

# The Dove

**December 2018**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
790 South Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34285-3601  
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## **Saturday: Liturgical Worship**

Holy Communion: 5:00 PM

## **Sunday: Liturgical Worship**

Holy Communion 8:30 AM

Holy Communion 11:00AM

## **aBRIDGED Worship**

Holy Communion 10:00 AM

## **Sunday Christian Ed & Fellowship**

Family Gathering: 9:15AM

Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School/Youth: 9:30 AM

Exploring the Gospel: 10:00 AM  
(Adult Sunday School)

## **Thursday: Service of Word & Prayer**

Holy Communion: 10:00 AM



***"To Know Christ and Boldly  
Make Him Known"***

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## **Emmanuel Website**

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Living Nativities are always intriguing to people who want to see real animals and people standing in a real stable. Seeing the live portrayal helps bring the story of the baby Jesus to life in an intimate way. Several years ago, I encouraged the church community where I was serving to have a living nativity. We had a rustic simple stable with hay and the donkey, several goats, sheep and members of the community playing parts for all the people in the story. We had everything you could imagine; the clothes, props, and every smell that goes along with having live animals in the scene. The nativity also included the farmer who owned all the animals to make sure the animals didn't run away, and to make sure everything was safe.

One evening while I was observing all the activity happening outside the farmer came up to the sanctuary door of the church and wanted to use the phone. I looked at him and said, "Before you enter the church tell me that is not what I think it is on your boots." He looked down at his boots smiled and said, "Yes, it is what you think it is." Then I told him that it would be best if he cleaned his boots and then he would be able to enter the sanctuary. When I think of that living nativity it occurred to me that is what the real message of Christmas is about: having our God come down to Earth to walk with us and all the smells of our lives.



On Christmas evening we will hear the words for the Gospel of John, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." God knows exactly what we need in life to draw us into a living relationship with Him. God also enters the world that is filled with hurt and sometimes things that stick to our lives like sin. This reminds us of God's humanity who understands our lives and save us from sin and those things that separate us from each other and God. The first living nativity continues to breathe fresh life into a world that needs a God who loves all people and empowers us to meet others in a real way. God continues to dwell in our lives and reveals the hope we have in eternal life. Maybe some year in the future a living nativity will come to Emmanuel!

Pastor Robert O. Hall

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Season's Greetings to one and all! There is a lot going on at Emmanuel but then again we are at the beginning of our "season".

OneBlood will be at Emmanuel on December 9<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 11:30am. They have not been here for a while because of the VOTI construction, so we need to have a great turnout. The bus will be located in the VOTI parking lot. Signup will be in the Narthex December 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>.

To help inspire you to donate:

- OneBlood supplies more than 200 hospitals and partners including Venice Regional Bayfront Health, Lakewood Ranch Hospital, all VA facilities in Florida, All Children's Hospital, Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, and the Shriner's Hospital, just to name a few.
- Through October, OneBlood has supplied more than 4,000 units of blood to Venice Regional Bayfront Health.
- OneBlood provides blood in emergencies, such as to the Pulse shooting victims and to Pensacola right after Hurricane Michael last month.

The Parkinson presentation was very interesting, informative, and helpful. I have pamphlets and booklets available in church office. If anyone would like this program repeated, please let me know. The Parkinson Foundation has many activities, resources, and people for anyone who has Parkinson or cares for someone with Parkinson.

A very popular presenter is returning in January for a presentation on "Fascia: the Biggest Health Secret." Dr. Eric Winder will explain what Fascia is (look it up, we ALL have it), how important it is, and how we can keep it healthy which in turn keeps us looking and feeling better. Stay tuned for further details.

*In God's Joy for a Blessed Christmas.*

*Barb Spenke, Parish Nurse*

I can't believe it's December already, this year has flown by. As the year comes to an end, I look back at all the wonderful things that have happened this year:

We had a great week of "Shipwrecked" VBS. We had many returning kids from the last few years and many new ones from the community. This is a great outreach to share the word of God with many of the community kids! I'm looking forward to the 2019 VBS theme "Roar—Life is wild, God is good"



In July we took nine of our high school youth to the National ELCA Youth gathering in Houston. The kids will always remember their experience with the community work and also the mass gatherings at night with great music and speakers.

