

The Dove

Bringing you news fromEmmanuel Lutheran Church

January 2012

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

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

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From the Desks of Our Pastors

Dear Families and Friends of Emmanuel,

The themes of the scripture readings, following the Christmas celebration, in the weeks after Epiphany, reflect on the beginning of the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ. During the last three weeks of January we members of Emmanuel are going to be intentionally thinking about our walk with Jesus, and especially about how our use of the time, the talents and spiritual gifts we possess, and the financial resources God has entrusted to us are all an important part of this walk. Through bulletin inserts, brief temple talks, and woven into sermons, we will reflect on what it means to WALK, LISTEN, and GIVE as we strive to grow closer to Jesus as we walk together.

The great poet Robert Frost once wrote, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." On our walk with Jesus, it is important that we are on the right road.

When it comes to stewardship, some people ask the question, "The church is always asking for something. How much of my time, my money, and my giftedness does the church need?" This question will send us down the wrong road. It is a question that Jesus never encourages us to ask. It is a question that is based on some wrong assumptions.

Other people ask, "How generously does God call on me to respond to all the blessings God has showered upon me?" This question will send us down the right road, even though it might be less traveled. When you think about your use of the time, talents and treasures God has entrusted to you, it is important to remember that the resources you have still **belong** to God and are placed in your care and management. It is also important to remember that when Jesus talks about giving, he never talks about the need of the church to receive; he always talks about the need of the giver to give as an expression of a sincere faith.

Giving allows us to participate in God's mission to the world. We want to especially think this year about how we live out our baptism in the community. Stewardship is not just about how you serve in the church. God is always inviting us to be hands and feet of good news and service in the world. Emmanuel members are involved in all sorts of service in the community. We want to celebrate these contributions this year as well.

As we walk with Jesus this month, think about all God has entrusted to you. Think about your need to give as a part of your faith in Jesus. **Ask yourself, "How generously does God call on me to respond?"**

See you in church,

Pastor Bob and Pastor Jennifer Schaefer

Walk with *Jesus*

From the Desk of Pastor Jen

Youth News at Emmanuel!!!

First of all, thanks to our youth group members who babysat for our youngest members on Dec 16! It was a great night-and a great gift to the young families of our congregation!

We meet Sunday, Jan 8 from 12-2 p.m. to do some planning and share some lunch in the youth room. Bring your calendars and your appetite!

Sunday, Jan. 22 we will head to a movie theater to share in a movie together—details to be planned on Jan. 8. Chaperones and drivers needed!

Saturday and Sunday Feb. 4-5 we will be collecting Souper Bowl money—Super Bowl weekend—details to come! The collection will go to the Central African Republic to fund Dr. Troester's Spring Box project so that kids who live there can have fresh, clean drinking water. This project saves lives-and you are helping to do that!!! Isn't that something to celebrate????

Sunday, Feb. 12—12 Noon -2 p.m. meeting and planning with lunch provided.

Weekend of Feb. 24-26—Thirty-Hour-Famine to raise money for Haiti, and awareness of Hunger issues around the world. Chaperones will be needed!!!

We will be planning some fundraisers over the next few months to help to finance our trip to New Orleans for the 9-12 graders and the National Youth Gathering July 18-22. We have five youth and two chaperones slated to go—should be a terrific, inspirational, and awesome time as we gather with thousands of other Lutheran youth from across the country! Start your prayers and think about some fundraising possibilities NOW!

See you in worship!

Love, Pr. Jen

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks are due for the people who stepped up and shared their talents during the season of Advent in order to make so much happen for so many!

Thanks to our youth and chaperones for hosting the Babysitting Night for our young families!

Thanks to the people who organized the dinners for the Advent evenings! We were given lovely fellowship and wonderful food on those evenings!

Thanks for those who participated in our Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins and to those who organized this first-ever but will-now-be-annual event! We brought some real Christmas cheer and love as we made a joyful NOISE to the Lord—along with having a fun and spirited time together!

THANK YOU for making this an Advent to remember!!

JUDITH CIRCLE NEWS

Judith Circle will next meet Monday, January 23 from 6-7 pm in Room 101. Dinner will be provided by Gail and Joline-and babysitting is provided by our amazing teen girls! All women in their 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's are welcome-and new friends are invited to join our circle! We share some fellowship and food, some quick business, and a bible study—please join our circle of friends!

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

The next Stephen Ministry Supervision/Continuing Ed. meeting will be Monday, January 16 from 6-8pm. [The office is closed Jan. 2] so we will simply move on to the regularly scheduled third Monday of the month! Any questions? Please call Pr. Jen at 813-391-2027. Thanks!



Hi from Your Staff of Emmanuel

As I am writing this article, I am planning my 17th Christmas Eve and Day services at Emmanuel. I came to Emmanuel as interim Minister of Music in September 1995 and was hired permanently in February 1996. What a joy and a blessing for me to be a part of the staff at Emmanuel. Not many people can say they absolutely love their job, but I can!

