



# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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## February 2018 Newsletter



### **Mooring Line Drive Campus**

777 Mooring Line Dr.  
Naples, FL 34102  
239-261-0894

#### ***Sunday Services with Holy Communion***

7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### **Alive Contemporary Service**

at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center

✠Email: [elc@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:elc@naplesemmanuel.org) ✠



### **Pebblebrooke Campus**

15205 Collier Blvd., Suite 201 & 202  
Naples, FL 34119  
239-213-0535

#### ***Saturday Evening Service***

5:00 p.m.

#### ***Sunday Bilingual Service with Holy Communion***

11:00 a.m.

✠Email: [frine@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:frine@naplesemmanuel.org) ✠

### **Church Office Hours: (Mooring Line Campus)**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



#### **Our Mission:**

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

## Staff and Church Council

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### Our Staff:

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### Church Council:

The Church Council is made up of nine dedicated people who act on behalf of the church membership. According to Emmanuel Lutheran's Constitution, "The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Please do not hesitate to contact a council member if you have any questions or concerns. They are here to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support. If you would like to communicate with the members of the Emmanuel Church Council, you will find their names and e-mail addresses below:

**At the January 24, 2018, Annual Meeting, three new Council members, Steve Esala, Nancy Dick, and Nelson Gonzalez were elected to Council. Here is your Council for 2018-2019: [new contact info in RED](#)**

### Executive Board:

Peter Wasmer (President) - [pwasmer139@gmail.com](mailto:pwasmer139@gmail.com)  
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### The other members are:

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### AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING:

Highlights of January 15, 2018 Meeting:

1. The 2018 Budget was approved by the Council, and is pending approval of the entire voting Congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 24, 2018.
2. An update was given on the repairs to the church after the damage by Hurricane Irma. A new roof is now being installed.
3. A new way of welcoming others is going to be introduced in the congregation, by way of Friendship Pads and a Welcome Package.
4. There was discussion about exploring security options for our church, ensuring continued safety for all.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events



### Wednesday, February 7 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm



This is a fun intergenerational event to pack meals for local families. No experience is needed. We will gather anytime after 5:00 pm to sign in, put on your hat/hairnet and begin packing meals for our needy in Collier County. All ages can help - Pizza will be provided during a break.

### Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018, and Emmanuel will worship with two services that day: 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. At 6:30 p.m. there will be special music provided by the Emmanuel Choir, as well as a prayer for the Confirmands.

Our Pebblebrooke site will also hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.



### Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Throughout Lent we will continue with a series of Wednesday Evening Services, "A Centered Life," based upon the book by Jack Fortin (of Lutheran Seminary). Here is our schedule:

Wednesday, February 21: *Longing* for a Centered Life

Wednesday, February 28: *Awakened* to a Centered Life

Wednesday, March 7: *Called* to a Centered Life

Wednesday, March 14: *Set Free* for a Centered Life

Wednesday, March 21: *Nurtured* for a Centered Life



Our next "Water is Life" workshop, presented by Blue Zones and ECHO International, will be held here at Emmanuel on **Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5:30pm** in the sanctuary. The topic is *Drinking Water is Life: The Impacts of Contamination*. Please join us to learn more about this very important topic!

### Family Retreat (February 23-25, 2018)

This year's theme: *Lord teach us to pray*

We have over 100 people attending this year's family retreat. We are looking forward to a fun-filled, relaxing weekend while enriching our spiritual selves and building relationships with our church family.

Please keep them in your prayers as they travel.







February 6

*"Let My Heart Be Broken"*

Speaker: Marilee Pierce Dunker,  
Ambassador and Daughter of Founder of World Vision

**Tickets:**

\$10 for individual lecture

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God. The work of World Vision is to "pull up the roots of poverty and plant the seeds of change." During 2016, World Vision helped over 15.4 million disaster survivors and refugees; transformed the lives of 4 million sponsored kids; impacted 1.7 million jobs; and brought clean water to 4.6 million people.

Marilee Pierce Dunker is a traveling ambassador for World Vision and the author of four books including "The Audacity of Faith", which focuses on the many partnerships her father, the founder of World Vision, had with missionaries and churches around the world, laying the foundation for the World Vision we know today.

LEARN! CELEBRATE! ACT!

