



Bringing you news from Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January 2014

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

Saturday Worship	5:00 pm
Sunday Worship	8:30 and 11:00am
Adult Education	10:00am
Supervised Nursery on Sunday	
Sunday Coffee & Fellowship	9:45 am
Prayer Service Thursday	10:00 am

Interim Pastor	The Rev. A. Craig Settlage
Visitation Pastor	The Rev. Pat Large
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Administrative Assistant	Charlotte Graas
Facilities Manager	Rich Kessler
Parish Nurse	Barb Spinks
Ministry Team Coordinator	Joan Hofelich
Nursery Supervisor	Kristin Hattberg
Part time Sexton	Dan Robinson
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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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A New Year – Notes from Pastor Craig

Because of the need to get this Dove out before Christmas, I write this still two weeks from Christmas – and it is still Advent! (Since you'll be receiving this before our Christmas celebration just a reminder of our Christmas services: Youth Christmas Service, December 22, at the 8:30 a.m. time, Christmas Eve Celebration with Holy Communion, December 24, services at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m. I know that many of you will be away for Christmas. Please travel safely and return home to Emmanuel. A blessed and joyous Christmas to you all.

Now on to the new year of 2014. This will be a year of transition for Emmanuel congregation. You will be receiving a recommendation and proposal from the Congregational Council on a simplified organizational structure on a pilot basis for 2014 at a special meeting of the congregation on January 12; the Annual Meeting of the congregation will be on January 19; and sometime in this new year you will extend a call to the new lead pastor. I will continue to serve as interim pastor until that time arrives and, as I have told you before, I continue to be grateful for this time to be together with you. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is truly a community of faith that knows Christ and works to "boldly make Him known." Rachel and I hope that you and your family have a blessed new year, and that you know Christ's presence in each day.

Emmanuel Church Staff. As I write these notes, I am aware that the staff members of Emmanuel are working particularly hard in these days before Christmas. I hope you know how dedicated and faithful these persons are every day in their service, and I invite you to take a moment to thank each of them. Emmanuel Lutheran Church would not function as it does without the work of Barb, Charlotte, Joan, Kris, Rich, and Pastor Pat. I thank them for helping me in so many ways.

It was a delight to welcome 19 new members to Emmanuel on December 1! I especially enjoyed welcoming them. I hope you will have the opportunity to introduce yourself to each of our new members, as they become part of our community of faith:

<i>Pastor Charles & Beverly Anders</i>	<i>Joyce Brown</i>	<i>Bob and Linda Dooley</i>
<i>Bob and Janine Jung</i>	<i>Will Kittinger</i>	<i>Joe & Sam Kuipers</i>
<i>Sharon Martensen</i>		<i>Mason, Vander, Zinnia Kuipers</i>
<i>Kathy Reddien</i>	<i>Ted and Kathy Schultz</i>	<i>Carl & Nancy Schupp</i>

Pastor Craig Settlege

Music Notes from Kris

Merry Christmas!

Hope to see you all on Christmas Eve!

Thank you to all the choirs for their hard work preparing for our worship services this Christmas Eve.



Emmanuel Logo T-Shirts and Polos

Logo embroidered Outreach T-Shirts (cotton and sport wicking) and Polo Shirts (cotton-poly and sport wicking) are available.

Samples and color charts are at the self-service station in Fellowship Hall northeast corner.

Orders can be submitted at the self-service station or contact Outreach Committee Mike Gippert, 941-485-4921, email mdspartan@comcast.net.

Practice outreach by wearing your Emmanuel Logo shirt.

Would YOU like to visit Haiti?? This is your chance!

Erwin Nesvacil, a member of Emmanuel, has been to Haiti many times and is now planning to lead a group from our congregation for a special visit to celebrate the dedication of the church/community center at Pasquette. Our congregation, using the David Johnson Memorial Fund, gave the money for the purchase of the land for this building. The current plan is to leave Miami on Feb. 6, 2014, and return on Feb. 11. In addition to the celebration at Pasquette, the group will visit other church programs.

The tentative cost of the trip is \$500 plus airfare depending on the number of people going, as some of ELH's costs are fixed and not per person. If you would like to be on the tentative list to receive information about the details of this trip, please call Erwin at 941-400-4402 or send him an email at ern1128@gmail.com.

From the desk of our Ministry Coordinator

"Reaching out in service to others makes us more flexible, helps us strengthen our gifts, and reminds us that God is constantly at work around us. But it does something else that may be the most important part of all:.....It allows us to be more like **JESUS**."

John Ed Mattison

'What commitment am I ready to make to service in my church, in my community and my world?' As we reach out to our family, friends and strangers in need, we do it because we are Christ's disciples. As Emmanuel looks forward to a new year and new challenges, I ask each of you to consider if there is a way that you can serve? How can you be more like Jesus?