You hear me every weekend, playing the organ or piano for every service. All of the music at Emmanuel is my responsibility...planning the singing and ringing schedule for all choirs, rehearsing with the Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers and other soloists and instrumentalists, working with the pastors to help plan all services (music, liturgy), playing for all weekly services and special ones. Behind the scenes, I prepare and print all worship folders for each weekend, special services, funerals, weddings and have the readings ready for the pastors and lectors. I also schedule the acolytes, crucifers and torch bearers. Researching and choosing the worship folder covers and preparing the weekly power-point announcements are also my responsibility. In addition, I need time to practice for services and choir rehearsals.

I am truly blessed to work with two wonderful pastors, Pastors Robert and Jennifer Schaefer, who not only expand my visions but encourage them!

Kris Bowker

Music Notes

A huge thank you to all the choirs, the Celebration Singers and Ringers, Men's Chorus, Men's Quartets, Joyful Ringers and the Sanctuary Choir, for all the tremendous hard work getting ready for all our services and especially for our Christmas Eve services. The dedication of these volunteers is overwhelming. I especially want to thank Chuck Kinter, director of the Men's Chorus; Jenny Waring, director of the Celebration Ringers; Joan Hofelich and Tom Doerzbacher for temporarily taking over the directorship of the Joyful Ringers; and Deneen Schell for making sure the Sanctuary choirs folders are in order. What would I do without all of you!

Merry Christmas,
Kris

News from Bev Granger, Our Parish Nurse

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

There are 10 ways to stay healthy for 2012! The lifestyle choices you make every day affect whether you'll become ill. Are you making the lifestyle choices necessary to protect your health? Here are some tips for healthy living:

1. Eat a healthy diet. Focus on fruits, vegetables, red and black beans and whole grains. Limit processed food, sugar, salt and fat.
2. Maintain a healthy weight. Your body mass index (BMI) should be less than 25.
3. Get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week. If you're trying to lose weight, aim for 60 minutes of activity most days. Break a sweat!
4. Wash your hands often to stop the spread of germs.
5. Don't use tobacco and avoid breathing other people's smoke.
6. Manage stress. Take time to relax and enjoy family and friends. Stay positive.
7. Get seven to nine hours of sleep each night.
8. Get regular checkups with your doctor. Make sure you are up to date on vaccines and recommended and preventive exams, such as mammogram, psa, and colonoscopy.
9. If you're outside for more than 12 minutes, wear sunscreen.
10. Limit consumption of alcohol to one drink a day for women and two-a-day for men.

Last but certainly not least, take charge of your own health. Your doctor is not in charge of your health, you are.

Stretch and Balance

"I think I'll just be lazy today...Bev won't miss me at Stretch and Balance." Well, believe it not, she will miss you and your body will also miss the exercise. Keep in the groove, don't listen to that "little voice" that's telling you to take time off! You can't say "I'm too old or it's too strenuous." Her class is good for all ages.

News from Joan Hofelich, Our Ministry Coordinator

Blessings and thanks to all the ministry teams here at Emmanuel who have reached out in service to our congregation, to our community, and to the world. Your service made each of us more flexible, helped strengthen our gifts, and allowed us to be more like Jesus. We often forget that Jesus was a servant. He healed, fed, loved and died **all** for us. In Matt. 20:28 Jesus said, "I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for others."

Many times we are unsure of what we should be doing. *"First, I am retired. My life is my own now, right? But, I do like to sing. And, I have always been handy around the house. My kids always liked the sweaters I knitted at Christmas. I wonder if there is someplace I can serve? But I hope they don't ask me to serve on a committee; and I'm not good with numbers!! Oh, and don't ask me to read. My voice is terrible."* But, God has a place for everyone. And when you are there, God is there too.

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." John Wooden



Community Dinner Preparation

In January, Emmanuel will begin hosting a community dinner one night a month. In order to get our kitchen in shape, a thorough kitchen cleaning is needed. Since items may need to be moved, strong arms and backs will be needed. Organizational skills are also a need. If you think that you could give a day or two to this project,

Please call Joan Hofelich, 480-9694 or send an email to minteamcoor@gmail.com
Thanks.

Library News

What do you like to read?

Our library here at Emmanuel is full of spiritual treats for you to select. We have classic books as well as materials just published. You will find inspirational biographies, helpful Bible study materials, down-to-earth suggestions on living the Christian life, varieties of prayer patterns, as well as relaxing fiction and AV materials. Our staff is ready for your visit and will help you find the area you are looking for.



New this month: a highly recommended book called "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World," by Janna Weaver. Timely for the New Year!!

Deaths

George Baldwin transferred to the Church Triumphant on December 10, 2011. His service was December 17, 2011 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert Schaefer officiating.

NEW THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS STARTS JANUARY 12, 2012

Galatians stands as Paul's eloquent and vigorous argument for the essential New Testament truth that people are justified by faith in Jesus Christ. He wrote it about 20 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul asserts that we are sanctified by the obedience that comes from faith in God's work for us, in us, and through us by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Galatians is often referred to as "Luther's book," because Martin Luther relied so strongly on this letter in his writings and arguments.