EARTH DAY 2018  **Water IS LIFE**

## WORKSHOP SERIES & CONCERT

**WORKSHOP 1** | *Ground Water Is Life: The Impact of Hydraulic Fracturing*

Presented in partnership with The Conservancy of SW Florida

January 8th | 5:30pm | Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd.

**WORKSHOP 2** | *Drinking Water Is Life: The Impact of Contamination*

Presented in partnership with Blue Zones Project SW Florida

February 15th | 5:30pm | Emmanuel Lutheran, 777 Mooring Line Dr.

**WORKSHOP 3** | *Ocean Water Is Life: The Impact of a Changing Climate*

Presented in partnership with the DEPT. of ENV. Protection

March 15th | 5:30pm | Mayflower United Church of Christ, 2900 County Barn Rd.

**CONCERT AT CAMBIER PARK** | *Water Is Life: Earth Day 2018 Concert*

- Free concert featuring a variety of genres, styles, & performers
  - Information tables from leading SW Florida conservation organizations
  - Kid's art showcase, celebrating our earth and the idea that "Water is Life"
- April 22nd | 5:00pm | Cambier Park Bandshell, Downtown Naples



## Grace Place Puts Faith Into Action

### Providing Pathways Out of Poverty By Educating Children and Families



When Jorge first walked onto the Grace Place campus, he had no idea that those steps would change the lives of his entire family.

Jorge needed to learn English, and was looking for help preparing for his citizenship exam. He was worried sick, since he had only three years of formal schooling in Guatemala, his birth country. As Jorge spent time on our campus, he realized his entire family could benefit from Grace Place's comprehensive family literacy programing.

Jorge's wife, Mariana, and their two preschool-aged children enrolled in our Bright Beginnings program soon after. When Mariana began, she was anxious and exhausted caring for her children. Through Bright Beginnings, Mariana gained confidence as a mother and learned to be her children's first teacher. Now, Mariana is thriving and so are her kids. They will enter kindergarten next year, completely prepared.

Jorge not only passed his citizenship exam, he earned a promotion at work thanks, in part, to his growing command of the English language. Jorge credits his Grace Place English and citizenship teachers for his success. We credit Jorge for his hard work.

Mariana and Jorge have built a platform from which their two children can launch their lives. As their family strives, our School Age programs will help ensure that their children become the first in their family to graduate high school and enter college. It may seem an impossible task, but it is very likely that they will succeed with the foundation they have laid at Grace Place.

With Grace Place's help, our students' and their families' lives will be forever changed for the better. As our families thrive, they will transform Golden Gate City and Collier County as a whole, becoming integral parts of our communities' bright future. Join us in making this future a reality through your support of Grace Place.

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### 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).



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### 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](mailto:mfiebrink@gmail.com). His cell phone number is (276) - 791-2647.



**Emmanuel ended 2017 with two momentous Habitat-related events:**

First, Pastor Will led the dedication of Emmanuel's 47<sup>th</sup> Habitat house (right), a joyous occasion for a grateful family!

And later in December Rev. Lisa Lefkow, CEO of Habitat Collier announced at morning services that **Emmanuel had just provided funds for our 49<sup>th</sup> Habitat house!**



**Can we make it a total of 50 this year??**

No other congregation in Collier County has donated materials for 50 Habitat houses! We need \$50,000 to achieve that remarkable goal! Can you help out with a donation, large or small?

You can mail in your check or use the envelope in your pew. **Please make your check payable to *Emmanuel*, and indicate *Habitat*.** Or you can donate directly to Habitat by check or credit card.... and be sure to mention Emmanuel!

Thank you!



Thank you for supporting the Paper Bead Jewelry sales! In December, we raised over \$900 from our sale at church.

All year, we have a group of women that meet every Wednesday at 1:00 PM to make paper beads and then create necklaces and bracelets. If you would like to participate, please contact Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

**Emmanuel Park**



Park construction continues to move forward as planned. During the month of February the irrigation system and electricity will be installed followed by the landscape and sprigging of the multipurpose field. Please continue to follow the construction progress on the church website and STAR. Thank you.



## Emmanuel Communities at Pebblebrooke

### Bible Study

Tuesday, **February 6**, we invite you to bring your lunch and join Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon and our Resident Pastor Ian McMichael from Noon-1:00 pm at Emmanuel Community Church, Pebblebrooke, for the video lecture series, **Reading the Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation**. Each Tuesday we will begin the class with a 30-minute video lecture by Craig R. Koester, Luther Seminary. Following by a time of group discussion. For more information, please contact Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon.

