



# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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## November 2018 Newsletter



### Mooring Line Drive Campus

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

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

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

#### **Alive Contemporary Service**

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

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



### Pebblebrooke Campus

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

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

11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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



#### **Our Mission:**

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

## Staff and Church Council

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### Our Staff:

**Rev. Steven E Wigdahl**, Senior Pastor - [pastorsteve@naples Emmanuel.org](mailto:pastorsteve@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 2018-2019:

#### Executive Board:

Peter Wasmer (President) - [pwasmer139@gmail.com](mailto:pwasmer139@gmail.com)  
Michael Puchalla (Vice-President/ Secretary) - [michael@collierhousing.com](mailto:michael@collierhousing.com)  
Ann Jones (Treasurer) - [annjonesinfl@aol.com](mailto:annjonesinfl@aol.com)

#### The other members are:

Nancy Dick - [nancyjdd@aol.com](mailto:nancyjdd@aol.com)  
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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22:

1. The installation of Pastor Bliese will be held on Jan. 6, 2019 at the 11:00 a.m.
2. Council discussed recommendations for the next Council term beginning in January. If anyone is interested in being on Council please contact one of the Council members listed above.
3. On Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2018 there will be a Latino Summit at MLD. Pastor Jose will help lead this bringing together Latino leaders in the Florida-Bahamas Synod and identifying Latino theologians.

#### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Next meeting will be on November 19, 2018.



**Please welcome Rev. Dr. Richard Bliese as Associate Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church! Also, welcome his wife, Nina.** The congregation voted in favor to hire Pastor Bliese for a three-year-term call at the congregational meeting on September 30, 2018.

## Upcoming Events

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### FYI: Daylight Savings Time will begin on **Sunday, November 4.**



That means that we will “FALL BACK,” and you will get an extra hour of ZZZZZZZs!

#### November 4 is also the day we start our “Season” Worship Schedule:

Sanctuary: 7:45, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.; Contemporary, 10:00 a.m.

Pebblebrooke: 11:00 a.m. Bilingual

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### Happy Thanksgiving



Emmanuel’s yearly **Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We invite you to join us as we give thanks to God for all of our blessings. There will be Thanksgiving music by the Emmanuel Choir.

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### Christmas Giving Program: “Angel Tree”

Our annual “Angel Tree” will be placed in the Narthex, Family Life Center and Pebblebrooke, beginning Sunday, November 25th. The angels on the tree will include children from New Horizon’s after school program that meets at our Pebblebrooke location and children that attend school in Golden Gate Estates. This year I am working with the Athletic Director at Palmetto Ridge HS to obtain the names of children/families in need this Christmas. Please return all wrapped gifts, with the angel attached, no later than Sunday, December 9th. For any additional questions, please contact Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon. Thank You!



### Yoga Classes

We invite you to try out our yoga class held at ECC Pebblebrooke. Our next class will be held **Tuesday, November 13th at 6:15 pm.**

The cost is \$10.00/ class. Bring a mat or towel. This is a great way to unwind after a long day.

For more information, please contact Dee Schleutker at 239-213-0535.

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Endless Brain is a cognitive-musical-behavioral approach to understanding autism and explore endless abilities. There is Music, there is Hope and there are EndLess possibilities. They are looking for volunteers to spend 3 hrs on a Friday night playing with children with special needs while their parents get a respite night. Often these families get no respite time, and this is a way to show our love and compassion to them. We also want to help children have a great time with music, movies and activities in the Family Life Center. The respite nights are the 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please email [info@endlessbrian.org](mailto:info@endlessbrian.org) to start the volunteering process.

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### Join our Book Club! **November 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm**

Ardith Tofteland presents *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

This is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

## Upcoming Events

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### SIGN UP FOR THE GOBBLE-GOBBLE RACE!



### GOBBLE, GOBBLE FOUR MILER ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

Every year on Thanksgiving Day, the Gobble Gobble Race takes place in Naples (starting at Venetian Village and continuing on Gulfshore Boulevard). It is a family-friendly annual event—and as a cup-free “Green Event” it helps to promote sustainability and environmental impact awareness.

