



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

One church...multiple communities

www.naplesemmanuel.org

January 2020 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

Sunday Bilingual Service with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. In the Family Life Center

✠Email: elc@naplesemmanuel.org ✠

Church Office Hours:

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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

Our Staff:

Rev. Steven E Wigdahl, Senior Pastor - pastorsteve@naples Emmanuel.org
Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese, Associate Pastor - pastorrick@naples Emmanuel.org
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Rev. William Kittinger, Associate Pastor for Mission Development - pastorwill@naples Emmanuel.org
Karole Langset, Resident Pastor - Karole@naples Emmanuel.org
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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:

Here is your Council for 2019-2020:

Executive Board:

Michael Puchalla (President) - michael@collierhousing.com
Tom Jackson (Vice-President) - tom@tomjacksonresources.com
Ann Jones (Treasurer) - annjonesinfl@aol.com
Carlos Dominguez (Secretary) - joshuaandjacobsmom@yahoo.com

The other board members are:

Nancy Dick - nancyjdd@aol.com
Nelson Gonzalez - nelhandyman@outlook.com
Zetty Rivera - zettyrivera@gmail.com
Steve Esala - steve.esala@thrivent.com
Sylvia Boynton - sboynton@coe.ufl.edu

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER:

1. Pastor Jose and Nieves have moved out of the parsonage into a new house in Bent Creek Community.
2. Pastor Will and Dee will be working out of the parsonage some time in the first quarter of 2020.
3. We had a conference here at MLD on December 7th. Pastor Kelly Chatman and Pastor Jason Van Hunnik both from the Twin Cities discussed "Vocation Matters". These two congregations are involved in a vital ministry.
4. The Stewardship Committee had decided to send letters to the congregation to make them aware of the shortfall in the budget. Letters were sent to the congregation and several people have sent in additional funds.
5. Pastor Will's installation will be Jan. 12, 2020.

February Newsletter deadline is January 20th.

Please e-mail Jennifer, jennifer@naples Emmanuel.org, with any information by this date.

Upcoming Events



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR WILLIAM KITTINGER

A CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES FOR JANUARY 12

On Sunday, January 12, we will be celebrating the Installation of Pastor William Kittinger as Associate Pastor here at Emmanuel. Pastor Khader El-Yateem, Assistant to the Bishop for the Florida Bahamas Synod, will be installing Pastor Will at both services.

Please plan to come to either the 9:00 or the 11:00 service and help us rejoice with Will at this wonderful occasion!

(The Bilingual service will meet on this Sunday at 11:15 in the Family Life Center).

Come help take down the decorations the sanctuary:

Tuesday, January 7, to take it all down. Any questions, contact Karen Palmer at tkaper2002@yahoo.com

Thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary.



Stephen Ministry News

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 beginning in mid-November. 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. She will need your name, your contact phone number and your email.



Season Bonus Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, January 9

10:45 am - 11:45am

Pastor Rick Bliese - *"Overview of the longest Gospel in the NT: The Gospel of Matthew."*

Resident Pastor Karole Langset - *"Women in the Bible: The Prophets"*

Resident Pastor Lois Sorensen - *"Communion with Creation: Exploring the biblical roots of the vocation of environmentalism, including the ecotheology of our creation stories and church sacraments."*

VOICES OF LEGENDS
IN CONCERT

Thursday, January 23rd • 6pm

An Evening of Pop, Rock & Doo Wop

Atilio Marinelli

Uptown Express

Johnny T

Upcoming Events



SHINE Medicare Open Enrollment Event

When: January 29

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Emmanuel Lutheran Church

SHINE counselors are available to help you look at your Medicare plans to make sure you have the best plan to meet your changing health and financial needs.

No appointment, walk-in only on event date. Bring your Medicare ID card and a list of medications with dosage. If you are unable to attend this event, please call the Helpline at 866-413-5337

Faith, Vocation, and Economics: The Season Series

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Mondays (and Sunday mornings) February and March, 2020

February 3rd (and Sunday, Feb. 2nd)

Rev. Dr. Richard Bliese

“Connecting your Faith with Economics: It’s that important!”

February 10th (and Sunday, Feb. 9th)

The Film

“Poverty, INC.” The nationally acclaimed, award winning film on the relationship between faith, charity, and the elimination of poverty.

February 17th (and Sunday, Feb. 16th)

Dr. Rolf Jacobson

“Vocation Matters today! Rediscovering our Reformation heritage.”

February 24th (and Sunday, Feb. 23rd)

Bishop Wayne Miller

“Faith, Work and Economics as a Model for Living Life well”

March 2nd (and Sunday, March 1st)

Joy and Phyllis Anderson

“Discovering the Power of Finance to do Good in the World: Learn how finance can be used to reduce endemic poverty and gender-based violence.”