**Pastor Bob will lead this six week study from 7:00—8:00pm
in Fellowship Hall:**

January 12—Christian Freedom: God's Gift

January 19—Christian Freedom: Received by Faith

January 26—Christian Freedom: A New Identity

February 2—Christian Freedom: Always Threatened

February 9—Christian Freedom: Guided by the Spirit

February 16—Christian Freedom: Growth in Service

Our Church Finances



November Operating Account	Income \$ 47,085	Expenses \$ 60,827
Year to Date as of November 30, 2011	Income \$ 560,580	Expenses \$ 562,424

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

Pastor Lauvanus support received in November	\$ 5,622
ELCA Hunger Appeal received in November	\$ 607
November Outreach Envelope to Habitat for Humanity	\$ 890
Endowment Fund Balance as of November 30, 2011	\$ 127,874
Pastor Johnson's 25 th Ordination Haiti Ministry Fund for November	\$ 15

Emmanuel Movie Night

January! A new season and we are starting 2012 off with a favorite: ***Brian's Song*** in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. *Brian's Song*, is a 1971 film about the friendship between two athletes and the way they handle the tragic death of one of them.

Movie is free

Lift Up Your HE  *RTS*

SeniorFest 2012 for Sarasota County

**A day of learning, worship, fellowship, food & fun for all
Lutheran seniors and friends.**

Faith Lutheran Church February 14, 2012, 8:30–3:45pm

\$30.00 includes lunch if you register early....If not the price goes to \$35.00.

**Speakers: Dr. David Rhoads, is a Biblical scholar and inspiring speaker;
Mark Schoepp is a Christian Educator and Church Relations Representative for
Wheat Ridge Ministries; David Ludwig, Jr. is a composer, pianist, organist, singer
and worship leader.**

**Registration form can be found in the Welcome Center, Office Center,
or request by mail.**

Something New from the Dove Editor

**In December, it was my turn to say "thanks" to the many helpers that I
have within the church. In the February Dove, it is your turn, the
members, to say "thanks" to anyone that you would like to mention. The
Dove deadline is the 3rd Tuesday and please keep your "thanks" 3
sentences or shorter. The weekend of February 12 and 13th is the Church
Thanks weekend.**

More details on this in the February Dove.

Learning the Liturgy

**This is the beginning of the new Church Year. Pastor
Bob thought it would be helpful to everyone to have
this handy booklet explaining the Holy Communion
Liturgy. Stop by the Welcome Center and get your
copy of the booklet that Pastor Bob has written so
you better understand the worship service.**



Emmanuel's Helping Hands

**Nothing to do, don't want to play golf or cards!! Why not give Helen Jodouin
a call at 918-2985 as she can really use some extra "hands" to help other
folks.**

Women of the ELCA

ThankOffering Weekend

Thank you all for your generous donations to our annual November Thankoffering. We have received over \$2,000.00 with more to come in when our snowbird women return. Half of this offering is sent to our National Board for needs around the world and the other half is to help our own Emmanuel board with programs and to reach out to local people in need.

Advent Tea

Thank you to our Emmanuel board for the wonderful Advent Tea on December 3. Over 100 women attended and were treated to beautifully decorated tables, elegant sweets and savories, delicious tea and a wonderful time for fellowship. Gail Authier's meditation hit home with the message to appreciate our "Precious Presence" followed by an entertaining comedy fashion show written by Jean Price. Thank you also to the models that made their unique and clever costumes and provided the attendees a fun time. Thanks to our photographer, Jerry Authier. Oh, and if you didn't attend, you missed the "mystery fashion model," Pastor Bob, who stole the show in his beach apparel.

Upcoming Events

Attention Women of Emmanuel

Ask a friend to join you for the January 6th CWU—Church Women United Potluck Luncheon. (It's fun and it's free) Come to Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Road on Friday, January 6th at noon. Our speaker will be Pastor Lynette McClelland from The Center of Hope. She will give an update on the homeless situation in our area. Canned food donations at this gathering will be for the "The Center of Hope" Contact Jan Quinn at 941-412-9575 or 941-223- 6246 if you can join us. See you there.

Mark Your Calendar for Our Next Women's Gathering in February

Look for upcoming information regarding our next Women's Gathering on Tuesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. "Manna, I was Hoping for Potluck." The program to be presented by Jan Quinn, Darlene Wilwant, and Ann Nestor will be a clever program combining baking/cooking and scripture. You'll even get to taste what they make that day, and take home a few recipes. It will be a fun gathering.

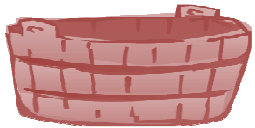
E-mail address **changed or has it been deleted?** Be sure and let the office know!!!

To avoid scheduling conflicts, meetings should be scheduled with the Administrative Assistant in the office.

Women of WELCA January Circle Meetings

<p style="text-align: center;">Anna Circle Monday, January 9: 7 p.m., Room 101 Study Leader: Lois Steketee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deborah Circle Tuesday, January 3: 7 p.m., Room 101 Study Leader: Terry Butner</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dorcas Quilting Mission Mondays, 9 a.m., Room 105</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Judith Circle January 23: 6 p.m., Room 101 Dinner, childcare provided</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Circle January 17, Room 101: 10:00 a.m. Study Leader: TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Naomi Circle January 18, Room 101: 9:30 a.m. Assemble Personal Care Kits</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ruth Circle January 16, Room 101 Study Leader: Judi Johnson</p>	

Dorcas Quilting Mission



The Rub-a-dub-dub soap collection will continue through January. Thanks to you we are within reach of our goals!