I would like to wish all of my Emmanuel Family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

With many blessings,

Kelley Hurlburt  
Youth and Family Director



## *From the Minister of Music and Worship: Kristene Hoeh Bowker*

We begin a new church year with **Advent**, a wonderful and challenging liturgical season!

The Advent wreath can be traced to the Romans' ancient rite of waiting in the darkness for the return of the sun, and for the Feast of the Sun on December 25. The ancients took a wheel off their wagons and fastened torches to it to see them through the darkness. The only thing alive in the winter, evergreen, was brought inside and fastened to the wheel. To those huddled in darkness, it was a sign of vegetation and springtime. More than three hundred years ago, German Christians fashioned the same elements in the Advent wreath – the circle of greens, a sign of hope and eternity; the candles, a promise of light. What was once the Feast of the Sun has become for us the Feast of the *Son*.

Advent wreaths and Advent calendars are symbols and tools of what this season urges us to do: mark the passage of time as we wait. Despite all evidence to the contrary, Advent is about the art of waiting. Yes, holiday decorations have been on store shelves since well before Halloween, and the world declares everything after Thanksgiving Day the "Christmas season." But for us December 2<sup>nd</sup> begins Advent season, a time for slowing down and gathering together . . . to wait. As with the ancients, we gather in the darkness and wait for the light. With Biblical texts and church traditions, Advent challenges us to honor these dark days, waiting with courage and hope, lighting candles to beckon the Light of the World . . . and hearing the words that promise a Savior.

*Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018*



Christian  
Education

### Check out these Christian Education Activities

**Exploring the Gospel & Lessons for Sunday:** Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:45am in Room 101 led by Rich Veleber.

**Twelve Women of the Bible:** Soul Sisters on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @1:00pm in Fellowship Hall led by Helen Jodouin

**Amos: A Prophet of Our Times?** Last evening session on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm in Room 101; Last morning session, Thursday on December 6<sup>th</sup> @10:45am in Room 101 led by Kathy Anderson

**Study on the Book of John:** Ruth Circle on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @10:45am in Room 101 led by Ruth Shaweker.

**Study from "Gather" magazine:** Naomi Circle Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @9:30am in Room 101 led by Judy Daniels.

Remember our Advent Services, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" on Thursday mornings @10:00am in the sanctuary thru December



## Note from the President

It is an exciting time for Emmanuel as we start into “the season”. From the survey taken by the Long Range Planning Committee, one of the areas that received a lot of comments was interest in more education. Ironically enough, while there were many comments concerning education, there were not any offers to help form a new education committee. Joy Lundahl agreed to be the chair.



Then, because of her training at seminary, Kathy Anderson has turned out to be a jewel in our family. She has already taught a series concerning the principle speaker that was featured at the Youth Convocation this past summer. She is now teaching a class on “Amos”.

Pastor Lentz, another jewel, is in the process of teaching an Understanding of Lutheranism on Sunday mornings.

Birdie Clark is initiating some sessions called “Empowering Women” in response to the Me2Movement. Watch for information in the DOVE and church bulletin.

Jan Miller is planning on using a Beth Moore Series this coming January. That's exciting!

We are also partnering with the Venice Interfaith Community to produce a series of lectures on “American Racism: Yours, Mine and Ours.” The first one is in January.

So, our members spoke through the surveys, and the education committee listened. But, I have to say, “It's a good thing the church belongs to God and not us, because if it depended on us, we certainly wouldn't be doing the neat things we are!”

Enjoy the holidays!

Lois Steketee  
Church Council President



## Troesters in Zambia



### A Change in Course



As some of you may know, our ministry with ELCA has recently taken a new turn. After serving as ELCA's East Africa Regional Representatives for four and a half years, we were asked to consider a move to Zambia, to assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZA) with their educational and leadership development needs.

To make a long story short, we accepted the invitation and have recently arrived in Lusaka, a beautiful city not far from the iconic Victoria Falls. Lusaka is also the headquarters of the ELCZA. This small church, established in 1983, has endured many struggles throughout its history, but now is on firmer footing, having just elected a new lead pastor (similar to a presiding bishop) and leadership team. ELCA Global Mission has been searching for someone with the right skills to

accompany this church for over three years now, ever since the former missionary had returned to the U.S. Joe and I bring twelve years of experience living and serving in Africa to this position, and the ELCZA has welcomed us with open arms. We hope that our knowledge and experience may assist this church as they seek to strengthen their impact in Zambia.



