

The Dove

*Bringing you news fromEmmanuel Lutheran Church
June 2012*

Emmanuel's Mission: To Know Christ and Boldly Make Him Known

Saturday Worship	5:00 pm
Adult Education	8:30 & 11:00am
Sunday Worship	9:30 am
Supervised Nursery on Sunday	
Sunday Coffee & Fellowship	10:30 am
Prayer Service Thursday	10:00 am

Pastor	The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer
Pastor	The Rev. Jennifer E.S. Schaefer
Visitation Pastor	The Rev. Paul L. Winemiller
Pastoral Intern	Vicar Aretha Ernst
Minister of Music	Kristene Hoeh Bowker
Parish Nurse	Beverly Granger, R.N.
Ministry Team Coordinator	Joan Hofelich
Administrative Assistant	Charlotte Graas
Bookkeeper	Janice Dernberger
Nursery Supervisor	Erna Kovach
Minister of Maintenance	Rich Kessler
Intern from Suriname	Aretha Ernst
Global Mission Service in Suriname	The Rev. Kevin L. Jacobson
Global Mission Service in CAR	Dr. Joseph & Rev. Deborah Troester
Mission Field in Haiti	The Rev. Joseph Livenson Lauvanus

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Samaritan Counseling Service: www.samaritangulfcoast.com

For appointments at Emmanuel Office Center: 926-2959

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Florida-Bahamas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

May 9, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Florida-Bahamas Synod,

At the Synod Assembly this past weekend, I announced two changes in the staff of the Office of the Bishop. With great joy, I shared that Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed has agreed to serve as the new Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) for the Florida-Bahamas Synod! Pr. Tweed comes to this position with tremendous gifts, experience and knowledge for the work that flows from this staff position. Pr. Tweed has herself served as a mission developer, and as my assistant for eleven years, has worked closely with all the missional endeavors of our synod. The DEM also serves as an extension of the churchwide Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit of the ELCA. I am confident that she will serve whole church well as the new Director of Evangelical Mission.



By accepting this position, Pr. Tweed vacates the position of Assistant to the Bishop for the Gulf side of our synod. I was pleased to further announce to the assembly that Ms. Connie Schmucker, an Associate in Ministry, has agreed to serve as my assistant for the west side of the synod! She, too, joins my staff with outstanding gifts for ministry and with great knowledge of our synod. She has served congregations in each of our three mission districts, and has served as the Chair of our synod's Candidacy Committee for over ten years. She knows the importance of well trained and well supported rostered and lay leaders, and the importance of mission-minded congregations.



The terms of both the Director of Evangelical Mission and the Assistant to the Bishop are co-terminus with the term of the bishop.

Please join me in welcoming Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed to her new position as Director of Evangelical Mission and Ms. Connie Schmucker to her position as the Assistant to the Bishop for the Gulf side of Florida!

In Christ and His Love,



The Rev. Edward R. Benoway,
Bishop, Florida-Bahamas Synod

From the Desk of Our Pastors

Dear family and friends of Emmanuel,

It might be summer, but these are exciting times at Emmanuel! The first three project teams are meeting to start their work on our missional plan. We will have a special congregation meeting this month to have a conversation about ways God might be calling us to be more present in expanded ways in the Venice community as we live into our purpose and principles over the next couple of years. On top of all this, we welcome with open arms and hearts our summer intern, Aretha Ernst!

Vicar Aretha will be in the United States from Suriname until the end of November. She is preparing for ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname. Vicar Ernst has completed a semester of study at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina and now will complete her pastoral formation at Emmanuel, St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota and Village on the Isle. She will spend most of the first three months here at Emmanuel and the second half of her stay primarily at St. Armand's. Throughout the time she will spend one day a week learning and doing pastoral ministry at Village on The Isle.



Aretha will be the second pastor native to Suriname to be ordained for that church. She has been a certified teacher for a number of years prior to attending the Moravian Seminary in Suriname. As our Vicar, she will be supervised by the pastors and take part in a wide variety of pastoral activities and worship leadership including preaching. Vicar Aretha will be living next door to Emmanuel at the Rialto Apartments. We are grateful to the management at the Rialto for giving Emmanuel a special reduced rate on a furnished apartment. You will love getting to know Vicar Aretha, she is a sweet, lovely woman who is committed to Christ and the church. While the purpose of this internship is for her to continue to learn and hone her ministry skills, we at Emmanuel will also learn much from her during our time together. Please welcome her to the ministries of Emmanuel and our lives over the months ahead.

See you in church,

Pastor Bob and Pastor Jennifer Schaefer

HOW DO OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE WIDER CHURCH?



What is Mission Support?

Mission Support is the portion of your weekly financial offering that your congregation shares with your synod and the churchwide organization, the other two expressions of this church. As members of the ELCA, we do mission together through our financial giving. We do God's work in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone.

Is Mission Support different from my weekly offering?

Mission Support is a small percentage of your weekly offering. It's best described as that part of your gift that is shared with the other two expressions of this church—your synod and the churchwide organization—to fund the work of the broader church. Many synods set a goal of 10 percent or greater from each of their congregations. The rest of your offering (about 90 percent) remains within your congregation. You help pay for local ministries, outreach, salaries, utilities and the building, ensuring your congregation's vital presence in your community.

Does Mission Support do more than fund the work of ELCA missionaries in other countries?

