



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

www.naplesemmanuel.org

September 2018 Newsletter



Mooring Line Drive Campus

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

Sunday Services with Holy Communion

9:00 & 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. - 12:00 p.m.



Our Mission:

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

Staff and Church Council

Our Staff:

Rev. Steven E Wigdahl, Senior Pastor - pastorsteve@naples Emmanuel.org
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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
Michael Puchalla (Vice-President/ Secretary) - michael@collierhousing.com
Ann Jones (Treasurer) - annjonesinfl@aol.com

The other members are:

Nancy Dick - nancyjdd@aol.com
Steve Esala - stevesala@bellsouth.net
Mark Fiebrink - mfiebrink@gmail.com
Nelson Gonzalez - nelhandyman@outlook.com
Zetty Rivera - zettyrivera@gmail.com

AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON July 26, 2018:

1. Pastor Steve reviewed the work that Rev Bliese did during his 6 months working as a consultant for the church in developing the Faith, Vocations and Economics program, Adult Education and other initiative he led.
2. Council discussed all aspects of potentially offering a 3-year Term Call recommended by Pastor Steve for Rev Rick Bliese and how it would impact the operations of the church.
3. Council approved a motion to follow the guidelines set by the Bishops office to become the Call Committee for the purpose of interviewing and determining the viability of having Rev Bliese serve the congregations. Interviews to be set up in August.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is September 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Throughout the summer, meetings will be called as needed.

Upcoming Events

God's Work Our Hands

This year our Community Outreach for God's Work Our Hands will support the Golden Gate Senior Center. During the month of August we will collect adult diapers. A labeled bin is located in the Narthex for donations. Please have all donations in by **September 2nd**.



For more information please contact Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon or Vivian Shea at 239-261-0894. Thank You!

Yoga Classes

Beginning in August we will start offering yoga classes, at our **Pebblebrooke location**, the **second Tuesday of each month**.



Classes will begin at **6:15 pm** and last approximately one hour. Our next class will be held on **September 11th**.

The cost for each class is \$10.00. Please bring a mat or towel.

For more information, please contact Nancy Omonte at 239-529-8231.

Beach Blast - Save the Date! October 6, 2018

Lowdermilk Park 3:30 - 7:30 pm

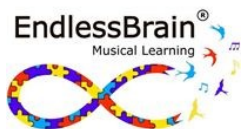
Come join us for an afternoon of relaxing in the sun, good fellowship, swimming, volleyball, games and food. We've rented the Gazebo at the north side of the beach. We will also have a 10 x 10 tent set up on the beach. Please bring your own beverage and a side dish to share. We will order pizza for dinner.



Please let Jim know you are coming.

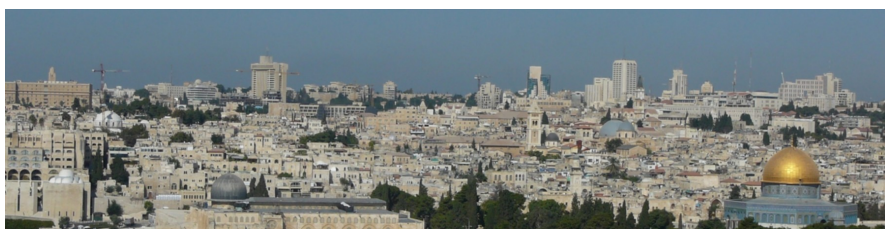
Email: jim@naplesmanuel.org, or text 239-451-1033

Hope you can join us!



Endless Brain is a cognitive-musical-behavioral approach to understanding autism and explore endless abilities. There is Music, there is Hope and 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 every 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please email info@endlessbrian.org to start the volunteering process.



Want to experience the Holy Land for New Years?

Resident Pastor Will invites you to join him on a trip of a lifetime, a unique study tour led by Dr. Monte Luker, professor of Hebrew Scripture at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Jerusalem resident for over 30 years. See *the sights, meet the people, and hear the biblical stories as you experience their settings first hand*. For a more detailed itinerary, including deposit schedules, please visit the welcome table and pick up a flyer or contact Resident Pastor Will at will@naplesmanuel.org. Don't miss this rare chance to ring in the New Year in Israel!