Each Sunday we have the opportunity to meet and get to know those members and visitors who come to Fellowship Hall for coffee hour. **Hosts and helpers** are needed each Sunday to set up, make coffee and serve the sweets as well as greet those coming for the coffee hour. **Check the signup sheets on the Welcome Center doors.** I'm sure there is a place for you.

VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be here in June. That may seem like a long ways-a-way, but plans and the ordering of supplies needs to be done. VBS needs your **leadership**. If you feel urged by God to help with this ministry for our youngest members, email or give **Joline Donelan a call**. She is in the directory.

How do you feel about parades? Emmanuel members tried to get a float together for the 2013 Holiday Parade. They planned, emailed and called for help. Despite the efforts of the Jungs and Gipperts, Emmanuel was unable to put together an entry. If you have worked on floats, parades or just want to try, we need to start planning NOW. Give me a call (941-480-9694) or send an email to Minteamcoor@gmail.com

How would you like to be a **kitchen elf**? There is a need for individuals to help keep our kitchen clean and up to code. Call Joan Wilder or Christine McMillan if you have ideas or would like to help organize the elves.

Remember: No matter where we are or what we are doing – or what we hope to do—"the best part of it is, God is with us." John Wesley

Joan Hofelich

Notes from Barb Spenks, Our Parish Nurse

Happy New Year to all! I hope 2014 will be a great year for everyone. It seems that 2013 was a little rough. Lots of things going on, so I will get started:

First a clarification: From the Chief of Sarasota County Paramedics, CPR will NOT be started if they are given or shown a proper DNR form. If the form was not in evidence at the start of the call, and CPR has been started, when the DNR form is produced, they will STOP doing CPR. So in summary; no DNR form—CPR, have DNR form—NO CPR.

February 9th is another **Blood Drive at Emmanuel**. Roll up those sleeves and give that blood! I expect a big turn out! Details will be on posters and upcoming weekly announcement inserts.

STRESS-FREE Chair Exercise classes given by Jan Quinn will start on January 6th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 – 11:00. This is a program put together by Physical Therapists and Yoga instructors for the Arthritis Foundation. This is not for weight loss, but for movement of joints. All ages and any physical limitations are welcome. People using canes, walkers, even wheel-chair bound CAN DO THIS!! Jan would like all participants to bring a bottle of water, and sneakers are advised, no sandals.

A training session for new **Spiritual Care Givers** will be held on January 21st from 1:00-3:00 in the church office. If you feel the calling for this ministry, please call me. I have already talked to several people about this, but I would like to hear from everyone who would like to attend for further information and a head count.

Grief and Grace Facilitator training will be held January 24, 31, and February 7th from 9:30-11:30 in the church office. These classes are to train you to become a facilitator (or leader) of a Grief group. You must call the office to register for this program. This is something new that we are doing, so these sessions are what we expect we need, but it might turn out to be only 2 session, or even 4—we just don't know. This is going to be a learning curve for all involved.

Bev Roesler is hopefully going to start (or rather re-start) her **Exercise Program** in February. It all depends on how her hip is doing. Definite dates and times will be given when determined.

Finally, I set up my Christmas village this year (only took me 3 weeks), so I want to show it off. I am having a Village Open House on January 5th from 1-5. You are all invited to come see my village with working train and fountain with rowboats, 50+ buildings, and more. Punch and cookies served. Hope to see you all there at 1307 E. Gate Dr!

I think that's about it. I'm working on other programs to be presented, so keep your eye on the inserts in the worship folders.

Sing loud, Play nice, Smile a lot, Pray often, and have a safe New Year!!

Barb Spenks, Parish Nurse

Our Church Finances

<i>November Operating Account</i>	<i>Income \$ 48,830</i>	<i>Expenses \$ 47,486</i>
<i>Year to Date as of November 30, 2013</i>	<i>Income \$ 543,963</i>	<i>Expenses \$ 562,031</i>

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

<i>Pastor Lauvanus support received in November</i>	<i>\$ 3,897</i>
<i>ELCA Hunger Appeal received in November</i>	<i>\$ 765</i>
<i>Outreach Envelope for November- Habitat for Humanity</i>	<i>\$ 921</i>
<i>Endowment Fund Balance as of November 30, 2013</i>	<i>\$206,770</i>
<i>Pastor Johnson's Haiti Ministry Fund for November</i>	<i>\$ 240</i>

Endowment Fund Report

Over the weekend of November 30th/December 1st the congregation was asked to vote on the recipients of this year's grants as well as suggest other potential beneficiaries. The results were simply wonderful. A total of 703 votes plus 15 suggested beneficiaries were received. Of five organizations voted on the top three were Haley House Fund, 224 votes, Children First, 154 votes, and Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, 144 votes. Sometime in late December or early January the Endowment Fund Committee hopes to have the presentation of a check for \$2,000 to a representative from each of these organizations during a church service. Since the first grants in 2007 total grants will exceed \$41,000 with this year's distributions.

If you would like more information about the Fund call the Church Office (941-488-4942) and request a call from a committee member. Gifts to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund are truly gifts that keep on giving.