In early February the children will do a program during the blessing of the quilts, kits and soap before we ship to Lutheran World Relief in early February.



Little Churches

John Little Church will meet on January 20, 2012 for a trip to Echo Farm and Restaurant. Wes and Mary Beth Runk are your host and hostess. Give them a call for more details.

We continue to use the cotton fabric and sheets you place in the Dorcas barrel in the Welcome Center. It takes a lot of material to do over 550 quilts.

Jean Price and Jackie Miller

Friday, March 23rd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. Yeah!!! — our retreat leaders, Kathy Winemiller, Bev Granger, Shirley Schimke and Pastor Schaefer are planning for a Lenten retreat at our favorite retreat center during a beautiful time in Florida. Each year we have more and more women attend so make this a priority year [2012] to join with us. It's a wonderful time of spiritual renewal, activities, and fellowship with your sisters of Emmanuel and guests. Watch for more publicity in the next months.



Monthly Ministry Volunteers January, 2012

January Volunteers for Greeters, Coffee Hosts & Kitchen Navigator -Page 17

Communion Ministers	December 31 5:00 pm	January 1 8:30 am Joan Hofelich Kathleen Pickering	January 1 11:00 am Carol Dilks Susan Phipps
	January 7 5:00 pm Al Jerdee Jim Linke Helen Pesonen	January 8 8:30 am Bev Zwetschke Tom Zwetschke	January 8 11:00 am Roy Smith Jack Zarling
	January 14 5:00 pm Meg Kessler Erwin Nesvacil Diane Rudy	January 15 8:30 am Judi Johnson Jenny Waring	January 15 11:00 am Jane Riggs Robert Riggs
	January 21 5:00 pm Don Harris Vickie Harris Tuula Pakula	January 22 8:30 am Bill Kasko Shirley Kasko	January 22 11:00 am Jay Dupler Jack Zarling
	January 28 5:00 pm Marilyn Birkholz Irene Harry Lois Steketee	January 29 8:30 am Anne Germain Bob Germain	January 29 11:00 am Allen Dreyfuss Jane Hillwig
	Acolytes Sunday Jan. 8 8:30 am Hannah Donelan Sunday Jan. 15 8:30 am Steven Waring Sunday Jan. 22 8:30 am Alexandra Whetzel Sunday Jan. 29 8:30 am Zachary Donelan Sun Jan 9 11:00 am Sun Jan. 15 11:00 am Helen Zarling Sun Jan. 22 11:00 am Sun Jan. 29 11:00 am Ben Nicholas		
Lectors	Jan 7 5:00 pm Monica Hoover Jan 14 5:00 pm Pam McNamee Jan 21 5:00 pm Vickie Harris Jan 28 5:00 pm Bob Schwartz	Jan 1 8:30 am Loren Anderson Jan 8 8:30 am Jim Renz Jan 15 8:30 am Judi Johnson Jan 22 8:30 am Scott Pinkerton Jan 29 8:30 am Anne Germain	Jan 1 11:00 am Lorraine Orst Jan 8 11:00 am Bill Woldt Jan 15 11:00 am Bill Beljeau Jan 22 11:00 am John Muncie Jan 29 11:00 am Mary Ann Landon
Children's Sermon	January 1 Joan Hofelich January 22 Pastor Schaefer	January 8 Pastor Schaefer January 29 Vickie Harris	January 15 Scott Pinkerton
Ushers		Jan 1 8:30 am Team 5	Jan 1 11:00 am Ken Brecht Judy Daniels Judy Jorgensen Betty Lemasters Frank & Joan Rauch
	Jan 7 5:00 pm Team Sat. 1	Jan 8 8:30 am Team 5	Jan 8 11:00 am Bob & Marlene Austen Ray & Marlyce Holbach Frank & Joan Rauch
	Jan 14 5:00 pm Team Sat. 1	Jan 15 8:30 am Team 5	Jan 15 11:00 am Betty Lemasters Barbara McLaughlin Frank & Joan Rauch Richard & Diane Vander Kraats
	Jan 21 5:00 pm Team Sat. 1	Jan 22 8:30 am Team 5	Jan 22 11:00 am Judy Daniels Bob & Linda Mac Monigle Barbara McLaughlin Richard & Diane Vander Kraats
	Jan 28 5:00 pm Team Sat. 1	Jan 29 8:30 am Team 5	Jan 29 11:00 am Ray & Marlyce Holbach Bob & Linda Mac Monigle Richard & Diane Vander Kraats
Altar Guild	Jan Mack and Darlene Wilwant		
BP Volunteers	January 1 After 8:30 am Tuula Pakula and Marilyn Ferguson January 1 After 11:00 am Betty Lemasters		
Welcome Center	Jan 7 5:00 pm Barb McLaughlin Jan 14 5:00 pm Betty Ann Pfabe Jan 21 5:00 pm Becky Jerdee Jan 28 5:00 pm Meg Kessler	Jan 1 8:30 am Helen Jodouin Jan 8 8:30 am Joan Newman Jan 15 8:30 am Charlotte Graas Jan 22 8:30 am Shirley Schimke Jan 29 8:30 am Dorothy James	Jan 1 11:00 am Joan McGavin Jan 8 11:00 am Betty Keller Jan 15 11:00 am Carol Petterson Jan 22 11:00 am Ken & Carolyn Ruble Jan 29 11:00 am Jean Segoe
Pew Elf January	Don and Dolores Badger		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Temple Talk No Sunday School Fellowship/ Refreshments 9:45 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:45 & 12:15 pm Keep it Simple Al Anon 7:00 pm	2 ~Office Closed~ Dorcas 9:00 am Coffee Talk 9-12 Noon Men's Chorus 5:00 pm	3 Coffee Talk 9-12 Noon Stretch & Balance 11:00 am Deborah Circle 7:00 pm United We Stand Narc Anon 7:00 pm	4 Coffee Talk 9-12 Non Staff Meeting: 9:30 am Wednesday Nite Live: 3:00-7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir: 4:30 pm BBSS AA Men's Group: 5:00 pm BBSS AA Group: 6:30 pm Sisters In Sobriety AA: 7:00 pm Speakers AA Group: 8:30 pm	5 Coffee Talk 9-12 Noon Prayer Service 10:00 am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Joyful Ringers 3:30 pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7:00 pm Al-Anon on the Island 8:00 pm Annual Report Deadline	6 Coffee Talk 9-12 Noon Recovering Couples Anon 7:30 pm	7 Worship 5:00 pm Temple Talk Sat. Nite Live Al-Anon 7:00 pm