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: October 21,28; November 4, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23

Music and Worship

MUSICAL NOTES: SABATICAL BOUND

In the Florida Bahamas Synod of the ELCA, there is an opportunity for rostered leaders to take advantage of a Sabbatical upon completion of six or more years of continuous employment in the same congregation.

The Office of the Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod suggests, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church requests, that sabbatical time be devoted to rest, personal study and reflection, and study that will directly benefit the ministry setting.

I submitted a request for a Sabbatical several months ago and it was approved by the Human Resources Committee and the Church Council. This will be a 3-month Sabbatical divided into two years: the first half will be this year (August 12-September 21), and the second half will be around this time in 2019.



As far as rest, that will be an easy one! We will be visiting family in Missouri and spending some time hiking and relaxing in Bryce and Zion Canyons in Utah, in addition to exploring the North Rim of Grand Canyon.

The personal study and reflection will consist of reading some of the works of C.S. Lewis and contemporary theologian, Richard Rohr.

During this time I will also be preparing as Interim Director of the Emmanuel Choir. After 13+ glorious years of Choir Director Doug Denisen's time with us, we are in the process of regrouping and seeing what marvelous plans God has in store for us.

When in town, I will be looking at and choosing musical compositions for the upcoming Choir season (see more on this below), as well as consulting with other musicians in the area.

I look forward to my Sabbatical time, and it is my hope that I will come back to Emmanuel completely energized and ready to help celebrate God's wonderful gift of music!

GUEST ORGANIST

While I am on Sabbatical leave, Guest Organist Jeanne Card will be tickling the ivories every Sunday. Jeanne is no stranger to Emmanuel. In case you don't already know, here is a little bit more information about her:

Jeanne studied organ with Mildred Andrews at Oklahoma University and Paul Bunjes at Concordia University. She grew up in Oklahoma and taught school in California and Illinois. (Fun fact: while at Concordia, Jeanne worked part-time for Paul Harvey for 4 1/2 years!). Jeanne has lived in Naples since 1993 and is very active in the Naples community. She sings in the Naples Philharmonic Chorus and does a great deal of volunteering throughout the community. She also likes to play golf! Jeanne has two daughters and three grandchildren and enjoys visiting and spending time with her family.

You will enjoy Jeanne and the musical gifts she brings.

I pray for God's blessings upon you during this time (and please keep me in your prayers as well).

Joyce

EMMANUEL CHOIR RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER!

The Emmanuel Choir will begin its season on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. (Rehearsal will be from 7:00-8:15 p.m.). If you enjoy music and like to sing, then you are welcome to join us! Contact Joyce at joyce@naplesemmanuel.org if you have any questions.



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse is inviting the community to the play "IN FLIGHT: THE STORY OF SABINE VAN DAM". The play, written by Gulfshore Playhouse Education Director Hester Kamin, is the true story of four year old Sabine who lived in the Netherlands in 1942 with her parents, sister and beloved housekeeper. One morning, her mother told her to put on every piece of clothing and jewelry she owned, and the family walked out and shut the door behind them, never to return.

Sabine Van Dam, now 81, is a seasonal resident of Naples and met with Director Kamin to tell her story and, by doing so, to educate and inspire others to make their corner of the world a better place. *It was produced in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse and the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida.*

The play will be presented on **Sunday, October 14th at 11:15 am**. The 35 minute play will be followed by a talkback and is appropriate for ages 10 and older. A free will offering will be accepted.

DETAILS: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 6340 Napa Woods Way, Naples. 34116 Sunday, October 14, at 11:15 am Appropriate for ages 10 to adult.

Serving Others Ministry



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, the 2nd and 4th 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.



How a Hurricane Exposed the Community's Need for Housing

Who can forget the impact of Hurricane Irma? Almost a year ago we scrambled to prepare, evacuate, and pray for the best. For Habitat homeowners, prayers were answered. None of our more than 2000 homes suffered structural damage!

However, the hurricane unveiled the true weakness of substandard housing. Many living in those structures escaped only with their lives and the few belongings they were able to take with them. They came back to find their homes ruined. Many of these people, who were already struggling to make ends meet, are still living in mold-ridden, structurally damaged homes because there is no other option they can afford.

Habitat homes offer a clean, decent, affordable option. Can you help? Materials to build a Habitat home cost \$50,000, but tax-deductible donations of all sizes are very much appreciated. Use the envelope in your pew, make your check payable to Emmanuel, and indicate *Habitat*. To donate by credit card, call Habitat at 239-775-0036, or go to www.HabitatCollier.org - - and be sure to indicate that your donation comes from Emmanuel!

