

The Dove

June 2016

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
790 South Tamiami Trail
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Saturday:

Holy Communion: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

Holy Communion: 8:30 AM
10:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 AM

Adult Education: 10:00 AM

Thursday:

Worship Service with
Holy Communion: 10:00 AM



***“To Know Christ and Boldly Make
Him Known”***

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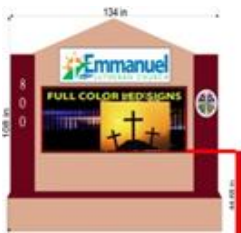
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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign...

We live in a world full of signs along our journey in life. The signs on roads tell us how fast we can go, what we are allowed, or not allowed to do and some signs make us aware of our surroundings. Emmanuel is in the process of getting a new sign and waiting for the new sign has been a lesson in patience. With each passing week the anticipation of the arrival of the sign grows. Similarly, our faith story is filled with signs that direct us on where to go in life. Christian signs are in shapes seen in worship like the cross, the baptismal font, the candles, the cup, and the bread. There is a prayer often said after the offering that states, “We offer with joy and thanksgiving ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.” Our church sign will present those traveling down the road of life with an invitation to come see and hear about the signs of faith and God’s gracious love.

Those who have done studies on church growth say that there are three major means for church growth; parking, visibility, and signage. We are blessed to have all three and we are blessed to have this new sign as a means for telling others about the love of God. Often a church sign tells others what kind of community we are before they even enter into the church. Many people pass by Emmanuel Lutheran Church and see the description: *Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*. The word evangelical is one that points to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and one that reaches out in mission and also one that welcomes others into the community of faith. We are commissioned to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” We are blessed to have a place where this happens!

Our new sign will have the capability to display many different images, but due to ordinances on the Island we will be limited to only a on the electronic board. We are like, how bright it will be, and if it will others know about the ministry that important to keep in perspective that



few graphics and words that will fit anticipating what the sign will look make a positive difference in letting goes on in our community. It is even more essential than the sign is

how people feel when they step foot into the church. I am confident that those who see the sign and enter into Emmanuel will find the church welcoming and open to people of all walks of life. Those who visit will also meet members that are living signs of God’s faithfulness and love. As we continue to wait, we are reminded that all of us wait in life for signs of God’s presence. The Prophet Isaiah states, “Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.” Still waiting, watching for signs and becoming stronger!

Pastor Hall

From our Parish Nurse:

Calling All Nurses!!!! Vacation Bible School would like a nurse on the grounds each day that VBS is in session. That means there needs to be a nurse available June 13-17 from 9-12 each day. Usually it's a different nurse every day, so if you would like to volunteer for a day, PLEASE let Barb Spenks know! Five, that's all we need people, just 5!!

I am thrilled to let you know that the Alzheimer Caregiver Support group is meeting at Emmanuel again (the group had moved to VOTI). Starting on Tuesday, June 21st, the group will meet at the church office at 1:00pm, in the office lounge. They will continue to meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm. A brochure from the Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter is available in the wire display rack in the Narthex. If you care for someone with Alzheimer's or know of someone who does, this association is a great resource.



In **JULY** there is going to be two happenings:

On Sunday, July 10th during the Coffee Hour, there is going to be a presentation from MetroCrime Prevention of Florida. They are going to do a free crime and identity theft awareness workshop. Some of the material covered will be Caller ID Scams, Medicare Fraud, Facebook problems, grandchildren scams, and traveling thefts (particularly relating to room key cards.) Even when we feel we are safe in our gated communities and our home security system is on, we are still vulnerable. MetroCrime Prevention will give us valuable and lifesaving information to help us be proactive against crime, and take simple precautions that will enhance our personal safety.