### Walking Group

Last month we started a walking group on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. We meet in front of the Tropical Smoothie Café on the corner of Immokalee Road and Collier Blvd. If you are interested in joining us please contact Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon for more information at 239-213-0535.

### Emmanuel Kids: Monday Connection

Our children's ministry program continues to meet at Pebblebrooke, every Monday from 5:30-7:00pm. For more information, please contact Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon at 239-213-0535



### Adult ESL program

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> we held an orientation at Emmanuel Community Church for our 12 tutors and 25 adult ESL students. **Thank you** to all of our tutors for volunteering your time to help members of our ECC congregation learn English. You are each making a difference! Special thank you to Nancy Dick and Sandy Rasmussen, for your leadership with this program and Nieves Lebron and Frine Donadelli for your assistance in working



with the students.

### Calling all Emmanuel Community Church (Pebblebrooke) Youth!

Emmanuel Community Church has a youth group! If you are a middle or high schooler, come join us Sunday after worship from 12:30-2pm. The schedule is as follows:

February 11: Gather at ECC after worship

February 18: We will not meet and encourage everyone to come celebrate Pastor Frank at MLD

February 25: No meeting—Family Retreat

March 4: Gather at ECC

March 11: Gather at ECC

March 18: Gather at ECC

Friday, March 23: Tentative Lock-In date at ECC

April 1: Help serve food at Easter Sunrise Service

Please Note: These dates are in addition to the service projects planned in conjunction with ELC. If you have any questions about either the Youth Gathering or the service projects, please see Jim. If you have questions about ECC Youth Group, please speak to Ian.





### Carol Calling:

If you are trying your best to avoid the cold and flu bug this season, here is some more food for thought which I hope will help you. First and foremost, get a yearly flu vaccine. The medical doctors say it is still not too late. And get the pneumonia vaccine according to your physician's protocol. Lather up often during the day...especially after shaking hands or touching door knobs and door handles out in the public places. If there is no soap, use alcohol-based sanitizer as a substitute. Keep your hands away from your mouth and nose. Get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids.

A sore throat and runny nose followed by about 10 days of coughing and sneezing could be the common cold- basically a viral infection that spreads through the air, by touching surfaces where the virus lives or even by shaking hands and then touching your mouth and nose. Rest and fluids are essential and some over the counter medicines may help soothe the symptoms. Ask for help from your pharmacist.

A cough accompanied by a sudden high fever, chills, body aches, sore throat and fatigue could be the flu. Todd Astor, a pulmonologist at Mass General in Boston, says "the influenza tends to come on like a truck". With symptoms such as this, you should get to your doctor as soon as possible. There are medications which can shorten the duration and effect of the flu if you take them early enough in the course of the problem.

A cough, soreness in the chest and a fever could be bronchitis. This is inflammation of the bronchial tubes-the airways swell and produce mucus which causes the cough. See your doctor who may take an X-ray to rule out pneumonia and determine what medications will give you relief. Drink plenty of fluids and you might even take a hot shower to breathe in steam for relief. This can be very comforting.

If pneumonia (an infection in one or both lungs) is diagnosed, then it will most likely be necessary for your physician to prescribe an antibiotic. Do not try to treat these winter "cold/flu" symptoms by yourself. Get the advice of your primary care physician or your trusted pharmacist.

And please, if you think you might be carrying one of these viruses or feel you are "coming down" with one of them stay home, rest, drink lots of fluids and take care of yourself rather than coming to work or exposing others in a public place. Everyone will thank you for being considerate, and your body will thank you for giving it a chance to recover.



If you are in Physicians Regional Hospital, please give the church office a call to let us know. We would be happy to visit with you.

If you would like to have a prayer added to the prayer chain, please contact Joyce O'Neill. You may contact Joyce at 239-566-3373 or email her at [KSONaples@comcast.net](mailto:KSONaples@comcast.net)



### STEPHEN MINISTRY - CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE



This is the motto of Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministry role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through difficult times in their lives. We listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. In this one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If you or someone you know is facing difficulties and may benefit by the care of a Stephen Minister contact Carol Hartman at Emmanuel - 239-261-0894.