Yes. Mission Support is the lifeblood of the work that God does through the ELCA, providing almost 80 percent of budgeted support for our ministries. "Mission" is a broad term used to describe all the ministries of this church, not just those involving ELCA missionaries who work with our Lutheran partners around the world. "Support" is the portion of members' offerings that makes all ELCA ministries possible, here at home and abroad. Planting 60 new congregations in 2011 is just one example of the many ways Mission Support enables us to do God's work with our hands.

How does my congregation benefit from Mission Support?

Every congregation benefits as an active partner in the ELCA's mission to share God's boundless love with the world. *Stories of Faith in Action* is filled with powerful examples of how lives have been changed because of the generosity of members like you. More than half of Mission Support funds the work of synods. Some of the portion of Mission Support shared with churchwide ministries may return to your congregation and synod in the form of services, programs, resources or grants.

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Sometimes I write a check to ELCA World Hunger or to Disaster Response. Is that the same as Mission Support?

Mission Support is, by its very nature, an undesignated gift to ELCA ministries beyond your congregation. These gifts are used where the need is greatest; they also make it possible for ELCA synods and churchwide ministries to keep ongoing commitments to our ministry partners. Your designated support of ministries such as *ELCA Missionary Sponsorship*, *ELCA World Hunger* and the *ELCA Malaria Campaign* is essential, because these ministries are critical priorities of this church. Such gifts complement your commitment to a regular offering in your congregation.

What guides the churchwide organization in its decisions regarding mission support?

The churchwide organization looks to the Churchwide Assembly, its highest legislative authority, for direction and guidance. The ELCA Church Council functions as the interim legislative authority between biennial meetings of the Churchwide Assembly. The ELCA churchwide organization also has two strategic priorities, which help shape its decisions and activities, especially budget planning: Accompany congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission; and Build the capacity of this church for evangelical witness and service in the world to alleviate poverty and to work for justice and peace.



***Paul's Letter to the Romans Thursday
Evening Bible Study & Conversion with
Pastor Bob***

Fellowship Hall 7:00pm

**June 7 – If What I Do Doesn't Save Me, Does it Matter How I Live?
*Romans 6: 1-23***

June 14 – Where is God When I Suffer? *Romans 8: 18-39*

June 21 – How Can I Keep from Singing? *Romans 10: 1-21*

June 28 – What Does God Want from Us? *Romans 12: 1-21*

No E-Mail coming your way? Did you change your E-mail address and didn't let us know?

From the Desk of Pastor Jen



First Communion

The following received their First Communion with their families on May 13th:
*Hannah Nicole Donelan, Kaitlyn Ann Hurlburt, Dominique Gianna Loria,
Jacob Matthew Schubauer, Ethan Jeremy Wendt, Jessica Rose Whetzel,
and Alexandra Victoria Whetzel.*

Receiving First Communion for the first time on May 25 were Ciara Riedlinger and John Riedlinger

Confirmed on May 27, 2012 were Zachery Michael Donelan and Sydney Nichole Riedlinger.

Congratulations to our two high school graduates: Cathleen (Catie) Pinkerton and Jack Zarling. Catie graduated as valedictorian of her class who sports a 4.82GPA. For additional details see the newspaper article on our bulletin board. Jack will be pursuing a career in nursing.

ALL CHILDREN AGES 2–GRADE 5
THIS SUMMER AT EMMANUEL, YOU CAN



SPLASH IN GOD'S WORD

Join us from June 25-29 from 9am 'til 12noon as together we dive into God's Word with song, arts and crafts, snacks and games, science projects, and water stories from the Bible, our Book of Faith! Please call the church office at 941-488-4942 to register and join in the fun! Don't forget-friends are welcome! It will be a fantastic week-and it is free to all! It won't be the same without YOU!!! Splash in God's Word with us!



TO ALL VBS STAFF!

There will be a required meeting for all VBS staff at 10:45am on Sunday, June 10 in the back of the Fellowship Hall for all VBS volunteers! This includes all adult as well as youth staff. Grab your coffee or juice and join us at the back tables to discuss our VBS week (June 25-29) and make plans for the best VBS yet! If you have any questions, please see Joline Donelan, Kathie Winemiller, or Pr. Jen

VBS STAFF: MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW~

We will have an initial set-up for VBS on Saturday, June 23 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. We will decorate windows and do preliminary set-up, and then finish on Sunday, June 24 beginning at 2pm. Questions? See Joline, Kathie, or Pr. J! Thanks!

KHAKI PANTS, SHORTS, AND SKIRTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND UNDERWEAR NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CLOSET!

If you are cleaning out your old school uniforms or are passing by the children's underwear section in the store, please remember your Children's Clothes Closet at Emmanuel! Many students in our area wear uniforms to school and often children will outgrow these clothes before they are too worn out to share. Please consider sharing your old school uniforms with someone who could use them, or help us supply students in our area with fresh, new underwear! Any school supplies we receive would also be greatly appreciated! There are great sales in July-so please keep us in mind! Thanks so much for your generosity!

~STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE~

At Emmanuel, our Stephen Ministry is alive and well as our trained Stephen Ministers walk in faith with their care receivers. This is a one-on-one confidential relationship that allows for Christian care giving in a safe and loving atmosphere. It is a blessing to those who receive the care as well as to those who bring it in Jesus' name. We will look to start a new class to train Stephen Ministers in the fall. If you feel God is calling you to share his love in this intentional way, please talk to Pr. Jennifer or Vickie or Don Harris, our trained Stephen Leaders so they can share information with you about next steps. God bless you in your discernment!

DO YOU HAVE BEACH DÉCOR YOU COULD SHARE WITH US FOR ONE WEEK???