12.8.2013 (updated)

Roy Smith

Dear Friends:

The 12th ELCA social statement titled "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" was adopted by a vote of 882-25 (96.7 percent) at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August, 2013. If you would like a copy of this statement, phone the church office. The downloadable version of this statement is available at www.ELCA.org/socialstatements, along with other ELCA social statements, messages and study resources. Multiple copies of the printed statement are sold in bundles of 5 at \$1.25 (per bundle) from the ELCA's online resource center. Call 800-638-3522 or order online at 222.ELCA.org/resources. The Spanish translation of this statement is underway and copies should be available in the winter of 2014. Check www.ELCA.org/socialstatements for further updates and information.

Rev. Roger A. Willer, Ph.D., Director for Theological Ethics

Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp, Bulletins

The White Book in the Welcome Center has the new pages for signing up for the flowers, sanctuary lamp, or bulletins for 2014. Please, when signing be sure to include the reason and phone number should we have questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

REGISTRATION DATES

January 11/12 and 18/19 following worship services

DEADLINE – JANUARY 20, 2014

LIMITED TO 75 ATTENDEES

IS THAT YOU GOD?



AWAKEN YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN AND AROUND YOU!

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2014 TIME: 9:00 am TO 3:00 pm

LOCATION: At Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Venice Florida

Cost of \$20.00 includes lunch

Retreat Organizers: Kathie Winemiller, Shirley Schimke, Lois Light

Our guest presenter, Sister Michelle Collins, of the ELCA Deaconess Community is the Director of Faith Formation at Advent Lutheran Church in Melbourne, FL. She is the Youth Ministry Coordinator of the Florida/Bahamas Synod she has presented bible studies at the last two fall Women's Assemblies in Lake Yale, FL and at our Mid Gulf Conference in Bradenton, FL. Michelle's parents were missionaries in Africa where she lived as a child and a youth with her parents and siblings. Her grasp of the Christian Faith and the bible will truly be a gift to us at our retreat.



WELCA February Gathering – Save the Date: 2/25/14

The February Gathering, "Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls," will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. A luncheon will be served and an entertaining and educational program will be presented by A.E. Haas, M.D.

Thankoffering

Thank you all for your generous donations to our annual Thankoffering. And thanks to all of the women who served. The total collected this year is \$1982.50. This offering will go to help those in need in our community and world.

Dorcas Quilting Mission

The Circles and the Dorcas ladies are busy completing the work necessary to ship Quilts, Kits and soap to Lutheran World Relief the week of February 10. This is truly a congregational effort and your generosity makes it possible.

The rub-a-dub-dub tub in the Welcome Center is for wrapped bars of soap. All bars will be accepted, but bath size soap is preferred. Soap is so important for controlling the spread of disease under the conditions in which many of the recipients live. We all need to get in a "Lutheran Lather" to top last year's shipment.

Women of the ELCA Schedule

Anna Circle Monday, January 13, 7pm, Room 101 Study Leader: TBA	Deborah Circle Tuesday, January 7, 7pm, Room 101 Study Leader: Chris McMillan
Monday, Dorcas Quilting Mission Mondays at 9am, Rowe Hall	Judith Circle Monday January 27, 6pm, Room 101 Childcare provided
Mary Circle Tuesday, January 21, 10am, Room 101 Assemble Fabric Kits	Naomi Circle Wednesday, January 15, 9:30am, Room 101 Assemble personal care kits
Ruth Circle Monday, January 21, 12:30pm, Room 101 Study Leader: Judi Johnson	

Submitted by Jean Price

E-mail

It is most important that you keep the office up to date with your e-mail at this time. There are a lot of e-mails going out right now about the changes at Emmanuel. If you do not have e-mail, contact the office and we can mail you the information; or read it in the weekly announcement sheet, watch the Point of Purchase TV in the Sanctuary, or The Dove.

Send your e-mail address to info@emmanuel-elca.org.

Blood Pressure Screening

Your volunteers are in the Welcome Center after worship the first Sunday of each month to have your blood pressure checked. It only takes a moment.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Jadynne Berg 484-8863 and
Vickie Johnson 600-4485

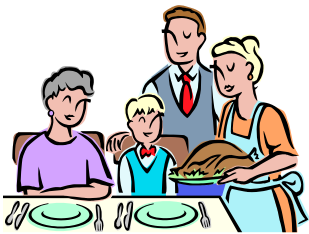
Free Friendship Dinner

We gave thanks for God's blessings on November 24th, when 14 volunteers served 131 dinners to a very appreciative crowd, some of whom probably wouldn't get a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. The menu included a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey and all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie. We even decorated the tables with cloths and fall centerpieces.

On December 29, we served a ham dinner including candied carrots, potatoes au gratin, soup and dessert.

Our menu for January's dinner, to be held on January 26th, from 4:30 – 6pm will include spaghetti, meatballs, soup, salad and dessert. This is a favorite among our guests and we hope for a large group to enjoy it.