******* Special Dinner Event, Sunday, March 1st: Women of Faith Making a Difference as Entrepreneurs and Impact Investors**

Call Gina Fidler for tickets (239-261-0894)

March 9th (and Sunday, March 8th)

Dr. Jeremy Myers

“Liberating Youth from Adolescence - through Vocation”

March 16th (and Sunday, March 15th)

David Housholder

“Render unto Caesar? Faith and Taxes: How your Political Freedom and Spiritual Freedom are enhanced by maximized Economic Freedom”

March 23rd (and Sunday, March 23rd)

Dr. Thomas Jandris, Sarah Stenson, Dr Chris Croghan

“ Faith, Finances and the Future of Theological Education: What are we learning? What’s coming Next?”

IT'S BACK! Emmanuel's Adult Fellowship

Dinner for 6, or 8

It begins January 2020. Sign up now!

The what & the why?

Dinners for 6, or 8 (or 7, 9, 10) is an opportunity to gather with a group of adults from Emmanuel and share a meal while getting to know one another. Our goal, is that this same group would meet for dinner one time in January, one time in February, one time in March and one time in April. Often, we can only meet in fellowship on Sundays. Dinners for 6, or 8 is a program offering a break to this cycle by intentionally placing members together, who do not know each other well, in fellowship over a meal, centered on a brief prayer, scripture, and blessing. Getting to know our sisters and brothers in Christ at Emmanuel is essential for us in our growth in faith together. 2019 was our kickoff year and we had more than 20 dinner groups participating. This season we hope to have even more people involved. One of our new goals this year is to invite individuals and pre-existing groups to look for “creative ways” to grow and expand their experience. This could mean inviting new people into your group, or becoming a facilitator, or maybe joining another group. The main thing is that you are involved. Please pray about it and let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

What's involved?

Dinners for 6, or 8 will begin in January. So the only thing to do now is to sign up. If you're up north until January, no problem, just sign up by going to the church's website, or by calling, or sending an email. On Friday, January 3, everyone who signed up will receive an email telling them who is in their group. In the email, you will be given the simple instructions to organize a group email and make a few simple decisions as a group. **Decision #1:** What date will the group have its first dinner together in January? **Decision #2:** Who from the group will host the dinner in January? **Decision #3:** What's for dinner? **Decision #4:** What should each person\couple bring for the first dinner? **Decision #5:** Who will be the “group facilitator” for the first dinner? After that, get ready for a wonderful evening together!

How to sign up?

There are three easy ways you can sign up.

1. Go to Emmanuel's website: www.NaplesEmmanuel.org and click on the button **DINNERS for 6 & 8.**
2. You can call the Church Office 239-261-0894, or email: Gina@naplesEmmanuel.org. Please include your name and phone number.
3. You can sign up on Sunday morning in the breezeway at the **Information Table**, or at the **Alive service.**



12th Annual Family Retreat Weekend February 21 - 23, 2020

Join us for a wonderful time of getting away and reenergizing your faith.

Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, Lithia, FL (www.CedarKirk.org)



One church - three communities - getting away to a beautiful outdoor setting.



Mooring Line
Emmanuel Community Church
Emmanuel Community Park

We hope the Spirit leads you to join us!

Don't wait – space is limited.

Once registered, detailed information will be emailed to you.

This wonderful weekend is open to the entire Emmanuel Family... families, couples, singles, seniors and single parents.

Everyone's invited.

Cedarkirk is a year-round camping conference center owned by the Presbyterians of Tampa Bay and Peace River. It is located on the Alafia River within 170 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and uplands. Cedarkirk is dedicated to providing a place for individuals and groups to have the opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in a natural environment. More information is available at their website: www.CedarKirk.org.

Our Schedule:

Friday Evening – Settle into your room and gather around at the Pavilion for campfire singing and s'mores.

Saturday – A day of “faith-filled-fun” activities with plenty of free time.

Sunday – We conclude our time together with a delicious breakfast and wonderful outdoor worship service.

Registration:

The cost is \$50 for a single person and \$110 for a family. This includes lodging, four meals and all program activities.

You can register on the church website. www.NaplesEmmanuel.org, or directly to Jim Cooper with your name and number of family members attending. Jim@naplesemmanuel.org.

Please register by January 15, 2020



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY



Emmanuel celebrates the funding of over 50 Habitat houses! This means that during our 19 years of partnership with Habitat we have paid for the materials to provide safe, decent housing for over 150 less fortunate people in our community! This milestone is a record among all of the congregations of all denominations here in Collier County.