### STEPHEN MINISTER: FRANK LESTER

At the end of 2007, Frank completed a twenty-eight year career of solid accomplishments for the Union Tank Car Company in Chicago and at its Canadian affiliate, Procor Limited in Toronto. Their business was manufacturing and leasing railroad tank cars to the oil and chemical industry. Frank is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and, now splits his year living between Bonita Springs and Cape Cod, MA. He has three children and eight grandchildren who live in New England and the Chicago area.

After his wife of 47 years passed away, he had been looking for an opportunity to help and serve others in a Christian setting. A Stephen Ministry program was not able to get off the ground in his Lutheran church up north, so he enrolled in Emmanuel's classes in 2014. Frank became a member of Emmanuel earlier this year.



He believes that the greatest personal reward of being a Stephen Minister is not only the obvious joy in helping others, but the internal growth one experiences within your own faith in Jesus Christ.

Ten years ago on – **Sunday, January 28, 2007**, Emmanuel Lutheran Church launched its first contemporary worship service called **THE ALIVE SERVICE**. Since that time, there have been approximately **500** worship services and more than **3000** songs sung to the Lord. Over the years, the gospel has been faithfully preached and all have been welcomed to the Lord’s Table in this casual family-friendly setting of the Family Life Center. Participation has grown over the years with attendance now averaging between 50 to 70 people per service and occasional in-season numbers breaking 100. On this 10 year anniversary, we give all the glory and thanks to God for the thousands of lives that have been blessed through this wonderful



“Alive” worship service. Along with this comes a **GI-**

**ANT THANK YOU** to all the many volunteers (young

and old) who have faithfully served as band members, assisting ministers, helping with AV, doing hospitality, setting up the altar, greeting people and taking the offering. **Thanks, we couldn’t do it without you!**

In 2006, the early vision for the Alive service was forged by staff members, Pastor Deborah Fergus and Deacon Jim Cooper, along with David Hopley, who was a passionate congregational member determined to make the Alive service a reality. **Thank you, David!** (He has since passed on to be with the Lord.)

In the spring of 2012, Pastor Fergus retired and Jim Cooper assumed the primary responsibility of managing the service. Over the years there have been five terrific Alive-Band leaders. First there was Brandon Kidder, then there was John O’Connor, followed by Todd Partin and then for several great years, Ken Hodsdon. In August 2017, Ken retired and now we are blessed to have the musical gifts and talents of Colin Hart.

Finally as mentioned earlier, we give all our thanks to God for all the good that has come through the Alive Service over these past 10 years. **Thank you, Lord!**

Along with this prayer of thanksgiving, we also ask that God would continue to greatly bless this service in the days and years to come, and that God would draw in hundreds of new people from around our community, who are longing for the love of God and seeking a caring Christian community.

Eternally grateful,

Jim Cooper



## THANK YOU!

**Souper Bowl of Caring** was a great success. We raised \$2,363.00 and a bin full of canned goods for St. Matthew’s House, Grace Place, and Harry Chapin Food Bank.







Thousands of Lutheran teens from across the U.S. will gather in Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. We have about 12 youth from our Mooring Line and Pebblebrooke campuses attending this year. The five-day event is an opportunity for teens to connect with each other, give back to the community and be inspired in their faith.

The event theme, "This Changes Everything," was developed during a retreat where they studied evaluations from the 2015 event which revealed a common concern among youth, "I need to know that I'm enough." Event director, Molly Beck Dean, said the group realized that if teens could truly believe that God's grace is freely given, that Jesus died for their sins if they could really wrap their heads around that and believe in it - that would change everything.

Houston was chosen as this year's host city because it "has a lot to teach us: it's the most multicultural city in the nation."

Cody Miller is coordinating a host of service - learning opportunities for Gathering attendees, including working with refugee resettlement and human trafficking prevention agencies, food banks and community gardens. In addition, art installation projects, neighborhood cleanups will be completed, and attendees are asked to bring a book from Blast off for Books drive to increase community literacy.

Other faith formation activities held throughout the Gathering include Bible study, worship, interactive learning, live entertainment and speakers such as Nadia Bolz-Weber, an author and ELCA pastor.

