



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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March 2019 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 ✠



Pebblebrooke Campus

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

Sunday Bilingual Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

✠Email: 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

Our Staff:

Rev. Steven E Wigdahl, Senior Pastor - pastorsteve@naplesemmanuel.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 members are:

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY:

1. Officers for 2019 leadership roles for Council was established.
 - Michael Puchalla, President
 - Tom Jackson, Vice President
 - Ann Jones, Treasurer
 - Carlos Dominguez, Secretary
2. The Church Council is having a retreat on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. The internal audit will be done in May.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Next meeting will be on March 18, 2019.

Upcoming Events



Emmanuel's Pancake Day Celebration! Monday, March 4

A part of the Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) initiative

What does this mean?

Traditionally dubbed Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding Ash Wednesday, Christians in some countries celebrate by eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Join us as we put a "Neapolitan" twist on this tradition with pancakes, fresh fruit, and prosecco wine!

When is it?

Mark your calendar for **Monday, March 4 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Contact Gina or Resident Pastor Will for more information or to volunteer!

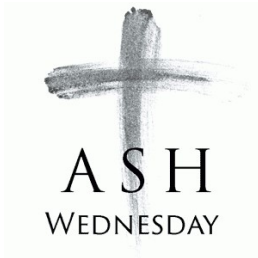


Finding the Remarkable Benefits of Exercise. "A Holistic Approach to Optimal Wellness through Body, Mind and Spirit" – a series of four consecutive lectures beginning Wednesday, February 13 – March 6 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

Marion Johnson, presenter, has been teaching in the field of fitness and nutrition for the past 18 years. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge with you so we can all find optimal wellness in our lives...regardless of age!

Reaching Optimal Wellness Topics for Lecture Series:

March 6th - Finding the Remarkable Benefits of Exercise



Ash Wednesday is March 6, and Emmanuel will worship with two services that day: **12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** *Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.* At 5:30 p.m. there will be special music provided by the Emmanuel Choir, as well as a prayer for the Confirmands.



SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT 2:00 A.M.

Don't forget to change your clocks—remember to set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

Throughout Lent we will also have a series of Wednesday Evening Services with the theme, "Walking with Jesus." Every week some of Emmanuel's own members and friends will be sharing about their daily walk with Christ.

A Lenten soup/salad supper will be held at 4:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center, preceding each service. Here is our schedule:

Wednesday, March 13—Lenten Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Lenten Service, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20—Lenten Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Lenten Service, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27—Lenten Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Lenten Service, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3—Lenten Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Lenten Service, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10—Lenten Supper, 4:45 p.m.; Lenten Service, 5:30 p.m.



UNDER THE TENT AND INSIDE THE BUILDING!

OUR FAITH, VOCATION, AND ECONOMICS EDUCATION SERIES



- Come at **8:45 A.M., 9:15 A.M., 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 A.M.**
- Features speakers from around the United States.
- Will hold 30-minute sessions **UNDER THE TENT** (and next to the food!)

And, on each following Monday the same speaker will elaborate on their topic (**10:00-11:30 A.M.**) here at Emmanuel (**In the Family Life Center**)!

Mondays with Emmanuel

~ Program Schedule ~

3/11 Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese, Emmanuel Lutheran Church

A Viewing and Discussion of the Award Winning Film Poverty, Inc.

3/18 Robert Porter Lynch, Founder, International Collaborative Leadership Inst. & Tom Jackson, National Leadership Consultant

"The Power of the Holy Spirit, Creating a Positive Community Culture: The Interplay of Faith and Trust"

3/24 David Miller, Director, Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative

"Faith and Work Movement Today"

date subject to change



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NAPLES

May 19 to May 29, 2020

Hosted by Pastor Steve and Maria Wigdahl

OUR TOUR INCLUDES:

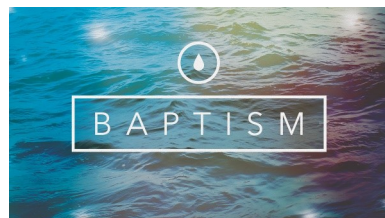
Treasures of the Adriatic and the Alps

The highlights - Vienna, Graz, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Lake Bled, Venice, the Iceman Museum, Oberammergau – for a lifetime of memories!

For a brochure and more information, contact Pastor Wigdahl or Trans World Travel, Inc. on 847-432-2400. A special meeting with the Tour Guide will be held on Feb. 11th at 5:00 pm at Emmanuel in the Media Center.