If you have beach decorations that you would be willing to share with us for ONE WEEK-from June 25-29 for VBS-we would be so grateful! If you have something you can part with for this short time, we will have a box in the Welcome Center in June for this collection. Simply place your name on your items and we will return them to you by the end of June! We need shells, fish, sea creatures, and boats-anything to go along with our water stories from the Bible. Thanks in advance for sharing your items! We will treat them with care and return them promptly with heart-felt gratitude that you have helped enhance our Vacation Bible School experience as we *SPLASH* into God's Word!

Music Notes from Kris

Thank you to all the volunteers of the music ministry (Men's Chorus, Quartets, Joyful Ringers, and Sanctuary Choir) for their continuous devotion to serving God and enhancing our worship services this "season." The dedication of these volunteers is overwhelming. I especially want to thank **Chuck Kinter**, director of the Men's Chorus; **Tom Doerzbacher** and **Jack Shelton**, cantors; and Deneen Schell for making sure the Sanctuary choirs folders are in order. What would we do without all of you!

Kelley Hurlburt and Kristin Paules have taken over the scheduling of acolytes, torch bearers and crucifers.

**Thank you,
Kelley & Kristin**



Our Church Finances

April Operating Account	Income \$ 73,773	Expenses \$ 61,694
Year to Date as of April 30, 2011	Income \$ 276,664	Expenses \$ 208,894

A copy of the financial report is available for review in the Church Office

Pastor Lauvanus support received in April	\$ 8,834
ELCA Hunger Appeal received in April	\$ 870
April Outreach Envelope to Samaritan Counseling	\$ 948
Endowment Fund Balance as of April 30, 2011	\$ 137,911
Pastor Johnson's 25 th Ordination Haiti Ministry Fund for April	\$ 2

News from Joan Hofelich, Our Ministry Coordinator

Making a Difference

Who or what needs our help??? Sometimes we are given the chance to help or to make a difference in a variety of ways. The other day a friend of mine shared this story as we played golf.

During a recent thunderstorm, I looked out my front door to see a very large black bird sitting there. I thought it had just taken shelter from the storm. However, the bird continued to sit there even as the rain let up. My husband came to take a look, making quite a racket with his walker. The bird only raised its wing as the thunder and rain began again. I thought something must be wrong. I called the Venice Wildlife and Animal Center. They came in the midst of the storm and discovered that the bird had a large twig stuck in its beak. A week later they called to say the bird was fine but would not have survived with the twig in its beak.

Members of Emmanuel make a difference every day in ways they may not recognize or ever know. Those who help plant seeds and grow vegetable starters may give purpose to someone's life. I quiet hello at the Coffee Talk, a smile or a hug from a greeter on Sunday, taking the time to help with the Children's Clothes Closet or sitting with a stranger at Sunday's coffee hour, may bring comfort. This month's community dinner welcomed a number of new faces as the need for a hot meal continues. Even though many members and guests have left for a few months, needs are still with us. If you can be of service to any of the ministries here at Emmanuel; or, if you see a need that is not being met, a new ministry may be needed. Please give me or any of the leaders a call.

Thanks to all of those hands who are doing God's work. We all impact those we touch and those who are watching.

"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I Peter 4:9-10

Serving Opportunities still available

- Team Captain for the Community Dinners
- Kitchen Organizers and Clean-up Teams: We would like to have 4-6 teams to spread the duties throughout the year.
- If you would like to work Wednesday mornings in the office, we have a great opportunity for you.

News from Bev Granger, Our Parish Nurse

I have seen so much Cancer, as a Parish Nurse, lately, that I decided to run again this article that I published many years ago. Forgive me for using it again, but it seems appropriate for the times. I hope you find it helpful.

DISEASE ...is always a surprise,
... is an uninvited and unwelcome guest,
...sobers its host,
...introduces new fears,
...expands your vocabulary,
...is a declaration of war,
...is a complex challenge,
...heightens awareness of your body,
...puts death on the agenda in new ways,
...makes your doctor almost a family member,
...draws some friends closer,
...brings new friends, and scares others,
...introduces awkwardness in relationships,
...is not a surprise to God,
...is an unelected course in the school of faith,
...invites reflection on all of life,
...and, is not going to be in charge of me!

By Pete Hammond

Pete writes this poem from personal experience, as he and his wife have been diagnosed with cancer.

Article from Journal of Christian Nursing

It is time to brush up on your CPR and First Aid. Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency? This is for grandparents, parents or anyone needing to help in an emergency. You have an opportunity to take advantage of this course, taught by Jim James, on Thursday, June 14th from 1-4pm in room 101. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a booklet, certification, and light refreshments. Attendance is limited, so call Bev Granger, the Parish Nurse to reserve a place. The deadline is Monday, June 11th. Whether this is the first time, or you need a refresher, this class is for you!

Stretch and Balance

No excuses, no reservation needed **even through the summer**, you have plenty of time to do your other things...Just bring yourself to Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00am for the stretch and balance.

You are not too old for this class as it is for **all** ages.

Report from our 2012 Florida–Bahamas Synod Delegates

By Emmanuel voting member delegates Keith Struble with Russ and Shirley Schimke

The 2012 Synod Assembly was held in Orlando May 4-6. Over 500 Lutherans from our Florida-Bahamas Synod, both clergy and lay, were in attendance. While business matters on the three day agenda were minimal, the event was both extremely informative and spiritually uplifting. In addition to our three Emmanuel representatives, both Pastor Bob and Pastor Jennifer were on hand. Pastor Bob was the lead clergy in preparing and presenting all of the many periods of worship throughout the assembly.