8 Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am Temple Talk Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45 am Celebration Singers 10:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7:00 pm	9 Dorcas 9:00 am Coffee Talk 9- Noon Grief & Grace Reunion Noon Men's Chorus 5:00 pm Anna Circle 9:00 pm	10 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Stretch & Balance 11:00 am Widows Group 12:30 pm Special Council Meeting 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Women of ELCA Meeting 4:00 pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00 pm	11 Coffee Talk: 9- Noon Staff Meeting: 9:30 am Wednesday Nite Live: 3:00-7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir: 4:30 pm BBSS AA Men's Group: 5:00 pm BBSS AA Group: 6:30 pm Sisters In Sobriety AA: 7:00 pm Speakers AA Group: 8:30 pm	12 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Prayer Service 10:00 am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Meet & Greet Schedulers 1:00 pm Joyful Ringers 3:30 pm Pastor Bob Bible Study 7:00 pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7:00 pm Al-Anon on the Island 8:00 pm	13 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Children's Closet 9-11:00 am Recovering Couples Anon 7:30pm	14 Children's Closet 9-11:00 am Altar Guild 9:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Temple Talk Sat. Nite Live Al-Anon 7:00 pm
15 Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am Temple Talk Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45 am Celebration Singers 10:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Keep It Simple Al-Anon 7:00 pm	16 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Dorcas 9:00 am Ruth Circle 12:30 pm Men's Chorus 5:00 pm Daisy Scouts 6-7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 6-8:00 pm Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	17 Good Ole Boys 7:30 am Coffee Talk 9- Noon Mary Circle 10:00 am Stretch & Balance 11:00 am United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00 pm ~Dove Deadline~	18 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Staff Meeting: 9:30 am Naomi Circle 9:30 am Wednesday Nite Live: 3:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry Board Meeting 4:30 pm Sanctuary Choir: 4:30 pm BBSS AA Men's Group: 5:00 pm BBSS AA Group: 6:30 pm Sisters In Sobriety AA: 7:00 pm Speakers AA Group: 8:30 pm	19 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Prayer Service 10:00 am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Joyful Ringers 3:30 pm Stewardship Committee 4-5:00 pm Pastor Bob Bible Study 7:00 pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7:00 pm Al-Anon 8:00 pm	20 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Bridge Ministry 7:00 pm Recovering Couples Anon 7:30 pm JOHN Little Church Wes & Mary Beth Runk, your hosts.	21 Ministry Team Fair Worship 5:00 pm Sat. Nite Live Al-Anon 7:00 pm
22 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Ministry Team Fair Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45 am Celebration Singers 10:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Keep it Simple Al-Anon 7:00 pm	23 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Dorcas 9:00 am Community Dinners 4:30-6:00 pm Men's Chorus 5:00 pm Judith Circle w/meal 6-7:00 pm	24 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Stretch & Balance 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm United We Stand Narc-Anon 7:00 pm	25 Coffee Talk: 9- Noon Staff Meeting: 9:30 am Sanctuary Choir: 4:30 pm BBSS AA Men's Group: 5:00 pm BBSS AA Group: 6:30 pm Sisters in Sobriety AA: 7:00 pm Sentinel Condo Assoc. 7-9:00 pm Speakers AA Group: 8:30 pm	26 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Prayer Service 10:00 am Hawaiian Dancers 10:00 am Joyful Ringers 3:30 pm Pastor Bob Bible Study 7:00 pm Peace Pipe Al Anon 7:00 pm Al-Anon 8:00 pm	27 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Recovering Couples Anon 7:30 pm	28 Worship 5:00 pm Sat. Nite Live Al-Anon 7:00 pm
29 Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments 9:45 am Celebration Singers 10:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Pancake Supper 4:30-6:00 pm Movie Time 6:00 pm Keep It Simple Al Anon 7:00 pm	30 Coffee Talk 9- Noon Dorcas 9:00 am Men's Chorus 5:00 pm	31 Election Primaries Fellowship Hall & Room 105 Closed Coffee Talk 9- Noon Stretch & Balance 11:00 am United We Stand Narc-Anon: 7:00 pm	<u>Bring a friend with</u> <u>you to worship</u>	<u>Read your Bible Daily</u>	<u>Pray Daily</u>	