ELCA World Hunger



More than 800 million people - that's 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.



**Evangelical
Lutheran**
Church in America

ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

To donate write a check to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and designate ELCA World Hunger in the memo line, or visit the ELCA Website.

Education Volunteer Opportunities!



GRACE PLACE



For Children & Families

Consider teaching English this fall! Volunteers are needed to teach English to mothers in our Bright beginnings family literacy program which educates both parents and children. The program runs August–May in the mornings, 10:20am–12:20pm. A commitment of once a week is required. You do not need to speak Spanish to volunteer, nor do you need experience teaching English. Training is provided throughout the year, in addition to lots of resources and support.

The Academy of Leaders K–12 afterschool program needs tutors for all grade levels and subjects. Share your knowledge with a small group of our students in a classroom setting. Tutors for our middle school program are in high demand. Tutors are needed Monday–Thursday. Times vary depending on grade level.

For more information, please call Chrissie Guzman, Volunteer Experience Manager, at 239.234.2467 or email chris-sie@graceplacenaples.org.



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*.

Emmanuel Communities at Pebblebrooke

Game Night

We invite you to join the fun the second Friday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm at Pebblebrooke, 15205 Collier Blvd. Our next game night is scheduled for September 14th.

For more information please contact Dee Schleutker, ELCA Deacon.



Hygiene Kits

Thank you to all who donated items for the hygiene kits. Special thank you to Kenia Campos, DDS of Pebblebrooke Dentistry for the donation of toothpaste and Gerardo Santiago, DDS of Children's Dentistry of Naples for the donation of toothbrushes. This project was an Emmanuel Community Church Sunday School service project; the children assembled 80 bags.



Blessing of the backpacks

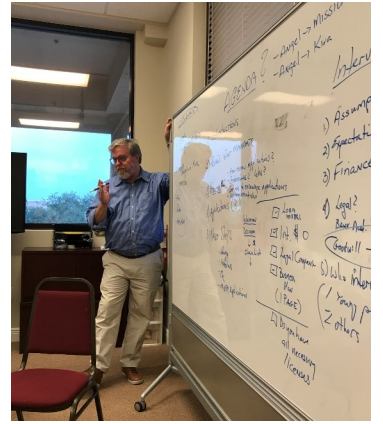
Here are some of the photographs from blessing of the backpacks at Pebblebrooke and Emmanuel Lutheran Church campuses.



Summer Projects

Micro-lending

Micro-lending is an important new “Faith, Work and Economics” initiative by Emmanuel. A multi-generational group initially met in April for a one-day retreat. From this micro-lending retreat, an executive team was created. This executive team consists of seven adults and two youths, with leadership provided by Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese. As a follow up to the retreat in April, our executive team met on Sunday, August 12 to discuss the three potential micro-loan candidates. Our committee unanimously chose two small businesses to further vet to be recipients of the \$1,000 micro-loan.



Golden Gate Senior Center

In August, Vivian Shea, Dee Schleutker and Frine Donadelli ran Bingo at the Golden Gate Community Center. The seniors loved all the prizes donated by Emmanuel. Fun was had by all!



Upcoming News

Please look for a letter in the mail and for eblasts that will announce our upcoming Congregational meeting in September. We will need to have at least 77 members present at the meeting. A member from the Bishop’s office will be attending our meeting to assist in the voting process. We encourage everyone to learn more about Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese.

Pastor Steve is looking for your affirmation and support to hire Pastor Bliese. The majority of his role would be focused on Emmanuel's Mooring Line Drive and Emmanuel Community Church with up to and twenty percent working with Emmanuel Academies. Please feel free to call the church office for more information.



Parish Nurse - Stephen Ministry



Carol Calling:

First of all, once again, let me say thank you to the many friends and church family who have sent me beautiful “feel better” messages while I have been healing. I have felt the love and care from each of you.

PROTEIN- is part of every cell in the body and is key for digestion, metabolism, muscle and hair growth, healthy bones and the production of various enzymes and antibodies. (Consumer Reports ON HEALTH 2018). So how much do we need and how is the best way to get our protein? The average person needs about 0.4 gram of protein per pound of body weight daily according to the National Academy of Sciences. However, as we grow older, needs shift. Some experts suggest getting 0.6 gram per pound of body weight after age 60. This helps age related muscle loss.

