



# The Star

November 24, 2019 – November 30, 2019



## Sunday Prayers:

Alice Krautsack, Joyce O'Neill, Frank Loney, Gussie Paulson, Evala Nevers, 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.



**GIVE THANKS!** Our yearly Thanksgiving Eve Service will be **this 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 our blessings. There will be special Thanksgiving music by the Emmanuel Choir.  
(No meal will be served prior to the service).

## Discover Emmanuel

Education classes



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



## 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.

**There will *not* be a Bible Study on Thursday, November 28 at 9:30 am in the media center**

Readings for Sunday, December 1



Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
Color: **Advent Blue**

## Angel Tree



Beginning November 24<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.** Thank You! For questions or more

information please contact: Deacon Dee Schleutker at [dee@naplesemmanuel.org](mailto:dee@naplesemmanuel.org)

## 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 Media Center monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM.

**December 9: The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith.** True story about random acts of kindness during Christmas season for a family struggling after death of her husband.



We are looking for volunteers to help deliver altar flowers to our homebound members. The commitment is for once a month for an hour or two. For more information contact Carol Hartman at 239-261-0894.

## 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

## 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](mailto: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. 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.



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



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



### Jewelry Sale

**Dec. 1:** Paper Bead Jewelry Sale after all services. Some of our members have been making paper beads all year, then they put them together to make bracelets, earrings and necklaces. They make great Christmas gifts. All proceeds help Village of Hope Haiti.

For more information call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

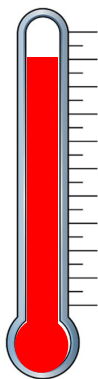
### Women with Women Group



On December 11, 2019, the Women with Women group is going to the Baker Museum. Meet at the church at 10:30 to car pool or you can go directly to the museum. The

tour is at 11a.m. with a docent. They will have lunch afterwards at Brios around 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213.

### GOAL!



\$ 2,000,160  
\$ 1,765,597

### Make a Difference

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a great congregation that makes a significant difference in our community. To continue our current level of service to congregation members, guests, and local ministry partners, we need to close a projected shortfall of \$250,000 by the end of the year. Staff is already holding the line on spending, and this shortfall already reflects anticipated contributions, so we are looking for giving beyond existing commitment levels. If you would like more detailed information, please contact the church office and ask to speak to Pastor Steve.



**TODAY: VOICES OF NAPLES---SING-ALONG MESSIAH, 3:00 P.M.  
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 5200 CRAYTON ROAD**

**VOICES OF NAPLES: "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" -- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019, 7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY. NO TICKET NECESSARY -- FREE-WILL OFFERING. SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

## 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.



The First Communion class met for the second time on November 17. We reviewed the first week class (Jesus loves everyone and shows his love many ways including the special meal called Communion). We then talked about why we say the bread is his body and the wine is his blood. We also practiced receiving the bread and intimating (dipping) it in the wine, including what to say and do.

**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/](http://www.EmmanuelEd.Org/). Please RSVP to Laurie Sullivan, [laurie@emmanuelacademies.org](mailto:laurie@emmanuelacademies.org).



Thank you to our golfers and our congregation who helped raise \$10,230 for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. They are very appreciative of Emmanuel's generosity.

### 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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Living in God's amazing grace

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