## AND Girls Youth

<b>DORCAS Quilting Mission</b> Monday 9:00 am Rooms 101,103,105 October through April Co Leaders: Jackie Miller & Jean Price	<b>RUTH Circle</b> Third Monday of the month 12:30 pm Room 101 Leader: Ruth Shaweker  Study on the Book of John	<b>DEBORAH Circle</b> First Tuesday of the month year round 6:30 pm Room 101 Leader: Kathie Winemiller  <u><b>No meeting in December</b></u>  Study from "Gather" magazine
<b>SOUL SISTERS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month Bible Study – FH "Twelve Women of the Bible" 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Activity -TBD 1:00 pm Room 103 Leaders: Helen Jodouin & Anita Kramer	This space reserved for a new group! Contact Pam Neal with your idea.	<b>NAOMI Circle</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9:30 am Room 101 Contact Person: Judy Daniels  Study from the "Gather" magazine

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Women's Mini Retreat**, Saturday, March 2 at the church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Look for more details in the future.

**Come venture with us through some "new doors"!**

**Contact: Pam Neal, WELCA President**  
at 941 497 1739 or [peneal54@verizon.net](mailto:peneal54@verizon.net)

OR

**Judy Daniels, WELCA Nominating Chair**  
at 941 496 9716 or [lgd1000lar@msn.com](mailto:lgd1000lar@msn.com)



**Widows Support Group** will meet  
Tuesday, December 4th  
at 12noon at Bob Evans  
Restaurant for lunch and  
fellowship. Please come

and enjoy our group and bring your grab bag gift. Anyone interested please call Jackie at 941 488 7331.



The **Men's Breakfast** is held every third Tuesday of the month. We will again meet at Abby's on Miami, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am. All men are invited to join us!

## Dorcas Quilting Mission

As our membership returns from the North the number of quilts we make each Monday increases. This is great but it rapidly depletes our stock of supplies. We especially need sheets of any size either white or colored. Jean Price



**Sweatshirts** are being collected for the Farm workers in Dade City, FL as part of our Lutheran Migrant Ministry. These may be placed in the bin located in the library





### **Gentle Yoga**

Continues every Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Narthex. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. There is no cost. Any questions please contact the Barb Spenks at the church office.



### **MAHJONG**

Mahjong is every Wednesday at 1:00pm in Room 105. Bring your card and Mahjong set if you have one. All ability levels are welcome. Questions? Call Kathy Mittlesteadt 941.493.6636.

The Bridge Group is meeting Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am in Room 105. Contact Pat Cray for more information.



### **Jan Quinn's Chair Exercise Class**

Meets every Monday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men and women, are welcome join this group.

**Thank You!**

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Habitat SSC House that Faith Built. With your

support and the support of the local churches, we will be able to build a house for a family in need. We look forward to seeing your members at the construction site. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding Habitat.



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is honored to have received your gift. This

support will help provide youth with more opportunities to succeed academically, become strong leaders, adopt a healthy lifestyle and create a plan for success after high school graduation. Your generosity helps us open the door for the 7,000 youth we serve across Sarasota County to achieve a great future.

Thank you to everyone for the donations and delivery of the Sunshine Bags for our home bound friends. God's Blessings to all of you!

Jadynne Berg & Vickie Johnson

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the beautiful Thankoffering service and for the generous contributions received for charities and the National WELCA organization. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



## ***SUPPORT GROUP FORMING***

"A small group of like-minded women coming together talk of books and life. Creating a safe and nurturing space to share their story thoughts, and wonderings, feeling the desire to be honest...to be heard" (Allie Nardella, United Colors of Sisters)

If you have need to seek support for issues of abuse or violation in your past or recent life, and would be helped by sharing your story with other women of the same experience, please consider becoming a part of a quiet and confidential Women's Empowerment support group. Know your worth! This group is in its startup stage, and looking to see the need in our Church Community, or with anyone who would benefit having a place to talk about issues that have come center stage in dramatic ways, in contemporary times. Perhaps, you have worked through some of these challenges and would be willing to share your journey. The first meeting will be in January. Email or call **Birdie Clark** with the preference of Wednesday or Thursday as a meeting day, plus the choice of afternoon or evening meeting time. Also contact me with any questions.