But our work is far from complete. Over 17 families have applied for *each* of the 90 houses that Habitat plans to build in 2019!

Can you help? This year our donations have been somewhat light. Thus far we have only received funds sufficient to build two Habitat homes. Materials to build a Habitat home cost \$50,000. Your donation, large or small will be much appreciated! It's our last chance to make 2019 tax-deductible donations. And don't forget, IRA owners 70-1/2 and older can donate account assets directly to charity this year without it counting as income!

You can also 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! Contact Habitat at 239-775-0036. And thank you!



VILLAGE OF HOPE HAITI

THE VOH BAND IS GROWING!

Brandon Strawn is a math teacher and musician, now living in Chicago. He was a member of the Professional Development Team in August 2017 and was instrumental (pun intended) in collecting many of the instruments for the Village of Hope school band. When some visitors were at VOH in August, Clovis (school principal) made it known that the music and band program have been very successful and he wanted to expand the band from 20 to 40 pieces. When this was made know to Brandon, he spread the word to his musician friends. A few weeks later: eight trumpets; three French horns; three trombones; and a tuba were donated! All are now awaiting shipment to Haiti. God continues to bless VOH through the love and support of people. Thank you for you, Emmanuel, for your continued support!

As many of you know, our **Good Samaritan Fund** assists in helping people in need, whether they are members, friends or acquaintances. If anyone has a desire to give toward that fund, *please make your checks payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and put Good Samaritan Fund in the memo line.*



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.)

These meals make a huge difference to the people receiving them. They get excited to see our casseroles arrive at St. Matthew's. **You can really make a difference in someone's day by making a casserole.**



Food for the Needy

Unlike many cities and counties in other parts of the country, **Collier County has no welfare department.** Thus, many of the hungry and homeless among us have nowhere to turn except to local charities. Nearly 1,000 children in the Collier County School District are currently confirmed to be homeless, and officials believe the actual number is much higher.

Your donations make a difference! Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel* and designate *Food for the Needy*.

Gift Matching Opportunity



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Easton recently announced a special matching opportunity - one that will double the impact your gift has on the ELCA ministries that mean the most to you. Right now, gifts to any ELCA churchwide ministry will be matched dollar of dollar, until the ELCA reaches \$50,000.

Your generous gift will help identify and train emerging leaders within our church, fight hunger and poverty, renew existing congregations, build up the Lutheran Church around the world and so much more.

Use this link to make your donation: <https://community.elca.org>.



JAN 14TH 2-4 P.M. POINT-IN-TIME COUNT TRAINING

Volunteer Search:

Each year, hundreds of volunteers throughout Florida make a difference by taking part in the nation's annual count of people experiencing homelessness. There are thousands of individuals and families in shelters at any time, and hundreds more without. Only by knowing who, where, and how many people are experiencing homeless in Collier County can we plan and identify the resources needed to best serve the most vulnerable, and ultimately move families and individuals into permanent housing. The Hunger and Homeless Coalition is looking for volunteers to aid in the annual point in time count for 2020



3510 Kraft Road, Suite 200 • Naples, FL 34105

2020 PIT Count Training	_____
2017 PIT Count:	1,502
2018 PIT Count:	1,868
2019 Pit Count:	1,499
2020 PIT Count?	_____

HUNGER & HOMELESS COALITION
1095 Whippoorwill Lane
Naples, FL 34105
239-263-9363
programs@collierhomelesscoalition.org

Participate in Two Local “MLK” Remembrances!

Our very own Theresa Shaw is “Mistress of Ceremony” for this year’s prayer breakfast! It will be held on Friday, January 17, at 7:30 a.m. at the Naples Hilton Hotel (5111 Tamiami Trail North). Tickets are available through www.trinitylifefoundation.org (\$40/individual, \$400/table), or contact Theresa through the office at Emmanuel for more information.



Emmanuel will once again have an information table at the post-parade celebration held at Cambier Park (755 – 8th Avenue South). This year’s parade is on Monday, January 20, starting at 11 a.m. (line-up at 9:30 a.m.). Its theme is “Defeat Hate with Love: Dr. King’s Legacy of Inclusion and Diversity.” The post-parade celebration starts at 12 Noon and features entertainment, children’s activities, food, and other vendors. Please wear your Emmanuel nametag or shirt. To help staff the information table, please contact Resident Pastor Lois (lois@naplesemmanuel.org), or call Nancy Nodell at (239)676-8537 or Deacon Jim at 239-261-0894

Serving Others Ministry

Welcome to Emmanuel: Dr. Ferguson and Grace Place!



Dr. Tim Ferguson, Executive Director of Grace Place, will visit Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sunday, January 19. 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.

