



# The Dove



## February 2020



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### Emmanuel is Taking a Leap of Faith



- Growing our space to God's glory
- Exploring Narthex Renovation to broaden our mission for ministry
- Three phases
  - 1) Architectural Process
  - 2) Special Appeal
  - 3) Construction

**Last Renovation Information Session before  
the Congregation Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**

### Liturgical Worship

Saturday Evenings 5:00pm

Sunday Mornings 8:30am & 11am

### aBRIDGED Worship

Sunday Mornings 10:00am

### Family & Youth Gathering

Sundays 9:15am

### Children/Youth Sunday

#### School

Sundays 9:30am

### Coffee Fellowship

Sundays 9:30am

### Adult Sunday School

Unpacking the Scriptures

Sundays 9:45am

### Thursday Worship

Worship 10:00am

### **"Being the Family of God" Midweek Lenten Series 2020**

**Wednesdays, February 26 – April 1**

There will be a home cooked meal following the Lenten services beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>.

New this year is an "all community mural" which will be created by our Family of God.



**Yours, Mine and Ours Part II**

Continues Mondays in February at 7pm

At Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Emmanuel's Purpose:**

**"To know Christ and boldly make Him known"**

# Family

“All in the Family” was very popular sitcom in the seventies that captured many of the dynamics from our changing world. The comedy series addressed every imaginable topic including racism, religion, politics, war, and lifestyle changes. Some found the series offensive, while for others it encouraged conversation in a changing world. I still hear Archie calling for his wife in a loud obnoxious voice “Edith.” In our current modern day there is another popular sitcom called “Modern Family.” This sitcom covers similar topics in a modern day format that for some may also be offensive but helps address some of the issues that are present in our daily lives.

All of us have family dynamics from time to time that tell a story of heartache and comedy. We often refer to different types of families such as blended families, diverse families, big or small families, and some even dysfunctional families. The definition of family has broadened and in light of our faith it includes members from all walks of life. Families change over time and learning how to adjust to those different aspects of family is helpful during different stages of our lives. The one thing Debbie and I learned early on when we moved to Florida is how much we miss our immediate family, but have also grown to realize how much this church community is our family.



It is comforting to have a church family to share in the joys and trials of life. The Bible is filled with the lineage language from Adam and Eve to David and Jesus. The key words for all of us is to know is that it is not about being a certain heritage, but being part of the greater human family created in the image of God. Human families reflect our very nature that can at times be difficult, yet when Christ is the head of the family it changes everything.

During February we experience the Valentine’s Day holiday and yearn to be loved. Being part of the family of God begins with His love, and this month we can be comforted in that fact. In the song “Bind us Together” the lyrics state, “You are the family of God. You are the promised divine.” This year the season of Lent begins during the last week in February and we will look at what it means to be a part of the family of God. We will hear about the journey that Jesus took to the cross where his mother and family endured the struggle that was born out of love, and ended in love. The community of faith at Emmanuel is family; join us this Lent and learn about that love the binds us together.

-Pastor Robert O. Hall

We are in the middle of it now, people!! The Snowbird Season is on. Welcome back to all of our Northern Friends. The church is busy, busy, busy and I am adding to it.



- On February 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a ***luncheon*** for all Blood Pressure Volunteers. The place is Skillet's in the Venice Village Shops on the corner of Jacaranda and 41. Please be there between 11:30 and 12:00 for a delightful, FREE "thank you so much for all you do" meal. If you could be so kind as to let me know if you can or cannot make it for the luncheon, I would appreciate it.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> will be the start of a new 6-week ***Grief and Grace*** group. If you know of someone who is grieving and would benefit from this group, please let them know and have them contact me to sign them up. You do NOT have to be a member of Emmanuel to avail yourself of this helpful group. Anyone who is hurting and grieving should come. The sessions are held every Monday at 10:30-12:00 in the church office.

I am also working on establishing a caregiver support group. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or you, or know someone who would be interested in one, please let me know.

My contact info is 941-488-4942; Monday & Wednesday 8-4, and Thursday until noon.

*Barb Spenks*, Parish Nurse

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### ***Narthex Renovation Last Information Session***

The last Renovation Information Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall for people who were unable to attend one of the sessions held in November. This is the last session providing information on the Narthex Renovation Project before the Congregation Meeting on March 1st.