Wednesday, July 20th, from 10 am – 3pm, the Alzheimer's Association Memory Mobile will be here to do Memory Screenings. We all forget things, but is it simple forgetfulness because our brains are too full because we are so busy, or is it something more serious? During this 20 minute screening, you are given a paper test to learn if you have any real memory issues. It is not a medical diagnosis, just a screening to get a baseline or to possibly bring to light an issue that may need to be brought to your physician's attention. Also available on this bus is information and referrals, care consultations and even caregiver training if that is what you need. To make an appointment, call Barb Spenks at 488-4942 ext. 20. The 20 minute slots fill up quickly, so call early to get the time that works best for you! For people waiting for their appointment time or while their loved one gets screened, refreshments will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Barb Spenks
Parish Nurse

DOVE DEADLINE: Because of vacation schedules, please submit items for the July Dove by **Tuesday, June 14th** this month. That is a week earlier than normal. Thanks!

A Note from the President



The last goal of the long range planning of 2012-2013 was to install an electronic digital sign in front of the church. Well guys, it is finally going to happen. In spite of a City Hall that is really uptight about electronic signs, our committee has finally pulled it off! It should be completed sometime this month. You would not believe the amount of time and energy put into getting this accomplished. Many thanks to all who worked on seeing this project through to the end!

Talk about new ideas...we have been asked by some of our members why we are not equipped to allow "electronic giving". I put this in italics because it is still such a new idea to me-but then I am an old dog, just turned 71, trying to learn new tricks. Our Finance Committee is researching the pros and con's and we look forward to their recommendation.

Summer Sunday worship services this year are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Now THAT's a new concept for us old dogs! At first there was some resistance, but now I am happy to report that many are trying the abbreviated 10:00 a.m. service and are finding out it's not so bad...different, yes...but good...all the elements of regular worship in half an hour. Thanks to everyone helping at this service due to the increased attendance.

The Florida/Bahamas Synod Assembly is June 10-12. Along with Pastor Hall, Vickie Harris and Rich Veleber will be attending and representing Emmanuel.

I hope all have a wonderful summer!

Lois Steketee, Church Council President



The Outreach Committee is hosting the
First Annual Beach Picnic
at Maxine Barritt Pavilion
on

Wednesday, July 13 from 4:00 -7:00 pm
Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm

Tickets for dinner are \$10.00 - Children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale beginning on June 18 -19, 25 -26, July 2-3, and July 9-10 (if needed) before and after worship services in the Narthex. The dinner includes chicken, pulled pork, sides, dessert and drinks. Tickets sales are limited to 120, the pavilion maximum. Buy your tickets early!



“Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

As I write this we had our bake sale on Mother's day and you supported us in your usual generous way. Thank you! Your support helps to make possible the fellowship, discipleship, and education that we share. For those who might wonder, we donated the goodies that were left to the Family Promise families to enjoy. Our children made welcome signs and our parents bought presents for the children visiting and flowers for the three moms that were our guests.

The B & B (bell and boom whacker) choir had its second performance on Mother's day for our heavenly Father and all moms. A special thanks to our leader Jacob Schubauer! He did an excellent job and we could not be prouder of his work! We are continuing this ministry and will change our time of meeting to Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. when Sunday School and Confirmation are finished for this season. We will be playing in June for the VBS ice cream social on the 16th at 6:30 p.m. and for the youth service on Father's Day, June 19 at 8:30 a.m. We will take a break after that and begin again in September.

We welcomed Nadia Brown into our Emmanuel family on May 15th at the 8:30 a.m. worship service with her baptism. It was quite a celebration with the youth serving that day, too. Afterwards, we continued the day with a barbeque and pool party! So much fellowship in one day!

Upcoming activities/events:

May –

29 – Last day of Sunday school and confirmation

June –

5 – Sunday school barbecue after 10:00 a.m. service – All are welcome

13 – 17 – Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. -12noon

16 – VBS ice cream social time 6:30 p.m.

19 – Last Youth Sunday until September

B & B choir to play

VBS program at 8:30 a.m. service

Once again, thank you Emmanuel family for your love and support! We grow in spirit and in love because of all that you have done through Christ for us.