On behalf of the Grace Place Church Council
you are cordially invited to join us for an

OPEN HOUSE

Come tour our newly completed campus and
learn more about our educational programs.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Grace Place for Children and Families
4300 21st Ave SW
Naples, Florida 34116

GRACE PLACE PUTS FAITH INTO ACTION, PROVIDING PATHWAYS OUT OF
POVERTY BY EDUCATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Photo by Joshua Colt Fisher, Courtesy of David Corban architects

Volunteer Opportunities - For Garden Enthusiasts



Calling all green thumbs and garden enthusiasts! Volunteers are needed to assist our Academy of Leaders 4th and 5th graders with an exciting and innovative MicroGreen garden project. Training, materials and resources will be provided with a flexible commitment of Monday – Thursday from 4 – 5:30pm.

For more information, please call Arlene Mendez, Human Resource and Talent Manager, at 239.255.7214 or email arlene@graceplacenaples.org.

Music and Worship

EMMANUEL CHOIR :

The Emmanuel Choir is now "in full swing"-- and is always looking for new members who love to sing. On Sundays the Choir usually sings at the 9:30 worship service.

One exception will be on **January 12, 2020**, when the Choir will be singing at the 9:00 service, and at the beginning of the 11:00 service, celebrating the Installation of the Rev. William Kittinger as Associate Pastor. (There will be only 2 sanctuary services on this Sunday).

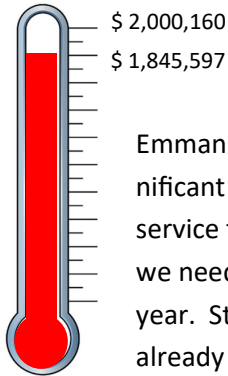


If you are interested in singing the Emmanuel Choir, you are invited to come and participate in this very exciting musical ministry.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Choir Director, Ken Wistrom, at k.wistrom@comcast.net. You can also call Gina in the front office, or contact Joyce Finlay, joyce@naplesemmanuel.org

Finance

GOAL!



Make a Difference

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 \$154,563 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of November 30, 2019)

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	Budget Year to Date \$1,708,828	Actual Year to Date \$1,588,045
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES	Budget Year to Date \$1,832,173	Actual Year to Date \$1,585,346
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	November 2018 521	November 2019 484

(A more detailed Treasurer's Report can be found in our weekly eBlast.)



Do you purchase things on Amazon? If so, you can get the same items with AmazonSmile. By purchasing items through AmazonSmile a very small percentage of the sale goes to Emmanuel. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (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.) The direct link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1377616>

Thank you to those of you who do use AmazonSmile. We raised just over \$60 last month from purchases you made through the program.



Carol Calling:

Welcome 2020!!

I pray you all had a safe and blessed holiday season. In order to continue living our Blue Zone Power 9 principles, we need to again consider number 1- Move Naturally and number 2- Have Purpose. Then we can now consider number 3 – DOWN SHIFT ...The goal is to reverse disease by finding a stress-relieving strategy that works for you. Think about meditation or music or reading or just quiet time for yourself – whatever it is that works for you, be mindful of it and make it work.

This month, I want to give you 6 easy ways to prevent falls in your home. We are careful to have our smoke detectors tested and our wiring updated, but are you mindful of the little things in your home that can make it safer and protect you from falling? Here are some suggestions:

1. Upgrade your bathroom – grab bars around tubs and toilets are a must. You will need them to be professionally installed to make sure they are at the right level and are fastened securely to the walls. Place a nonslip rubber mat in your shower or tub and make sure any bath mat you use has nonskid backing.
2. Light up – have overhead lights at the top and bottom of staircases, and lights around all exterior entryways. Ask for help when using a ladder, and place motion activated night lights along routes you may travel at night.
3. Clean floors carefully-you can make tile floors and other floors less of a hazard by replacing commercial cleaners with a homemade solution of 1 cup of distilled white vinegar mixed into 3-4 gallons of warm water. This solution will clean your floors but won't leave a slippery film.
4. Secure your furniture – furniture, TV and appliance “tip-over injuries” harm 29,000 people every year. Anchor wardrobes, dressers, bookcases and TVs with furniture restraints or anchoring kits.
5. Get rid of trip hazards – pet toys, electrical cords and shoes should not be left in frequently traveled areas of your home. Be sure to clear hallways, stairs and specially the route you take in the middle of the night to the bathroom. Either ditch area rugs or choose those with rubber bottoms. Uneven flooring between rooms can be trip hazards. Installing transition strips (threshold covers) can help smooth out the floor a little and create a safer pathway.
6. Sturdy up your stairs – if your staircases have only one rail, add a second one of the other side. This gives you an extra place to grip. Add colored tape to the edges of each individual step to help you see them better. Fix outdoor steps that are cracked or wobbly, and add a railing if there are more than two steps.