### ***Narthex Renovation Congregation Meeting***

The Narthex Renovation Committee along with Beebe Design of Venice, Florida will be presenting the Narthex Renovation Project for Congregational approval on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after the 11am service. The congregation will have an opportunity to review the building's design and layout along with a visual presentation of all remodeled areas of the narthex facility. A Construction Budget, Financing Terms and a Proposed Pledge Program will be presented for congregation approval.

According to Emmanuel's constitution, a minimum of 80 voting members (Active and Seasonal) or 10% of the congregation must be present at the Narthex Renovation meeting to meet the quorum required to conduct business.

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- ✓ In January our average weekly attendance was 788.
- ✓ New directories are being printed. We will announce when they are ready for pick-up. The mobile directory will be updated as well. If you have not downloaded it to your phone or computer, send an email request to the office and we will send you the link and password.
- ✓ Coming in March:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Renovation Approval Meeting
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – New Member Orientation
  - 15<sup>th</sup> – New Member Celebration
  - Midweek Lenten Services with supper



Emmanuel Women of the ELCA (WELCA) began the New Year with a month long stewardship display in the narthex representing our gifts of time, talent and the charities we support. "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God." - Leo Buscaglia; we began by asking ourselves what gifts we bring to God and the church. Our display of print materials, poster board, photos, LWR kits, TV slides, and sharing with visitors are representative of our gifts. Working cooperatively as a team we are proud of our work; designed to be pleasing to God. The question, "What do you do with your gifts?" is one WELCA will continue to ask ourselves as we plan in 2020, opening doors to many new possibilities. If you would like additional WELCA information contact Birdie Clark, Membership Chair, [birdieclark48@aol.com](mailto:birdieclark48@aol.com).

- The writer's workshop, *Writing Our Stories*, co-hosted by the WELCA Board and Fellowship Committee was a great success. We appreciate and extend a thank you to Jane Ann McLachlan for presenting the workshop. Our stories are a precious memoir and gift to family and friends.
- Thank you to everyone who generously donated jewelry, purchased items, and assisted in making the WELCA Jewelry Sale a fun and successful event. The proceeds will help support Pastor Livenson's ministry work in Haiti. We are excited to hear him speak about the Lutheran Churches of Haiti on Saturday, February 1 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- WELCA will host a Women's Retreat, "Hope: An Anchor for Our Soul," on February 21 at 9:00 am - 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, all women and guests are welcome. Guest presenter is Jennifer Mathewson Speer, author of *Women of Grace* and *Women of Hope*. Registration for the event will take place on February 8-9 and 15-16 in the narthex.

"Let us *LOVE* one another, for *LOVE* comes from God." 1 John 4:7

Happy Valentine Day greetings,

**Dr. Marlyce Holback, WELCA President**

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### Circle Meetings

#### ***Bible Studies, Friendship, and Projects.***

February 3<sup>rd</sup> @1:00pm – Soul Sisters in Room 103; Helen Jodouin – 941.918.2985

February 4<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm – Deborah Circle in Room 101; Kathie Winemiller – 941.486.5385

February 19<sup>th</sup> @9:30am -- Naomi Circle in Room 101; Judy Daniels – 941.496.9716

February 17<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm – Ruth Circle in Room 101; Ruth Shaweker – 941.497.6766

Monday's @9:00am – Dorcas Quilting in Rooms 103, 105, 106; Jackie Miller – 941.488.7176

### **All are welcome to all events!**

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#### **Dorcas Quilting Mission**

Thank you for your generous support of the Rub-a-dub-dub soap campaign. A final count of Emmanuel's shipment to Lutheran Relief of all the kits, quilts and pounds of soap will be in the March Dove.



The Dorcas women know that every quilt sent means warm nights under a colorful quilt made with love and care. The congregations continued contributions of sheets, cotton fabric and thread make our mission possible.

Jean Price

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#### **Widows Support Group**



Widows Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12noon for lunch and fellowship at Bob Evans Restaurant. Come enjoy lunch with the ladies and meet new friends. Call Jackie at 941.488.7331.





All men are invited to join us for Faith, Food, and Fellowship at Abby's on Miami, Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am.

MAHJONG meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm in Room 105. Bring your card and Mahjong set if you have one. All ability levels are welcome. Questions? Call Kathy Mittlesteadt 941-493-6636.