Births - Baptisms - First Communion - Deaths

Madison Kay Zinda - February 23, 2019



Deaths



Delmer Perdomo passed away on February 17, 2019

Ron LaPlaine passed away on February 22, 2019

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Emmanuel Communities at Pebblebrooke

Adult ESL Program

Many continued thanks to our 22 ESL tutors.

You are each making a big difference in the lives of our 25 Latino and Haitian students.

If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact either, Sandi Rasmussen, sjoras@comcast.net Nancy Dick, nancyidd@aol.com or Deacon Dee Schleutker, dee@naplesemmanuel.org



Emmanuel Kids: Monday Connection



Monday Connection has a new offering this calendar year, ukulele lessons. These lessons are provided by, Emmanuel's 1K micro-loan recipient, Marcella Guimoye. Marcella is providing these lessons free of charge to the children as a means to repay her loan. Additionally, we would like to extend a thank you to Karl and Diane Fink for donating funds to provide 13 ukuleles for the children. We have 23 children enrolled in this program; we divide them into two groups. While half are receiving Christian education, the other half are receiving ukulele lessons.



Walking Group



- Tuesdays at 4:00 pm
- In front of the Tropical Smoothie Café, 8851 Immokalee Road, on the corner of 951 and Immokalee Road. (Cameron Commons)

For more information please contact Dee-Anne Schleutker, ELCA Deacon: dee@naplesemmanuel.org

Yoga Class

Saturdays from 10:00am-11:00
Emmanuel Community Church, Pebblebrooke

Beginning on Saturday March 9th – April 13th, we will offer Lenten Yoga. This class is a streamed class offered through Yoga Chapel

Lenten Yoga is a 4-class series built around the themes of Garden, Ocean, Desert and Mountain. Each class opens with a Hebrew Scripture reading and reflection and closes with a New Testament reading and reflection.

Level One: These classes are perfect for beginners. Challenging poses might still be suggested, but they will be complemented with modifications and everything will flow at a slower pace.



Serving Others Ministry



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 the church office at 239-261-0894.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY

When children move from overcrowded apartments, mold-filled trailers, or complexes filled with gangs, drugs, and crime, the opportunities of the world open up to them. Thoughts once consumed by fear and hopelessness can instead focus on school and dreams for the future. **Why not consider a special Lenten or Easter gift to Habitat? \$50,000 buys all materials needed to build a house, but donations of any size are gratefully accepted!** Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel* and designate *Habitat for Humanity*. As they say at Habitat: *"Until every child has at least a simple, decent place to live..."*



Grace Place for Children and Families always welcomes volunteers! Opportunities are available for those who would like to volunteer once or twice-a-week, on a monthly basis, several times per year, or occasionally for special events.

The Academy of Leaders Elementary Afterschool program is looking for a Volunteer Troop Leader to support our Girls Scout program. You would serve as a positive role model working in partnership with girls and adults in this regard.

Our Adult Education program is seeking a volunteers to work as an Open Lab Assistant in our Digital Literacy course on Thursday evenings, starting February 18th to April 15th from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm.

For more information, please call Tracey Lelchuk, Volunteer Experience Manager, at 239.234.2467 or email tracey@graceplacenaples.org.

Meals of Hope Event was a Huge Success!



We had over 100 people join us for the event and we packed 32,650 meals, all meals will stay in Collier County.

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!



*We received 28 casseroles for the month of November. **Let's see if we can to 50!***

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.)


You are Invited!

Sold Out Friday, March 15, 2019 ***Sold Out***

2019 CELEBRATION OF PROGRESS GALA
Come and See...

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

Sponsored by


 Emmanuel Communities *Come and See...*  Emmanuel Academies

How Emmanuel Communities and Emmanuel Academies
 are Strengthening the Outreach of Emmanuel Lutheran Church!






5:30-6:30 OUTDOOR RECEPTION IN THE COURTYARD
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres while learning more about initiatives for 2019 and beyond!

6:30-8:30 DINNER IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Make new friends, share a meal and bid on some amazing auction items!

8:30-9:30 MINGLING & MUSIC IN THE COURTYARD
 Attire: Dressy Resort
 There is NO CHARGE to attend this event.

*** Due to popularity this event is sold out***

To reserve a place on our wait list
 email Crystal Marie at
eci.eac@gmail.com

Proceeds support the development of Oil Well Road and the educational initiatives of Emmanuel Academies.