Movie Night at Emmanuel






Following Emmanuel's Free Friendship Dinner, stay and enjoy the
Movie

"Grease" with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. No tickets needed and no money needed, bring your friends with you.....

Monthly Ministry Volunteers January, 2014

Volunteers for Greeters, Coffee Hosts & Kitchen Navigator, Pages 15 and 17

	Assisting Ministers	Saturday, January 4, 5pm	Sunday, January 5, 8:30am	Sunday, January 5, 11am
		Saturday, January 11, 5pm	Sunday, January 12 8:30am	Sunday, January 12, 11am
		Saturday, January 18, 5pm	Sunday, January 19, 8:30am	Sunday, January 19, 11am
		Saturday, January 25, 5pm	Sunday, January 26, 8:30am	Sunday, January 26, 11am
		Sunday, January 5 8:30 Crucifer Ciara Riedlinger Acolyte Sydney Riedlinger 8:30 Acolyte Sarah Hurlburt 11am Sunday, January 12 8:30 Crucifer Jordon Waring Torch Bearers Sarah & Katie Hurlburt Sunday, January 19 8:30 Crucifer Zach Donelan Acolyte Hannah Donelan Acolyte 11am Katie Hurlburt Sunday, January 26 8:30 Crucifer Kayla Reese Acolyte Alexandra Whetzel Acolyte 11am Helen Zarling		
Lectors	January 4, 5pm Deneen Schell January 11, 5pm Robert Hawkins January 18, 5pm Don Berg January 25, 5pm Evelyn Hagmann	January 5, 8:30m Bob Germain January 11, 8:30am Shirley Kasko January 19, 8:30am Kristyn Trealout January 26, 8:30am Salli Struble	January 5, 11am Jerry Authier January 11, 11am Jan Shimp January 19, 11am Carol Pofelski January 26, 11am Bob Riggs	
Children's Sermon	January 5 Joan Hofelich January 12 Jenny Waring January 19 Joan Hofelich January 26 Kristyn Trealout			
Ushers	Saturday, January 4, 5pm Saturday Usher Teams	Sunday, January 5, 8:30am Gary Birkholz Don & Jadyne Berg Bob & Jackie Miller Tim Reed Dan Robinson	Sunday, January 5, 11am Judy Daniels Ray & Marlyce Holbach Judy Jorgensen Frank & Joan Rauch	

	Saturday, January 11, 5pm Saturday Usher Teams	Sunday, January 12 8:30am Gary Birkholz Gary & Terry Butner Marty & Lois Light Don & Irene O'Connell	Sunday, January 12, 11am Frank & Joan Rauch Lyle & Vickie Roberts Bob & Janine Jung
	Saturday, January 18, 5pm Saturday Usher Teams	Sunday, January 19, 8:30am Gerri Amundsen Dixie Bailey Gary & Marilyn Birkholz Sylvia Eckl Karl Fraedrich Vivian Morris	Sunday, January 19, 11am Bob & Marlene Austen Ken & Charlene Brecht Ken Hoyt & Marcia Swigart Hoyt
	Saturday, January 25, 5pm Saturday Usher Teams	Sunday, January 26, 8:30am Gary Birkholz Lyle & Glenda Hinrichs Bob & Jackie Miller Karl Fraedrich Cass Wrobel	Sunday, January 26, 11am Ken & Charlene Brecht Mary Fales Bob & Janie Jung Barbara McLaughlin
Altar Guild	Joan McGavin	Terri Smith	Linnea Uccello
BP Volunteers	After 8:30am worship Tuula Pakula After 11am worship Nancy Bollers		
Welcome Center	January 4, 5pm Betty Lemasters January 11, 5pm Bill & Nancy Messer January 18, 5pm JoAnn Hunziker January 25, 5pm Becky Jerdee	January 5, 8:30m Jerry & Gail Authier January 11, 8:30am Gary & Terry Butner January 19, 8:30am Sylvia Eckl January 26, 8:30am Marilyn Ferguson	January 5, 11am Ray & Marlyce Holbach January 11, 11am Meg Kessler January 19, 11am Joan Hofelich January 26, 11am Jean Sego
Pew Elves for January	Don and Dolores Badger		





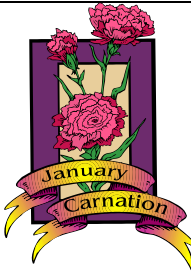
Widow's Group

Meet the first Tuesday of each month. Contact Roxanne Dill for more information.