The principle theme of this assembly was “**God’s Radical Hospitality**”. From the opening ceremony to the closing service of celebration, this theme was explained from both a theological perspective as well as a calling to all of us that extend through every aspect of our various ministries. Three separate bible study sessions were conducted by Dr. Shauna Hannan, faculty member at Southern Seminary. Her text was Luke 15. Again, this familiar passage we know as the story of the Prodigal Son, is upon further study, far more about the father’s unconditional acceptance of his son’s return. Hospitality is not simply welcoming others into our midst, but stepping out into the unknown and unfamiliar to extend God’s love.

News-worthy items regarding the vast ministries of our church included:

- ELCA vice president, Carlos Pena, addressed the assembly with news of the growth of our World Mission efforts and the current state of affairs of the ELCA council.
- Pastor Livenson gave a powerful account of the ongoing post-earthquake devastation in Haiti and the amazing impact of our Lutheran ministries in that country.
- There was an exciting forecast of the many special events awaiting over 500 Lutheran youth who will be making their way back to New Orleans this coming year, of which five Emmanuel youth members will attend.
- Disney even participated in the agenda as they offered a lengthy workshop by the Disney Institute on their principles and practices for extending hospitality to their guests and cast members; all presenting a way that could be relevant to our vision for the church.
- Together in Mission was showcased as members of that task force brought us all up to date on how that program is progressing. Our own Scott Pinkerton is a part of that committee. This initiative is such a positive outreach program that we came home feeling strongly about furthering that development here locally.

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- There were many more issues like the fight against Malaria, the expansion of our Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, a resolution calling for racial healing and the news that Lenoir-Ryan College has merged with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary shared with the assembly.

Finally, change in life as within the church is constant. To that end, Bishop Benoway formally announced he would not seek a third term, thus, next year's assembly will vote for a new Synod Bishop. And, all were privileged to witness a full ordination ceremony during Saturday evening's worship service; welcoming another in a call to serve. God's radical hospitality so evidently at work in us all.

. . . as Christ has welcomed us . . .

Emmanuel's Hurricane Wardens

Due to my absence at work the past few weeks, I am behind in completing the hurricane warden program and getting your new listings out. I hope to have these all completed within the next couple of weeks. I do have areas where we do not have a warden; if you live in one of those areas, give me a call and say "yes". Charlotte Graas

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Gives Thanks for Recent Gifts Received...

Emmanuel Lutheran Church received gifts to Pastor Livenson's Support Fund in memory of **Robert Haggmann** from Joan Cliver, Ronald & Patricia Vukicevich, C.Jane Hillwig and Chuck Kinter, Edwin and Avis Wilson, Deanna Cruz, Karl Fraedrich, Pr. Davis and Shirley Darrington, Arnold & Connie Kraft, William Oelkers, James & Betty Linke, Irene Uzzi, Joanness and James Kiel, Elizabeth and H. Lawrence Koppel, Jay & Doris Dupler, Salvador and Diane Amati, Rudy & Dottie Stehl, William and Sylvia Eckl, James Hightower, Jr., and Marlene Holter and Kathryn Fermani.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church received gifts to the Undesignated Memorial Fund in memory of **Barbara Bradshaw** from Eldon and Mary Jean Jensen, Deneen Schell, and Rudy and Dottie Stehl.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a gift from Bill Roesler to Pr. Livenson's Support Fund in memory of **Ellen Roesler**.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a gift from C. Jane Hillwig and Chuck Kinter to the Men's Chorus Memorial Fund in memory of Susan Petruska's father, **Dick Nelson**.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a gift from Dixie Bailey and her Hawaiian Dancers to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Monthly Ministry Volunteers June, 2012