*Mission Builders* are an outreach construction ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America utilizing people of faith to construct churches, camps, and other faith-based ministry structures. They are people from all walks of life who have an interest in learning about construction techniques.

Working side-by-side with participants from a congregation or social ministry organization, Mission builders help to construct or improve a facility at significant cost savings. The organization strives to help broaden the spiritual and congregational outreach to the world.



Mission Builders has constructed almost 300 structures in 37 states of the past 30 years, saving these ministries over 30 million dollars. The average project is four months.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Emmanuel members Don Harris 941-234-2227 or Vickie Harris 941-232-1997.

### *Membership Comings and Goings...*

✓ Welcome to Emmanuel's church family:

- Jeff & Vicki Drake who are here Nov-May and spend their summers in St. Joe, MI.
- Terry & Diane Hartzell who are here Jan-Apr and spend their summers in Mechanicsburg, PA.
- Nancy Mooney who is seasonal and spends her summer in Penfield, NY.

✓ Tim & Teresa McKee have temporarily moved to Tampa.

✓ Prayers for the families and friends of:

- Jim Yunker who passed away January 2<sup>nd</sup>. A grave side memorial service was held for both Jim and Sara (who passed away last year) in our inurnment garden on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Rob Thompson who passed away January 11<sup>th</sup>.



Dear friends, colleagues, family and loved ones,

Today is the tenth anniversary of the deadly earthquake that ravaged and took the lives and dreams of a nation; a country considered by the statistics of the world as being the poorest country of the Western Hemisphere. January twelfth was the day where joy became despair and the dreams of so many were shattered in a drama that lasted just 35 seconds. No record could really tell us the extent of the damage such as how many people died or how many houses were destroyed. This day is a part of my History and the History of ten million plus Haitian that will never be erased in our memory. This tells us as well we cannot let this 35 seconds put us down. We have to stand tall and face that new reality and not let it put us down. We have to live in spite our pain and sorrows and know with assurance that we can go very far with those who are still alive and give them hope.



The book of James put it very well: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? This summarizes our call and responsibility as the Christian body to be the hands of those without hands, the feet of the lame and the eyes of the blind and the hope of the hopeless.

We will never forget the life of Ben Larson and so many people crushed by the rubbles and the structures poorly built as the result of the rampant poverty here. No, we will never forget. On January twelve we stumbled but we did not fall. Nevertheless, to regain balance it is not easy. Changes do not happen overnight. We still need the help and support of all the churches and the philanthropists of the ELCA wider church, the Florida Bahamas Synod, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice, Faith Lutheran Church in Sarasota and all the congregations who have responded lovingly and graciously through their prayers and donations. A lot has been accomplished with your support such as: fresh water to some of the communities, dairies, agricultural accompaniment (poultry programs, goats project, seeds project), capacity building, micro landing to women, school for children, community centers being built for shelters etc. The list is very long. But it is a drop of water in the humongous work to be done. We always come from crisis to crisis. People are still living under tents, we still have food a crisis, a large number of the population does not have access to clean water, electricity, and schools. It is a long road. However, with love and determination we will eventually get to our destination.

We give God thanks for the good works that the ELCA wider church is doing with the Florida Bahamas Synod through Global mission to accompany Haiti to stand back on its feet. We are very blessed to see we are well surrounded by friends and loved ones who care.

Please, pray for us as we remember this nightmare that put us very far behind!!!

Pastor Joseph Livenson Lauvanus  
President of the Lutheran Church of Haiti



## **Lenten Series 2020**

Wednesday Evenings February 26 – April 1

### **“Being the Family of God”**

*So then, whenever we have an opportunity,  
let us work for the good of all,  
and especially for those of the family of faith.*

Galatians 6:10

All who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized into the family of God. Families of every type reflect the way God works in the community of faith. Each Wednesday evening in Lent we will hear stories from scripture, and also hear stories of families within our community of faith. New this year, the selected bible stories will come to life through an “All-Community Mural”, a collaborative experience that will engage “all ages and stages”. Sections of this mural will be painted each week by members of our community, culminating in the “reveal” at Easter.

Starting March 4, the Wednesday worship service will be followed with a home cooked meal. There will also be an opportunity to paint part of one of the mural sections. The sections have been designed as a paint-by-number project by Pastor Paul Oman. This masterpiece will be created by the hands and hearts of our community. All are welcome to participate in this Lenten series, witnessing the Word as it takes visual form! The complete schedule and topics are included in this issue of the Dove.