***Start 2014 off right by joining "Breakfast at Perkins with the Good Ole Boys
 On January 21, 2014 at 7:30am
 There is always great fellowship and good food.
 Give Moose Pfabe a call at 681-2162 with any questions.***



To Our Homebound Members who are Celebrating Birthdays in January
Bertha Salamina will be celebrating her 99th birthday on January 12th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>Read your Bible and Pray Daily</u>	<u>1 Office Closed</u> <u>Enjoy the first day of 2014</u> BBSS AA Group 6:30pm Sisters In Sobriety AA 7 pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	<u>2</u> STP&M AA: 6:30pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7pm On the Island Family Al-Anon 8pm	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u> Worship 5pm Sat. Nite Live AA Family Group 7pm
<u>5</u> Worship 8:30am & 11am Blood Pressure Screening After each service Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Adult Education 10am Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7pm	<u>6</u> Dorcas Quilting Mission 9am Jan Quinn's Exercise 10-11am Men's Chorus 5pm Stephen Ministry 6-8pm Stephen Ministry Training 6-9pm	<u>7</u> Widow's Group 12Noon Council 6pm Deborah Circle 7pm United We Stand Narc-Anon: 7pm	<u>8</u> Choir 4:30pm BBSS AA Group 6:30pm Sisters In Sobriety AA 7 pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	<u>9</u> Staff Meeting 8am Prayer Service 10am Joyful Ringers 3:00pm STP&M AA: 6:30pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7pm On the Island Family Al-Anon 8pm	<u>10</u>  Children's Closet 9-11am	 <u>11</u> Children's Closet 9 -11am Altar Guild 9:30am Galatians Little Church 12:30pm Worship 5pm Sat. Nite Live AA Family Group 7pm
<u>12 Special Congregation Meeting Between Services</u> Worship 8:30 & 11am Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7pm	<u>13</u> Dorcas Quilting Mission 9am Men's Chorus 5pm Stephen Ministry Training 6-9pm Anna Circle 7pm	<u>14</u> Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30pm WELCA Board Meeting 4pm Family Promise 7pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7pm	<u>15</u> Naomi Circle 9:30am Food Pantry Board Mtg 4pm Choir 4:30pm BBSS AA Group 6:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Al Anon 7pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	<u>16</u> Staff Meeting 8am Prayer Service 10am Joyful Ringers 3:00pm STP&M AA: 6:30pm Peace Pipe Al Anon:7pm On the Island Family Al-Anon 8pm	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Worship 5pm Sat. Nite Live AA Family Group 7pm
<u>19 Annual Congregational Meeting Between Services</u> Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Stephen Ministry (After annual meeting) Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7pm	<u>20</u> <u>Office Closed Martin Luther King</u> Dorcas Quilting Mission 9am Ruth Circle 12:30pm Men's Chorus 5pm Stephen Ministry 6-9pm	<u>21</u> Good Ole Boys 7:30am Mary Circle 10am Stephen Ministry Training 1-3pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7pm	<u>22</u> Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm BBSS AA Group 6:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Al Anon 7pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	<u>23</u> Staff Meeting 8am Prayer Service 10am Joyful Ringers 3pm STP&M AA: 6:30pm Peace Pipe Al Anon:7pm On the Island Family Al-Anon 8pm	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Worship 5pm Pastor Jacobson Potluck for Pr. Jacobson 6pm Sat. Nite Live AA Family Group 7pm
<u>26</u> Worship 8:30am & 11am Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Adult Education 10am Free Friendship Dinner 4:30-6pm Movie 6pm Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7pm	<u>27</u> Dorcas Quilting Mission 9am Interfaith Dinner 4:30 – 6pm Judith Circle 6pm Stephen Ministry 6-9pm	<u>28</u> Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7pm	<u>29</u> Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm Sentinel Condo Assoc. 7pm BBSS AA Group 6:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Al Anon 7pm Speakers AA Group 8:30pm	<u>30 Women of the ELCA Spiritual Retreat 9am-3pm</u> Staff Meeting 8am Prayer Service 10am Joyful Ringers 3pm STP&M AA: 6:30pm Peace Pipe Al Anon:7pm On the Island Family Al-Anon 8pm	<u>31</u>	
	<i>Coffee Talk Monday – Friday 9-12Noon</i> <i>Calendar of Events</i> <i>Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida 34285-3601</i> <i>941-488-4942 website: www.emmanuel-elca.org</i>					 

E.A.T.S. - SEASON 2

Back by popular demand...

Eating Around Together Socially (for folks who have appetites for friends and food) will have dinners in January, February and March 2014. Different hosts, different dining groups each time.

Folks have enjoyed these opportunities to renew and/or begin friendships in our Emmanuel family.

The Recipe: Folks who wish to **E.A.T.S.** will sign up in dining pairs (spouses, friends). The **E.A.T.S.** pairs will receive monthly invitations to dinners in a member's home. (The **E.A.T.S.** ministry team will coordinate the invitations.) Each **E.A.T.S.** pair will host one of the monthly dinners. There will be a total of SIX Emmanuel members at each dinner, but it will be a different three dining pairs each month. Our intent is for the dinners to be purely social gatherings; not discussion groups.

Suggested Dinner Dates: Third Saturday evenings, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15. (Or any other date/time in the month that fits the schedules of the hosts and the guests)

Sign up: Between worship services in December OR E-mail to Susan Phipps, Phipps Susan@hotmail.com (remember the "underscore" between "Phipps" and "Susan" !!!)