Calendar of Events
January, 2012
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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Scriptures

January 1, Name of Jesus or Christmas One

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8; Galatians 4: 4-7 or Phil 2: 5-11; Luke 2: 15-21

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 8 Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11

January 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany

I Samuel 3: 1-10[11-20]; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; I Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1:43-51

January 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

January 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28

Emmanuel's Pancake Suppers

In November, pancakes were served to 95 people by Richard and Diane Vander Kraats, Joan Wilder, Sandy Wright and our friend Jamie.

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges

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

Bridge Ministry

Friday evening, January 20 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All levels of play are encouraged to attend. We meet for fun and fellowship. Remember to bring food for the South County Food Pantry. Contact Gary or Terry Butner for information.

South Country 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 a.m. to Noon. Your help is greatly appreciated.

January Local Community Outreach: *The Backpack Kids Program*

The mission of the Backpack Kids (BPK) Program is to help alleviate child hunger in our community by providing nutritional support to children over the weekend and during school holidays when they may otherwise go without a meal.

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

Emmanuel Lutheran received gifts to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of **Ralph Engle** from Claire Johnson, Patricia Johnson, William and Sylvia Eckl, Dorothy Engle and Cheryl Eckert, Andy Huset Landscape, Arthur and Diana Bailey, L.L. and A.L. Shaffer, Larry and Beverly Hall, Howard and Elizabeth Lins, and Ethel, Jonn and Curtis Fox.

Emmanuel Lutheran received a gift to Tidewell in memory of **Ralph Engle** from Rev. Daniel Bell.

Emmanuel Lutheran received a gift from Eugene and Mary Fritz in memory of **John Evans** to the Undesignated Memorial Fund.

Emmanuel Lutheran received a gift from James and Gloria Tassell in celebration of **Marge Tassell's** birthday to the Music Memorial Fund.

Emmanuel Lutheran received gifts from Dorothy Bradley and Vicki Erickson to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of **Elliott Schell**.

Birthdays for January

God bless you on your birthday and each day the entire year through. May His blessings bring you joy in everything you do!

Ruth L.& Sheridan Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund

This Scholarship Fund was established in December, 1985 by the people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The Browns were active lay leaders in their congregation and recognized Luther Seminary as an important training ground for future church leaders. Sheridan was an avid musician who enjoyed arranging and directing in the Chorus of the Keys chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. He died in 1977. This fund was established in his memory and to honor his wife, Ruth who died less than a year after its creation. If there are no students at Luther Seminary preparing for this ministry, the income for that year is to be made available to other ELCA seminaries with the restrictions. If there are no students in ELCA seminaries preparing for this ministry, the earnings are to be added to the principal amount.

Financial Summary	Fiscal year ending 6.30.2010	Fiscal year ending 6.30.2011
Endowment market value	\$10,126.70	\$11,266.76
Gifts to fund (book value)	11,037.33	11,037.33
Amount Awarded	508.52	1,060.05

Student Receiving Award: Ruth Williamson; Degree in Master of Divinity, Junior

Global Mission News

Well done, Emmanuel! Your faithful use of prayers and offerings throughout 2011 has helped to bring God's light and love to many who needed just that. Your support of the World Hunger Appeal, Souper Bowl offerings, our three missionaries, Fair Trade coffee and the Fair Trade Fair, as well as your generous offerings to the Advent Water Appeal have shown your commitment to using our hands to do God's work. Thank you!

This spring you can anticipate hearing about these events:

- Souper Bowl Sunday—the first weekend in February there will be a collection at the doors, designated for our water project in the Central African Republic. Watch for more information as we get closer to "touchdown."
- Crop Walk—Watch for information about the timing of the annual Crop Walk. Venice walkers usually raise the most money of any community in Florida to fight hunger locally and internationally.
- Pastor Livenson Lauvanus will return in the spring. This is our opportunity to hear first-hand about the progress of the church in Haiti.

Epiphany is the season we celebrate right after Christmas, remembering that Christ came to be a light to the nations. We look forward to another year of sharing that light.

