



The Star

July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019



Sunday Prayers: Alice Krautsack, Bethany Rabenold, John Guddie and Kathryn Cederstrom.

Continuing Prayers: Gary Boe, Linda Goldberg, Victoria Warrenfelz, Pedro Wasmer, Barbara Stohler, Flo Wing, Marbury Anderson, Rick Bethem, and Jacquelyn Kittinger.

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, July 25 at 9:30 am
Readings for Sunday, July 28



Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13
Color: **GREEN**



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 the office (261-0894).

**August 4, 18; Sept. 1, 29, Oct. 20, 27;
Nov. 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15, 22**

Join our Weekly Activities:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Paper Beading - Bible Study Room
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

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

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



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

Discover Emmanuel will continue through July

The Bonus Sundays - education classes continued !

Sundays 10:15 - 10:45 am in the Chapel

July 21 and 28



Free Children and Youth Soccer Clinics

Emmanuel Community Park

July 27th from 9:00am - 11:00am



Parents bring your children by the Park for:

- Organized Drills
- Open Play
- Competitions

For more information please contact: management@EmmanuelPark.org

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Emmanuel is pleased to welcome Steve Esala to both Sanctuary services today. Steve is a current member of the Emmanuel Church Council and also serves as the Regional Director of Thrivent International. In addition to all this, he also sings in the Everglades Barbershop Chorus. We appreciate your willingness to share your musical gifts with us, Steve - thank you!



Faith, Work and Economic Initiative for Education at Emmanuel:



just under \$20,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Help us meet our goal!

Last year we received a \$25, 000 grant from the Kern Foundation for educational purposes. The expectation from Kern was that we match the funds so that we might receive another \$25, 000 grant. To date we have collected

The money we received last year enabled us to bring in speakers for Mondays with Emmanuel. We had a huge positive response to these classes on Sunday and Monday. With your assistance, we will continue this vital program. Please make checks to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and put "Kern Foundation" in the memo. Thank you for your continued support to our education program. For more information connect with Howard Isaacson or Pastor Rick.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry was introduced to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 2003. Since that time, we have trained over 70 lay members to become Stephen Ministers for our parish and our community. We are called the "after" people for many reasons; because we try to be there for you after a crisis or a difficult time in your life. If you think you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister about a problem you are having or to refer someone you know to the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Carol Hartman, RN by email at carol@naplesemmanuel.org or 239-261-0894



No one has ever seen God: if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:11-12

HOSPITALITY BAKERS NEEDED:



We need bakers to make treats (cookies, muffins...) for Sunday mornings. If you are interested, call the church office at 239-261-0894.

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM

Help Our Students Get Ready to Return to School!



Grace Place for Children and Families is seeking volunteers for our Backpack distribution. Join us on July 31st throughout the day as we distribute backpacks and school supplies to our Grace Place students and families. Volunteers are needed throughout the day from 10am – 6:30pm in various shifts to help organize, set up, distribute and clean up all backpacks and school supplies.

This is a great opportunity to come out with family or friends! Not able to volunteer? You can still help! Check out our Amazon Wishlist to help us purchase the supplies our students need to be ready for school!

For more information, please call Arlene Mendez, Human Resource and Talent Manager, at 239-234-2467 or email arlene@graceplacenaples.org.



In Defense of Martha

The story of Martha and Mary in the Gospel of Luke can bring tension for many reasons. It may be hard to embrace the scripture when it is sometimes used falsely to dismiss the discipleship of women. People may say, “Female disciples, they are always bickering and absent minded.” People may say, “Christian women belong either the kitchen (Martha) or silent and submissive (Mary).” This is not the gospel!

Jesus called disciples that were women, and the early church had many leaders that were women, but this gospel is not really about gender or female relationships. In the Gospel of Luke, we see Martha active in her discipleship by serving (*diakonia*) (10:40). The Greek word *diakonia* is found in other places to describe table service at Eucharist and worship leadership in early house churches. We see Martha get overwhelmed in her ministry. She may have gotten lost in a feeling that she needed to prove herself as a good host, worker, disciple or worship leader. The scripture is about how all people, regardless of sex, can get stressed in our ministry with the idea of getting it perfect and forgetting why we chose to care for others in the first place. We forget the good news about the One who provides us with all that we need. I see this happen as people get lost in and debating the set up of the Holy Table. Do we serve the clergy and assistants before the rest of the congregation or after? Intinction or cups? These may be interesting debates but we miss the point if we get lost in them. The table is about Christ’s hospitality not our own. All we need is the Word and elements which God provides without us earning it or our preparation.

Jesus the Christ was with Martha. The moment was precious and life-changing. The gospel is Christ declaring us worthy of him even though we get things wrong and get lost in lesser things. We are worthy to receive his love, his time, and his teachings. We may know him and take rest in him.

Peace and Love,

Karole Langset
Resident Pastor

Children & Youth Ministry



In a recent article in *Living Lutheran Magazine* titled “Young Adults Claim Camp as Church Home” the author talks about how young adults found camp to be a faith community where they felt more connected to their faith and a sense of belonging. Camp seems to be more open to new ideas and willing to engage in questions about all the different ways people can experience God. *Let’s pray our youth find similar camp experiences. We look forward to hearing their stories when they come back on July 21. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.*



Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier - Leaving in August to participate in ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)

This coming year Kaitlyn will be going to Senegal, Africa for a year to do mission work to help the community in education, health and development projects. She will live with a host family.



Part of the requirement to attend this mission trip is to raise \$15,000 for the program. The money will help Kaitlyn and others in the program. This year there are four young adults from the Florida Bahama Synod.

Thank you for the donations so far - she is about two-thirds of reaching her goal! Please make checks out to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and put Kaitlyn—Mission Trip in the memo. (For more information about Kaitlyn and her trip go to the July Newsletter for a full article).

This summer Kaitlyn has been doing mission work in South Chicago for Youthworks, a Christian faith-based company. She returns August 7th for five days before leaving for ELCA training and then to Africa.

Our Mission:

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



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