We are overjoyed with the incredible response and support to this year's Celebration of Progress Gala! A few highlights from our guest list includes Bishop Pedro Suarez and his wife, Aura, plus our DEM, Pastor Khader El-Yateem, from the synod office. From the Luther House of Study at Sioux Falls Seminary, Co-directors Rev. Dr. Christopher Croghan and Sarah Stenson, J.D., MDiv, will be joining us. From Concordia University Chicago, Dr. Carol Reiseck, Associate Dean and Professor of Leadership, and Dr. Neida Hernandez-Santamaria, Chair of the Accelerated Degree Program, will both be with us. Our partners from the Luther House of Study and Concordia will be meeting with current and prospective students during their travel to SW Florida. We are excited they will be with us to celebrate the great progress and growth of Emmanuel Academies!



Parish Nurse - Stephen Ministry



Carol Calling: I am sharing some notes from my Mayo Clinic Health Letter February 2019. There is a very good article on chronic pain which I think many of us can relate to. Chronic pain can lead to a downward spiral of frustration, disability, stress, isolation and discouragement. Some people even report that they aren't being taken seriously by the health care system. Finding a doctor and health care team who will listen and develop a trusting relationship with you is an important part of the healing process. With the overuse of opioids, doctors may be more likely to try a variety of nonmedication approaches without the risk of overuse or addiction. If you are not finding the relief you hope to achieve through your current medical provider, you may want to consider enrolling at one of the numerous pain rehabilitation centers across the country (including one at Mayo Clinic). Providers at these centers can't make the pain go away completely, but individualized care from a team of pain specialists and others can help you change your focus from living with pain to living a fulfilling life despite pain. Some of the approaches include yoga, tai chi, daily exercises, muscle relaxation, biofeedback and meditation. As you can plainly see, the term "pain rehabilitation" implies learning to cope with pain, rather than to totally eliminate it. What these centers have in common is that they involve a team of professionals. The team approach helps address the far-reaching effects of chronic pain on your life and on the lives of your loved ones. With chronic pain that comes and goes—or never goes, it's understandable that you may feel as though your pain has control over your life. However, once pain is better managed, the associated frustration often lifts.

Do you ever have to split your pills? This process needs to be done carefully to ensure correct dosing. Follow these recommendations: 1. Split pills as recommended. Only split the pills that your doctor or pharmacist says are OK to split. Some pills are NOT meant to be split. Don't split pills that are enteric coated. 2. Look for score marks. If a tablet is approved for splitting, the tablet will be marked to indicate where to cut it. 3. Split one at a time. It may be tempting to tackle the whole bottle at once. Pills should only be split right before you use them. Split pills may be affected by heat, humidity and moisture. 4. Use a splitter – A small inexpensive pill splitter can help divide the pill evenly. These can be found in most pharmacies. If a particular pill does not fit in your splitter, ask your pharmacist for help on how to best split the pill. Sometimes they will do it for you. 4. Be realistic. If you are consistently unable to split your pills evenly, ask to have your prescription revised. Better safe than sorry.

And finally, from Consumer Reports "On Health" comes this advice about the common cold. Single ingredient remedies such as Ibuprofen and other anti-inflammatories can ease the aches of the common cold. And consider chicken soup, honey in moderation (for a cough) and rest. These along with a cool mist humidifier and a saline rinse to reduce the stuffiness can help you skip over-the-counter products that claim they'll tackle multiple symptoms when most likely you will end up with ingredients you don't need.

See you next month, and I hope those of you who come to the Wellness Series being presented by Marion Johnson will let me know how you enjoyed the series. Information is in the Star and on-line.



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



March Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (Dark Blue)
Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month (Burgundy)
National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month (Orange)



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 Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.



Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...*after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...*after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of you life.
- ...*after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away - and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...*after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...*after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you - or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives - and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

Music and Worship



Musical Notes: Joyce Finlay, ELCA Deacon for Music and Worship

The Emmanuel Choir continues to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Choir Room and will be singing for services until mid-May. If you love singing and would like to join us, it is not too late! Contact any Choir member or Joyce Finlay at joyce@naplesemmanuel.org.

WHAT ARE YOU AND I CALLED TO DO?

In the most recent *Living Lutheran* magazine (February, 2019), I came across an article that was quite meaningful to me. The title is simply "Called," and it is written by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller, an ELCA pastor in Cole Camp, Missouri.

Pastor Knowle-Zeller's article ties in so perfectly with the *Faith, Vocation, and Economics* initiative we have been lifting up here at Emmanuel. The main point of the article is this:

"God doesn't stop calling God's people. God doesn't tire of shining light into this world."

