



## *Opportunities for Involvement*



# Welcome to Emmanuel!

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are happy that you are a part of our church family. The following pages outline the opportunities you have to give of your Time and Talents to the ongoing work of God's kingdom. No matter what your interests, we have a place for you to serve.

Each category has a brief description as well as the contact person and phone number. Sit back and peruse – we look forward to hearing from you!

## Serving Him together:

*KC Farrell, President*  
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*Julie Pinkerton, Secretary*  
*Don Berg, Stewardship*  
*Kathy Anderson, Christian Education*  
*Jadynne Berg & Pat Crary, Fellowship*  
*Karen Storey, Outreach*  
*Lynne Ross, Property*

*Ellie Boehmer, Worship & Music*  
*Bret Dryden, Youth & Family*  
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*Ed Crary, Nominating*  
*Kimberly Duke, Evangelism*  
*Gail Authier, WELCA*  
Delegate at Large: *Rich Albrecht,*  
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## ~ Emmanuel's Mission Statement ~

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

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## Christian Education Committee

The purpose of this committee is to nurture and encourage faith formation and the knowledge of the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will utilize all scripture and draw on the historical viewpoint of our Lutheran faith. We will develop and provide a comprehensive program of classes, workshops, retreats and disciple-making ministries. These programs will provide opportunities for members to investigate, nurture and deepen their Christian faith. We will come to know Christ and be prepared to boldly make Him known.

- Sunday School Classes
- Confirmation Classes
- Library
- Adult Bible Study
- Faith Formation

**Contact:** Kathy Anderson, Chair, 989.859.1235, [ktanders55@yahoo.com](mailto:ktanders55@yahoo.com)

## Evangelism Committee

The purpose of this committee is to reach out to others, both members and non-members, to boldly make Christ known. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to the development of an inviting, welcoming atmosphere at Emmanuel, visitor/new member initiatives, and a program of community/ecumenical involvement to further evangelism. Such efforts are expected to grow Emmanuel's membership, as well as God's church. The committee will develop and implement initiatives to support this purpose and clearly communicate them to the congregation.

Contact: Kimberly Duke, Chair, 630.453.138, [kimberly.duke@lidp.com](mailto:kimberly.duke@lidp.com)

## Fellowship Committee

The purpose of this committee is to promote a sense of connectedness among congregation members and the community. This is accomplished by planning and sponsoring both large and small group fellowship (social) events that bring us together in Christ's name and strive to enhance our love for each other, as He first loved us. These events may include, but are not limited to dances, game nights, picnics or any event that promotes unity, friendship, fun, sharing and family.

- Coffee Fellowship
- Annual Gatherings
- Widow Support Lunch
- Receptions – Funerals/Special Events
- Lenten Suppers
- Men's Breakfast
- Small Groups

**Contact:** Jadyne Berg ([mamaberg5@gmail.com](mailto:mamaberg5@gmail.com), 612.723.3111), Co-Chair  
Pat Crary ([ecrary9360@gmail.com](mailto:ecrary9360@gmail.com), 920.246.9086), Co-Chair

## Finance Committee

The purpose of this committee is to serve as stewards of the financial resources of the congregation. The treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to assisting in the establishment of an annual congregation budget, establishing an annual audit, insurance review, financial record-keeping systems, review of major acquisitions and infrastructure. Additionally, the Finance Committee shall monitor and develop estate planning, the distribution of endowment funds, and investment reviews through an endowment subcommittee.

- Offering Counters
- Investment Reviews
- Endowment Trust

**Contact:** Chuck Koons, Chair, 941.375.9203, treasurer@emmanuel-elca.org  
Gayle Strain, Finance Secretary, 941.488.4942 ext. 1038  
Linda Critchfield, Bookkeeper, bookkeeper@emmanuel-elca.org

## Outreach Committee

The purpose of this committee is to implement ways and means by which we reach out to others in our local communities and beyond (globally) through a combination of volunteer services, financial support and relationship building. The committee supports external communications programs and participates in initiatives that focus on community/ecumenical involvement to further Emmanuel's commitment to service evangelism. Current activities include:

- Blessing Bag Collections for Local Needy People
- Coffee Talk near Venice Train Depot
- Community Outreach Events
- Family Promise of South Sarasota County
- Global Missions including Haiti and Slovakia
- Habitat for Humanity Support
- Thanksgiving Food Collection for South County Food Pantry
- Christmas Gifts for Lutheran Services Florida and Others
- Monthly Outreach Emphasis going to various local organizations

**Contact:** Karen Storey, Chair, 206.604.1931, karen@storeylink.com

## Property Committee

The purpose of this committee is to encourage and support the individuals and teams that maintain the church building, grounds, and equipment. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to maintenance, capital improvements and replacement projects.