Remember that January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.



The hospitals no longer notify us of your admission. If you have a planned hospital admission and would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please let us know ahead of time. If you have an unexpected hospital admission, please ask a family member or friend to contact the church office. We would be happy to visit with you. Thank you. Parish Nurse Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894 or carol@naplesemmanuel.org

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. **Temporarily send requests to Joyce's daughter, Debbie Swanson, at djswanson54@gmail.com.**



Grieving Group

Have you lost someone close to you? If you are interested in participating we would love to hear from you. Please call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894. We meet Wednesdays in the Chapel at 1:00 pm the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer high quality one to one care to people going through tough times. 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



Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

John 14:27

MEET STEPHEN MINISTER BRUCE BERGMAN:

Bruce Bergman and his wife Fran are long time Naples residents and members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. They spend most of the year here but usually spend 3-4 months at their Michigan condo in the summer. They are blessed with six children, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bruce is a Minnesota native and received his engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and later his MBA degree from the University of Southern California. His high tech career took him from Minnesota to Massachusetts followed by several locations in California before retiring to Naples. His final position was CEO of Brocade Communications in San Jose, CA. Since retirement here Bruce has been involved in numerous charities as well as multiple projects at Emmanuel including the original committee that started the Oil Well Road project. Having been blessed in so many ways, he feels strongly about giving back to help others. This feeling is what led him to Stephen Ministry. Now after more than 10 years as a Stephen Minister he has enjoyed multiple long-term rewarding relationships with his care receivers. His feeling is that he has truly been blessed more than his care receivers have by the experience. To quote Bruce "Serving as a Stephen Minister is indeed one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Youth and Family Ministry

Sunday Morning Children & Youth Faith Connection



All students K-5th grade are invited to meet upstairs in the Children's Ministry classroom, across from the elevator, at 11:00 a.m. Susan Kober, Nieves Lebrón and their adult helpers will be leading the children.

All middle and high school students (grades 6-12) will meet in the Oasis Student Center at 11:00 following the Alive Service. During our time together we will focus on the lectionary Gospel message for that particular Sunday with relevant conversation and practical ways we can live out God's call in our daily lives. The class will be led by Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon, Youth and Family.



This is a photo of Kaitlyn, Sarah, Charlie and Connor. They are 4 of the 5 Young Adults in Global Mission who are assigned to Senegal, Africa. They had to have their clothes made out of a special fabric for a wedding they attended in Senegal. The wedding was for Pascal Kama and Eva. (Pascal Kama is the General Secretary of the Lutheran Church in Senegal.)

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION (YAGM) Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier's mission trip to Senegal, Africa

Kaitlyn has been in Senegal, Africa since mid-August. She has written two newsletters about her journey so far.

Here is a link to her September Newsletter: http://34e24c6020c3623c1e77-286456fef080850e46c034b5dfd35f33.r55.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/s/0e9297857_1569853116_senegal-newsletter-september-2019.pdf

Here is a link to her October Newsletter: http://34e24c6020c3623c1e77-286456fef080850e46c034b5dfd35f33.r55.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/k/0e9570379_1574888010_kaitlyns-october-2019-newsletter-from-

Please join Emmanuel's Youth Ministry on its annual trip to...



The purpose of this trip is to invite youth, families and friends to a wonderful time together. A great day of having fun, riding rides, deepening friendships, listening to great music and coming together with thousands of other Christians from around the state. To be extra safe for this event we have rented a motor-coach.



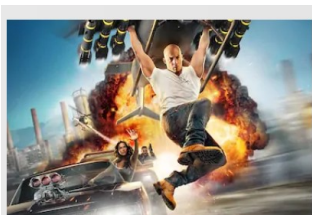
RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS

Rides That Thrill You

Cost: \$68



Universal Studios Florida™
Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™



Universal Studios Florida™
Fast & Furious - Supercharged™



Universal Studios Florida™
Race Through New York Starring Jimmy Fallon™



Universal Studios Florida™
The Simpsons Ride™



Artist Lineup



DESPICABLE ME
MINION MAYHEM



HOLLYWOOD RIP
RIDE ROCKIT



TRANSFORMERS:
The Ride-3D



REVENGE OF
THE MUMMY

Great opportunity to bring a friend.



Traveling by
Charter bus.