QUESTIONS????????? Who can I contact for more information?

Susan Phipps, 941.321.5130, Phipps Susan@hotmail.com

Pat Bade, 941.412.0420, pbade2@gmail.com

Little Churches

It is up to each Little Church to let the office know about their events.

Galatians Little Church will meet on January 11, 2014 12:30pm at the Gulf View Restaurant in Englewood. Contact Dale and Nancy Thomas with your RSVP.

January Outreach Envelope - Samaritan Counseling

Serves adults of all ages and walks of life; couples; families; children and adolescents. Their professional counselors are devoted Christians who are active in local churches, each has a Masters and/or Doctoral degree in mental health, social work, or marriage and family therapy. All of their counselors are state licensed and certified. They are prepared to provide counseling for religious and spiritual concerns; anxiety and depression; grief and bereavement; premarital counseling; family therapy; children's problems; stress management; chronic and terminal illness; separation and divorce and blended family challenges. Appointments may be set up to meet at Emmanuel's Office Center or one of their other offices. Their main number is 926-2959.

Global Missions News

[The search for water near Dodoma, Tanzania](#)



"We need water for cooking, for drinking, for washing the children, for vegetables. We can't grow vegetables without water. So we can't eat healthy. The people need water. The cows need water. People don't come to church because they are fetching water. Children don't go to school, because they are fetching water." Pastor Edda Mbwambo of Iringa Road Lutheran Parish in central Tanzania vented her frustration to me. We were in Mzogole, a small village that is part of her parish. The villagers here do not have adequate water. Scrawny cattle grazed on sparse, brown grass. Everything

was dry and dusty. There was an old well with a windmill that was constructed about 40 years ago. Unfortunately, the pump has broken repeatedly and can no longer be repaired. The people of Mzogole have resorted to digging holes in the sand of a nearby dry river bed. As the water slowly seeps into the hole, they dip it out to fill buckets and jerry cans, which they carry home balanced on their heads. Fortunately the companion ELCA synod, Northwest Ohio, is raising money to rehabilitate the well and install an electric submersible pump powered by either a generator or solar panels. Maybe Mzogole will have water again soon.

The people living in the semi-arid central plains of Tanzania, near the capital Dodoma, suffer from chronic water shortages. Average annual rainfall here is only about 570mm (22 inches), about 85 percent of which falls between December and April. Near the end of the dry season there is no grass, just trees, thorns, and scrub brush. Yet in the short rainy season, this area produces corn, sunflowers, and sorghum. Many people also have cows, goats, and donkeys. Recently I visited three villages near Dodoma, Tanzania (Mzogole, Mlenga, and Chilungulu) to learn about their water problems.

In the second village, Mlenga, the villagers send donkeys five kilometers (about three miles) to a river, to bring back jerry cans of water (see photo). In Mlenga, the five gallons of water in the jerry can are sold for 1000 Tanzanian Shillings (or about \$0.60). That may not sound like much, but the average person earns less than \$2 a day here (according to the World Bank). The St. Peter Lutheran Church, Blackberry in Northwest Ohio Synod has spearheaded an effort to raise money to drill a test well for their sister congregation in Mlenga. There is hope that drilling might begin before the end of the year. The last village I visited, Chilungulu, was a different story. There they were inaugurating a rehabilitated village water system. The ELCA World Hunger Fund provided the money, and the work was done by government water engineers and the villagers. It was a grand celebration, complete with speeches, a brass band, and two traditional dance groups. One dance group put on a funny skit pointing out that earlier they did not have water, but now they have food and clean water. One dancer joked, "What next? Peace?" Thanks to ELCA congregations, synods, and the World Hunger Fund, many people in this dry and dusty part of the world may be able to have water to drink, water for crops and animals, water that gives life.

Joe and Deborah Troester, ELCA Missionaries to East Africa
P.O. Box 1770, Arusha, Tanzania

Photo Credit: Donkeys carrying water to the village of Mlenga, near Dodoma, Tanzania.

Joe and Deborah are ELCA missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania, where they are the East Africa Regional Representatives for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Their daughter, Christa, is a junior at Rain Forest International School in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Mark Your 2014 Calendar... Hear the Good News from Suriname!

January 25 and 26, Pastor Kevin Jacobson will be here!

- Preaching at all weekend services....
- Speaking at the potluck dinner Saturday evening(bring a dish to share)He is one of the missionaries we support with our envelope offerings. His responsibilities in Suriname include training new leaders for the church. You can show him our support with your presence. Keep the church in your prayers.

A VISIT FROM OUR HAITI FAMILY —

“God is working in so many ways in Haiti!”

“Haiti feels very blessed this year — no hurricanes!” reported Mr. Jorel Carte and Pr. Livenson Lauvanus during their November visit to Emmanuel. They also made it clear that God’s blessings in Haiti extend far beyond good weather, touching the lives of many people with the success of various congregational and community projects.