[Birdieclark48@aol.com](mailto:Birdieclark48@aol.com)

home: 941 488 4360



## **Christmas Special Services**

All services with Communion

### **Thursday Advent Services**

All at 10:00am  
November 29<sup>th</sup>

"The Angel Speaks to Zechariah's Fear"  
December 6<sup>th</sup>

"The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion"  
December 13<sup>th</sup>

"The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt"  
December 20<sup>th</sup>

"The Angel Speaks to the Shepherds'  
Curiosity"

### **Saturday & Sunday, Dec 8-9**

#### **Bishop Suarez at Emmanuel**

Presiding and Preaching All Services

#### **Sunday, December 16**

8:30am -- Children's Christmas Program

#### **Sunday, December 23**

10:00am **ONLY**—Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **Monday, December 24**

##### **Lessons & Carols**

3:00pm

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

5:00pm & 7:00pm

#### **No Service Christmas Day**

### **Saturday & Sunday, Dec 30**

Sat: 5:00pm, Sun: 8:30, 10:00, 11:00am  
First Sunday of Christmas

## ***Awarded Most Inspirational Float***

*Thanks to all who helped with our float in the Holiday Parade with a special thanks to Kimberly Duke for designing and Jason Kozee for driving the truck. Awesome Job!!*



▶ Lutheran Services  
Florida - Sarasota  
County



▶ Current Events -  
Outreach at Emmanuel

# Emmanuel Outreach Ministries

December Dove 2018

**"COMMITTED TO SERVING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND"**

## December Local Envelope Charity Lutheran Services Florida - Sarasota County – 501C

CHILDREN &  
FAMILIES



ADULTS &  
ELDERLY



REFUGEE &  
IMMIGRATION



VICTIMS OF NATURAL  
DISASTERS



LSF HEALTH  
SYSTEMS



## WHO WE ARE

LUTHERAN  
SERVICES



FLORIDA

Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) is a leading, life-changing human services organization working to transform the lives of people regardless of age, background, or belief.

We generously serve children and families, youth and teens, adults and elderly, refugees and immigrants, and victims of natural disasters through various programs ranging from substance abuse and mental health to education.

Through our work, we help communities build healthier, happier, and hope-filled tomorrows.

For additional information on these services go to [www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org).

**Update** - The May 2018 designated charity donation, Venice Backpack Kids Program, was returned to us recently. Subsequent to our 2018 list creation it has ceased operation. Your Executive Committee of Council, upon our recommendation, has donated the \$2100+ donation to Habitat for Humanity. H for H was not on the 2018 local charities envelope list but will be in 2019.

# Current Events - Outreach at Emmanuel

## December Outreach Events Calendar

- **Friendship Dinner** – 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, **Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** – New Year's Eve weekend all are welcome to enjoy a dinner with our neighbors and drop-ins and *you can stay to watch a movie if you like!* We regularly serve around 150 meals at these functions.
- **Friendship Lunches** – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays, **Dec. 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>**. Our numbers are growing monthly; serving 35 – 50 guests at these events. A twice a month chance to share your fellowship with neighbors and drop-ins, serve others and be served a delicious lunch all at the same. Contact Larry Bishop, [nors198@aol.com](mailto:nors198@aol.com)

*Thanks to several new members and 2019 time/talent volunteers for becoming a part of this ministry! There is always room for more . . .*

- **December** is a month when many of our ministries; WELCA, Youth and Family, Outreach and others share the celebration of Christ's birth with those less fortunate in our surrounding communities by providing gifts and food. Please support all the food and gift giving opportunities you are able to at this important time of our Christian year. One opportunity will be the **LSF Guardianship Program Holiday Gift Tag program**.
- **Collection of sweatshirts and jackets for Dade City Farmworkers** – Welcome Center – donations and children's gifts will be delivered on December 18<sup>th</sup>. And . . . the Dade City Farm Workers dancers will be performing at Emmanuel WELCA brunch on Saturday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

*Help Wanted to assist Outreach Ministries with grant writing. Right now we are focused on assisting our Coffee Talk at Venice Train Station ministry. Contact Gordon or Office.*



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### Suggested Outreach Ministry/Activities

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help determine the purpose of and effort needed for new Outreach Ministries/activities that are suggested by individuals, groups, or staff at Emmanuel.