100% of the race’s proceeds go to benefit the following charities:

#### Saint Matthew's House:

The mission of St. Matthew’s House (SMH) is to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as providing housing for the homeless and food for the needy. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH, along with Immokalee Friendship House, has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless in Collier County since 1987.

The race also benefits **95201 Kids on the Go**, a program to combat childhood obesity by running 26.2 miles over a 12-week period.

You can sign up online at [www.gobblegobblefourmiler.com](http://www.gobblegobblefourmiler.com).

On Sunday, November 18, Matt Sonneborn, Race Director and Principal Trumpet for the Naples Philharmonic, will be playing at the sanctuary services to lift up this wonderful event. You will be able to donate to these charities at that time.

*Meanwhile, don't forget to sign up for the race!*



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### WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

We will hold three Wednesday evening Advent services on December 5, 12, and 19. We will also be singing “Holden Evening Prayer,” which is one of the congregation’s favorites. *Come join us in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Want to help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays? If you are interested, please contact Karen Palmer at: [tkaper2002@yahoo.com](mailto:tkaper2002@yahoo.com) THANK YOU!**



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### “HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE VOICES OF NAPLES

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, in the Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

No admission fee; free-will offering will be taken

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### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24: 5:00 p.m. Paper Bag Service (Family-friendly)

7:00 p.m. Traditional Service--Pastor Steve preaching

9:00 p.m. Traditional Service--Pastor Steve preaching

All services in the Sanctuary



## Emmanuel's New Adult Fellowship Initiative



Dinner  
for 6 or 8

It begins January 2019. Sign up now!

### The what & the why?

Dinner for 6 or 8 is an opportunity to gather with a small 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.

Normally, we can only meet in fellowship on Sundays. Dinner for 6 or 8 is a program offering a break to this cycle by intentionally placing members together, who may 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. Dinner for 6 or 8 seeks to live out the congregational model of Acts 2, where “day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Won’t you please spend some time in prayer, and consider joining us for Dinner for 6 or 8.

### What's involved?

Dinner for 6 or 8 will officially begin in January 2019. So the only thing to do during the months of November and December is to pray and sign up. If you’re up north until January, no problem, just sign up by calling the church or sending an email. On Thursday, January 3, everyone who signed up will receive an email telling them who is in their group (either 6 or 8). 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?

### How to sign up?

There are three easy ways you can sign up.

1. You can call the church [239-261-0894](tel:239-261-0894) and ask for Gina.
2. You can email the church. [Gina@naplesEmmanuel.org](mailto: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](#).

Once you’ve signed up, we will contact you by email to acquire more of your personal preferences such as: group size, couples, single, parents with children and other adults you might want in your group.

## Music and Worship

### MUSICAL NOTES:

### EMMANUEL CHOIR HAS RECONVENED!

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!** Join our rehearsal in the choir room from 7:00-8:15 p.m. on Wednesday nights. As long as you enjoy music and like to sing, then you are welcome. Contact Joyce at [joyce@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:joyce@naplesemmanuel.org) if you have any questions. *We would love to have you sing with us!*



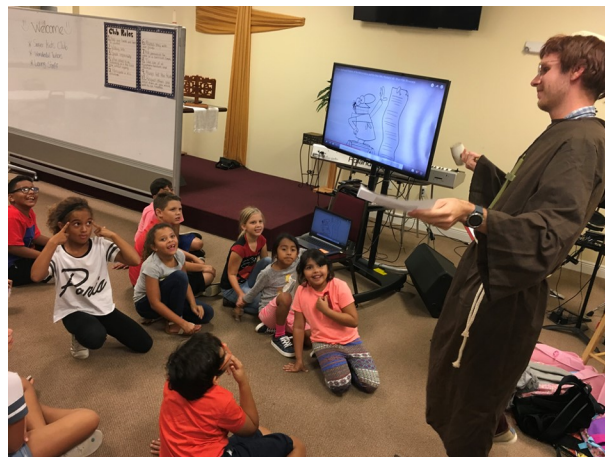
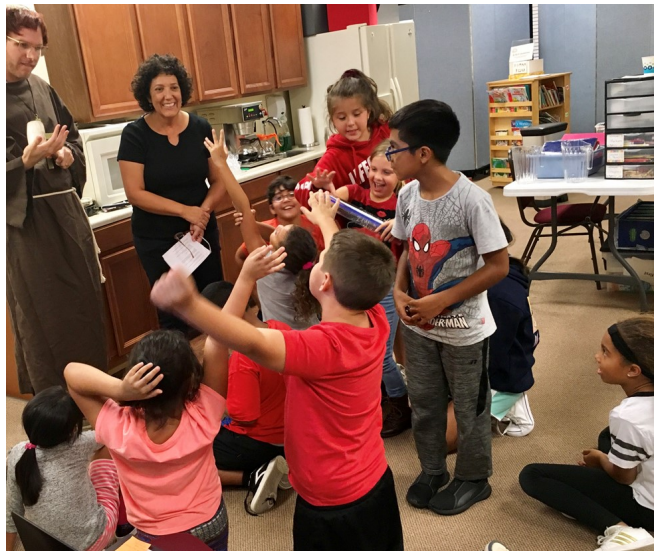
## Emmanuel Communities at Pebblebrooke