The “many ways” that God is working in Haiti include:

✚ The story of Redemption Church, originally located in Jacmel, reveals God’s active and creative work in Haiti. The church building was located in a flood-prone area and after many storms and hurricanes, the damage was so severe and dangerous, that the congregation could no longer meet in its nearly-destroyed building. Pastor Holland Dezimeau searched for higher ground and began worshiping with a few families under a tree in a near-by community. Eventually land was purchased with money from Pr. David Johnson’s Memorial Fund. Soon a Lutheran congregation from Eden Prairie, MN, traveled to Haiti and assisted the people in building an open-air shelter/pavilion to accommodate their worship gatherings. They have since out-grown the pavilion and will soon dedicate the largest Lutheran church building in Haiti—*Eglise Redemption*, Pasquette. Perhaps some Emmanuel members will travel to Haiti in February to participate in the dedication ceremonies!

✚ The dairy at Petit Goave, under the leadership of Pr. Denis DuClair, produces pasteurized and sterilized milk that requires no refrigeration. *Eglise Jerusalem* also runs a dairy with the help of a Caribbean agricultural organization that provides information and training related to breeding and caring for dairy cows. In a recent Caribbean-wide competition, the dairy won first prize for best milk from a new dairy. Both dairies operate as co-ops, returning 40% of the money earned from the sale of milk to the community. Many Haitian retailers and non-governmental organizations purchase milk from the “Lutheran dairies” because of its excellent quality. These are both church-sponsored projects that help support the pastor, congregation members and the community.

✚ A newly formed congregation that worships at the *Eglise Lutherienne d’Haiti* headquarters in Gressier gathers weekly under the leadership of Pr. Lauvanus. The name of this new congregation? *Eglise Emmanuel!* In addition, the guest houses at the headquarters are nearing completion after some redesign and reconstruction, using better materials in the upper levels to make them water tight.

✚ More than 1,500 women have been empowered through a “micro-loan” project, which provides training and small amounts of money to help them market goods and services in their communities.

“There is no way we could do these projects without the help of Emmanuel and the ELCA. From the

beginning when I was an intern here with Pr. Johnson, I have felt the power and support you have given to me and to Haiti. It has been so great and marvelous. And now you can see that your efforts have not been lost. With the help of God, you are making a difference all around Haiti," Pr. Lauvanus said. Thanks be to God!

Judi Klingsick

Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet

January Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex. Please sign up for a time when you can serve that is convenient for you. Thanks....

At the present time, the greeters for Saturday and Sunday worship services will remain the same. We do have members who do not feel that they can greet because they can't stand very long. Everyone's circumstances are not known, therefore, if you can't greet, please let the office know. Substitutes are always welcome.

Coffee Hosts for January, 2014

Navigator –

<i>January 5</i>	
<i>January 12</i>	
<i>January 19</i>	
<i>January 26</i>	

Do you enjoy your coffee after church on Sunday mornings? If so, we need your help in your being a coffee host(s). Pastor Craig says "no helpers, no coffee". We don't want that to happen, so please won't you sign up on the monthly sheets found on the doors to the Welcome Center.

Children's Closet open the 2nd Friday & Saturday each month. Helpers always welcome.

Pastoral Acts

Pastor Craig officiated at the service for John Vieson on December 28, 2013. John passed to the Church Triumphant on December 7, 2013.

On December 29, 2013 Pastor Craig officiated at the baptism of Nila Monroe Hatch, granddaughter of Lea LaRocque.

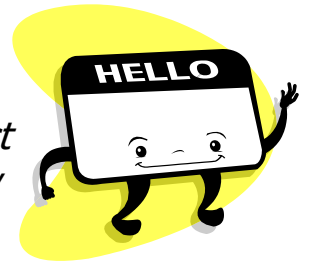
Emmanuel's Interfaith Dinner

Join us on January 27, 2014 between 4:30 – 6pm

*These dinners help those who are out of work, homeless,
or just need a helping hand.*

Name Badges

*Help Pastor Craig get to know you by wearing your name badges.
Don't have one? Just stop by the Welcome Center, fill out the request
form, leave your money, and away you go....Check back in a few
weeks to see if it has arrived.*



*If your particular assignment listed below does not work for you, please find another
member to switch with and give the office a call with your change. The coffee hosts
can contact Caroline Giambattista at 486-5386 if you can help. Contact the office at
488-4942 if you are unable to keep your Greeter commitment.*