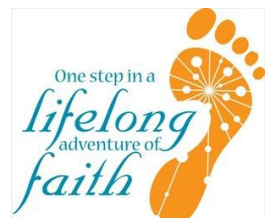
Michael Rinehart, bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, said youth at this year's event can expect to be challenged in their faith, to grow in their faith and may even discover their calling.

Ally McDonough, a high school representative from S.C., advises youth who are attending to "be open to new opportunities, whether it be walking up to a stranger and striking up a conversation, or opening up your heart and soul to the call of the Spirit. It's amazing what happens when you sit and listen for a while."

From *Living Lutheran Magazine*,  
February 2018



**Confirmation Classes** will begin on Ash Wednesday - February 14. It is the beginning/continuation of a 3-year program. If you have any questions or would like to join the class, please contact Jim Cooper at 239-261-0894 or email [jim@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:jim@naplesemmanuel.org).





**FINANCIAL UPDATE** (as of December 31, 2017)

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| TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES | Budget Year to Date<br>\$2,031,808 | Actual Year to Date<br>\$1,682,245 |
| TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES        | Budget Year to Date<br>\$2,030,008 | Actual Year to Date<br>\$1,842,271 |
| AVERAGE ATTENDANCE            | December 2016<br>517               | December 2017<br>584               |



**Valentine's Day is February 14th.** Please support Emmanuel by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for that perfect gift.



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features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, **the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you are prompted to select a charitable organization. Emmanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church is one of those organizations. **So, if you shop with Amazon, remember to go through AmazonSmile and select Emmanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church.** *(Tell your family and friends to do the same.)*

*Last year we had \$300 in donations through AmazonSmile. We hope with more participation from the congregation that this number will increase in 2018.*

Emmanuel wants to remind you that we offer **electronic giving** as a way to **automate your regular weekly offering**. It's a convenient way of giving that will bring order and consistency to the way you give. You simply designate the amount, the frequency and the payment method. We also invite you to **consider using electronic giving for one-time gifts** including seasonal giving, year-end giving and donations to our special funds. **Getting started is easy.** Visit online at [www.naplesemmanuel.org](http://www.naplesemmanuel.org), click on the Share tab/ online giving and click on Create Your Profile and Establish on-line giving. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Of course, if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.



**February 2, 2018 Deaths**

John Salzer - December 16, 2017

Robert Montbriand - January 18, 2018

Joe Finnegan - January 22, 2018

Baerbel Immer - January 29, 2018

Ken Sanders - February 2, 2018

Marion Lang - February 2, 2018

March Newsletter deadline is February 20th.

Please e-mail Jennifer, [jennifer@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:jennifer@naplesemmanuel.org), with any information by this date.

## Music and Worship



### MUSICAL NOTES

As we quickly draw near to the Lenten season, I realize that two of these significant days coincide with regular calendar holidays. Ash Wednesday this year falls on Valentine's Day, February 14. In I John, 3:1, we are reminded: "<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." How fitting that we can ponder the depth of God's love for us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

The Emmanuel Choir has recently learned that their beloved director of 13 years, Doug Denisen, will be retiring from his position on April 15, 2018. This is a double blow for us, as we will have to say "good-bye" to Doug and his amazing wife, Sharon. Doug and Sharon have led the Choir *in love* throughout their tenure here, and the Choir has become one loving and caring family.

We will be celebrating Doug and Sharon throughout this season, as well as the Easter season, and are so very grateful for their time with us....and the love they have shared.

P.S. The second significant day happens to be Easter, which will fall on April 1 (no fooling!). More on that next month....

Joyce Finlay, ELCA Deacon for Music & Worship



## HIGH SOCIETY ALL STAR DIXIELAND BAND

**March 8, 2018 at 7:30pm in the  
Family Life Center**

**For tickets call the church office at  
239-261-0894**

**\$15 per ticket at church office or  
\$20 at the door**

This band was organized in the spring of 2017 just to have fun with some of the local Naples' professional musicians who all have a love for Dixieland music.

The members from Naples are: Marty Krebs (trumpet/vocal), Dr. Jim Hansen (drums/washboard/vocal), and Carlo Fusaro (string bass).

The members from Minneapolis who were also members of The Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band are Russ Peterson (clarinet/sax/flute/vocal), Art Katzman (trombone/violin/vocal) and Dick Petersen (banjo/guitar).