It is not as hard as you think. Just one 4 ounce skinless grilled chicken breast is 35 grams of protein. Six ounces of low-fat Greek yogurt is 17 grams. Two tablespoons of peanut butter is 7 grams, and ½ cup of tuna is 27 grams. Most of us really should have little difficulty getting an adequate amount in our diet.

Animal proteins – lean meats, poultry, seafood, eggs and dairy are considered “complete protein” because they contain all nine essential amino acids. These are the building blocks our bodies need. Plant based protein sources like lentil, quinoa and nuts lack some of these amino acids, but we can mix and match to make a complete protein. Think of combining brown rice and beans or peanut butter on whole grain bread.

Supplements and shakes should not be your main source of protein.....many protein packed meal replacement shakes, though they are convenient, are often loaded with unwanted sugars or additives. For your body to use protein most efficiently, it is good to space out your protein intake over the course of the day. Be careful that your protein does not all come from fattier animal sources, because this could put you at risk for coronary heart disease and constipation.

A professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University, William Schaffner, M.D. states that having had “shingles may increase your immunity slightly, but no one’s sure how much or for how long” Whether you have experienced this painful, blistering rash or not, plan on getting the new shingles vaccine, Shingrix. It is approved for adults age 50 and older and appears to be 90% effective against shingles. It also protects against the postherpetic neuralgia that sometimes can linger for months after an outbreak. Just a word of advice from our medical community which I have chosen to pass on because it is a question many people are asking about.



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



STEPHEN MINISTRY - CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE



This is the motto of Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministry role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through difficult times in their lives. We listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. In this one-to-one caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through. If you or someone you know is facing difficulties and may benefit by the care of a Stephen Minister contact Carol Hartman at Emmanuel - 239-261-0894.

Stephen Ministry now moves into our summer schedule but looks forward to the kick-off in the fall with our Pot Luck Supper.

The book we will all read over the summer is “The Centered Life” by Jack Fortin with a forward by Rev. Rick Bliese.



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

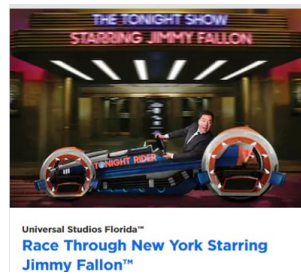
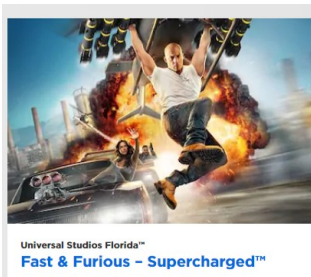


The purpose of this trip is to invite youth, families and friends to a wonderful time together. A great day of having fun, riding rides, deepening friendships, listening to great music and coming together with thousands of other Christians from around the state. To be extra safe for this event we have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



RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS
Rides That Thrill You

Cost: \$65



Great opportunity to bring a friend.

**Saturday
artist
lineup**



Traveling by
Charter bus.



Check it out online. Google Rock the Universe 2018.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



We will be traveling by a motor coach to Orlando. Please be at the church on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 AM. We should be arriving back at the church between 4:30 AM – 5:30 AM on Sunday morning. FOOD: Have breakfast before you arrive on Saturday. The bus will not stop for food on the way up or the way back. Please bring your own money for food, snacks and souvenirs while inside the park. PILLOWS AND BLANKETS: Feel free to bring a pillow and or blanket for the bus ride. There will be adequate supervision and adult chaperones. SPACE IS LIMITED: Only 50 seats are available, so don't delay in getting your registration and money turned in.

Registration Form for Rock the Universe

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

Attention: Jim Cooper

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

777 Mooring Line Dr., Naples, FL 34102

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

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket and Transportation: \$65 x ____ = ____

Express Pass (optional) \$25 x ____ = ____

Total Enclosed Amount \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR: **Rock the Universe Trip to Universal Studios Orlando, September 8 – 9, 2018**

As the parent (guardian) of _____,

I hereby give my child/s permission to attend the **Rock the Universe Trip to Universal Studios Orlando, September 8 – 9, 2018**. I also acknowledge and agree, that my child/s will abide by the Code of Conduct listed below. Failure to do so may result in the removal from the event. Code of Behavior for Youth (Version 2.0):

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

Parental Signature _____

I agree, Student Signature _____

Parent Cell Ph. _____

Student Cell Ph. _____ Grade _____

Registration deadline: Friday August 31, 2018 or, when seats are filled.

