



The Star

December 30, 2018 – January 5, 2019



Sunday Prayers: Ellie Jackson, Marla Gadsby, Coral Calderon, Gary Talarico, Trudy Freymiller and Ron LaPlaine.

Remember: Sandy Rasmussen upon the death of her mother, Doris Olson

Continuing Prayers: Marbury Anderson, Elaine Zavadny, Ashton Snyder, Joy Jensen, Alison Grimes, Doug Gillespie, Olga Nicholson, Carolyn Gehrman, Rick Bethem, Jacquelyn Kittinger, Roy Wolff, El Teske and Irene Fox.

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, Jan 3
Readings for Sunday, January 6



Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12
Color: **White**



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

We are receiving new members on **January 13** at all services. If you would like to become a member please call the church office at 239-261-0894.



Become Part of Our Church Family

THE PASTORS AND STAFF AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR



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.*

Women with Women

Come join our group on January 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss our upcoming events. Some of the things we have done together in the past is to go to the Botanical Gardens, painting pottery, Naples Zoo, Baker's Art Museum, lunch & a movie and The Conservancy.



Women's Fellowship



Stephen Ministry News

Thanks to Pastor Frank and Jean for presenting the story of their journey in Tanzania and Rwanda. It was very meaningful to all of us.

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



Lit and Latte Book Club - January 14

Everyone in the community is invited to join our group. Please feel free to bring house-guests 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**. Please join us.

Book: *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi presented by Edie Cole

Bonnie Kischer read this book and recommended it. Edie said she would like to present it. This is about a sincere Muslim that tried his best to seek Allah and eventually fell in love with Christ. It includes friendships and investigations into both these world religions.

Congregational Annual Meeting:

Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

- At the meeting the Proposed 2019 Spending Plan will be shared, as well as a review of other reports from the many ministries of our congregation and synod.
- Included in this will be updates from Emmanuel Communities, Inc. and Emmanuel Academies (non-profits).
- As our Constitution provides, you will also have opportunity to vote for new members of the Church Council.

Light appetizers will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m.

*The Annual Report will be ready for distribution on **Sunday, January 20**, so those who are interested can review it prior to the Annual Meeting.*

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



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 Mark Fiebrink, the Serving Others Ministry Team Leader. His email address is mfiebrink@gmail.com. His cell phone number is (276) - 791-2647.



Beading for Haiti Project Paper bead Jewelry



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

Get a peek at these jewelry creations and try cutting paper and rolling beads! You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish in just a few short hours. All proceeds from the Project support the work at the Village of Hope.

For more information, contact Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213 or Jeanette O'Connor at 239-594-8179.

Our beading sale in December was a huge success. We raised \$1600! If you would like to purchase any jewelry at any time contact Carol or Jeanette (see above for their contact information).



LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS?

Karen Palmer is looking for a few more 'elves' to help take down the trees. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Karen at 272-3912 or email her at tkaper2002@yahoo.com

The choir will resume its rehearsals on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

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
Email: elc@naplesemmanuel.org

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

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. Also, we need loving volunteers and parents to help with these programs. Please consider joining the team. **There will not be Sunday School today, December 30.**

Faith and Family Night at the Everblades January 11 at 7:00 pm



This is a wonderful event for everyone (adults, youth, children & families). Only \$11 per person (Includes premium seating, pregame skate and a t-shirt) Sign up by emailing Jim

Cooper at jim@naplesemmanuel.org and let him know how many tickets you need. For more information see the January 2019 Newsletter.

11th Annual Family Retreat Weekend February 22-24



Join us for a wonderful time of getting away and reenergizing your faith. Everyone is invited. Registration is \$50 for a single person and \$100 for a family. This includes lodging, four meals and all program activities. You can register on the church website, www.naplesemmanuel.org or email Jim Cooper with your name and number of family members attending (Jim@naplesemmanuel.org). See the January 2019 Newsletter for more information



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 8th and January 9th 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- nancyjdd@aol.com / 239-450-0780

Sandra Rasmussen- 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.