They play toe-tappin' exciting music such as High Society, Someday You'll Be Sorry, 12th Street Rag, Basin Street Blues, South Rampart Street Parade and Peoria just to name a few.

**Proceeds to benefit 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.**

## Upcoming Events / Clubs

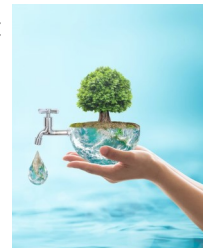
### Lit and Latte Book Club

Everyone in the community are invited to join our group. Please feel free to bring houseguests and friends, as all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Kischer at [bkischer@yahoo.com](mailto:bkischer@yahoo.com). We meet in the WELCA room (above the church offices) monthly from **2:00-3:30 PM**. Please join us.



Dates are: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14. You can get a list of the books from the church office.

"**Earth Day 2018: Water is Life**" is kicking off early with our first workshop "Ground Water is Life: The Impact of Hydraulic Fracturing." This free event will be hosted by Naples UCC at **5:30pm on January 8th**. Come learn from a presentation by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and discover how to make a difference in Florida policy.



**Earth Day Event - Free Earth Day Concert!** Wide array of genres. **April 22nd, 2018**. Cambier Park, Downtown Naples. Music starts at 5:00pm. Info tables and activities for all. Come and go as needed! For more info contact Colin Hart: [colin@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:colin@naplesemmanuel.org) / (239) 261-0894



**WELCA** Circles will meet on the 3rd Thursday of January. More information to follow in the Star.



**Social Bridge:** We play Fridays at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Don Brown at 239-435-0043. We will begin play when we have enough response for at least 2 tables. We're a group of primarily Emmanuel members, but your friends and neighbors are welcome as well. We need couples (guy/gal – gal/gal – guy/guy) – and subs!

### WOMEN WITH WOMEN

All women who wish to explore the possibilities of new friendships together.

*Planning meetings are the first Wednesday of each month in the WELCA room at 11:00 a.m.*

**February 21:** Holocaust museum and then lunch at MR. Big Fish - carpool at Emmanuel - meet at church at 9:30am or be at holocaust museum for tour at 10am

**March 18:** beading for Haiti sale - all services

If you have questions call Jeanette O'Connor at 239-594-8179 or Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.



**Mah Jongg** is still alive at Emmanuel - join us on Fridays at 1:00 in the Stephen Ministry room on the second floor. If you have any questions, please call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

The **Tuesday Stitchers** (quilters) meet every Tuesday morning in the Community Room from 9:30-1:30. New people are always welcome. No sewing experience required. For more information call Jane Hauck at 605-366-4338.



### Beading for Haiti Project Paperbead Jewelry

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

Interested? Contact Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/beadingforhaiti](http://www.facebook.com/beadingforhaiti)

Village of Hope Webpage [www.villageofhopehaiti.org](http://www.villageofhopehaiti.org)



**Come join us every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**



# Volunteers Needed

## FLOWER MINISTRY

We are looking for two - three people to deliver flowers to some of our homebound members. The commitment would be once a month. If you are interested, call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894.



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



Joyce is always looking for more **Worship Participants:** Greeters, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, and Acolytes. If you are interested, we will train you—just email Joyce at [joyce@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:joyce@naplesemmanuel.org).



**Get Involved  
in Worship**

## ALTAR GUILD

Would you like to help in one of the most important ministries of the church? **Join the Altar Guild!** Setting the Table for Holy Communion is a most rewarding experience—there is much more to it than meets the eye. If you would like to try it, contact Joyce or Diedre Milligan, head of the Altar Guild, at [nellefl@embarqmail.com](mailto:nellefl@embarqmail.com).



**ALTAR GUILD**

## MEMORIAL GARDEN



We are looking for 4-5 people (men included) who would like to give their time and talent to our Memorial Garden Niche and grounds maintenance. If you are interested please call Parish Nurse Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - TUTORING CHILDREN

New Horizons of SWFL is looking for volunteer tutors for their afterschool program that meets at our Pebblebrooke location. The program meets from 3:15- 5:30 pm Monday - Thursday. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact Dort Bear: [dort@newhorizonsofswfl.org](mailto:dort@newhorizonsofswfl.org) or 239-948-4146. Or you may contact Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon at [dee@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesemmanuel.org)