June Volunteers for Greeters, Coffee Hosts & Kitchen Navigator, See Page 20

Communion Ministers	June 2 5:00 pm Gail Authier Jerry Authier * Marilyn Birkholz	June 3 9:30 am Chuck Hofelich * Joan Hofelich
	June 9 5:00 pm Betty Linke * Jim Linke Meg Kessler	June 10 9:30 am Vickie Harris * Don Harris
	June 16 5:00 pm Bev Granger * Dick Quinn Jan Quinn	June 17 9:30 am Aaron Capps Jack Wetherson
	June 23 5:00 pm Lois Steketee* Tuula Pakula Helen Pesonen	June 24 9:30 am Anne Germain Bob Germain
	June 30 5:00 pm Irene Harry Dan Robinson Diane Rudy	
	Acolytes Sunday June 3 9:30 am Alyssa Reese June 10 9:30 am Hannah Donelan June 17 9:30 am Sarah Hurlburt June 24 9:30 am Steven Waring	
Lectors	June 2 5:00 pm Gail Authier June 9 5:00 pm Monica Hoover June 16 5:00 pm Laura Welch June 23 5:00 pm Tuula Pakula June 30 5:00 pm Evelyn Hagmann	June 3 9:30 am Joan Hofelich June 10 9:30 am Linda Mac Monigle June 17 9:30 am Keith Struble June 24 9:30 am Jim Renz
Children's Sermon	June 3 Pastor Schaefer June 10 Vickie Harris	June 17 Pastor Schaefer June 24 Catie Pinkerton
Ushers	June 2 5:00 pm Pat Dexter Bob Hawkins Rex & Diane Rudy	June 3 9:30 am Team 1 + 3
	June 9 5:00 pm Pat Dexter Bob Hawkins Dale & Nancy Thomas	June 10 9:30 am Team 1 + 3
	June 16 5:00 pm Bob Hawkins Brian & Sharon Tolone Rich Veleber	June 17 9:30 am Team 1 + 3
	June 23 5:00 pm Team 2	June 24 9:30 am Team 1 + 3
	June 30 5:00 pm Bob Hawkins Rex Rudy Dale & Nancy Thomas	
Altar Guild	Janice Mihay, Ruth Wilson and Joan McGavin	
BP Volunteers	June 3 After 9:30 am Bev Granger and Denise Sweeney	
Welcome Center	June 2 5:00 pm Marlys Huselid June 9 5:00 pm Meg Kessler June 16 5:00 pm Betty Lemasters June 23 5:00 pm Barbara McLauchlin June 30 5:00 pm Nancy Thomas	June 3 9:30 am Charlotte Graas June 10 9:30 am Shirley Schimke June 17 9:30 am Joan McGavin June 24 9:30 am Marilyn Birkholz
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Read your Bible and Pray Daily</u>	<u>Bring a friend with you to worship</u>		<i>Calendar of Events June, 2012</i>		1 Coffee Talk 9-12 Noon Recovering Couples AI Anon 7:30 pm	2 Worship 5:00 pm Sat. Nite Live AI-Anon 7:00 pm
3 Adult Education R. Veleber 8:30am Worship: 9:30am VBS Registration Fellowship/Refreshments 10:45 am Adult Education Pr. Paul 11:00 am Keep It Simple AI-Anon 7:00 pm	4 Coffee Talk 9-12:00 noon Deborah Circle: 7:00pm Fellowship Hall Closed	5 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Stretch & Balance 11:00am Exec. Council Mtg. 12noon Deborah Circle: 7:00 pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00pm Fellowship Hall Closed	6 Fellowship Hall Closed am only Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Staff Meeting 9:30 am BBSS AI Anon Group 6:30pm Sisters In Sobriety AI Anon 7:0 pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	7 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Prayer Service 10:00am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Pastor Bob's Bible Study: 7:00pm Peace Pipe AI Anon 7:00pm On the Island AI Anon 8:00 pm	8 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Children's Closet 9-11:00am Recovering Couples AI Anon 7:30pm	9 Children's Closet 9-11:00am Worship 5:00pm Congregation Meeting after worship Sat. Nite Live AI-Anon 7:00pm
10 Adult Education R. Veleber 8:30am Worship: 9:30am Congregation Meeting after Worship VBS Registration VBS Meeting & Bowling: 11:00 am Adult Education Pr. Paul 11:00am Keep It Simple AI-Anon 7:00 pm	11 Coffee Talk 9-12:00 noon Stephen Ministry: 6:00-8:00 pm Anna Circle: 7:00 pm	12 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Stretch & Balance 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30pm Council w/meal: 6:00pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00pm	13 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Staff Meeting 9:30am BBSS AI Anon Group 6:30pm Sisters In Sobriety AI Anon 7:00 pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	14 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Prayer Service 10:00am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00am Meet & Greet Schedulers: 1:00 pm CPR Class: 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Study 7:00 pm Peace Pipe AI Anon 7:00pm On the Island AI-Anon 8:00pm	15 Coffee Talk 9-12:00noon Recovering Couples AI Anon 7:30pm	16 Worship 5:00pm Sat. Nite Live AI-Anon 7:00pm
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24 VBS Registration Adult Ed. w/ Rich Veleber 8:30 Worship 9:30am Fellowship/Refreshments 10:45 am Adult Ed. w/Pr. Winemiller 11:00 am Keep It Simple AI Anon 7:00 pm	25 Vacation Bible School 9 – Noon	26 Vacation Bible School 9 – Noon United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00 pm	27 Vacation Bible School 9 – Noon Staff Meeting 9:30 am BBSS AI Anon Group 6:30 pm Sisters in Sobriety AI Anon 7:00 pm Speakers AA Group 8:30 pm	28 Vacation Bible School 9 – Noon Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Splash Presentation & Reception 7:00pm Pastor Bob's Bible Study: 7:00 pm Peace Pipe AI Anon 7:00 pm On the Island AI-Anon 8:00 pm	29 Vacation Bible School 9 – Noon Recovering Couples AI Anon 7:30 pm	30 Worship 5:00pm Sat. Nite Live AI-Anon 7:00pm

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Emmanuel's Coffee Corner

At the recent Florida Bahamas Synod meeting, the assembly recommended the enthusiastic support of Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee. Of course, Emmanuel members have been doing that for over 7 years now. In checking the records of our Coffee Corner sales we are approaching our 2,000th sale of excellent coffee! Many, many thanks to all our loyal customers! Through the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project we can enjoy great coffee, while helping small farmers as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long term trading partner they can trust. With your support these communities in South America, Africa, Asia and the U.S. are able to invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvements.

Our Coffee Corner, located in the Welcome Center, is open all the time. A cash box is there for your checks (made out to Emmanuel) or cash. Prices are \$7.00 for one package or 2 for \$12.00. A pad is there for those with special requests. Thanks for your continued support! Pastor Winemiller

**Interfaith Dinner at
Emmanuel Lutheran**
Monday June 18, 2012
4:30pm – 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges

Bring your empty cartridges to the library, and drop them in the box for recycling. Ruth Siedman will take it from there. She'll make sure we'll get cash for them. It also helps our environment too.

