



The Star

December 1, 2019 – December 7, 2019



Sunday Prayers:

Rick Boe, David Pedersen, Kate Pierson, Joyce O'Neill, Frank Loney, Gussie Paulson, Larrie Nettum, Don & Val Gall, Kathryn Cederstrom, John Guddie, Bethany Rabenold, Jan Donnell, Rick Bethem and Victoria Warrenfelz.

Remember: The family of Evala Nevers upon her passing.

Discover Emmanuel

Education classes



Sundays
8:45 - 9:15 am,
10:45 - 11:15 am and
11:20 - 12:00 pm

There will be a Bible Study on Thursday, December 5 at 9:30 am in the media center

Readings for Sunday, December 8



Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12
Color: **Advent Blue**

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

Join our Weekly Activities:

Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Quilting - Community Room
Call Jane Hauck at 605-366-4338

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Paper Beading - Upstairs
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

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

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



Jewelry Sale

TODAY: Paper Bead Jewelry Sale after all services. Some of our members have been making paper beads all year, then they put them together to make bracelets, earrings and necklaces. They make great Christmas gifts. All proceeds help Village of Hope Haiti.

Come help decorate the sanctuary:

Monday, December 2 to hang garland,
Thurs., December 19 to decorate the trees
and Monday, January 6, to take it all down. Any questions contact Karen Palmer at tkaper2002@yahoo.com

Christmas Decorating

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WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER



We will hold three Wednesday evening Advent services on December 4, 11, and 18. On Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, we will be singing "Holden Evening Prayer," which is one of the congregation's favorites.

On December 18 Emmanuel will hold its first **BLUE CHRISTMAS** service. This is for anyone who has suffered a loss of a loved one, or any type of significant loss. This also applies to anyone who has experienced disappointment, depression, or a dread of the upcoming Christmas season.

Come join us in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.



Angel Tree

Our Angel Trees are set up in the Narthex and Family Life Center adorned with angel ornaments listing a child's Christmas wish. Please place all wrapped gifts under the tree no later than December 8th. Thank You! For questions or more information please contact:

Deacon Dee Schleutker at dee@naplesemmanuel.org



VOICES OF NAPLES: "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" -- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019, 7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY. NO TICKET NECESSARY -- FREE-WILL OFFERING. SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today the Emmanuel Choir will be singing *O Come, Emmanuel* for the 9:30 service. This anthem evokes the hope and expectation of the coming of our Messiah. You will recognize snippets of the well-known hymn throughout: and will hear that Jesus is "the light of the world."

Many thanks to the Choir for singing us into the Advent Season!



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 15. 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

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

For those of you who attended last week's 9:30 and 11:00 services, you heard Matt Sonneborn playing the trumpet. Matt is not only the Principal Trumpeter for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra; he also has a heart for caring for those at St. Matthew's House. Matt is the race director for the Thanksgiving *Gobble Gobble* race, which took place on Thanksgiving Day. If you would still like to contribute to this wonderful cause, please write your check to Emmanuel and put the words *Gobble, Gobble* on the memo line. Thank you!

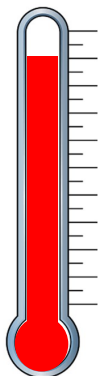
Women with Women Group



On December 11, 2019, the Women with Women group is going to the Baker Museum. Meet at the church at 10:30 to car pool or you can go directly to the museum. The tour is at 11a.m. with a docent. They will have lunch afterwards at Brios around 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

GOAL!

Make a Difference



\$ 2,000,160
\$ 1,765,597

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a great congregation that makes a significant difference in our community. To continue our current level of service to congregation members, guests, and local ministry partners, we need to close a projected shortfall of \$250,000 by the end of the year. Staff is already holding the line on spending, and this shortfall already reflects anticipated contributions, so we are looking for giving beyond existing

commitment levels. If you would like more detailed information, please contact the church office and ask to speak to Pastor Steve.



Is God calling you to become a Stephen Minister for Emmanuel Lutheran Church?

Listen to His call.

A new Stephen Ministry class will begin here at Emmanuel on Monday, January 6, 2020. The classes will continue for 10 weeks. I will offer two choices for the time of our next class: One class will meet from 2:00 - 4:30 pm. If there are those who would like to become a Stephen Minister and are working, I would offer a second class from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this vital ministry at our church. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex and in the Family Life Center. We would love to have you join us. For more information, or to sign up through the office please call 239-261-0894 and leave your information for Carol Hartman. Please give your name, your contact phone number and your email.

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)
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Sunday Services with Holy Communion 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 am; Alive Service at 10:00 am; Bilingual Service at 11:15 am
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Rev. Steven E Wiggdahl, Senior Pastor
Rev. José Lebrón, Associate Pastor for Mission Development
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Karole Langset, Resident Pastor
Theresa Shaw, Executive Director
Ken Wistrom, Choir Director

Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon, Youth & Family
Joyce Finlay, ELCA Deacon, Music & Worship
Carol Hartman, RN - Parish Nurse
Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon, Service & Outreach
Lois Sorensen, Resident Pastor
Vivian Shea, Chief Operations Officer
Jamie Searles, Alive Music Leader



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... It's time to begin another great season of learning together and growing in our Christian faith.
11:15 am – 12:00 pm.

Children (K-5) will meet in upstairs in Room 1 and Middle and High School students will meet upstairs in the Oasis Student Center.



ADVENT CRAFT FAIR Next Sunday

Our youth and children have been working on Sunday mornings to create some beautiful Advent and Christmas items. All of these items will be on sale in the breezeway on **Sunday, December 8**. All the proceeds that our young people raise from this event will go towards supporting the ELCA Good Gifts. This is a wonderful program that allows all of us to support children and families around the world with vital items we take for granted, such as: water, medicine, animals, food and shelter. Please stop by the Advent Craft Table and lend your support and encouragement. THANKS!



IT'S BACK!

Emmanuel's Adult Fellowship

Dinner

for 6, or 8

It begins January 2020. Sign up now!

See the November 2019 Newsletter for details or call Gina at 239-261-0894 to sign up. You can also sign up on the website. Click on the blue tab on the home page to fill out your form.

Learn about Emmanuel Academies' Innovative 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program!

Join us for a Lunch and Learn on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from Noon to 1:30 PM**, to hear more about Emmanuel Academies' 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program. Through this innovative program, young adults and others called to be Pastors can earn a B.A. in Organizational Management from Concordia University Chicago and a Master of Divinity from Sioux Falls Seminary in cooperation with Luther House of Study and Luther Seminary while staying in their community and working in their home church. Scholarships are available! Learn more at www.EmmanuelEd.Org/. Please RSVP to Laurie Sullivan, laurie@emmanuelacademies.org.