## **FARM WORKERS MISSION**

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, four of our team members made a trip to Dade City, Florida to deliver Christmas presents to children of Resurrection House Mission, a congregation of the ELCA. This year we supplied 35 children, ages 0 – 5, with gifts. The generous ladies of The Dorcus Circle bought the gifts and we thank them for their kindness. Their gifts not only brought joy of opening a toy, but provided needed clothing and basic supplies.



This year, the members of our team decided to also give a gift to the mothers of these children. We made 35 tote bags and filled them with toiletries, a box of candy, a Christmas mug and a new pair of socks.

The fabric for the tote bags was donated by Janine Jung and the sewing was done by her and myself, Janet Loy. Kathy Winemiller and Stephanie Johnson shopped for the tote bag presents using a grant from Thrivent.

Everyone worked hard on this project, whether they volunteered to drive the 106 miles to Dade City, bought a present for a child or donated their time and talents. A good example of “Gods work, our hands.”

Janet Loy

Farm Workers Mission







The Center for Christian Education located in Martin Slovakia and Bohdan Hrobon wants to say (Dakujem Vam) thank you. Your generosity, kind words and open hearts speak to how we are all connected through Jesus Christ. The CCE has had a window of opportunity after the fall of communism to introduce Jesus Christ to the children in Martin Slovakia. These children then take the word home to parents and grandparents that were beaten down by communism. The parents and the grandparents are returning to church. The

joy they see in the youth is truly contagious. Thanks to everyone that enjoyed a meal prepared by Bohdan and his presentation.

Thanks Emmanuel Lutheran for hosting a toy box and to everyone who has donated or supported us. Over 1500 toys have been collected.

From all of us at Jessy's Toy Box

The Holiday Toy Store was a beautiful gift of love, filled with tears of joy for 93 adult victims and 186 of the smallest survivors. SPARCC is so thankful for the many donors who made this a magical experience for families. It truly was a community effort. You are very appreciated.

SPARRC Holiday Toy Story 2019

## February Webinars from ALOA



ALOA webinars feature a knowledgeable older adult ministry leader covering a single topic and providing information on available resources. All are free and last approximately 60 minutes. If you can't be available for the live webinar, sign up anyway and we'll email you a link to the recording and associated resources.

### **February 27, 2020 – Noon EST: Nursing Homes: Quality Care & Quality of Life, Part 2**

Alice Hedt, former Executive Director of the Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, provides a follow-up to her webinar on finding a quality care facility. In this session, she'll explore how family members and residents themselves can promote quality of care and quality of life once there. **Register now**

Find out more about ALOA webinars and check out the archive of past topics on our website [www.aloaserves.org](http://www.aloaserves.org).

## **Community Support**

Sunday	Keep It Simple	Rm 101	7:00pm
Monday	Men's Big Book Study	Rm 105	5:30pm
Tuesday	Reaching for Personal Freedom	Rm 105	7:00pm
Wednesday	Big Book Step Study	Rm 105	6:00pm
Wednesday	I Can't But We Can	Rm 103	6:30pm
Wednesday	Sisters in Sobriety	FH	6:30pm
Wednesday	Speaker's Group	Rm 101	8:00pm
Thursday	Sought thru Prayer & Med	Rm 103	6:30pm
Thursday	Peace Pipe Family Group	Rm 101	7:00pm
Thursday	On the Island	Rm 105	8:00pm
Friday	French Club	Rm 101	10:00am
Friday	SLAA	Rm 103	12noon
Saturday	Saturday Nite Live Family Gr	Rm 105	7:00pm

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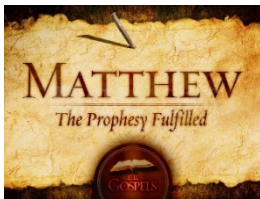
## February 2020 Education Calendar

- All Sundays:* 9:30 am Children's **Sunday School**  
9:45 – 10:45am **Unpacking Sunday's Lessons** w/ Rich Veleber, Room 101
- Thursdays in February:* 10:45am **Gospel of Matthew** study with Kathy Anderson  
Room 101; Coffee provided
- Tuesdays in February:* 9:30-11:30 am "**Daniel**": Beth Moore Video Study facilitated by Jan Miller in the Fellowship Hall
- Mondays in February:* 7-8 pm **VICA Racism series**; Emmanuel is hosting every Monday evening a series with expert speakers on specific topics.