### Personal Care Kits

This summer we collected items to create personal care kits for people who are victims of a natural disaster. At the time of preparation we had no idea where these kits would end up. On Saturday, October 27, the 100 kits we prepared were dropped off at the Baptist Church to be delivered to residents in the Panhandle that suffered great loss from hurricane Michael. Thank You to all who contributed!

### Emmanuel Kids: Monday Connection

Our weekly children's program, held at Emmanuel's Pebblebrooke location, resumed this month. This program follows the Collier County school calendar. If you have children or grandchildren that you would like to participate please contact Dee Schleitker, ELCA Deacon. The program is held on Mondays from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, a lite dinner is provided. This year we are charging \$50.00 for the program year or \$10.00/ month.



## Hurricane Michael Disaster Response



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

The latest storm in a deadly hurricane season, Hurricane Michael, made landfall with winds upwards of 150 miles per hour. Please stand by our neighbors as they begin the long road to recovery.

What you can do:

**Pray** for the people who have been impacted by this event. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

**Give** to Lutheran Disaster Response. You can do this on line at the ELCA website, [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). If you prefer to write a check, you can make it payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and write Hurricane Response in the memo line. Or, you can mail a check directly to the ELCA, payable to Hurricane Response - United States and send it to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



### Beading for Haiti Project Paper bead Jewelry

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

Get a peek at these jewelry creations and try cutting paper and rolling beads! You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish in just a few short hours. All proceeds from the Project support the work at the Village of Hope.

For more information, contact Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213 or Jeanette O'Connor at 239-594-8179.



### Moving Forward

Now in the height of another hurricane season, it's the time to remember the damage that can be inflicted on homes that are not built to last. Families living in substandard housing are the ones most at-risk the next time we find ourselves on the brink of hurricane-force winds, rain, and flooding.

**By opening up the pathway to affordable homeownership, we can offer those families a chance.**

With your partnership, Habitat Collier is building affordable homes that provide families both a strong foundation for the future and the security of knowing that they have a solid roof overhead. Join us as part of a fresh start for a local family in need.

Make your gift today! To donate by credit card, please phone Habitat at 239-775-0036 (be sure to mention Emmanuel). Or use the envelope in your pew, make your check out to *Emmanuel*, and designate *Habitat*.



### 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.

Please continue to give. During the summer months, the food pantry shelves are almost empty. **Your donations make a difference!** So far this year we have collected and distributed \$5,460 to local food banks. Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel* and designate *Food for the Needy*.

## Serving Others Ministry

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### Volunteer Opportunities for Artists!



Grace Place for Children and Families is looking for artists to work with all grade levels in our Academy of Leaders K-12 afterschool program. Come share your talents with our students by helping with art projects throughout the school year. We need two volunteers to teach English on Tuesday morning to our mothers in our Bright Beginnings family literacy program.

For more information, please call Chrissie Guzman, Volunteer Experience Manager, at 239.234.2467 or email [chrissie@graceplacenaples.org](mailto:chrissie@graceplacenaples.org).