Global Missions Ministry Team

Gleanings from our missionaries' newsletters: Full text on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

Pastor Jacobson writes:

"How do we prepare for Christmas? We prepare by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and our hands busy serving in the world. Christ encourages us to fellowship with His people, reach out for those most in need, study His word, and prepare ourselves. In Suriname we did the best cleaning we could in a building that is 180 years old, will give out 50 Christmas packets to people in need, and have a Christmas breakfast with our community. Martin Luther Church celebrated its 270th anniversary with an outdoor worship service attended by over 300 people!"

Dr. Troester writes:

"As we end 2011 and get ready to begin a new year, things are looking brighter. Peaceful elections were held in January with the run-off elections in March, and peace agreements have been made with nearly all the former rebels. If a country is at peace, then progress toward development can be made. Farmers have returned to their fields, roads are being paved and children can return to school. If the peace holds, maybe even some measure of prosperity can come to this poor nation. Let us pray that it may be so."

Farmworkers Ministry Team Report

On December 13 nine members of Emmanuel drove to Dade City to deliver our gifts to Farmworker Self-Help / Resurrection House, our Lutheran migrant ministry. We took 24 bags of Christmas gifts for the babies (prepared by Dorcas Circle, thank you!), 10 boxes of first-aid supplies for their clinic and 10 big bags full of sweatshirts (donated by all of you, thank you!). Your gifts made a big difference for these friends.

Do you remember when they attended the service here in the summer? The offering collected then was \$600.00. Thrivent has added some matching money to that and the total given to Rez House was \$960.00! Again, thank you!!

During 2011 we have sent many other gifts to this ministry. Andy Huset made over 20 trips up with large items that needed a truck for transport. Pastor Runk collected a wide variety of computers and musical instruments that Andy delivered. A group of workers spent time painting and repairing buildings.

There are photos in the fellowship hall to help you see some of what has been done, thanks to your support. At this time, when funding from other sources has dried up, you have been faithful! Thank you!!

12 Step Help Group Meetings Held at Emmanuel

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

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

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

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

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

- BBSS AA (Big Book Step Study) Men's Group—Wednesdays in Room 105 at 5:00 pm
- BBSS AA (Big Book Step Study)—Wednesdays in Room 101 from 6-7:30 pm.
- Sisters in Sobriety AA, for women—Wednesdays 7:00 pm in Room 103.
- Speaker's Group AA—Wednesdays 8:30 pm in Room 101.

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

Ministries Opportunities

Volunteer for Samaritan Counseling Services

Dr. Dennise of Samaritan Counseling Services needs a volunteer to take the place of a volunteer who left. The Team watches the front desk at the Office Center after Charlotte leaves for the day on Wednesdays from approximately 4-7:00 pm. We'd like to keep 5-6 volunteers who rotate on a weekly schedule, which means you would be volunteering about once a month. For answers to your questions or to say "yes" I'd be glad to help volunteer, contact Yvonne Pinkerton at 496-4100.

Serving You in February 2012

If your particular assignment listed below does not work for you, please find another member to switch with on your team and give the office a call with your change. The coffee hosts can contact Caroline Giambattista at 473-4306 or Carol Petterson at 484-8026. Contact the office at 488-4942 if you are unable to keep your Greeter commitment. Be sure and contact the office with any changes that you have made.

Navigator for the month of February—Joan Wilder

Date	Greeters	Coffee Hosts (Sunday)
Sat. Feb 4 5:00 pm	Raymond & Irma Baity Laura Welch	Feb 5 th Bob & Carol Kunath Jon & Barbara Townley
Sun. Feb 5 8:30 am	Jim & Linda Renz Bebe Tilson	
Sun. Feb 5 11:00 am	William & Lottie Branlund	
Sat. Feb 11 5:00 pm	John & Joy Peace	Feb 12 th Karl Fraedrich Don & Luanne Gogolin
Sun. Feb 12 8:30 am	Jay & Doris Dupler	
Sun. Feb 12 11:00 am	Larry & Gloria Qualtiere Richard & Patricia Stott	
Sat. Feb 18 5:00 pm	Stan & Virginia Robinson Marilyn Yeadon	Feb 19 th Marilyn Ferguson Donald & Carol Kvarnberg
Sun Feb 19 8:30 am	Joyce Martin & Jim Trent Alan & Marianna Valentin	
Sun Feb 19 11:00 am	Bob & Elly Nicholas	
Sat. Feb 25 5:00 pm	Jerry & Gail Authier	Feb. 26 th Dana and Lea LaRocque Susan Racca
Sun. Feb 2 8:30 am	Gerhard & Edith Mueller Herman & Marian Wissenberg	
Sun. Feb 26 11:00 am	Ray & Marlyce Holbach	