*For supporting Family Promise Dream Walk – over \$62,000 raised!!*

Have an idea or suggestion for a community Outreach ministry project? Please complete the Suggestion form available at the Welcome Center and return it to the Outreach Council member box or to our Office.

If you have an interest and/or experience with any of these area please let any of our team members know. Fill out an Outreach Interest Form or contact **Gordon Storey, Outreach Chair, 941-451-8895 or [gordon@storeylink.com](mailto:gordon@storeylink.com)**



## FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Mission- To connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other through love, laughter and prayer.

Thanks to all who attended our first ever Bingo Night. Gerry Authier did a super job as our bingo caller and kept the players entertained all night. A good time was had by all.

On November 22, we partnered with Stewardship to host a "Thank You" brunch for our congregation. This was in conjunction with Consecration Sunday where our church family so generously pledged of their treasure, time and talents.

Thanksgiving Eve services were followed by a pie reception hosted by your Fellowship Committee. Thanks to all the volunteers and those who brought the delicious pies.

**CHILI COOK OFF AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING** - This event will be held on December 15, after the 5:00 worship service. We will begin sign-ups in the Narthex on the first weekend in December. You do not have to participate in the contest to attend. All are invited to come, sample, vote and enjoy a chili dinner and Christmas caroling.

### RULES FOR THE CHILI COOK OFF:

- Sign up in the narthex and indicate if you are bringing a pot of chili. You will be given an index card to bring to the social hall with your chili. Put the name of the chili on the card. EX: Three-alarm chili, Mom's recipe, Burn, Baby, Burn, Cool Beans, etc. It would be helpful if you have a special dietary element to indicate it EX: vegetarian, very spicy, mild. Please bring your creation and the card to the Fellowship Hall in a crock pot prior to the service. We will make the labels for the contest. No one but the cook will know who made each dish.
- Tasting stations will be set up around the hall. Please make sure that if your dish requires special accompaniments, that you bring those also (cheese, onions, tabasco, etc).
- There will be a sampling time and a vote will be taken. After the sampling, fill a bowl with your favorite chili and enjoy the company of your Emmanuel Family. The Fellowship Committee will supply crackers, cornbread, dessert and drinks.
- The dinner will be followed by Christmas cookies and sing-a-long caroling.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS** - All are invited; you DO NOT have to bring a pot of chili to attend. There will be a special sign-up sheet for attendees only. Chili will need to be brought in a crock pot.

Your Fellowship Committee is working on a Trivia event to be held after the first of the year so watch this space.

In the meantime, our entire committee wishes our Emmanuel Family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Marge Collin, Chairperson



## **A CHANCE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE** **IN SOMEONE'S LIFE**

Are you a caring person? Are you a good listener? Do people confide in you? Do you keep those confidences?

If you answered yes to those questions and are willing to invest some time in walking with others through difficult times in their lives, you might make a good Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers act as listeners and sounding boards to people of the same sex who are dealing with a difficult time and need someone to take that walk with them. We provide a caring companion while God provides the cure.

If you would like to make that kind of positive difference in the lives of others and are willing to invest time in training to help you do it well, please contact Bob Riggs before the end of the year at 941-483-4029.

Bob Riggs  
Managing Stephen Leader



A 10-Session Study from Beth Moore is being offered beginning Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 9:30 – 11:30am. If you have never participated in a Beth Moore Bible Study, this is a great introduction! Workbooks cost \$10.00. Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for when they will be available.

The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. Women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "for such a time as this."

The format for this study includes weekly homework assignments, and the Tuesday gathering time is split between small group study and a video presentation by Beth Moore.

Registration is not required, but you must purchase a workbook prior to the first session on January 8<sup>th</sup>. If there is interest in an evening time, please let me know!