Serving You in February, 2014

Navigator for the month of January -

Date	Greeters
<i>Saturday February 1, 5pm</i>	<i>Robert & Marlene Austen</i>
<i>Sunday, February 2 8:30am</i>	<i>Jerry & Gail Authier</i>
<i>Sunday, February 2 11am</i>	<i>Pastor Charles & Beverly Anders Ray & Marlyce Holbach</i>
<i>Saturday, February 8 5pm</i>	<i>Jerry & Irma Baity Don & Luanne Gogolin</i>
<i>Sunday, February 9 8:30am</i>	<i>Jay & Doris Dupler Lea LaRocque</i>
<i>Sunday, February 9 11am</i>	<i>Carl Duede Marilyn Ferguson</i>
<i>Saturday, February 15 5pm</i>	<i>Alan and Marianna Valentin Laura Welch</i>
<i>Sunday, February 16 8:30am</i>	<i>Stan & Virginia Robinson Karl Fraedrich</i>
<i>Sunday, February 16 11am</i>	<i>William & Lottie Branlund Ewen & Mary Ellen Bryden</i>
<i>Saturday, February 22 5pm</i>	<i>Harriet Ebeling Marilyn Yeadon</i>
<i>Sunday, February 23 8:30am</i>	<i>Jim & Linda Renz Herman & Marian Wissenberg</i>
<i>Sunday, February 23 11am</i>	<i>Richard & Patricia Stott Donald & Carol Kvarnberg</i>

*There will be
a Free
Friendship
Dinner on
January 26th
4:30- 6pm
Fellowship
Hall*

Emmanuel's Greeter Volunteers for March, 2014

<i>Salvador & Diane Amati</i>	<i>Pennie Anderson</i>	<i>Donald & Marian Balster</i>
<i>Martin & JoAnn Barringer</i>	<i>Marlene Barry</i>	<i>Edwin & Ann Bassler</i>
<i>Marjorie Becker</i>	<i>Dorothy Bradley</i>	<i>Edward & Patricia Crary</i>
<i>Davis & Shirley Darrington</i>	<i>Joline Donelan & family</i>	<i>Ken Gehrls</i>
<i>Lowell & Diane Hartman</i>	<i>Ken Hoyt and Marcia Swigart Hoyt</i>	<i>Sandra Hurt</i>
<i>June Julier</i>	<i>George Kemp</i>	<i>Burt & Alice Kominick</i>
<i>Mary Ann Landon</i>	<i>Peter & Pam McNamee</i>	<i>David & Janice Mihay</i>
<i>Sharon Molnar</i>	<i>John & Karin Muncie</i>	<i>Rick & Marites Nickerson</i>
<i>June Novak</i>	<i>Linda O'Brien</i>	<i>Keith & Jean Putnam</i>
<i>Jack Robertson</i>	<i>Carl & Nancy Schupp</i>	<i>Don & Agnes Sharer</i>
<i>Don & Pauline Stratton</i>	<i>Bill & MyrtieEllen Thompson</i>	<i>Liz Thoren</i>

We Give Thanks for Gifts Recently Received

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church received gifts in memory of **Herb Sweeney** to the Undesignated Memorial Fund from Jim and Betty Linke, Thomas and Marjorie Farrell, Deneen Schell, William and Andrea Payne.*

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a gift in memory of **Herb Sweeney** to the Music Fund from William Kasko.*

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church received gifts in memory of **Tom Crusinberry** to the Music Fund from Harold & Phyllis Johnson, Robert and Rosalie Moninger, and Paul and Kathie Winemiller.*

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church received a gift in memory of **Pastor David Johnson** to the Pr. Johnson Haiti Ministry Fund from C. Fred and Lois Gerhard,*

Thanks.....

Dear Emmanuel Church Family

Our deep appreciation for the many cards, calls, visits, and prayers during my recent fall and following recuperation. I am now on my feet with the help of my walker and cane and weekly physical therapy. My life has certainly changed but your prayers and edibles goodies have helped.

Prayers, Jim Yunker

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Thank you for your recent gift of \$8,028.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gift means that our church can continue its effective and efficient response to disasters that have already occurred and can stand ready for those that may come in the future. To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to be there alongside our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you. We do more together than we ever could do alone.

***In Christ's service. The Rev. Daniel Rift,
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal***

Scriptures for January



January 5, 2014 2 Christmas

Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 6 Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

January 12, Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

January 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; I Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

January 26 Thrid Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; I Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

A new listing of Council, Committees, and Volunteer Coordinators will be included in your February Dove.

Meet your New Members with photos will be in the February Dove.

If you have left or will be leaving an article in the Welcome Center, for someone to pick up, please notify that person. We have several items that have been there for several weeks now.

Shared Health Items Ministry

This isn't a new Ministry at Emmanuel. Possibly one that you haven't needed!! But it is here for you: there is available for loan, braces, crutches, wheelchairs, both portable and large wheel type, walkers of all sorts and sizes, toilet seat extensions, a commode, sacro-lumbar belt, crutches and canes, even a sleep apnea machine. If anyone has need of items, please call Teri Smith at 484-3535.

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.

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THE DOVE



We're on the Web!

www.emmanuel-elca.org



January, 2014

Special Congregational Meeting

***January 12, 2014 after the 8:30am worship
Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary
Presentation of a proposed pilot for the Council***

Annual Meeting

***Voting Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church
You are invited to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 2014 after the 8:30 worship service in the Sanctuary.***

***A special meeting will be called following the meeting for the newly elected.
And present Council Members, along with the 5 committees for the purpose
of choosing officers. No other business
will be conducted.***