"Good Ole Boys"

**Will be meeting at 7:30am on
June 19, 2012, at Perkins
Restaurant. All "good ole boys" are
welcome. Moose Pfabe says
"Ya' all come, ya' hear!"**

Emmanuel Spaghetti Supper

**Thanks to the following who served
the 120 people in March:
Judy Daniels, Simone St. Pierre,
Peter & Pam McNamee, Jack &
Marge Ulkus, Diane Vander Kraats,
Neil Waltenburg and Joan Wilder,
Sandy Wright, and Sara Yunker.**

**In April, the Spaghetti Crew served
130 hungry mouths and thanks to
the following: Judy Daniels, John &
Christine McMillan, Peter and Pam
McNamee, Barbara Parker, Jack &
Marge Ulkus, Neil Waltenburg,
and Joan Wilder.**

**There will be no Movie and
Spaghetti Supper in June.**

Women of WELCA

WELCA is on Summer Vacation-

"The WELCA board is on summer vacation and will return to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting in September. We ask God to grant us good health and strength during this time of renewal so that we will be able to return in September refreshed and invigorated to do His will and be a blessing to others."

Everyone is Welcome to the Deborah Circle Picnic Meeting

Tuesday, June 5 at 6pm, Brohard Park, Harbor Drive
(covered pavilion north of Sharky's)

Bring a Dish to Share, Beverages & table setting provided

Devotional Leader: Helen Beljean, Contact Helen Jodouin 941-918-2985

Dorcas Quilting Mission:

Even though our group is taking a summer break, we are always looking ahead. So we ask you to watch for sales on soap this summer and place them in the Dorcas Barrel in the Welcome Center. The box of kits of squares will be there too if you have some free time to sew tops. Thank you for your continued support of our mission. It is good to know the congregation feels as strongly as we do that this is truly "God's Work – Our Hands".

~ *Jean Price/Jackie Miller, Co-leaders*

Thanks from Christian Services:

Thank you everyone who once again helped by providing and delivering the Easter bags to our homebound church friends. Many goodies such as fudge, brownies, cookies, and candies were received. Our friends were not only happy to receive these delicious surprises, but also enjoyed the visit!

A Thank you from the Women of WELCA:

"A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our retiring program co-chairmen, **Terry Butner** and **Jean Sego** for their dedication providing informative and uplifting programs to our WELCA Gatherings. Over the past two years, they developed spiritually enlightening, musical and relevant programs of interest to our women. The program chair position on the board requires organization and creativity, and we thank them for all their work and being an important part of our ministry."

Attention please-

"All information for the 2012-2013 WELCA Membership/Program Booklet should be sent to Jan Quinn by **July 1**. Please: Only give her "**changes**."

Her email: aimee107@verizon.net.



Happy Birthday to Our June Homebounds

***Mary Beth Ruhl 9th
Betty Dilks 23rd***

***To our other members, we wish you all the simple pleasures
of life
on your Birthday and all through the coming year.***

South County Food Pantry

The Food Pantry items that are needed to help feed their clients are now posted on the Food Pantry door. Items that you have for them can still be left in the Welcome Center. Hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 am to Noon. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Children's Clothes Closet

This is a great ministry and has helped so many unfortunate. Clothes can always be used, and if you would like to volunteer the second Friday or Saturday (or both) of each month, the Clothes Closet is located in Room 105 and is open from 9:00 – 11:00 am. The signup sheet for volunteering is located in the Welcome Center. Contact Lisa Schubauer at 496-4652 if you have any questions.

New Directory for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Copies of the updated directory can be found in the Welcome Center.

Deaths

Robert Hagmann transferred to the Church Triumphant on April 5, 2012. His service was held on April 11, 2012.

Lavern Talley transferred to the Church Triumphant on April 12, 2012. His service was held on April 17, 2012.

Barbara Bradshaw transferred to the Church Triumphant on April 20, 2012. Her service was held on April 23, 2012.

Robert Hinz transferred to the Church Triumphant on April 29, 2012. His service was held on May 19, 2012.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Get in the habit of stopping by the Welcome Center the first Sunday of each month and have your blood pressure checked. It only takes a moment.



Scheduling of Meetings on Church Campus

To avoid scheduling conflicts, all meetings should be scheduled with Charlotte Graas, Administrative Assistant in the office. If you are in charge of group meetings, i.e. Dorcas, and have daily meetings, let the office know when they will start in the fall, that is also very helpful as we work ahead in our church calendar.

Library News

Over the summer you are welcome to find some relaxing reading in our library. We have new fiction selections and new DVD's. Just ask one of our helpers to show you where these items are. Perhaps you'd like to have some devotional reading. We suggest that you try one of the Barclay commentaries on the books of the New Testament. These are written so that you can do one section a day. You will find them devotional and informative. Pick a book of the New Testament and splash deeper into God's Word!

Little Churches

Galatians Little Church is taking the summer off and will once again meet in September. Additional information will be forthcoming. No other **Little Church** news for June.

June Community Outreach is Village on The Isle – Resident Assistance

Emmanuel's Helping Hands

Emmanuel's Helping Hands has been a long-time ministry at Emmanuel. It is there for any member who needs some "extra hands" to do a small job. Just give Helen Jodouin a call at 918-2985 and she can get you some "extra hands" to help you. Or on the other "hand" why not, if you are able, become a "Helping Hands" yourself?

