as the accompanist for the Emmanuel Choir this year, playing both piano and organ. Bev and her husband, Bruce, are from Warren, Minnesota, where Bev serves as organist/pianist (when she is not here in Naples). Amazingly, Bev records all of the hymns and special music for her church when she and Bruce are in Naples for the season! Thank you, Bev, for sharing your musical talents with Emmanuel. We are blessed to have you with us.*

*The 9:30 and 11:00 Postlude, "Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus" will be a duet, with Joyce Finlay at the organ and Bev Ranstrom at the piano.*

*At the 9:30 service, the Emmanuel Choir will be singing the Advent hymn, "The Promise," with Pat and Paul Guehler as duettists. Pat and Paul are members of the Emmanuel Choir, as well as the Voices of Naples (and part of the wonderful concert held here on December 4).*

**We appreciate the musical gifts that you are sharing with our community today!**

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

## Our Mission:

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



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)  
777 Mooring Line Drive, Naples, FL 34102

Sunday Services with Holy Communion 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Alive Service at 10:00 a.m.  
239.261.0894 ☎ Fax: 239.261.1802 ☎ Web address: [www.naplesemmanuel.org](http://www.naplesemmanuel.org)  
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Rev. Steven E Wigdahl, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. José Lebrón, *Associate Pastor for Mission Development*  
Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese, *Associate Pastor*  
Will Kittinger, *Resident Pastor*  
Ian McMichael, *Resident Pastor*

Jim Cooper, *ELCA Deacon, Youth & Family*  
Joyce Finlay, *ELCA Deacon, Music & Worship*  
Carol Hartman, *Parish Nurse*  
Dee Schleitker, *ELCA Deacon, Service & Outreach*  
Vivian Shea, *Business Administrator*



*Living in God's amazing grace*

**If you need any information about Emmanuel Lutheran Church, please visit our website [www.naplesemmanuel.org](http://www.naplesemmanuel.org)**

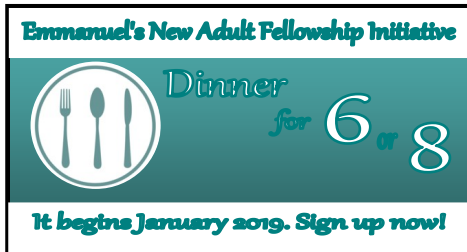
# Children & Youth Ministry



**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.**

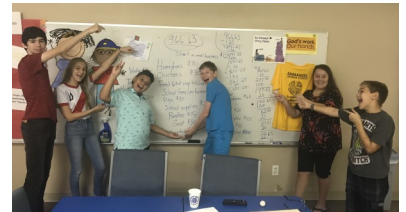


**Sign up by calling Gina at 239-261-0894.** Once you've signed up, we will contact you by email to acquire more of your personal preferences such as: group

size, couples, single, parents with children and other adults you might want in your group.

## Our Youth Touching Lives

Last Sunday the youth involved in the Advent Craft Fair got together and made some big decisions. They went through the ELCA Good Gift catalog with the goal of spending the \$1311.63 that was raised. Everyone had input and was able to make decisions purchasing 37 items including: honeybees, Bibles, water filters, irrigation canal, piglets, chickens, rooster, goat, vaccinations for children, mosquito nets, food for orphaned children, a latrine, farming tools, school supplies, a micro loan, a solar powered lantern and food for 50 people at a soup kitchen. May all these items be a blessing to all that receive them.



## Adult ESL Program- Are you interested in becoming a volunteer tutor?

Thank you to all who attended our first training. For those who were not able to attend our first training session we will offer a second training **January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a- 2:00pm.**

-No teaching experience required.

-No language other than English is needed.

To attend this training or for more information please contact:

Nancy Dick- [nancyjidd@aol.com](mailto:nancyjidd@aol.com) / 239-450-0780

Sandra Rasmussen- [sjoras@comcast.net](mailto:sjoras@comcast.net) / 978-828-3814

*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.*