




The Star

September 23, 2018 – September 29, 2018

 **Sunday Prayers:** 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).

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

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.

WELCOME BACK

Today Emmanuel welcomes back our Organist, Joyce Finlay, who has spent the past six weeks on Sabbatical leave. During this time, Joyce has had time to recharge her batteries and she is ready to move forward in Emmanuel's worship and music ministry.

SERVICES AT PEBBLEBROOKE CENTER

10:00 AM SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 - BILINGUAL SERVICE

15205 Collier Blvd, Suite 201 & 202
Naples, FL 34119



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.

There will be Bible Study on Thursday, September, 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 30



Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50
Color: **GREEN**



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



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, 16, 23



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.

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

Committee Members needed:

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

Endowment - Assist in developing and fundraising for the future of this congregation.

Stewardship - Work with the committee and pastor in crafting the appeal messages and materials to communicate to the congregation to keep the congregation growing.

Property and Maintenance - advise and participate in building upkeep

Welcome Ministry - Answer questions and distribute information to guests on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested, please contact Gina at gina@naplesemmanuel.org



Please see an usher if you need further information.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Thank you to soloist Jan Gazdic, who will be singing at both sanctuary services. The selection, *O Had I Jubal's Lyre*, comes from George Frideric Handel's oratorio, *Joshua*. (The entire oratorio was composed in a one month!).

We appreciate the musical gift that you share with us, Jan!

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRY TEAM

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 charities.** Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel* and designate *Food for the Needy*.

Hurricane Florence Disaster Response



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

Please stand by our neighbors on the East Coast as they begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Florence. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there for those affected through every phase of this disaster.

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. 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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**First choir rehearsal of the season:
Wednesday, September 26**

7:00-8:15 p.m.

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@naplesmanuel.org.

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



Join our Book Club!

October 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm

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.



Come join us!

Friday, October 12

At Pebblebrooke

7:00-9:00 pm

15205 Collier Blvd, Suite 201 & 202

If you have gently used clothing and other household items that you want to donate to St. Matthew's House or Helps Outreach we have a bin located near the elevator. We also have carts for food donations. We thank you for the support you give these organizations all year long.



Frank and Jean Lee are in Africa with Global Missions.

They were able to make this trip because of the many wonderful gifts from Frank's retirement.

Thank you very much!



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 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.; Alive Service at 10:00 a.m.
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Rev. José Lebrón, *Associate Pastor for Mission Development*
Jim Cooper, *ELCA Deacon, Youth & Family*
Will Kittinger, *Resident Pastor*
Ian McMichael, *Resident Pastor*

Joyce Finlay, *ELCA Deacon, Music & Worship*
Carol Hartman, *Parish Nurse*
Dee Schleutker, *ELCA Deacon, Service & Outreach*
Vivian Shea, *Business Administrator*



Living in God's amazing grace

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