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### VOLUNTEERS -THE HEART AND SOUL OF ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

St. Matthew's House relies on the volunteers and the thousands of hours they give every year to make our mission a success. We couldn't do what we do in support of our programs without these amazing people. Our volunteers unselfishly come together for a great cause to support those we serve in a spiritual, Christian, faith-based environment. If you would like to make an impact through your volunteerism, please contact Ronnie Sopena, Volunteer Coordinator, at [rsopena@stmatthewshouse.org](mailto:rsopena@stmatthewshouse.org), or Michelle Mendoza, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mmendoza@stmatthewshouse.org](mailto:mmendoza@stmatthewshouse.org).

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### Deaths



Rev. Mel Suhr passed away in October; Please keep his children Marty Miller and Philip Suhr in your prayers.

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### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers for our weekly worship services in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone, please call the church office. They are \$30 per vase.

Dates available: December 23

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### Emmanuel Communities - Emmanuel Park - Emmanuel Academies

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To get the latest news about what is going on at Oil Well Road, go to <https://conta.cc/2Nnv8q1>.





Carol Calling:

Happy Thanksgiving and here we go into the holiday eating frenzy which we all look forward to and love. So let me send you all a message from my Consumer Report "On Health" November 2018 issue. Amy Keating M.S., R.D. is a nutritionist and a program leader in food safety and testing. Here are 9 tips for us to consider about eating the healthy way over the holidays.

1. Stock the fridge...I mean with healthy ingredients like vegetables, whole grains, beans and fruit because then you will have what you need to make the meals healthy leading up to splurge day.
2. Have a food gift strategy...remember you don't have to eat all the good cookies, breads and chocolates that friends and neighbors have shared with you. Many goodies freeze well so you can enjoy them over the next months. How about dividing the goodies into individual servings so you can defrost what you need and save the rest.
3. Don't skip breakfast...you will only end up overeating later. Instead, have a sensible meal like yogurt, fruit or oatmeal. Do not show up to dinner famished.
4. Start with a drink...of water, of course. Sip water before you have a cocktail or food. Keep hydrated and slow your intake.
5. Be smart about appetizers...choose two or three items and skip the fried foods. Go for the items like shrimp cocktail, mushrooms or hummus with veggies. Enjoy nuts and olives.
6. Survey the buffet...have little tastes of everything or choose two or three favorite foods you really enjoy and eat a reasonable serving of these.
7. Eat your veggies first at your meal...this, of course, will help fill you up with good nutritious foods and leave less room for the unhealthy stuff.
8. Make some simple swaps...use balsamic vinegar and olive oil dressings rather than store-bought high in sodium dressings. Replace sour cream with yogurt. Blend cauliflower into your mashed potatoes. Enjoy stuffing and/or a roll and butter, but not both.
9. Take a walk between dinner and dessert...for some of you, this is a family tradition. If it is not, then perhaps you could try it. This will let your meal settle and give you a chance to do some healthy exercise. I bet you will enjoy your dessert more, if you are not totally stuffed.



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

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



### November

Pancreatic Cancer  
Lung Cancer  
Stomach Cancer  
Carcinoid Cancer  
Awareness  
Caregivers Month



**Cancer Awareness for the month of November is Pancreatic Cancer, Lung Cancer, Stomach Cancer and Carcinoid Cancer.**

## 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 your 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 a 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.

## Operation Christmas Child



Sunday, October 28, we kicked off our Operation Christmas Child campaign. The response was fantastic. All of our shoeboxes were taken. Having said that how-



ever, you can still participate in this campaign. Just pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochure, which is available in the breezeway and in the Family Life Center. Once you have your brochure, just follow the instructions. **Once you've completed your shoebox you can drop it off at the church until Sunday, November 18.**

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It's time to begin another great season of learning together in 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](mailto:jim@naplesemmanuel.org).

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



September is a wonderful time to renew your commitment to a daily devotional. Please consider exploring and downloading "d365". It is relevant to today's young people and easy to use. Also, consider passing along this information to family and friends.

