



The Star

November 17, 2019 – November 23, 2019



Sunday Prayers:

Alice Krautsack, Frank Loney, Gussie Paulson, Mike Maslowski, Larrie Nettum, Trudie Freymiller, Irma Leonard, Don & Val Gall, Kathryn Cederstrom, John Guddie, Bethany Rabenold, Joe Calderon, Jan Donnell, Roberta Lynch, Rick Bethem and Victoria Warrenfelz.

Remember: The family of Darrel Nelson upon his passing Wed, Nov. 6. There will be a service at Fuller Funeral Home on the East Trail on Mon. Nov. 18 at 1:00 pm.

Discover Emmanuel

Education classes continued!



Sundays
8:45 - 9:15 am,
10:45 - 11:15 am and
11:20 - 12:00 pm

There will be a Bible Study on Thursday, November 21 at 9:30 am in the media center
Readings for Sunday, November 24



Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43
Color: **WHITE**



OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FLOWERS

If you would like to give flowers for our weekly worship services in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone, please call the office (239-261-0894). **Dec. 1**

Join our Weekly Activities:

Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Quilting - Community Room
Call Jane Hauck at 605-366-4338

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Paper Beading - Upstairs
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

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

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



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



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Emmanuel's yearly Thanksgiving Eve Service will be **Wednesday, November 27 at 5:30 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.

(There will be no meal served prior to the service).

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. 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. Please give your name, your contact phone number and your email.



Angel Tree

Beginning November 24th our Angel Trees will be set up in the Narthex and Family Life Center adorned with angel ornaments listing a child's Christmas wish.

Please place all wrapped gifts under the tree no later than December 8th. Thank You! For questions or more information please contact: Deacon Dee Schleutker at dee@naplesemmanuel.org



We will be offering our first "preview" worship service, under the tent, at the park. It will be on November 24, Christ the King Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. This day is also the Sunday before Thanksgiving. You are invited to join us at the park for worship, food, and fun!

Come help decorate the sanctuary:

Monday, December 2 to hang garland,
Thurs., December 19 to decorate the trees
and Monday, January 6, to take it all
down. Any questions contact Karen Palmer at tkaper2002@yahoo.com

Christmas Decorating



WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

We will hold three Wednesday evening Advent services on **December 4, 11, and 18**. On December 4 and December 11, we will be singing "Holden Evening Prayer," which is one of the congregation's favorites.

On December 18 Emmanuel will hold its first BLUE CHRISTMAS service. This is for anyone who has suffered a loss of a loved one, or any type of significant loss within the last year. This also applies to anyone who has experienced disappointment, depression, or a dread of the upcoming Christmas season.

Come join us in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.



Hear what a Stephen Minister's Care Receiver had to say: "My Stephen Minister listens, really listens. He doesn't judge me or tell me what I should do, but walks side by side with me. I had not realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support I am making it through a difficult time".

If you wish to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister please call Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894.

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



Please join us for a **GRAND CELEBRATION** at all services on Sunday, December 8th. Over the years members of Emmanuel have donated sufficient funds to build over 50 Habitat homes - - the most in Collier

County! The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, CEO of Habitat Collier will join us to bring a message of thanks from all the less fortunate families that we've helped.

But 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. Can you help out with a donation, large or small?

In this season of Thanksgiving, 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.



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Gift Matching Opportunity

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>.



On **Sunday, November 24**, Matt Sonneborn, Race Director and Principal Trumpet for the Naples Philharmonic, will be playing at the sanctuary services to lift up the Gobble Gobble Four Miler. 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.

You will be able to donate to St. Matthew's House and 955201 Kids On the Run charities at that time.

Children & Youth Ministry



Calling all children and youth... It's time to begin another great season of learning together and growing in our Christian faith. **11:15 am - 12:00 pm.**

Children (K-5) will meet in upstairs in Room 1 and Middle and High School students will meet upstairs in the Oasis Student Center.

Come and See! Ven a Ver!

We are celebrating and average of 15 children each Sunday. Last Sunday we started First Communion Class with eight children. Kids seven years and up are still invited to participate. For more information, contact Nieves Lebron at Nieves@naplesemmanuel.org

Do not forget! "Faith Connection" Sunday 11:15-12:00.



Family Advent Tablecloth bags will be available TODAY in the breezeway between services.

Fun, simple and easy to use family activity during Advent!

IT'S BACK! **Emmanuel's Adult Fellowship**

Dinner for 6, or 8

It begins January 2020. Sign up now!

See the November 2019 Newsletter for details or call Gina at 239-261-0894 to sign up. You can also sign up on the website. Click on the blue tab on the home page to fill out your form.



Learn about Emmanuel Academies' Innovative 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program!

Join us for a Lunch and Learn on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from Noon to 1:30 PM**, to hear more about Emmanuel Academies' 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program. Through this innovative program, young adults and others called to be Pastors can earn a B.A. in Organizational Management from Concordia University Chicago and a Master of Divinity from Sioux Falls Seminary in cooperation with Luther House of Study and Luther Seminary while staying in their community and working in their home church. Scholarships are available! Learn more at www.EmmanuelEd.Org/. Please RSVP to Laurie Sullivan, laurie@emmanuelacademies.org.



Help us quilt on Mondays. Join us in the Community Room from 9:30-1:30. No sewing experience is necessary. **Call Jane Hauck, 605-366-4338**, for more information. *They are also in desperate need of larger cotton fabric pieces. You can bring your donations to the church office.*

Our Mission:

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

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Sunday Services with Holy Communion 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 am; Alive Service at 10:00 am; Bilingual Service at 11:15 am
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