



The Star

January 7, 2018- January 13, 2018



Sunday Prayers: Paul

Mueller, Liv Herman, Christine Trask, William Perez (José's uncle), Jim McLaughlin, Lilian Hebert and Mary Lynne Solomon.

Continuing Prayers: Michael

Maslowski, Andy Detrick, Baerbel Immer, Jane Borchers, Carol Goodin, Diane Fink, Ellen Wolfe, Marla Gadsby, Carolyn Gehrman, Trudie Freymiller, Joe Finnegan, Roy Wolff, John Berg, Jodi Vanderwater, Joanne Santos, Joanne Zahn, Irene Fox and Sonia Santos.

Welcome to Emmanuel, Dr. Ferguson and Grace Place!



Dr. Tim Ferguson, Executive Director of Grace Place, will visit Emmanuel Lutheran Church this Sunday, January 7. He will share an update about Grace Place in Golden Gate City during worship services and at an information table on the patio between services.

Before joining Grace Place in July, 2015, Dr. Ferguson had an impressive career in public education in Lee and Collier Counties.

Grace Place puts faith into action - providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing today at the 9:30 sanctuary service. Thank you to soloist Pat Day for sharing his musical gifts with us today!

SERVICES AT

PEBBLEBROOKE CENTER

6:00 PM SATURDAY - ENGLISH SPEAKING SERVICE

11:00 AM SUNDAY - BILINGUAL SERVICE

15205 Collier Blvd, Suite 201 & 202
Naples, FL 34119

There will be Bible Study on Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Readings for Sunday, January 14



1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51
Color: **Green**



In Romans 12:15, Paul writes "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep".

Our Stephen Ministers are trained in one on one care to assist those dealing with life's difficulties. Please call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894 if you would like to have a Stephen Minister help you.

Join our Weekly Activities -

Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Quilting - Community Room
Call Jane Hauck 605-366-4338

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

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

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

Chapel
call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

Fridays 1:00 p.m. - Bridge

call Don Brown at 239-435-0043



OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FLOWERS

If you would like to give flowers for our weekly worship services in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone, please call Jennifer or Gina in the office (261-0894).

January 7, 14, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

TUESDAYS WITH EMMANUEL - Graced to Serve

Five Lecture Series starting this week January 9
Series \$40.00, individual lecture \$10.00
Family Life Center 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

January 9 - "Delivering Human Services to People in Need"



Speaker: Samuel M. Sipes, Chief Executive Officer Lutheran Services of Florida

Lutheran Services Florida, which is based in Tampa, was established in 1982 to assist in refugee resettlement in Southeast and Central Florida. Today, LSF has 1,300 employees who oversee more than 60 Programs including Refugee and Immigration, Guardianship Service, Youth Shelters, Head Start, Counseling Services, Disaster Response, Sexual Abuse Treatment, Teen Court, Ryan White AIDS, Welfare, Foster Care and Adoptions, Charter Schools, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

The **Annual Meeting of Emmanuel Lutheran Church** will take place on **Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** At the meeting the Proposed 2018 Spending Plan will be shared, as well as a review of other reports from the many ministries of our congregation and synod. There also will be an extensive report, describing our ministry at our Mooring Line Drive site, as well as our mission and outreach at our Pebblebrooke and Oil Well Road sites. As our Constitution provides, you will also have opportunity to vote for new members of the Church Council. (Associate Members and friends are welcome to attend the meeting. However, the ELCA Constitution allows voting of those who are full-time members). **Hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Child care will be available during the meeting time.** The Annual Report will be ready for distribution on Sunday, January 21, so those who are interested can review it prior to the Annual Meeting.

We know you have questions...and we want you to be well informed!

Thursday, Jan. 18th 5:30-7:00 PM or Sunday, Jan. 21st following the 11 AM Service

Please join Pastor Steve for one of the two informational presentations in the Church Sanctuary with Q&A and refreshments to follow. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our Park on Oil Well Road, the Academies, and all that God is doing through Emmanuel and in our community!

Please be sure to join us on one of these dates! RSVP to Gina Fidler at gina@naplesemmanuel.org or by calling the church office at 261-0894.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN TO BE VISITED BY ELCA'S PRESIDING BISHOP!

(Preaching 9:00 & 11:00 on Jan. 21st)

The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, will be preaching at Emmanuel on Sunday, January 21st at both our 9:00 and 11:00 am services. Elected as the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education from the College of Wooster.



Ordained in 1981, Eaton served three congregations in Ohio before being elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006 and re-elected in May 2013. Eaton's four emphases for the ELCA are: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who the ELCA is.

Lit and Latte Book Club



Please join us. January 15, 2018, Monday at 2:00 pm in the WELCA room. The new book is **Trains and Lovers** by Alexander McCall Smith.

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



21st ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

Our information table at the Martin Luther King

celebration gives us a chance to reach out to the Greater Naples community and an opportunity to interact with people with different backgrounds and experiences.

WHAT: Emmanuel information table at the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

WHERE: The band shell at Cambier Park

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 15, a Federal Holiday. The parade gets to the park about noon, Activities start at 11 AM and wrap up around 2 PM.

If you would like to join us, call Nancy Nodell at 596-3710.

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!



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.)

The Endowment Committee is looking for a couple new members to join their team.

If you have interest in fundraising and have a passion for helping to build a lasting legacy of faith, you may be interested in becoming a team player on this committee. **Endowment gifts allow us to reach goals and dreams beyond the scope of the annual stewardship giving.** If you think you have interest please contact **Rick Boe**, chairperson at **239-949-6542** or send him an email at **rwboe@icloud.com**

"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** (5200 Crayton Rd, Naples, FL 34103) 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.



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 - 8th grades will meet in the Media Center
- ⇒ 9th - 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.

We will have Sunday school today. Come join us!



10th Annual Family Retreat

February 23 - 25, 2018

A special time of rest, renewal and spiritual growth. All are welcome!



Pick up a flyer at the welcome table for more information and registration. For questions, contact Jim at 239-261-0894 or jim@naplesemmanuel.org.

Amazon Smile Program

You can now support **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** when you shop on AmazonSmile. The following link will direct you to [smile.amazon: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1377616](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1377616). **AmazonSmile** is a website operated by **Amazon** that will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by you. There is no charge to participate.



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



Please call the church office at **239-261-0894** with updates of your address, phone numbers and email address. We will be updating our directory and want the most up to date information.

Lifetouch will be coming Jan 30 - Feb 3 to update portraits for our new 2018 Directory. **We are looking for 10 - 15 people who will greet members at the time of their portraits.** It is a fun way of meeting people within our church family. Please call Jennifer at 239-261-0894 if you are interested in helping or if you need to schedule your appointment.



FLOWER MINISTRY MESSAGE

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.

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*
Jim Cooper, *ELCA Deacon, Youth & Family*
Will Kittinger, *Resident Pastor*
Ian McMichael, *Resident Pastor*

Joyce Finlay, *ELCA Deacon, Music & Worship*
Carol Hartman, *Parish Nurse*
Dee Schleitker, *ELCA Deacon, Service & Outreach*
Vivian Shea, *Business Administrator*
Colin Hart, *Associate Director of Music & Worship Arts*



If you need any information about Emmanuel Lutheran Church, please visit our website www.naplesemmanuel.org