The d365 daily devotional site is produced by [Passport, Inc.](http://Passport, Inc.) Passport launched its first devotional site in 2001 in response to the attacks of September 11. Our primary goal then, and since, has been to provide inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people. Passport is a student ministry organization focused on creating meaningful experiences and resources for students. From youth and children's camps, to international awareness and youth leader resources, Passport, Inc. gives students a chance to see and experience their world in new ways.

The devotional experience is written especially for students and seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey. We hope that d365 will create a quiet space in your life for meditation and prayer.

Although devotions are available every day of the year, we highlight our common liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent through the special series *Following the Star and Journey to the Cross*. A third series, Back2School, recognizes the significant transition between summer and fall in the lives of students and offers encouragement and wisdom from scripture.



**Sunday, December 2, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Items for sale in the breezeway.**



For several weeks beginning in October our youth and children have been working on Sunday mornings to create some beautiful Advent and Christmas items. All of these items will be on sale in the breezeway on Sunday, December 2. All the proceeds that our young people raise from this event will go towards supporting the ELCA Good Gifts. This is a wonderful program that allows all of us to support children and families around the world with vital items we take for granted, such as: water, medicine, animals, food and shelter. Please stop by the Advent Craft Table and lend your support and encouragement. THANKS!



**Dear Emmanuel Family,**

For the past 12 years, Emmanuel's Youth Ministry has helped to mobilize funds to support the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County. We do this by participating in their annual "Fore-the-Kids" golf fundraiser. This year Emmanuel's Sponsor Team is

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| <b>Pastor Frank Lee</b> | <b>Jean Lee</b>    |
| <b>Clayton Blomseth</b> | <b>Jim Cooper.</b> |

The event will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Fiddler's Creek. We need your help to reach our Church goal of \$6,000 during the month of October.

All check donations can be made out to

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

Please write in the memo area: [Boys & Girls Club Golf](#) and mail it, or drop it off at the church.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Help Support the Emmanuel Team**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF COLLIER COUNTY**

15th Annual  
**FORE-the-Kids**  
Golf Tournament

**Saturday**  
**November 10, 2018**

**Team Emmanuel**

- \* Pastor Frank
- \* Jean Lee
- \* Clayton Blomseth
- \* Jim Cooper

**Emmanuel Church goal \$6000**

**ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Boys and Girls Club Collier County serves 3,000 children and teens, ages 6 to 18, in our clubs and afterschool programs, and through our partnership with the Naples Children and Education Foundation and Florida's 21st Century. We offer a safe place for young people to learn, grow and develop ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals who support the educational, emotional, physical and social development of our youth and provide them with the resources needed to become successful adults.



BGCCC is dedicated to promoting the education, vocational and health leadership and character of boys and girls in a safe environment. The Club offers award-winning programs to help youth build self esteem and values. Nearly 83% of members receive free or reduced lunch, 48% of members come from homes where English is not the main spoken language, 34% of members live in single parent households, and 63% of members live at, or below, poverty level.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION!

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cooper at [jim@NaplesEmmanuel.org](mailto:jim@NaplesEmmanuel.org) or 239-261-0894

## A Note from Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon

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Sabbatical is a time for us to rejuvenate and develop a deeper and meaningful connection with our Creator. Thank you for this gift during the month of September. Upon my return, I wrote the below devotion for our October 3<sup>rd</sup> staff meeting. One of the liturgical readings for this week was Psalm 8, the devotion began with this reading:

### Wonders of God's creation

In the reading from this creation Psalm the psalmist wonders why God would care for human beings and God values us enough to have a meaningful role within God's mission- to care for creation.

Can you imagine a life without animals? Our household pets provide that unconditional and nonjudgmental love we so desire, farm and wild animals, birds and fish have been created to provide nourishment for our bodies. But most of all these God created creatures provide us humans with a sense of Peace. Imagine going to the beach (when the red tide has ceased) and you look up and you see a dolphin leaping out of the water. There's an unbelievable sense of awe, wonder and Peace.