Thanks to Janice
Merci Dernberger who
stepped in and completed the
May Dove and did
my other work during my family
emergency leave. Also, thanks for the
many prayers offered for my daughter,
Kim Thompson. Charlotte

Emmanuel Women Honored



Kathie Winemiller, Mary Beth Runk, Jackie Miller

Three of Emmanuel's women Mary Beth Runk, Jackie Miller, and Kathie Winemiller were honored as Key Women for their service and ministry at Emmanuel at the Church Women United luncheon and service held at Lakeside Lutheran on Saturday, May 5. We are all so grateful for the women at Emmanuel who give so generously of their time and talents. They inspire all our members to, "To know Christ and Boldly Make Him Known". These three women represented all the women at Emmanuel who minister and serve. Thank God for the many gifts He has provided us for sharing and caring for others. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by the twenty women from Emmanuel who attended the luncheon. Church Women United is made up of women from all denominations that get together four times a year for fellowship and worship. Jan Quinn and Pat Bade serve on the Church Women United board.

Scriptures

June 3 The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

June 10 Second Sunday in Pentecost

Genesis 3: 8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1; Mark 3: 20-35

June 17 Third Sunday in Pentecost

*Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 [11-13]14-17;
Mark 4:26-34*

June 24 Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

Job 38: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

Serving You in July, 2012

If your particular assignment listed below does not work for you, please find another member to switch with on your team and give the office a call with your change. The coffee hosts can contact Carol Petterson at 484-8026. Contact the office at 488-4942 if you are unable to keep your Greeter commitment. Be sure and contact the office with any changes that you have made.

Navigator for the month of July –

Date	Greeters	Coffee Hosts (Sunday)
Sun. July 1 9:30 am	Mike, Stephanie & Emily Bernier	July 1 Jane Hillwig Chuck Kinter Pat Moser
Sat. July 7 5:00 pm	Dixie Bailey Rudy & Dottie Stehl	July 8 Aaron & Emily Capps Judy Daniels
Sun. July 8 9:30 am	Roger & Shirley Blackmore Mary Miles	
Sat. July 14 5:00 pm	Moose & Betty Pfabe Betty Lemasters	July 15 Pastor Paul & Kathie Winemiller Joan Wilder
Sun. July 15 9:30 am	Harry & Marianne Bokenkamp Jean Segó	
Sat. July 21 5:00 pm	Deneen Schell John & Gale Barton	July 22 Bryan & Deanna Nicholas family Bev Granger Susan Petruska
Sun. July 22 9:30 am	Jim & Betty Linke	
Sat. July 28 5:00 pm	Bill Roesler Jack Wetherson	July 29 Christi-Ann Azarian Ken & Ruth Shaweker
Sun. July 29 9:30 am	Ginny Robinson Madeline Schmoyer	

Your Meet and Greet Volunteers for August, 2012

<i>Carol Black</i>	<i>Paul & Marlene Kooker</i>	<i>Mark, Sue Robinson</i>
<i>Mary Chapp</i>	<i>John & Christine McMillan</i>	<i>Emily Robinson</i>
<i>Frank & Jane Friberg</i>	<i>Mary McMullen</i>	<i>Jackie Sapp</i>
<i>Shirley Gabrielson</i>	<i>Ann Nestor</i>	<i>Ken & Wanda Simmons</i>
<i>Ruth Gothner</i>	<i>Robert & Marie Pape</i>	<i>Dotty Smith</i>
<i>Steve & Kelly Hesketh</i>	<i>Carol Pofelski</i>	<i>Barb Spenks</i>
<i>Chuck & Joan Hofelich</i>	<i>Jan Quinn</i>	<i>Beverly Trebesch</i>
<i>Joan Houston</i>	<i>Kermit & Joyce Roberg</i>	<i>Richard & Diane Vander Kraats</i>
<i>James & Sharon Johnson</i>	<i>Dan & Sharon Robinson</i>	

**...Check the lost and found in the Welcome Center.
You might find something that you have lost...**

Missions News

SUMMER COLLECTION!!.....SUMMER COLLECTION!!

We need children's underwear...all sizes!



We need to be ready for the back-to-school rush at the Children's Closet. There is a big need for new children's underwear of all sizes, both boys and girls. We will share these donations with the Migrant ministry in Dade City. Over the summer, pick up a package of underwear when you're at the store (even the dollar stores have them) and bring it to the yellow bins at the entrance to the library. If we start now, we should have enough by August. Thanks for any help you can give!



From the Farmworker Ministry Team and the Children's Closet.....

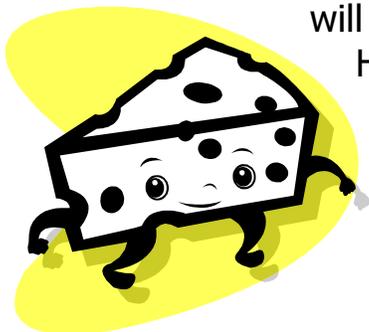
Dear Friends, God Bless you for responding to our plea, we asked several churches but you were the only ones who responded so we are every so grateful. Because the check was made out to Farmworkers Self-Help, Inc. our financial department made it pass through Resurrection House and it in turn was assigned to pay debt. Bruce will be going to one more class in South Carolina Seminary, I believe and then that will be the end of paid classes. Our Cinco de Mayo will be here soon, and our youth have been very busy sewing. Please thank Pastor Runk for all the machines he gathered for us, we're putting them to use, however some were very old, but some were very great. The girls are making their own dresses to dance that day.

Blessing to you all in the name of Jesus, Margarita Romo

Dear Friends and Family,

So far, by the grace of the Most High, we are doing amazingly well. It is true that there are a few heartaches, but over all our life is been improved. We are now in our new office space on the compound in Gressier where we have the Community center. This is a great plus that we have our own head quarter. From the month of June on, we are ready to accept groups to come to visit Haiti and the amazing job that we are doing in both proclaiming the word of God with both word and action. The community center is 75% completed, and the remaining 25% will be done by August.