Your Meet-and-Greeters for March 2012

<i>Salvador & Diane Amati</i>	<i>Burt & Alice Kominick</i>
<i>Loren & Pennie Anderson</i>	<i>Mary Ann Landon</i>
<i>Donald & Marian Balster</i>	<i>Bernie & Debby Maurer</i>
<i>Martin & JoAnn Barringer</i>	<i>Doris McCurdy</i>
<i>Marlene Barry</i>	<i>Peter & Pamela McNamee</i>
<i>Edwin & Ann Bassler</i>	<i>David & Janice Mihay</i>
<i>Marjorie Becker</i>	<i>John & Karen Muncie</i>
<i>Dorothy Bradley</i>	<i>Rick & Marites Nickerson</i>
<i>Barbara Bradshaw</i>	<i>Don & Mary Niedringhaus</i>
<i>Edward & Patricia Crary</i>	<i>June Novak</i>
<i>Davis & Shirley Darrington</i>	<i>Linda O'Brien</i>
<i>Joline Donelan & family</i>	<i>Ilona Podeswa</i>
<i>Leslie Farnsworth</i>	<i>Keith & Jean Putnam</i>
<i>Karen Fitch</i>	<i>Jack Robertson</i>
<i>Ken Gehrls</i>	<i>Richard & Donna Schiesel</i>
<i>Lowell & Diane Hartman</i>	<i>Jane Seim</i>
<i>Ken Hoyt and Marcia Hoyt Swigart</i>	<i>Donn & Agnes Sharer</i>
<i>Sandra Hurt</i>	<i>Corbin St. Pierre</i>
<i>Robert & Betty Karg</i>	<i>Don & Pauline Stratton</i>
<i>George Kemp</i>	<i>Bill & MrtieEllen Thompson</i>
	<i>Liz Thoren</i>



Blood Pressure Screenings

Stop by the Welcome Center the first Sunday of each month after worship service and see how you are doing. It only takes a moment.

Start the New Year Off by Joining the "Good Ole Boys"

*on January 17, 2012 at Perkins Restaurant at 7:30 am,
Ya' all come ya' hear!
Moose Pfabe*

Widow's Support Group

The Widows Support group will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 12:30 pm at Bob Evans. Give Ann Nestor a call (486-5418) with your reservation.

The Children's Clothes Closet

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the welcome center or contact Lisa Schubauer at 496-4652. Clothes are always needed.

Thanks Come from the Following:

Thanks to the members who participated in the Lutheran Service Gift Exchange. Your gifts were much appreciated by these people.

A big thank you to everyone that served on one of the Emmanuel Lutheran Reception Ministry teams in 2011. You all did a wonderful job which was a great service to all who needed our help this year. A very special thank you goes to my co-chair of the ministry Susan Petruska. God bless each of you for your sincere dedication.

Jan Quinn

A special thanks for everyone who stepped in to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner. It would not have been possible without your help cooking, setting tables, serving and cleaning up. God Bless you.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

On behalf of the volunteers and board of directors of the South County Food Pantry I thank you for your continued generous support. Your generous donation of \$500 on November 8, 2011 helped us fill more than 500 Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in our community. We continue to serve more than 400 families each month.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary serving the Venice community we thank you especially for your support with our location, our food and financial donations and our volunteers.

Mary Ellen Ryan, Assistant Treasurer

Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy. Keith loved the Lord and his church so it is comforting to know God has him in the palm of His hand now.

Sincerely, Mary Beaver and family

Stewardship-Commitment Sunday 2012 is Coming!

Often when Christians reflect on the meaning of stewardship what immediately comes to mind is the church's solicitation of monies from its members for the raising of funds for its annual budget; however, it is much more than that! Christian giving involves much more than just the sharing of our financial offerings. Everything here on Earth we own are actually God's possessions and is merely a sacred trust from our heavenly Father.

Stewardship actually encompasses our time and talents, as well as our treasures. Christian stewardship involves more than merely putting cash or a personal check in the collection plate each Sunday. It includes a total commitment of ourselves by cheerfully giving of those things God has entrusted to us. As Christians we are to be active participants in the Lord's work and be true stewards of those things God has provided us by giving back as we have received and sharing as we have been blessed. As we approach Stewardship Commitment Sunday (February 4/5th) we encourage each member of Emmanuel Lutheran congregation to give serious and prayerful consideration to his/her stewardship commitment (time, talent, & treasures) since it is a very personal contract we are making with God. When making this commitment we would encourage each member to reflect on the following two parables found in Luke 9:11-27 and Mark 12:11-27 for biblical guidance. We would also encourage each member to complete a 2012 stewardship pledge card on Stewardship Sunday, as well as a talent/time form. The church services on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in January will be devoted to the theme of Christian Stewardship.

The Stewardship Committee

PS: Our Committee is seeking church members who wish to serve on our Stewardship mission for 2012. Please contact Pastor Bob, Pastor Jen, or our Chairperson, Pam McNamee, if interested to be nominated!

I am writing to thank Emmanuel Lutheran Church for your donation of \$1,061.51 to Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc. Our mission is to provide a warm, noon-time meal to anyone in the Greater Venice Area unable to prepare a meal due to mental or physical disability, regardless of age or financial situation. We are a non-profit all-volunteer organization in its 42nd year of operation. We deliver on average 170 meals a day to recipients six days a week, 52 weeks a year. It is because of people like you that we can afford to deliver to those who are unable to pay.

Donald Dwiell, Vice President Meals on Wheels

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January 2012

Annual Meeting

*Voting Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church
You are invited to attend the Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday,
January 29, 2012 between services in Fellowship Hall.
A special meeting will be called following the meeting for the newly
elected and present council members, along with the five
committees for the purpose of choosing officers.*

No other business will be conducted.