We Are Messengers



I Am They



Chris
Tomlin



Toby
Mac



Unspoken



Bethel Music

Check it out online. Google Rock the Universe 2020.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



We will be traveling by a motor coach to Orlando. Please be at the church on Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 AM. We should be arriving back at the church between 4:30 AM – 5:30 AM on Sunday morning. FOOD: Have breakfast before you arrive on Saturday. The bus will not stop for food on the way up or the way back. Please bring your own money for food, snacks and souvenirs while inside the park. PILLOWS AND BLANKETS: Feel free to bring a pillow and or blanket for the bus ride. There will be adequate supervision and adult chaperones. SPACE IS LIMITED: Only 54 seats are available, so don't delay in getting your registration and money turned in.

Registration Form for Rock the Universe

Please tear this section off and drop it off, or mail it to the church, with your check on or before the deadline.

Attention: Jim Cooper

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

777 Mooring Line Dr., Naples, FL 34102

Any questions, please call or text Jim Cooper 239-451-1033, or Email him at: Jim@naplesemmanuel.org

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket and Transportation: \$68 x ____ = ____

Express Pass (optional) \$20 x ____ = ____

Total Enclosed Amount \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR: Rock the Universe Trip to Universal Studios Orlando, January 25-26, 2020

As the parent (guardian) of

_____, I hereby give my child/s permission to attend the **Rock the Universe Trip to Universal Studios Orlando, January 25-26, 2020.** I also acknowledge and agree, that my child/s will abide by the Code of Conduct listed below. Failure to do so may result in the removal from the event. Code of Behavior for Youth (Version 2.0):

- ◆ Be respectful and courteous to youth and other adults. Do not hurt anyone verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually.
- ◆ Act respectfully by listening and obeying all of the directives given by the leader and adult volunteers.
- ◆ Participate in all activities and group events. Do not use inappropriate language. Do not use or possess any alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.
- ◆ No youth shall possess, handle, or transmit any object that can be considered a weapon, instrument capable of inflicting harm to persons or property.
- ◆ Do not be involved in physical displays of romantic affection, such as handholding, cuddling, hugging, touching and kissing.
- ◆ Do not go off alone by yourself. Report any concerns and safety issues immediately to one of the adult leaders.
- ◆ Dress should be appropriate for church/youth events.

Parental Signature _____

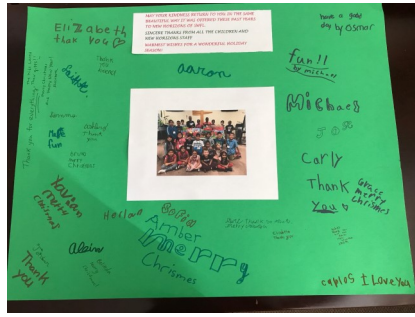
I agree, Student Signature _____

Parent Cell Ph. _____

Student Cell Ph. _____ Grade _____

Registration deadline: Monday, January 20th or, when seats are filled.

Emmanuel Park Community



Thank You to all who donated gifts to this year's Angel tree. We collected over 100 gifts for children living in North Eastern Collier County, ECC children and families, New Horizons of SWFI, American Cancer Society and the Golden Gate Senior Center.



Making a Difference

Edie Cole had a very busy Fall hand making nearly 30 Teddy Bears for the shelter for Women and Children. Thank You, Edie!

Emmanuel Park Community

Pastor Will and Deacon Dee-Anne

The Emmanuel Park Community (EPC) is a congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Church that's committed to serving the community of Northeast Collier County beyond the few hours of Sunday morning. We invite you to join us on the journey of Jesus that presents each of us with unique opportunities to steward our gifts in all the dimensions of our lives. We gather together to learn to live out our whole selves, as a resilient people, so that we can be sent out in service to others for the sake of our community and the world.

"He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from beginning to end."

Ecclesiastes 3:11



In our culture, January is considered a time for new beginnings, a fresh start, a promise or commitment to be more diligent towards a specifically named task. The Emmanuel Park Community (EPC) continues its midwiving process by moving into "the parsonage" property off Oil Well Road, adjacent to Emmanuel Park. This location will serve as office space for Pastor Will and Deacon Dee-Anne, as well as a place for small group worship, faith formation for children, youth, and adults, and a hospitality house for those who engage in the park's services.

In preparation for these ministries, we are asking the congregations of Emmanuel to contribute towards the furnishing of Emmanuel's new ministry space. To practice good stewardship, we will be using many of the items that were previously used by ECC when they were located in the Pebblebrooke Shopping Center. However, we are still in need of many more household items to make the space more warm and hospitable for the community.

You may contribute by donating furniture, tables, lights, bookshelves, etc. (Pastor Will has a truck, and would be more than happy to pick them up from your house!) We will also gladly receive any financial contributions, but please designate them towards "The Emmanuel Park Community" or "The EPC." In the meantime, we are working on a list of specific items that we'll publish through the various avenues of communication at Emmanuel.