In His service,
Vickie Harris
Youth and Family Director

***WE WELCOME YOU** to visit any of our women's groups and gatherings listed below. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women of Emmanuel through biblical discussions and fellowship. Check the times and dates OR contact the leader for information. We hope you will join us!*



June Meeting Dates for Women's Groups

- ANNA:** 2nd Monday (June 13). Social and wrap up at the home of Lois Steketee. Call Lois 941-484-9182 for information.
- DEBORAH:** 1st Tuesday (June 7) at 6:00pm at the British Open Pub at Venice Ave. and Jacaranda. Meredith Johnson will lead a short devotion. All women of the congregation are invited! Call Kathy 941-486-5385 for information and reservations by Wednesday, June 1st.
- DORCAS:** No meetings June/July/August. Will resume meetings in September. Call Jackie 941-488-7176 for information.
- MARY:** No meetings June/July/August. Will Resume meetings in September. Email Marian Wissenberg xyz65@comcast.net for information.
- NAOMI:** No meetings June/July/August. Meetings resume in September. Call Judy 941-496-9716 for information.
- RUTH:** 3rd Monday (June 20) – Meeting for a social lunch. Call Ruth 941-497-6766 for location and time of lunch.
- SOUL SISTERS:** 1st Monday (June 6) - Biblical discussion leaders Anita Kramer and Lynn Pierce - Welcome Center Conference Room. Please bring personal care items for our project, Everyday Blessings Orphanage. No 3rd Monday activity planned for June. Call Helen 941-918-2985 for information.

Mark your Calendars:

- June 7th – Ladies Dinner Out:** Deborah Circle invites ALL WOMEN OF EMMANUEL to join them at the British Open Pub, Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00pm. Please call Kathie Winemiller 941-486-5285 by June 1st.
- November 11-13** - Watch for publicity and registration forms this summer for the annual Florida/Bahamas Synod Women's week-end **Fall Retreat** at Lake Yale in Leesburg. For information call Gail at 941-485-9971.



Dear Friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and clients of the South County Food Pantry, I want to thank you for your recent donation to help keep the shelves stocked with needed food items for the less fortunate.

This year we mark 30 years of service to the community. It is because of generosity like yours that we were able to assist 13,000 adults and children in 2015. We hope that you will continue to support the South County Food Pantry.

Yours truly,
Judy Gerty
Assistant Treasurer

Editor's Note: This letter was in response to our Community Outreach designation from March, 2016. \$3,831.14 was collected.

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Dorcas Quilting Mission

Kits of squares to sew quilt tops are available in the Welcome Center. Only 12 squares to work with - sew 3 rows across and 4 down. Sound simple - It is - Try it! The Dorcas Barrel is waiting for any size sheets, pillow cases or cotton material. Each of the 952 quilts Emmanuel sent to Lutheran World Relief in February required a sewn top or large piece of cotton material, filler and a sheet. Your donations are critical to the success of our mission. Questions? Call Jean Price 941-485-7277.

-----FAMILY PROMISE-----

Family Promise of South Sarasota County (FPSSC) is an interfaith non-profit organization focused on providing support to families with minor children who have lost their homes. In order to reverse the cycle of minors affected by homelessness, it is the mission of FPSSC to offer qualifying shelter for up to 90 days. Thirteen area congregations of different denominations and faiths take turns hosting families for weekly periods. Emmanuel has been a charter host church since the beginning of operations of FPSSC in October, 2015.

FPSSC and its host congregations have provided families with housing, meals, case management services, options for daycare and employment, as well as financial, legal and counseling services. To date we have helped 11 families to successfully move on to safe and affordable housing on their own with the parents fully employed.

Emmanuel has completed its third rotation of hosting families and will host again the weeks of August 28 - September 4th and November 27th - December 4th. Anyone interested in helping with set up and takedown, furnishing evening meals, evening fellowship, or overnight hosting may contact Lynn Crandall (jl827@earthlink.net) to be included on our volunteer list. Many hands have made our first three rotations successful and rewarding. We welcome one and all to participate in this wonderful outreach program.