One week of my Sabbatical I spent in Ohio at the lake where I grew up, Lake Mohawk, this is a 500 acre lake situated in the foothills of the Appalachians, where My parents own a lake front home. Growing up I took everything for granted, couldn't wait to leave this small town, now I crave the opportunity to go back each summer. September is the perfect time to visit, the boaters and jet skiers have left and there's a sense of quiet. My father shared with me that one day, earlier this summer, there was a swan swimming around in his bay, it was only seen that one day, no one had seen the swan since. He stated that several years ago there were 2 swans at the lake but no one has seen the second swan, they believed it had deceased. The next morning, I took my kayak out on the lake. This is my quiet time/ prayer time. Taken from the song *Gracious Spirit*. Come Holy Spirit Come is how I begin all my prayer petitions. So as I paddle thru the waters singing Come Holy Spirit Come at one point I have this sense that I just need to "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10, to stop talking and just listen. It's amazing what you can hear when you stop talking, the birds singing, the fish jumping, etc...Later that day I was sitting on the porch reading a book when I looked up and there was the most beautiful white swan by the dock. What a coincidence, this swan has not been seen since this past May. Well, Of course I had to walk down and take pictures. It was amazing how close it allowed me get. After that day the swan seemed to just hang out at my parents dock the rest of the week. The image reminded me of Pastor Steve's Wild Goose. This swan, created by God, brought a sense of peace. Amazing, we as humans were created to have dominion over/care for the animals and here this swan is taking care of me. On my last day at the lake I took my final kayak ride, I first paddled over to the marina then back past my parents home to the end of their bay only to find a thick green algae, so I decided to turn around and take one more trip over towards the beach. As I approach the turn for the beach, I decided to turn around and as I do the swan comes seemingly out of no where, it begins to swim next to me then after a couple of paddles literally out of no where a second swan appears, in fact I thought it was the first swan until I looked to my side, this second swan promptly swims in front of my kayak and the other swan then drifts to behind the kayak, as if I was being guided. As I neared my parents home the leading swan disappeared as quickly as it appeared. As if to say, okay you got it from here! I was overwhelmed with the feeling of the Holy Spirits presence. One of my Sabbatical prayers was for guidance. Come Come Come Holy Spirit Come, guide me...God's magnificent creation of the swan has brought me a sense of awe, wonder and Peace. I spoke with my parents this past weekend the swan has not been seen since I left the lake. May each of you find the Peace of the Lord in God's magnificent creation.

Dear gracious Heavenly Father, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We give you thanks for all of creation and we ask that you will continue to provide each of us a sense of awe, wonder and Peace through your creation. Thank you for guiding us daily as make this journey through life. We lift up to you all of those in need of prayer on this day and we ask that you, Gracious Spirit will enter into their lives.

Amen

**FINANCIAL UPDATE** (as of September 30, 2018)

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	Budget Year to Date \$1,317,763	Actual Year to Date \$1,171,460
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES	Budget Year to Date \$1,349,279	Actual Year to Date \$1,217,668
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	September 2017 159	September 2018 246

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



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Last year we had \$300 in donations through AmazonSmile. **We hope with more participation from the congregation that this number will increase in 2018.** So far this year **we have received \$125** through the AmazonSmile program. Thank you to those who purchase their Amazon products through AmazonSmile.

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

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## Upcoming Events / Clubs

### 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](mailto:bkischer@yahoo.com). We meet in the WELCA room (above the church offices) monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM. The book club is meeting November 12th. November's book is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger presented by Ardith Tofteland. (This is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.)



**There is a full booklist for the upcoming 2018-2019 season in the back of the newsletter.**

### WOMEN WITH WOMEN

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

***There will be a planning meeting on November 7th at 11:00 a.m.. Please come join us.***

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

#### Important Events and Dates:

November 3 - beading sale at Faith Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 7 - planning meeting at the church

November 14 - Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. Pottery Painting Studio (3369 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 103, Naples, FL 34109) Go to lunch, then pottery. \$8.00 + up according to what you purchase. Paint and firing included in purchase of ceramic piece.



**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.

***Come support us at our next sales event at Faith Lutheran Church on November 3, 2018, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.***

Interested? Contact Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

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

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

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

**Dec. 9: The beading group will have a sale at all four services.**



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December Newsletter deadline is November 20th.