Don't delay in getting your registration and money turned in. We only have 10 seats left and they are going fast.



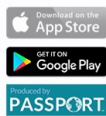
Calling all graduating confirmands! There is a special half-day confirmation retreat scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 12:00 PM – 4:30 PM. Save the date. Any questions, please contact Jim Cooper. Email: Jim@naplesemmanuel.org.

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.

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

Sept. 9 we will not have Sunday School due to Rock the Universe.





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.](#) 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.

Finance

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of July 31, 2018)

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	Budget Year to Date \$1,105,636	Actual Year to Date \$1,016,190
TOTAL OVERALL EXPENSES	Budget Year to Date \$1,049,440	Actual Year to Date \$977,365
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	June 2017 276	June 2018 226

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



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.)*

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](#), 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.

Thank You
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GENEROUSLY

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. We meet in the WELCA room (above the church offices) monthly from 2:00-3:30 PM. The book club is not meeting until October 8th. **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 September 5th 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.



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, the **SECOND AND FOURTH 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

Village of Hope Webpage www.villageofhopehaiti.org

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



October Newsletter deadline is September 20th.

Please e-mail Jennifer, jennifer@naplesemmanuel.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@naplesemmanuel.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

School is starting August 15, which means 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 Schleutker, ELCA Deacon at dee@naplesemmanuel.org



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:

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

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

Book Club List for 2018-2019

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Book Club list 2018-2019

October 8, 2018

Carol Hartman presents *Wonder Girl* by Don Van Natta, Jr.

This is an extraordinary story of a nearly forgotten American superstar athlete. Babe achieved All-American status in basketball and won gold medals in track and field in 1932 Olympics.

November 12, 2018

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.

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

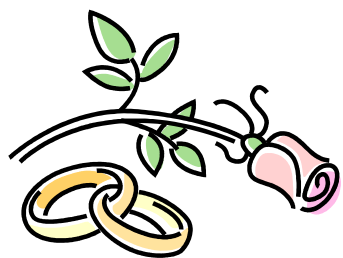
We are all to bring a book we would recommend for others to read over the summer. We will all spend a few minutes presenting our books and I will send a list to everyone after that meeting.



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September Baptisms

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Michael Hanson</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Pam Jacobson</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Ruth Sabol</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Donald Canton</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Christine Rotch</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Ann Abram</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Katherine Weber</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Mary Swears</i>	<i>09/00</i>
<i>Sienna Kalb</i>	<i>09/05</i>
<i>Bruce Philp</i>	<i>09/07</i>
<i>Betty Bethem</i>	<i>09/10</i>
<i>Lori Pheasant</i>	<i>09/10</i>
<i>Richard Bell</i>	<i>09/11</i>
<i>Jamie Newberry</i>	<i>09/13</i>
<i>Anne Miller</i>	<i>09/14</i>
<i>Carolyn Gehrman</i>	<i>09/16</i>
<i>Frank Palulis</i>	<i>09/17</i>
<i>Donald Hannemann</i>	<i>09/20</i>
<i>Adam Mason</i>	<i>09/21</i>
<i>Carol Duncan</i>	<i>09/22</i>
<i>Jordan Johnson</i>	<i>09/22</i>
<i>Anna Nelson</i>	<i>09/24</i>
<i>Evelyn Seils</i>	<i>09/30</i>