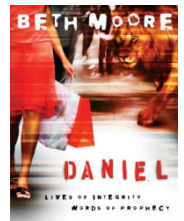
### ***Educational Opportunities Happening in February!***

#### **The Gospel of Matthew: A Bible Study**



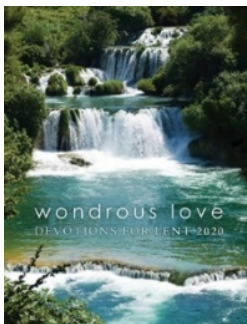
Everyone is welcome to join the multi-week study of the Gospel of Matthew. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:45 to noon in room 101. The study will continue until all chapters have been read and discussed. Coffee will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Anderson: ktanders55@yahoo.com

**Daniel: A Beth Moore Video series** continues on Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 11:30 am. A participant work book is required. Please contact Jan Miller if you have questions.



#### **American Racism: Yours, Mine and Ours, Part II (hosted by Emmanuel)**

The 2020 Winter Lecture series, developed by the Venice Interfaith Community Association (VICA), is being hosted by Emmanuel. This series began with a Martin Luther King, Jr Day celebration on January 20. The community series will continue with expert speakers and presentations at 7:00 pm on Mondays February 3, 10, 17 and 24. Developed as a continuation from last year, it will "delve deeper into institutional racism and what can be done about it". You are invited to come for any or all of the weekly presentations. A free will offering will be taken each session to help defray the costs of the program.



#### **Library News**

The "**Christ in Our Home**" devotional booklets are available for January – March 2020.

A Lenten devotional booklet entitled "**Wondrous Love**" will be available in mid-February in the library and in the Welcome Center. Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020.

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Has God done something amazing in your life recently? Do you have a testimony about the goodness of God, His miraculous intervention in a personal situation, an answered prayer which came in a totally unexpected way? If your answer is yes, would you consider submitting your story to the Noble News Network?



Noble News Network is a not for profit organization whose mission is to proclaim the goodness of God through the broadcast of good report according to Philippians 4:8. *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."* (NKJ)

If you have questions, you may contact Rich or Laura Lee Veleber. (941-626-7129 or 941-380-1647 respectively) There are information cards available with more information in the Narthex.

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## *BULLETIN BLURBS*

(from the Synod E-Spirit Newsletter)

These snippets are available for you to copy and share with your family and friends.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response blog and updates**

The Lutheran Disaster Response blog provides updates on the church's response to disasters in the United States and around the world. With catastrophic events currently unfolding in the Asia-Pacific region, look for situation reports for specific information on what is happening and what you can do to support disaster response efforts. Read the Lutheran Disaster Response blog at [blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse](https://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse).

### **ELCA Prayer Ventures**

ELCA Prayer Ventures is a resource that provides a prayer for every day of the year. These petitions are offered as a guide for your own prayer life, as we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of the ELCA. Download the full month of daily prayers at [elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures](https://elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures).



On January 11<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Bohdan Hroboň to Emmanuel. Bohdan is President of the Center of Christian Education (CCE) in Slovakia. He delivered our worship message and shared about his work at the CCE during a traditional Slovikan dinner on Saturday evening. For more about CCE, visit [www.cce.sk](http://www.cce.sk).





February 2020  
Habitat for Humanity



► Current Events –  
Outreach at Emmanuel

# Emmanuel Outreach Ministries

January Dove 2020

“COMMITTED TO SERVING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND”

## The House that Faith Built



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Building on Faith for Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County

Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County is building a home at 4163 Eldron Ave in North Port, for the Dominic, and Kaylene Beltran Family. The land was cleared, the plumbing and electricity are in, and the framing has been completed. Christine McCauley, from Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota will be at Emmanuel on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with the partner family in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service. We are recruiting for volunteers. For further information contact Frank Rauch, 941-485-4421 or [frauch11@yahoo.com](mailto:frauch11@yahoo.com) or [development@habitatsouthsarasota.org](mailto:development@habitatsouthsarasota.org) or at (941) 493-6606

Our Habitat for Humanity building team is actively involved and **Emmanuel's Local Envelope Charity** has dedicated February's contributions to support this project. With the help of local churches, it is hoped to reach a goal of \$60,000 needed to complete this home.