-----**UPDATE:** Family Promise is having an organization and planning meeting on Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m. during Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and sign up for a committee to help this important ministry be successful!

CHILDREN'S CLOSET

Our Children's Closet provides free clothing for area families. We are open one Friday a month and on Saturdays every other month. We need more volunteers for Saturdays so we can be open more often. Please contact Lisa Schubauer or Kathie Winemiller (941-486-5385) for information.



SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS.... in the library.

For your light, relaxing reading check out our fiction section, or a biography, or maybe a book of prayers. We have a variety!

PASTORAL ACTS:

Reid Emerson Peacock, child of Adam and Kim Peacock was baptized on May 8, 2016.

Nadia Phoenix Brown, child of Dwayne and Nichele Brown was baptized on May 15, 2016.

Rev. Dr. Lavern Franzen was called to his Eternal home on May 24, 2016. Services as of this printing are pending.



The Widows
Support Group
will meet
on Tuesday,
June 7th, 12noon at

Bob Evans Restaurant. Call Jackie Sapp at 941- 488 -7331 for more information. Please join us for friendship and support!

From the Altar Guild

To all those special people who donate flowers to enhance our worship:



Flowers may be picked up in the Sacristy after the last service on Sunday **OR** you may pick them up at the office center Monday or Tuesday.

The **Health Appliance Ministry** has been very active as word continues to spread. This little ministry has grown more than I had anticipated; and I am thankful for all the referrals which come to me for needed items. People tell me what a blessing it is and it is fulfilling its purpose. Thank you!

Terri Smith

Migrant Workers-Farmworkers Self Help

Geri Amundsen and Kathie Winemiller travel to Dade City twice a year with donations for Farmworkers Self Help and Resurrection House. This is a Lutheran ministry recognized by the Synod as an outreach congregation. We usually collect children's underwear over the summer for their back to school distribution (more about this in July). We encourage any members of the congregation interested, to travel along to see this ministry first hand.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Sunday	Keep It Simple - Al Anon	Room 101	7:00 p.m.
Monday	Men's Big Book Step Study Group – Al Anon	Room 103	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Reaching for Personal Freedom - Al Anon	Room 103	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Big Book Step Study Group – AA Group	Room 101	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sisters in Sobriety Women's - AA Group	Room 105	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Speaker's Group – AA Group	Room 101	8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sought thru Prayer & Meditation AA Group	Room 103	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Peace Pipe Al Anon Family Group	Room 101	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	On the Island Al Anon	Room 101	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Group SLAA	Room 101	Noon
Saturday	Saturday Nite Live Al Anon Family Group	Room 101	7:00 p.m.

Alzheimer Support
*3rd Tuesday, every month

Emmanuel Office Center Lounge 1:00 p.m.



Dear Pastor Paul,

I'm reaching out to let you know that Emmanuel Lutheran is in the top 5% of all of the 8,000 faith based groups that order from Equal Exchange.

Thank you so much for your support. We think it's a big deal and wanted to make sure you knew so you could pass along our thanks to your congregation as well. It just so happens to be the 20th anniversary of the partnership between Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief as well - so it's a good year to celebrate your longtime commitment to fair trade.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely,
Brittany Karbowski
Community Sales Event Coordinator/Co-Owner

DID YOU KNOW?

In your box of Contribution Envelopes, every quarter there is a SPECIAL OFFERING for the "SEMINARIAN FUND". This fund directly supports WILL KITTINGER in his studies at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. We are looking forward to a visit by Will, Jacque and meeting Elisha this summer!



FROM HAITI:

We hope many of you were on hand May 8th during Coffee Hour for the presentation by Pastor Hall, Lois Steketee and Chuck Zetner after their travels to Haiti. The following is from Lois Steketee as she reflects about the trip:

While Haiti is a complex land, it is also home to almost 10 million people. It was a struggle for the Haitians to become the first independent black republic and it remains a struggle today, but it is still home to the Haitians. Is it a home like the USA, absolutely not. It makes our poorest areas look like havens of comfort. Does that make it any less a "home, absolutely not.