Jan Miller, Beth Moore Facilitator  
260.348.9571 or [jmill1955@live.com](mailto:jmill1955@live.com)



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Sunday	Keep It Simple – Al Anon	Room 101	7:00pm
Monday	Men's Big Book Study – Al Anon	Room 103	5:30pm
Tuesday	Reaching for Personal Freedom – Al Anon	Room 103	7:00pm
Wednesday	Big Book Step Study – AA Group	Room 101	6:00pm
Wednesday	Families Anonymous – Support for Adult Children	Room 103	6:00pm
Wednesday	Sisters in Sobriety – Women's AA Group	Room 105	6:30pm
Wednesday	Speaker's Group – AA Group	Room 101	8:00pm
Thursday	Sought thru Prayer & Meditation – AA Group	Room 103	6:30pm
Thursday	Peace Pipe Family Group – Al Anon	Room 101	7:00pm
Thursday	On the Island – Al Anon	Room 103	8:00pm
Friday	SLAA (Sex, Love – Addicts Anonymous)	Room 101	Noon
Saturday	Saturday Nite Live Family Group – Al Anon	Room 101	7:00pm



**Poinsettias for Christmas weekend services are \$15.00 each. If you would like to order one or more poinsettias, please complete the form below and place it, along with your check, in the offering plate, drop it in the mail or bring it to the Office.**

***Payment must accompany your order***

***DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>***

**Plants may be picked up after the 7:00 pm service on Christmas Eve or Wed, Dec 26th thru Fri, Dec 28th at the office.**

***Make checks payable to  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
and note Poinsettias***

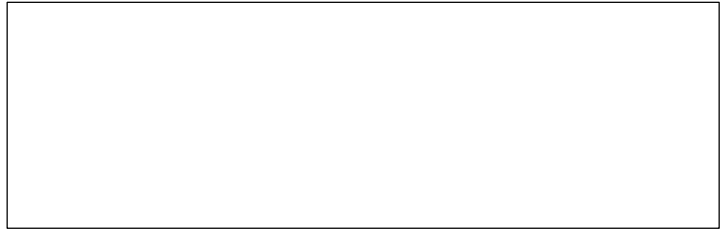
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Church Envelope #	
In memory or honor of (please circle)	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 This Weekend:</b> Blood Pressure Screening
<b>2</b> Blood Pressure Screening 9:15am Family Gathering 9:30am Coffee 9:30am SS/Youth/Parents 9:45am Exploring the Gospel 10:30am Youth & Family 5:30pm Advent by Candlelight	<b>3</b> 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10am Jan Quinn Exercise 1pm Soul Sisters 4pm Men's Chorus 6pm Amos Bible Study	<b>4</b> 12pm Widow Support Lunch 3:30pm Gentle Yoga 5:30pm Stephen Ministries	<b>5</b> 9am Staff Meeting 10am Joyful Ringers 1pm Mahjong 4pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b> 10am Advent Worship 10:45 Amos Bible Study 1:00pm Worship & Music Mtg 1pm Finance Mtg	<b>7</b> 10am French Club	<b>8 Bishop Suarez</b> 9:30 Altar Guild
<b>9 Bishop Suarez</b> 8-11:30am Bloodmobile 9:15am Family Gathering 9:30am Coffee 9:30am SS/Youth/Parents 9:45am Exploring the Gospel	<b>10</b> 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10am Jan Quinn Exercise 4pm Men's Chorus	<b>11</b> 10:00am Farmworkers Comm. 10:30am Exec Comm. 1pm Stewardship 1pm Fellowship 1:30pm Prayer Shawls 3pm WELCA Board 3:30pm Gentle Yoga	<b>12</b> 9am Staff Meeting 9:30am Christian Ed 10am Joyful Ringers 11:30am Friendship Lunch 1pm Mahjong 2pm Outreach Comm. 4pm Sanctuary Choir 6pm Property Comm.	<b>13</b> 10am Advent Worship	<b>14</b> 9am Children's Clothes Closet 10am French Club	<b>15 This Weekend:</b> DOVE DEADLINE 9am Children's Clothes Closet 6pm Christmas Caroling & Chili Cook-off
<b>16</b> 9:15am Family Gathering 9:30am Coffee 9:30am SS/Youth/Parents 9:45am Adult Ed 5:30pm Luke Little Church	<b>17</b> 9am Dorcas Quilting 9:45am Centering Prayer 10am Jan Quinn Exercise 1pm Soul Sisters 4pm Men's Chorus	<b>18</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast 3:30pm Gentle Yoga 4pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 9am Staff Meeting 9:30am Naomi Circle 10am Joyful Ringers 1pm Mahjong 4pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>20</b> 9am Bridge Group 10am Advent Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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