And, as always, please pray for the EPC and its continued development at Emmanuel Park. We keep you in our prayers in this new year and the new decade ahead, where all things are being made new in Christ Jesus.



Health Fair

Save the Date....The Emmanuel Park Community (EPC) invite you to attend the 2020 Health Fair held at Emmanuel Park, 2770 Oil Well Road on **Saturday, February 8th**. More information will be placed in the weekly STAR and website as it is available.

Save the Date

March 20, 2020

2019 CELEBRATION OF PROGRESS

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE AND BENEFIT
EMMANUEL COMMUNITIES AND EMMANUEL ACADEMIES

5:30pm - 8:30pm • Emmanuel Lutheran Church
777 Mooring Line Drive, Naples, FL 34102

Event Co Chairs
Pat Goodyear and Tom Jackson

Volunteers Needed: **We desperately need your help!**

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.



**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. No previous experience necessary, we will train you. If you would like to try it, contact Diedre Milligan, head of the Altar Guild, at nellefl@embarqmail.com.



ALTAR GUILD

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees: **Endowment, Property, Maintenance, Welcome Ministry and Serving Others.**

If you are interested, please contact Gina at gina@naplesemmanuel.org or you can also call the office at 239-261-0894.

PEOPLE TO WELCOME VISITORS NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to start in October to help direct people in the parking lot. You would welcome visitors and church members and give directions as people enter the parking lot and building. Time commitment is 15-20 minutes on a Sunday morning. Please call Gina at 239-261-0894 for more information.



Clubs

Book Club List for 2019 - 2020

Lit and Latte Book Club

Everyone in the community is 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. We meet in the Media Center monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM.



Emmanuel Lutheran Book Club 2019-2020

January 13: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Presented by Debbie Lawson Romantic and comedic story about an undiagnosed Asperger syndrome man as he looks for a wife.

February 10: The Favored Daughter by Fawia Koofi and Nadine Ghouri

Presented by Bev Ranstrom One woman's fight to lead Afghanistan into the future. Fawzia was left to die in the sun after birth, but she survived and defined her life ever since.

March 9: Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

Presented by Jamie Thompson.

April 13: Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty by Susan Page

Presented by Edie Cole A vivid biography of former First Lady, one of the most influential and under appreciated women in our history.

May 11:

Everyone brings a book they would recommend to others to read. Be prepared to discuss for 5-10 minutes.

WOMEN WITH WOMEN

The Women with Women Group will have a planning meeting on January 15 at 11:00 am. All are welcome to help plan future events.

Any questions call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.



Mah Jongg is still alive at Emmanuel - join us on Fridays at 1:00. If you have any questions, please call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

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, **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.

We would like to extend an invitation to all to come and express their creativity designing jewelry and learning to roll paper into beads. New ideas are always welcome.

Interested? Contact Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/beadingforhaiti

Village of Hope Webpage www.villageofhopehaiti.org



Stitchers

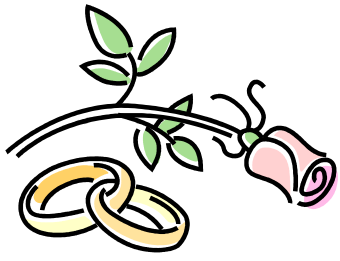
The **Stitchers** will start quilting again this November.
Call Jane Hauck, 605-366-4338, with any questions.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January Baptisms

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Don Brown</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Nathan Hilliard</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Dick Kozitka</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Mary Kozitka</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Erik Listoe</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Sharon Olson</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Donald Parmelee</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Janice Parmelee</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Phillip Strohm</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Maurice Webert</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Nancy Webert</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Lawrence Wright</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Lorna Wright</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Charles Olson</i>	<i>01/03</i>
<i>Julie Corbin</i>	<i>01/04</i>
<i>Noah Kimble</i>	<i>01/04</i>
<i>Bianca Omonte</i>	<i>01/08</i>
<i>Edward McCaffrey</i>	<i>01/10</i>
<i>Michele Newberry</i>	<i>01/10</i>
<i>Mika Williams</i>	<i>01/11</i>
<i>Kaitlynn O'Brien</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>Sheila O'Brien</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>Kevin Paige</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>Gordon Duwe</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>Ty Jakubielski</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>William Seils</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>Natalee Barancik</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Frank Lester</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Chad Faust</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Gerald Kerr</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Nick Loudjjeff</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Karsten Kroge</i>	<i>01/26</i>
<i>Frank Lee</i>	<i>01/28</i>