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

## Volunteers Needed

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dort@newhorizonsofswfl.org) or 239-948-4146. Or you may contact Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon at [dee@naplesmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesmanuel.org)



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:

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

If you are interested, please contact Gina at [gina@naplesmanuel.org](mailto: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 from November 12, 2018 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](mailto:dwc616@mac.com). If we have enough volunteers, each Team Member will only have to serve one Monday each month.



## Book Club List for 2018-2019

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church Book Club list 2018-2019

#### December 10, 2018

Bonnie Kischer presents *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Inspired by a true story, two families, generations apart, are forever changed by a heartbreaking injustice.

#### January 14, 2019

Edie Cole presents *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi

I have read this book and recommended it. Edie said she would like to present it. This is about a sincere Muslim that tried his best to seek Allah and eventually fell in love with Christ. It includes friendships and investigations into both these world religions.

#### February 11, 2019

Rosemarie Przybylski presents *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

The lives of three women stories cross continents as they strive to seek justice for those whom history has forgotten.

#### 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.



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

To my Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family,

I began my scouting adventure at age 6 with the Cub Scouts, and at 10 moved up to Boy Scouts. I am now a Life Scout having completed 65 merit badges, held several positions of responsibilities, and been very active with the growth of my troop and its activities. My long journey is now at the point where I am working toward earning the highest and most honored rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout.

To earn the Eagle rank I must plan, develop, and provide leadership to others in a service project helpful to the community. For my Eagle Scout Project, I have chosen to build four, 8-foot picnic tables for our church. We need picnic tables as areas to sit and eat that will be located by a family friendly soccer field that is being built in Golden Gate Estates.

It is a big project that will require many hours of labor and approximately \$1500 in materials. As part of my project, it is recommended that I request donations to fund materials necessary for construction of this project. Any financial assistance you can offer to help me achieve my goal of completing this project will be greatly appreciated. This is a tax deductible. No amount is too small, and in the unlikely event any funds remain after the project is finished, they will go directly back to our church.

My address is; 341 Leawood Circle, Naples 34104. Checks need to be made out to Troop 243, and please memo Zachary Dawson's Eagle Project. I thank you in advance for anything that you can contribute to this worthy cause.

Yours in Scouting,  
Zachary Dawson  
Troop 243  
Naples, FL



Contact information:

E-mail: [zdawson0612@gmail.com](mailto:zdawson0612@gmail.com)

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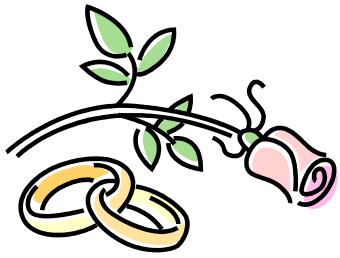
## November Baptisms

*Member*

*Date*

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<i>William Weng</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Cynthia Carlson</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Roger Beckerman</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Tom Funk</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Phillip Harrington</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Duncan Cameron</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Joycelyn Gallois</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Peter Gibson</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Lauren Gibson</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Nicole Puchalla</i>	<i>11/00</i>
<i>Joyce Kruggel</i>	<i>11/06</i>
<i>Andrew Nuzum</i>	<i>11/06</i>
<i>Zack Faust</i>	<i>11/10</i>
<i>Bailey Kimble</i>	<i>11/11</i>
<i>Maria Werner</i>	<i>11/14</i>
<i>June Jahrling</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>Samantha Drsch</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>Terrie Kimble</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Dan McMichael</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>Amaiya Ancirel</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>Robert Goodrich</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Mitchell Gemmer</i>	<i>11/27</i>
<i>Kathleen Wasmer</i>	<i>11/27</i>
<i>Andrew Mason</i>	<i>11/30</i>