At this stage in my life, I often lament about something I hear on the news—all the darkness, turmoil, divisiveness, and even hatred. It sometimes seems never-ending.

When I read articles like Pastor Knowle-Zeller's, I am reminded again and again that *"God calls us because God loves us."* So what does that mean to you and me?

"God sees us as world-changing, light-bearing, hope-giving people living out our God-given vocation."

No matter what our age or job (or retirement) may be, we as Christians have a *calling*— to be a *light-bearer* to others!

As we enter into the Lenten season, may we ponder how we can bear the light of Christ to all people:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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May God's light continue to shine on you!

Joyce Finlay, ELCA Deacon for Music and Worship

Join us for Sunday School classes to learn more about our Christian Faith. **We will have classes upstairs for youth and children from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.** Any questions, please contact Jim Cooper at jim@naplesemmanuel.org.

Also, we are in need of volunteers and parents to help with these programs.



**Caloosa
Conference Golf
Challenge**
**ALL GOLFERS
WELCOME
any skill level!!!**



Gather your team to help raise funds for the Caloosa Conference Youth!!!



**Saturday
May 11, 2019**
**Cypress Woods Golf
& Country Club
North Naples**
**8:30 am
Scramble Format**

Lunch, Prizes,
and Raffle
follow play

Entry Fee is \$90 per player or
\$340 per foursome

Funds generated will go towards transportation costs to send ALL Caloosa Conference Youth to the 2021 National Youth Gathering along with other conference mission trips and projects over the next year.

**TO SIGN UP CONTACT DEACON JIM COOPER at
239-261-0894 or Jim@NaplesEmmanuel.org**



JUNE 3 - 7

Bible Camp this year is scheduled the week of June 3-7 here at Emmanuel. It's open to all children who have finished kindergarten through fifth grade and for middle school students grades 6-8. Registration opens March 15. Call (239) 261-0894 to sign up.

Confirmation

Begins March 6

Emmanuel's **Confirmation Class Season** is about to begin. If your son or daughter is in 6-8 grade, they should be enrolled in the program. Students in 9-12 grade that had not yet been confirmed can also be a part of the confirmation program. For more information contact Deacon Jim Cooper: Jim@NaplesEmmanuel.org

Family Retreat - A Christ-centered life. *We are all living stones.*

I hope by the grace of God you have more fully lived out of your center (which is Christ) this week. What a wonderful time we all had together. These are faith forming memories that last a lifetime. We give thanks for great weather, safety, newly- formed friendships and a renewed faith. - Deacon Jim Cooper

Mark the dates for next year's retreat: February 21-23, 2020



Dinners for 6 or 8

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gathered in my name, there I am with them.

The Dinners for 6 or 8 gatherings has been fun for all involved. Please send us photographs and tell us about your experiences.



Lent in a Box

Family Ministry Tools



To prepare for Easter, we will be using an awesome spiritual formation tool called Lent in a Box! It is our hope that using the activities included in each box will help you and your family prepare for Easter not just on Sundays but have meaningful faith conversations throughout the week.

Lent in a Box

Each box contains 7 hands on activities, 7 scripture pages, 7 interactive prayer activities and 7 Heroes of the Faith stories. How often you do the activities is up to you - one every few days or once a week - whatever fits into your schedule the best! Everything you need will already be inside the box apart from some basic household items.



Think Big!



Lent in a Box is designed to also be an outreach tool. We encourage you to be in prayer about whom you could share a box with that does not attend church! Inside each box, we will include a schedule of our Holy Week services, so be sure to follow up with anyone to whom you've given a box. This is an opportunity to be invitational and send the good news of Easter into our community in the shape of a box!

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of January 31, 2019)

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	Budget Year to Date \$187,510	Actual Year to Date \$139,010
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES	Budget Year to Date \$166,679	Actual Year to Date \$138,384
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	Jan. 2018 648	Jan. 2019 634



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping 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), 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>

In February, we earned \$57 through purchases that were made through AmazonSmile. **We hope with more participation from the congregation that this number will increase each month to contribute more revenue in 2019.** Thank you to those who purchase their Amazon products through AmazonSmile.

G.I.F.T.

Growing

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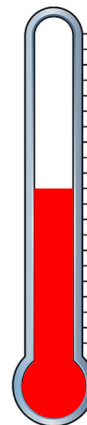
Faith

Together



Momentum Tracker

GOAL!



