



The Star

September 16, 2018 – September 22, 2018



Sunday Prayers: Carol Lienberger, Bob Thoemke, Trudie Freymiller, Roger Beckerman, Dolores Baughman, Marci Nichols, Doug Gillespie, William Perez (José's uncle) and David Cole, Jr. (Lea Smith's nephew).

Remember: The family of Stan Wing upon his passing.

Continuing Prayers: Linda Goldberg, Barbara Stohler, Olga Nicholson, Carolyn Gehrman, Rick Bethem, Jim McLaughlin, Jacquelyn Kittinger, Roy Wolff, Kay Supenski, Joanne Zahn, and Irene Fox.

SERVICES AT PEBBLEBROOKE CENTER

11:00 AM SUNDAY - BILINGUAL SERVICE
15205 Collier Blvd, Suite 201 & 202
Naples, FL 34119

There will be Bible Study on Thursday, September, 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 23



Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37
Color: **GREEN**



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 Jennifer or Gina in the office (261-0894).

**October 28; November 25;
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23**

Join our Weekly Activities:

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th weeks only)
Paper Beading - Bible Study Room
Call Carol Duncan at 239-777-3213

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



Please see an usher if you need further information.

Congregational Meeting: 3-year Term Call for Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese

On Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 12:00 noon (after the 11:00 am service) in the main sanctuary at Mooring Line Drive. The sole purpose of the meeting is to decide on Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese 3-year term call. We need to have at least 77 voting members present. Please make sure you attend this very important meeting.

GUEST ORGANIST

Much appreciation is extended to our Guest Organist, Jeanne Card, who has been providing beautiful music these past six weeks. Joyce Finlay will be returning from her Sabbatical late this week. Thank you again, Jeanne, for sharing your amazing talent with us!



Come join us on Oct 6, at 9:00 am, in the Church Courtyard.

Bring your pet on a leash, in a carrier or bring a photo! Pastor Steve will bless each pet individually.



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@naplesemmanuel.org, or text 239-451-1033



Does effective caring happen naturally in our and other churches?

A commonly held myth is that church members naturally care for one another and that members automatically receive the care they need. The reality is that without a Pastor led team of well trained lay caregivers many people don't receive enough care or any care at all. We at Emmanuel are blessed with a large number of well trained Stephen Ministers who are eager to walk weekly as a Christian Friend with any member facing difficult times. Please call Carol Hartman at 239-361-0894 for more information if you are dealing with one of life's difficulties.

Committee Members needed:

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- Endowment**
- Finance**
- Stewardship**
- Property and Maintenance**
- Welcome Ministry - Sunday mornings**



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

TODAY'S MUSIC

We thank duettists Jan Gazdic and Denise Larson, who will be singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" today at the 11:00 service. This beloved hymn was written in 1902 by Adelaide Pollard. She was trying to raise funds to make a missionary trip to Africa. Her unsuccessful attempt to do this left her experiencing a "distress of soul." This dilemma and the simple prayer of an elderly lady ("It really doesn't matter what you do with us, Lord -- just have your way with our lives") provided a setting for personal reflection on the will of God for her life. After the prayer meeting, Adelaide returned home and wrote the hymn as we sing it today. (Source: www.discipleship.com)

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM



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!

Casseroles for St. Matthew's House

C'mon! You can do it! Can you prepare a casserole? Emmanuel provides casseroles for the emergency feeding mission at St. Matthew's House. All you need to do is: 1.) Pick up an aluminum pan or two at the welcome table outside the narthex after church. 2.) Follow the instructions that come with the pans, and 3.) Bring the casseroles to the welcome table at church. We'll take care of the rest! And, **Thank You** to everyone who participates in this ministry program!



*We received 50 casseroles for the months of April and 40 for the month of May! However, we only received 5 for the month of June. Thankfully we had 18 in July. August we brought it up to 20. **Let's see if we can get 20 in September as well!***

Please put all casseroles for St. Matthew's House in the designated freezer chest located in the kitchen. (It's across from the coffee makers.)

Hurricane Florence is a devastating hurricane to hit the US. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. To support the ongoing response you can donate online at ELCA.org/disaster; by phone call 800-638-3522 and by mail at Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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



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Children & Youth Ministry



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.



Rock the Universe 2018



We all had a wonderful time at Rock the Universe this past weekend. Good weather, safe travel and plenty of good old-fashioned fun at this amazing event.

Thank you for supporting our young people and keeping us in your prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

First choir rehearsal of the season: Wednesday, September 26

7:00-8:15 p.m.



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