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September Anniversaries

Member

Date

<i>Lawrie & Barbara Thomas</i>	<i>09/01/1956</i>
<i>Alexandra Carrillo & Luis Quiroga</i>	<i>09/02/0000</i>
<i>Pastor & Mrs. Phillip Vender</i>	<i>09/02/1967</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Zacho</i>	<i>09/02/1967</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Gary Piipponen</i>	<i>09/04/1965</i>
<i>Bill & Evelyn Seils</i>	<i>09/08/1956</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Smith</i>	<i>09/08/1990</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Tom Palmer</i>	<i>09/09/2000</i>
<i>Gary & Jan Elsesser</i>	<i>09/10/1966</i>
<i>Dr. Douglas & Marcia Jolstad</i>	<i>09/11/1968</i>
<i>Dwight & Ann Ericsson</i>	<i>09/14/1968</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Pearson</i>	<i>09/14/1957</i>
<i>Robert & Karen Driste</i>	<i>09/16/1961</i>
<i>Fred and Barbara Davis</i>	<i>09/18/1965</i>
<i>Doug & Joycelyn Gallois</i>	<i>09/20/2005</i>
<i>Charles & Joan Spangler</i>	<i>09/20/1958</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Bjelland</i>	<i>09/21/2003</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Harrington</i>	<i>09/21/2002</i>
<i>Paul & Lynn Lang</i>	<i>09/22/1943</i>
<i>David & Arleen Ferretti</i>	<i>09/23/1973</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Detrick</i>	<i>09/24/1955</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Fuellgraf</i>	<i>09/24/1955</i>
<i>Beverly Hogan</i>	<i>09/24/1966</i>
<i>Norbert & Janet Markowski</i>	<i>09/25/1982</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dick Kozitka</i>	<i>09/27/1967</i>
<i>Keith & Beth McCullen</i>	<i>09/27/1975</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knapp</i>	<i>09/28/1957</i>
<i>Ann & Wayne Abram</i>	<i>09/29/1984</i>



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September Birthdays

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
Donald Canton	09/01	Ruth Schuler	09/17
Ey Jakubielski	09/01	Alicia Acosta	09/18
America Marble	09/01	Charles Fuellgraf	09/18
Sondra Minturn	09/01	Joyce Kruggel	09/18
Gary Newman	09/01	LeRoy Seiler	09/18
James Ulsh	09/01	Dennis Zacho	09/18
Katherine Weber	09/01	Chloe Klinck	09/19
Marjorie Herbst	09/02	Richard McBride	09/19
Sally Johnson	09/02	Kasey Weber	09/19
Shayle Laubach	09/02	Lana Larsen	09/20
Gayle Harrison	09/03	Alfon Larson	09/20
Patricia Pedersen	09/04	Manuel Morales	09/20
Delmer Perdomo	09/04	Arlene F. Schell	09/20
Lynn Reese	09/04	Alexander Wack	09/20
Vickie Schiller	09/04	Loreeta Canton	09/21
Judy Bassett	09/05	Darlene Russell	09/21
John Berg	09/05	Lynn Lang	09/22
Yeimar Rangel	09/05	Clarice Strohman	09/22
Patricia Shaulis	09/05	Ardith Tofteland	09/22
Linda Heacock	09/06	Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier	09/22
Jeanette Scherer	09/06	Sandra Branstiter	09/23
Dodie Meister	09/07	Mason Grohe	09/23
Gaylord Thormodsgard	09/07	Christopher Marrie	09/23
Wayne Volland	09/07	Mitchell Gemmer	09/24
Gill Weber	09/07	Evie Lutz	09/24
Logan Klinck	09/09	Darrel Nelson	09/24
Michael Maslowski	09/09	Carl Bufka	09/25
Donna Mikkola	09/09	Matthew Hickey	09/25
Thomas Gazdic	09/10	Dan McMichael	09/25
Frank Palulis	09/10	Maria Werner	09/25
Janet Hallett	09/11	Andrew Elgin	09/26
William Weng	09/11	Richard Borchers	09/27
Zamiras Collado	09/12	Tom Gemmer	09/27
Terrie Kimble	09/12	Carol Jones	09/27
Linda Knutson	09/12	Thomas Leonard	09/27
Diana Techez	09/12	Dave Ostrem	09/27
Phyllis Hannemann	09/14	Mary Paulson	09/27
Jon Homstad	09/14	William Weible	09/27
Elaine Theiss	09/14	Barbara Chacon	09/28
Larry Jacobson	09/15	Richard McLaughlin	09/28
Ana Cabrera	09/16	John Newberry	09/29
Winifred E. Christiansen	09/16	Sally O'Reilly	09/29
Taylor Field	09/16	Rocco Roppo DDD	09/29
Karla Lauro	09/16	Ruth Sabol	09/29
Ardeh McNally	09/17	Gloria Teske	09/30
Mitzi Mikelson	09/17		