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January Anniversaries

Member

Date

Roy and Margaret Wolff

01/15/1983

Larry & Pamela Jacobson

01/16/1971

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bergman

01/19/2008

Mr. & Mrs. John Sagers

01/19/1986

Larry & Judy Mosner

01/20/1942

Sheila and Mike Etelamaki

01/26/0000

Gary & Glenna Gibbons

01/28/1996

Ann and Pedro Wasmer

01/29/1965

Mr. & Mrs. David Pedersen

01/30/1967

Karen R. Bubenzer

01/31/1959

Sally O'Reilly

01/31/1984

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Schwartz

01/31/0000

Deaths

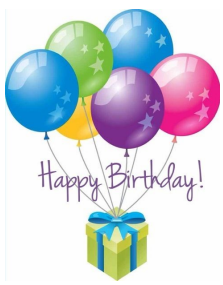


George Reinhardt passed on November 29, 2019

Don Gall passed on December 4, 2019

Noel Estenson Noel passed on December 11, 2019

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January Birthdays

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Wade Mastro</i>	<i>01/01</i>	<i>Jim Duke</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>Richard Carlson</i>	<i>01/02</i>	<i>Nancy Omonte</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>Rhonda Greer</i>	<i>01/02</i>	<i>Mary Semsel</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>Diane Ladley</i>	<i>01/02</i>	<i>Marlen Flores</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Thomas Manring</i>	<i>01/02</i>	<i>Nance Rosevear</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>John Watson</i>	<i>01/02</i>	<i>Brian Stock</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Richard Scherer</i>	<i>01/03</i>	<i>Kai Williams</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Kathleen Wasmer</i>	<i>01/03</i>	<i>Karen R. Bubenzer</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Sharon Denisen</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>Idelle Bjelland</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Jodi Dykema</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>Edna Godoy</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Wayne Hebert</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>Rachel Schutt</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Alexandra Carrillo</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Ann Wasmer</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Michael Corbin</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Ann Brown</i>	<i>01/21</i>
<i>Dick Hynes</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Sharon Shoemke</i>	<i>01/21</i>
<i>William Krause</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Jill Donovan</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Luis Quiroga</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Jacqueline Drake</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Mitch Werman</i>	<i>01/05</i>	<i>Julia Kerr</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Irma Leonard</i>	<i>01/06</i>	<i>Jennifer Marvie</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Linda Fowell</i>	<i>01/07</i>	<i>Charles Borman</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Eileen Nix</i>	<i>01/07</i>	<i>Mary Ann Phillips</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Shirley Schwenn</i>	<i>01/07</i>	<i>Carolyn Sue Talarico</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Mackenzie Elgin</i>	<i>01/08</i>	<i>Judith Castens</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Daniel Summers</i>	<i>01/08</i>	<i>Isaac Marble</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Marilyn Thomack</i>	<i>01/08</i>	<i>Beth McCullen</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Darlene Christofferson</i>	<i>01/09</i>	<i>Emma Oesterreicher</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Lynn Koch</i>	<i>01/09</i>	<i>Richard Phillips</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Pierce Wasmer</i>	<i>01/09</i>	<i>Dylan Wiebke</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Flo Wing</i>	<i>01/09</i>	<i>Paddy Jamerson</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Paul Bentson</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Eileen Swanson</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Dwight Ericsson</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Shirley Nettum</i>	<i>01/26</i>
<i>Ann Marie Gomez</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Erin Rosaasen</i>	<i>01/28</i>
<i>Jim Klinke</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Jeanne Rivera</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Tyler Manring</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Robert Siefert</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Lauren Rosevear</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Martha Treiber</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Sandra Schill</i>	<i>01/11</i>	<i>Lawrence Wright</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Lily Barancik</i>	<i>01/12</i>	<i>Christopher Gomez</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Thomas Petruzelli</i>	<i>01/13</i>	<i>John Haugslund</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Jacob Nugent</i>	<i>01/14</i>	<i>Andrew Hebert</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Grace Cooper</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Barbara Metcalf</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Grant Cooper</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Janet Pedersen</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Owen Gemmer</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Elizabeth Püpponen</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Eldon Hatch</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Linda Swears</i>	<i>01/30</i>
<i>Cristi Smeby</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Jola Boe</i>	<i>01/31</i>
<i>Dee Sprenger</i>	<i>01/15</i>	<i>Madeline Hatch</i>	<i>01/31</i>
<i>Carolyn Faust</i>	<i>01/16</i>	<i>Sandra Kottke</i>	<i>01/31</i>
<i>Alyxandra C. Groth</i>	<i>01/16</i>	<i>Linda Sentz</i>	<i>01/31</i>
<i>Marianne Zarek</i>	<i>01/16</i>		
<i>Helen Bechthold</i>	<i>01/17</i>		