Haiti is accustomed to natural disasters. The earthquake in 2010 is an example. Over 10,000 NGO (Non Governmental Organizations) have rushed in to help a country in distress. Has this help been an overwhelming success, absolutely not. Like any country there have been success stories and failures. Each NGO is certain though that they each have the answer.

Would we want the world to rush in and tell us how to fix our problems? Probably not. It would be interesting to see who would win the presidential election if we let the world decide for us. I don't think we would be willing to take that chance.

What Haiti does need is the chance to hear that God loves them and that even though they are walking through their "valley", God is always near. At the moment, Haitians mostly hear Voodoo or a combination of Voodoo and Catholicism, which some do not consider to be Christian. The Haitians deserve to hear about a God of Grace!

Pastor Livenson Lauvanus is the President of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. He is our representative that helps to spread the Word of God. It is not a large church but then again, Jesus was never concerned about numbers. He simply instructed his disciples to go and spread the Good News!

Not only are we to spread the Good News, but we are to listen to the people and find out where they are physically and spiritually. Maybe we are learning that the lesson in Haiti is not to go in and tell them what to do, but to listen first and respond second. That is a tough lesson for Americans to learn because we think we have all the answers.

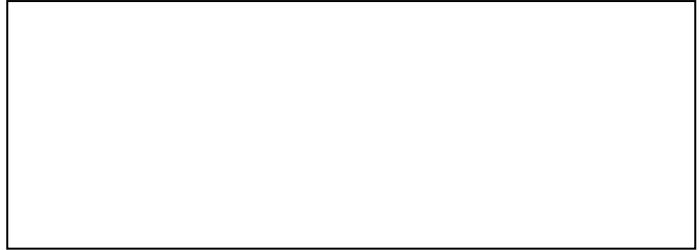
Instead of giving answers, the real journey is in finding out what Haiti was, is and can be. In the process, we may just find ourselves becoming the students in learning how to share the Good News.

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Staff Meeting 8:30am	2 Mid-Week Worship 10:00am	3 10:00am Elaine Collier Schwartz Inurnment Finance Committee 1:00pm	4 Worship 5:00pm Blood Pressure Screening VBS Supply Collection
5 Worship 8:30 & 10:00am Blood Pressure Screening B & B Choir-9:30am Adult Education 10am Youth & Family Barbecue- after 10:00am worship VBS Supply Collection	6 Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Soul Sisters 1pm Interfaith Dinner 4:30-6pm	7 Widows Support Group- Noon @ Bob Evans Youth & Family Committee 4:30pm Stephen Ministry – 5:30pm Women's Dinner Out – 6:00pm @British Open Pub	8 Staff Meeting 8:30am Property Committee- 6:00pm	9 Mid-Week Worship 10:00am	10 Children's Closet 9-11:00am	11 Worship 5:00pm VBS Supply Collection
12 Worship 8:30 & 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am B & B Choir-9:30am Family Promise Meeting 9:30am Adult Education 10am VBS Supply Collection	13 Vacation Bible School Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Anna Circle TBA	14 Vacation Bible School Executive Committee- 10:30am DOVE DEADLINE	15 Vacation Bible School Staff Meeting 8:30am	16 Vacation Bible School Mid-Week Worship 10:00am VBS Ice Cream Social- 6:30pm	17 Vacation Bible School	18 Galatians Little Church- Noon Worship 5:00pm Picnic Ticket Sales
19 Worship 8:30 & 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Adult Education 10am Picnic Ticket Sales	20 Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Ruth Circle – Lunch TBA	21 Good Ole Boys-7:30am @ Perkins Alzheimer Support -1:00pm Council Meeing-4:00pm	22 Staff Meeting 8:30am	23 Mid-Week Worship 10:00am	24 -	25 Worship 5pm Picnic Ticket Sales
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