*“...Building a house gives people a concrete way to put their faith into action by offering a hand-up to a family in need of housing. A Faith Build project also has the potential to build community among churches that have never worked together before. Volunteers meet new people and develop friendships with individuals from their own churches as well as from the larger faith community.”*



# Current Events - Outreach at Emmanuel



- **A special thank you to all the volunteers who support these dinners and lunches, without you there would be no dinners or lunches.**
- **Friendship Dinner** – 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, **Sunday, February 23th** – all are welcome to enjoy a dinner with our neighbors and drop-ins.
- **Friendship Lunches** – 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, **Wed., February 12 & 26th**. We are serving an increasing number of guests at these events related to the Holidays and cooler weather. A twice a month chance to share your fellowship with neighbors and drop-ins, serve others and be served a delicious lunch all at the same time.
- **CALLING ALL COOKS** Due to the recent retirement of Larry Bishop we are looking for a class A cook for the friendship dinners. If interested contact Sharon Graves [sgraves07@comcast.net](mailto:sgraves07@comcast.net).
- **Pastor Livenson** will be coming to Venice January 29<sup>th</sup> He will be preaching at Emmanuel in February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join Pastor Livenson for a pot luck dinner that will be held after the service on the Feb 1st. He will also be visiting other churches in the area. The Lenten collections will be used to support Pastor Livenson and the approximate 34 Hatian Churches he planted.
- **Coffee Talk Venice Train Station** A ministry for the homeless and disadvantaged. Emmanuel volunteers along with other local Christian churches serve several people on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings at 9:30am. Please come and join in to assist our volunteers and spread some cheer and Faith.
- **Family Promise** guests will be at Emmanuel from **Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Emmanuel's Family Promise Program is in need of **Assistant Coordinator(s)** to assist with the overall program operation and to provide back-up in case the Coordinators are unavailable. **Please prayerfully consider if you can assist this important ministry by working with Karen & Gordon as Assistant Coordinator(s).**
- If you have an interest and/or experience with any of these area please let any of our team members know. Fill out an Outreach Interest Form at the Welcome Center or contact **Sharon Graves, Outreach Chair**, or [sgraves07@comcast.net](mailto:sgraves07@comcast.net) 734-730-0098
- **To all our local Charity Donors in January for giving to Family Promise of South Sarasota.**







## Centering Prayer

### YOU ARE INVITED

To

#### An Introduction to Centering Prayer

**Date:** February 8, 2020  
**Time:** 8:30AM to 1:00PM  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice  
790 South Tamiami Trail  
**Who:** All members of our congregational family are welcome to attend

**RSVP REQUIRED BY JANUARY 25 TO CAROL ORENSTEIN**  
corenstein@gmail.com or 941-961-3289

#### You Will Learn:

1. What is centering prayer?
2. The origins and early proponents of centering prayer
3. What makes centering prayer different from other kinds of prayer
4. What others find valuable about practicing centering prayer
5. How to practice centering prayer, including two practice sessions
6. What tools are available to assist you in practicing centering prayer

*Come join us for this inspirational learning event*

## "HOPE: AN ANCHOR FOR OUR SOUL"



Guest Speaker: Jennifer Mathewson Speer

Bible teacher, writer, and founder of Word of Joy. Author of two books: *Women of Grace* and *Women of Hope* (will be available for your purchase). She and her husband are residents of Venice, Florida.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
(790 S Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL)

Women's Mini- Retreat

Friday, February 21, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At the church

Welcome to all women and guests.

Registration the weekends of Feb. 8 and 9 and Feb. 15 and 16 in the church narthex.

Registration fee is \$5 which includes lunch.

Call Helen Jodouin if you have any questions or need a ride 419/509-6143



## New Grief and Grace Class



**6-week session starts  
Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**@10:30am**

**in Church Office Center**

*Anyone struggling with the grieving  
process is welcomed!!*

Contact Barb Spenks to register.