\$ 2,000,160

\$ 979,319 – 200 pledges – 3rd week

\$ 875,339 – 185 pledges – 2nd week

\$ 793,129 – 174 pledges – 1st week

We greatly appreciate your gifts. **Keep up the momentum.**

Upcoming Events / Clubs

Lit and Latte Book Club - March 11th

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 WELCA room (above the church offices) monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM.



There is a full booklist for the 2019 season in the newsletter on page 14.

WOMEN WITH WOMEN - next meeting March 6 at 11:00 am

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

Some of the things we have done together in the past is to go to the Botanical Gardens, painting pottery, Naples Zoo, Baker's Art Museum, lunch & a movie and The Conservancy.

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

Last month the group went to Brio's for lunch and then went to Artis-Naples Art Museum to see the paper dress exhibit.



Mah Jongg is still alive at Emmanuel - join us on Fridays at 1:00 in the Chapel. 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

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

The beading group will have a sale on April 7.



Stitchers



The **Tuesday Stitchers** now meet on **Monday**. Join us in the **Community Room** from **9:30 am - 1:30 pm**. No sewing experience is necessary. Call **Jane Hauck, 605-366-4338**, for more information.

April Newsletter deadline is March 20th.

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

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@naplesmanuel.org.



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.



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 or 239-948-4146. Or you may contact Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon at dee@naplesmanuel.org



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@naplesmanuel.org or you can also call the office at 239-261-0894.

Emmanuel's Nursing Home Ministry Emmanuel's Nursing Home Ministry Team will lead worship services at both Heritage and Manor Care at Lakewood every Monday morning through April 29, 2019. Our Ministry consists of a 30 minute service (hymns, message, prayer, and greeting). Usually we have about 20 participants at each location. We need leaders, pianists, and assistants!!!! If you would like to learn more about our Ministry or join the Ministry Team, please call David or Edie Cole (239-455-5820) or e-mail David at dwc616@mac.com. If we have enough volunteers, each Team Member will only have to serve one Monday each month.



Book Club List for 2019

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Book Club list 2019

March 11, 2019

Linda Samuelson presents *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by David John and Lee Hyeon-seo NY Times best seller- The story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

April 8, 2019

Barbara Linnerud presents *Miss Jane* by Brad Watson

Inspire by the true story of his own great-aunt, this author explores life for a woman born with significant congenital defects in Mississippi during early twentieth century.

May 13, 2019

We are all to bring a book we would recommend for others to read over the summer. We will all spend a few minutes presenting our books and I will send a list to everyone after that meeting.



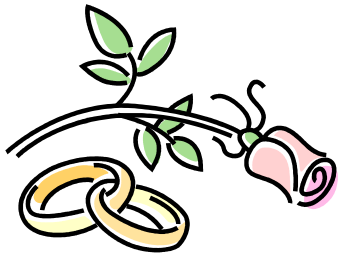
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March Baptisms

Member

Date

<i>Dee Sprenger</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Diane Fink</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Paul Lang</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Carmen Horn</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Sandra Bufka</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Pam Bratsch Berg</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Carole Sissel</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Theodore Eissfeldt</i>	<i>03/00</i>
<i>Mackenzie Marquardt</i>	<i>03/01</i>
<i>Mackenzie Fowell</i>	<i>03/02</i>
<i>Gerald Knutson</i>	<i>03/05</i>
<i>Kinsley Manning</i>	<i>03/06</i>
<i>Nathan Elgin</i>	<i>03/07</i>
<i>Emma Oesterreicher</i>	<i>03/07</i>
<i>Gloria Hudson</i>	<i>03/09</i>
<i>Steve Esala</i>	<i>03/11</i>
<i>Nicole Gheiler</i>	<i>03/11</i>
<i>Alexandra Ellender</i>	<i>03/12</i>
<i>Jeffrey Püpponen</i>	<i>03/12</i>
<i>Clayton Blomseth</i>	<i>03/14</i>
<i>Mackenzie Elgin</i>	<i>03/14</i>
<i>Samuel Loney</i>	<i>03/16</i>
<i>John Haugland</i>	<i>03/17</i>
<i>Margaret Wolff</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Beth McCullen</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>John Fernandez</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Aiden Murphy</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Amylee Slicka</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Madison DeHaan</i>	<i>03/24</i>
<i>Jan Greer</i>	<i>03/26</i>
<i>Russell Greer</i>	<i>03/26</i>
<i>Sandra Branstiter</i>	<i>03/30</i>
<i>Beverly Brenner</i>	<i>03/30</i>
<i>Grace Cooper</i>	<i>03/30</i>