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## November Anniversaries

*Member*

*Date*

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<i>Mary Ann &amp; Dave Ostrem</i>	<i>11/00/2004</i>
<i>Dennis &amp; Carla Reustle</i>	<i>11/01/1986</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jerry Ransom</i>	<i>11/03/1963</i>
<i>Bruce &amp; Bev Ranstrom</i>	<i>11/04/0000</i>
<i>Paula &amp; Ted Eissfeldt</i>	<i>11/06/0000</i>
<i>Barbara Ferreri</i>	<i>11/10/1996</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Michael McNally</i>	<i>11/11/1967</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Norris Overdahl</i>	<i>11/14/1964</i>
<i>Brian &amp; Lindsay Stock</i>	<i>11/15/2015</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. K. C. Stock</i>	<i>11/15/1968</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kelley Lodahl</i>	<i>11/16/1952</i>
<i>John &amp; Patricia Leikhim</i>	<i>11/22/1980</i>
<i>Eric &amp; Cynthia Carlson</i>	<i>11/24/1967</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bob Carpenter</i>	<i>11/24/1954</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wendell Gillund</i>	<i>11/24/1951</i>
<i>Ruth &amp; Dean Schuler</i>	<i>11/26/1955</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kris Choemke</i>	<i>11/26/2005</i>
<i>Dale &amp; James Keenan</i>	<i>11/27/1997</i>
<i>Marc &amp; Carlene Petersen</i>	<i>11/27/1963</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Gary Sharpe</i>	<i>11/27/1971</i>
<i>Mr &amp; Mrs Peter Wasmer</i>	<i>11/28/1992</i>



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## November Birthdays

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Virginia LaPlaine</i>	<i>11/01</i>	<i>John Dick</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Debra Olson</i>	<i>11/01</i>	<i>Sue Dinning</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Chad Faust</i>	<i>11/02</i>	<i>Glen Gronlund</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Michael Hagerman</i>	<i>11/02</i>	<i>Marlene Heidemann</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Gilbert Clark</i>	<i>11/03</i>	<i>Danny Summers, Jr.</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Joycelyn Gallois</i>	<i>11/03</i>	<i>Marilyn Hollis</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>Phillip Harrington</i>	<i>11/03</i>	<i>Eleanor Jackson</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>Linda Mullin</i>	<i>11/04</i>	<i>Neptali Castillo</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>Gerald Kimble</i>	<i>11/05</i>	<i>Heriberto Rivera</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>Paula Eissfeldt</i>	<i>11/06</i>	<i>Alexandra Ellender</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Mario Rodriguez DeLavega</i>	<i>11/06</i>	<i>Rouland Lewis</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Mariela Vale</i>	<i>11/07</i>	<i>Justin Van Norstrand</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Waldo Smeby</i>	<i>11/07</i>	<i>Earle Guffey</i>	<i>11/21</i>
<i>Bruce Carlson</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>Frine Dnadelli</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Charles Gass</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>Jeffrey Heier</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Bev Mjolsness</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>Ruben Teran</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Bianca Omonte</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>Karin Steward</i>	<i>11/23</i>
<i>Roger Beckermann</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Terri Schuchmann</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>Roberta Blaes</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Richard Fetterer</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>Donna Conrad</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Zachary Fowell</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>Rosemary Bell</i>	<i>11/11</i>	<i>Lydia Wasmer</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>Gregory Schill</i>	<i>11/11</i>	<i>Louis Kober</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>Shelby Schwartz</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>Nancy Dewey</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Lisa Dawson</i>	<i>11/13</i>	<i>Wilma Sagers</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Jose Lebron</i>	<i>11/13</i>	<i>Nancy Strohm</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Mackenzie Marquardt</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>Gerald Kerr</i>	<i>11/27</i>
<i>Maria Rodriguez DeLavega</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>Yetnyzed Rivera</i>	<i>11/27</i>
<i>Shawn Rosaasen</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>James Keenan</i>	<i>11/28</i>
<i>Eveline Sorg</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>Aiden Murphy</i>	<i>11/28</i>
<i>Tom Funk</i>	<i>11/15</i>	<i>David Pedersen</i>	<i>11/28</i>
<i>Warren Heidemann</i>	<i>11/15</i>	<i>Allison Schleutker</i>	<i>11/28</i>
<i>Virginia Hebert</i>	<i>11/16</i>	<i>Jacqueline M. Elmer</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>Erik Listoe</i>	<i>11/16</i>	<i>Dale Keenan</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>James McLaughlin</i>	<i>11/16</i>	<i>Roberta Seiler</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>Jeanette O'Connor</i>	<i>11/16</i>		