## Lutheran World Relief Volunteers Needed

**9am – 12pm February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45am February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**BOXES WEIGH UP TO 40 LBS – NEED HEAVY LIFTERS  
SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER**

**“So then, whenever we have an  
opportunity, let us work for the  
good of all, and especially for  
those of the family of faith.”**

**Galatians 6:10**

## “Being the Family of God” Midweek Lenten Series 2020

**Wednesdays, February 26 – April 1**

Ash Wednesday, February 26 – “Cain & Abel”, Genesis 4:1-12,  
Pastor Rob Hall @10am & 7pm

March 4 – “Joseph and his brothers”, Genesis 37:19-28,  
Mert Johnsrud @5:30pm

March 11 – “Miriam and Moses”, Exodus 15:19-25,  
Donna Batchelor @5:30pm

March 18 – “Mother and Daughter”, Mark 7:24-30,  
Kimberly Duke @5:30pm

March 25 – “Mother and Brothers”, Luke 8:19-21,  
Jason Kozee @5:30pm

April 1 – “Mary, Martha and Lazarus”, John 11:17-29,  
Jayne Jones & Chris Beehler @5:30pm

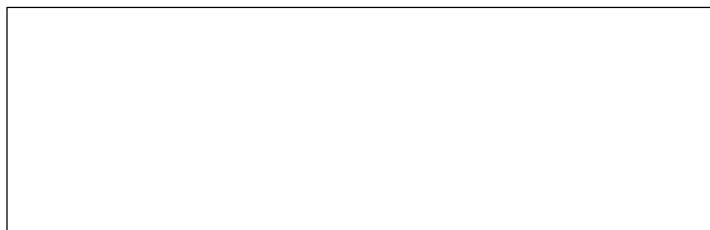
**There will be a home cooked  
meal following the Lenten  
services beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**New this year is an “all  
community mural” which will be  
created by our Family of God.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>February</b>	See front page for Worship and Sunday Morning				1 6pm Pastor Livenson Potluck Dinner
2	3 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 1pm Soul Sisters 2pm WELCA Board 4pm Men's Chorus 7pm Interfaith Winter Series	4 9:30am Beth Moore Study 9:45am Coffee Talk 12noon Widow Support Grp. 3pm Property Committee 5:30pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Deborah Circle	5 9am Staff Meeting 10am Joyful Ringers 10am Finance Comm 1pm Mahjong 4pm Sanctuary Choir	6 9:45am Coffee Talk 11am AAUW 10:45am Gospel of Matthew 1pm Worship & Music Com	7 9:45am French Club	8 8:30am Intro to Centering Prayer Training 9:30am Children's Closet 9:30am Altar Guild 11am Council Installation & Orientation
9 9:30am Habitat Presentation	10 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10:30am Grief & Grace 1pm Fellowship Comm 4pm Men's Chorus 7pm Interfaith Winter Series	11 9:30am Beth Moore Study 9:45am Coffee Talk 10:30am Executive Comm 1pm Stewardship Comm	12 9am Staff Meeting 9:30am Christian Ed Comm 10am Joyful Ringers 11:30am Friendship Lunch 1pm Mahjong 2pm Outreach Committee 4pm Sanctuary Choir	13 9:45am Coffee Talk 10:45am Gospel of Matthew	14 9:30am Children's Closet 9:45am French Club	15 March Dove & Volunteers Deadline Families to Luther Springs
16 No Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall Closed for LWR Quilt Collection	17 President's Day 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10:30am Grief & Grace 1pm Ruth Circle 4pm Men's Chorus 7pm Interfaith Winter Series	18 LWR Quilt Loading 7:30am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Beth Moore Study 9:45am Coffee Talk 2pm Renovation Info Session 4pm Council Meeting	19 9am Staff Meeting 9:30am Naomi Circle 10am Joyful Ringers 1pm Mahjong 4pm Sanctuary Choir	20 9:45am Coffee Talk 10:45am Gospel of Matthew	21 8am Women's Retreat 9:30am Children's Closet 9:45am French Club	22
23	24 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10:30am Grief & Grace 4pm Men's Chorus 7pm Interfaith Winter Series	25 9:30am Beth Moore Study 9:45am Coffee Talk	26 Ash Wednesday 9am Staff Meeting 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Services 11:15am Sanctuary Choir 11:30am Friendship Lunch 1pm Mahjong	27 9:45am Coffee Talk 10:45am Gospel of Matthew	28 9:45am French Club	29
-----Family Promise on Site-----						

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The Dove  
*February 2020*



Dated Material Enclosed