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March Anniversaries

Member

Date

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mackling

03/01/1957

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ramsay

03/01/1969

Andrew and Teresa Barancik

03/04/2000

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pearson

03/04/1968

Gregory & Sandra Schill

03/05/1983

Bert & Martha Treiber

03/05/2005

Kathleen Nelson

03/14/2003

Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Jamerson

03/17/1984

Mr. & Mrs. Ron LaPlaine

03/17/1979

Mariela Hernandez & Juan Colmenares

03/18/0000

Robert & Marion Andrews

03/21/0000

Michael & Marilyn Hagerman

03/28/1959

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schutte

03/29/2002



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March Birthdays

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Erica Langford Carroll</i>	<i>03/01</i>	<i>Christina Palulis</i>	<i>03/15</i>
<i>Gary Gibbons</i>	<i>03/02</i>	<i>John Sagers</i>	<i>03/15</i>
<i>Marion Andrews</i>	<i>03/03</i>	<i>Jill Falarica</i>	<i>03/15</i>
<i>Steve Esala</i>	<i>03/03</i>	<i>Gary Boe</i>	<i>03/16</i>
<i>David Beitzel</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Max Loney</i>	<i>03/16</i>
<i>Donna Field</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Daniel Mjolsness</i>	<i>03/16</i>
<i>David Gardner</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Errol Skinner</i>	<i>03/16</i>
<i>Russell Greer</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Pamela Knoll</i>	<i>03/17</i>
<i>Rodger Hendricks</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Jack Ladley</i>	<i>03/17</i>
<i>Gabriela Hernandez</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>Oscar Acosta</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Raul Morales</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>James Carino</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>MaryAnn Coon</i>	<i>03/05</i>	<i>Carol Hanke</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Linda Neaves</i>	<i>03/05</i>	<i>Mary Jamerson</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Beth Supensky</i>	<i>03/05</i>	<i>Joanna McFarland</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Hilary Thoenke</i>	<i>03/05</i>	<i>Emma Mastro</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Emily Dumouchel</i>	<i>03/06</i>	<i>Stephen Spargo</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Cara Denny</i>	<i>03/07</i>	<i>Sandra Johnson</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Val Gall</i>	<i>03/07</i>	<i>Patricia Marlett</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Austin Kalb</i>	<i>03/07</i>	<i>Kristin Vick</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Ruth Lodahl</i>	<i>03/08</i>	<i>Karen Hunsaker</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Shane Slifko</i>	<i>03/08</i>	<i>Karl Listoe</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Frances Stepanek</i>	<i>03/09</i>	<i>Evala Nevers</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Debra Wojcik</i>	<i>03/09</i>	<i>Verna J. Olson</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Tyler Patterson</i>	<i>03/10</i>	<i>Logan Gibson</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Louise Sundet</i>	<i>03/10</i>	<i>Allen Mikkola</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Pam Bratsch Berg</i>	<i>03/11</i>	<i>Clarence Shaw</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Judith Guest</i>	<i>03/11</i>	<i>Gail Duke</i>	<i>03/24</i>
<i>Pat Leikhim</i>	<i>03/11</i>	<i>B Alexandra Barton</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Paul Reichert</i>	<i>03/11</i>	<i>Lissa Gibson</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Carole Shane</i>	<i>03/11</i>	<i>Barbro Holst</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>James Capadona</i>	<i>03/12</i>	<i>Robin Lee</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Stephanie Vick</i>	<i>03/13</i>	<i>Robert Semsel</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Lorna Wright</i>	<i>03/13</i>	<i>Roger Mjoen</i>	<i>03/26</i>
<i>Jenna Jakubielski</i>	<i>03/14</i>	<i>Stephanie Mjoen</i>	<i>03/26</i>
<i>Leland Sundet</i>	<i>03/14</i>	<i>George Dumouchel</i>	<i>03/28</i>
<i>Mika Williams</i>	<i>03/14</i>	<i>Corrin Powell</i>	<i>03/28</i>
<i>Juan Carlos</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>Frank Seitzinger</i>	<i>03/29</i>
<i>Mike Etelamaki</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>Ann-Lise Holm</i>	<i>03/29</i>
<i>Boden Manring</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>Leah Frontz</i>	<i>03/30</i>
<i>Brier Manring</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>Kristi Murphy</i>	<i>03/30</i>
<i>Darlene Moen</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>June Pearson</i>	<i>03/31</i>
<i>David Rismiller</i>	<i>03/15</i>	<i>Anne Rismiller</i>	<i>03/31</i>