Cheese! Cheese! We are going to inaugurate our first dairy by next two months. This will allow us not only to reduce the importation of dairy products in Haiti, but also will give the farmers the opportunity to survive. By next year, we will have three dairies operational in Haiti. The church is growing as you might hear very fast. We are expecting to plant two congregations in two communities by next month.



By the way, we need a lot of prayers now. We are in the rainy season; as a result, the Cholera has become as rampant as ever. They have just declared code red in many of the communities where we are present as being the hand of God. So, pray for us as we are going through this great ordeal.

Pastor Livenson~

Dear Friends: You did it! Your overwhelming generosity to the ELCA Malaria Campaign in the week after World Malaria Day exceeded our hopes and our expectations. Together, you gave over \$203,000 -- enough to launch the work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign in Liberia! The Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, newly elected Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, expresses his gratitude for your gifts: In Liberia, there is no city or village that is safe from the malaria parasite. The whole country is at risk. So the anti-malaria work of the Lutheran Church in Liberia is of utmost importance. **Through your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, you have made that anti-malaria work possible.**

I bring a message from your Lutheran brothers and sisters in Liberia: thank you! Thank you for walking with us as we faced civil war, disease, displacement and unemployment. Thank you for walking with us as partners in the gospel we share. And thank you for making possible the work that our church is doing to prevent, treat and educate about malaria in Liberia. We have been working hard to get ready for these malaria programs. Our experts have studied trends and treatments of malaria. We've identified the needs in our communities and how the church, through our health care ministries, can fill them. We're ready to mobilize -- all we needed was the funding to get started. **Thanks to you, our programming work can now begin. As we walk hand in hand, God will work through us to save lives.** Because of your generous gifts, Lutherans in Liberia will continue their long legacy of meeting the health care needs in their communities. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. You have brought us all one step closer to our goal of making malaria history.



In Christ,

Jessica Nipp

Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign

CPR and First Aid Class Offered~

It is time to brush up on your **CPR and First Aid**. Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency? This is for grandparents, parents or anyone needing to help in an emergency. You have an opportunity to take advantage of this course, **taught by Jim James, on Thursday, June 14th from 1-4pm in room 101. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a booklet, certification, and light refreshments.**

Attendance is limited, so call Bev Granger, the Parish Nurse to reserve a place. The deadline is Monday, June 11th. Whether this is the first time, or you need a refresher, this class is for you!



News from Rev. Deborah Troester in the Central African Republic

The following letter is from Pastor Deborah. Her husband, Dr. Joe, works with the water projects of the church. We support their work with our missionary offerings.

The Lutheran Theological School in Baboua, Central African Republic, where I teach, is the only school for training Lutheran pastors in this country. In June a class of eleven students will graduate – one woman and ten men. They will all be assigned a two-yr. pastoral internship which they must successfully complete before ordination. Pastors' spouses also receive training at the school.

I have really been enjoying teaching this past semester. Instead of Greek or English, I've been teaching basic computer skills. Most of my students had never even touched a computer before they took this class. Now they can write, edit, and save a text document, including inserting images. I am really pleased with their progress! For a final project each student is designing a personalized invitation to the graduation ceremony which they can send to family and friends.

I've also enjoyed teaching literacy to the wives of students. Half of the future pastors' wives arrived without being able to read or write. Only 25% of the women in the CAR are literate. This semester we composed a story together on the blackboard. One of the women who has good hand-writing skills has been copying the story down in a notebook. I take the notebook home and transcribe it on the computer, add a few photos, so we have a little booklet now that they have written themselves. It tells the fictitious story of a Central African family, their children and grandchildren. One of the things that touched me most about this class is seeing that all the women can now write their names themselves. When they started the class, only one of them was able to do this.

Please tell everyone thanks for supporting our work here in CAR. I love what I do, but I couldn't do it without people like you! Maybe supporting a seminary doesn't sound all that exciting, but it's making a huge difference in the life of the church here.

Please keep the Troesters and their work in your prayers!

12 Step Help Group Meetings Held at Emmanuel

The Narc Anon Group meets on Tuesdays 7:00 pm in Room 105 and deals with individuals who need guidance and help with drugs.

Recovering Couples Anonymous meets on Fridays at 7:30 pm in Room 105.

The following Al Anon Groups that are listed are self-help groups for families and friends of persons affected by alcoholism:

- **Keep It Simple Al Anon Group- Sundays 7:00 pm Room 101**
- **Peace Pipe Al Anon – Thursdays 7:00 pm Room 101**
- **Al Anon – Thursdays 8:00 pm Room 103**
- **Saturday Nite Live Al Anon – Saturdays 7:00 pm Room 101**

Our other two groups that use our facilities are two Alcoholic Anonymous groups:

- **BBSS AA (Big Book Step Study) – Wednesdays in Room 101 from 6-7:30 pm.**
- **Sisters in Sobriety AA, for women, – Wednesdays 7:00 pm in Room 103.**
- **Speaker's Group AA – Wednesdays 8:30 pm in Room 101.**

For additional information on any of these groups, contact the church office

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Notice...

An informative Congregation Meeting has been called by the Congregation Council for the sole purpose of discussing the concept of a proposal for possible Emmanuel expansion in light of our Missional Plan and current needs. The meetings will be conducted in the Sanctuary immediately following each of the worship services on Saturday June 9, 2012 and Sunday June 10, 2012. There will be no coffee/fellowship hour Sunday.