- Campus Maintenance
- Grounds Upkeep
- Building Improvements
- Capital Improvements

**Contact:** Lynne Ross, Chair, 941.320.8389, ldross@comcast.net  
Peter Doherty, Facility Manager, 860.836.8736, pdoherty@emmanuel-elca.org

## Stewardship Committee

The purpose of this committee is to seek creative and new ways to inspire a true sense of giving within our congregation. The committee shall create a stewardship campaign for the upcoming year that will reach out and impact all ages of our congregation. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to an annual pledge drive, stewardship education, technological giving, and the envelope structure.

- Annual Pledge Drive
- Stewardship Education
- Time & Talent Compilation

**Contact:** Don Berg, Chair, 612.791.5361, dbergs46@yahoo.com

## Health & Wellness Volunteer Activities

- Blood Pressure Screening (First weekend of every month)
- Shared Health Items
- Spiritual Care Visitors
- Care Callers
- Grief and Grace Support Group

**Contact:** Barb Spens, Parish Nurse, 941.488.4942, parishnurse@emmanuel-elca.org

## Youth and Family Committee

The purpose of this committee is to nurture the spiritual, educational and social lives of the youth and families in our congregation. They shall also continually examine and plan for the needs of our community with respect to mercy and justice issues as they apply to youth and families. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to oversight of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth activities, outdoor ministries, and college scholarships. Additionally, the committee shall oversee any community mercy and justice programs.

- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Group
- Mission Trips
- Youth & Sunday School
- Children's Clothes Closet

**Contact:** Bret Dryden, Chair Youth & Family, 612.990.4397, [bretdryden@gmail.com](mailto:bretdryden@gmail.com)  
Nick Sperry, Dir. of Youth & Family, 941.960.3769, [nsperry@emmanuel-elca.org](mailto:nsperry@emmanuel-elca.org)

## Women of WELCA – Women in the Evangelical Church In America

WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

- Dorcas Quilting Mission
    - Mondays @ 9:00am October through April
  - Deborah Circle – Baby Layettes
    - Meets year round on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 3:00pm
  - Soul Sisters – Local Projects
    - Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 1:00pm
  - Treat Bags for Homebound – twice per year
- In addition to the above the women are engaged with: Church Women United, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Christian Services to shut-ins, Advent by Candlelight, Women's Retreat, Thankoffering & Lake Yale Weekend Retreat.

**Contact:** Gail Authier, WELCA President, 941.716.1718, [gailauthier@yahoo.com](mailto:gailauthier@yahoo.com)

## Worship and Music Committee

The purpose of this committee is to support Emmanuel's Ministry of Worship and Music by assisting the Pastor and the Minister of Music as they enable people to celebrate their relationship with God and their relationships with one another through worship, musical expression, and visual arts in a favorable environment. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to reviewing service and training needs of the leaders of acolytes, torch bearers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, lectors, greeters, ushers, and children's sermon. Additionally, the committee shall oversee the altar guild, choirs, audiovisual operations, and baptisms, as needed.

- Assisting Ministers
- Lectors
- Altar Guild
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Sanctuary Choir
- Joyful Ringers Hand Bell Choir
- Audio Visual

**Contact:** Ellie Boehmer, Chair, 386.984.2719, [ellieoneshell59@gmail.com](mailto:ellieoneshell59@gmail.com)  
Kris Bowker, Dir. of Music and Worship, 941.488.4942, [kbowker@emmanuel-elca.org](mailto:kbowker@emmanuel-elca.org)

## Pastoral/Congregational Care

Pastors and members provide care or assistance to those members who are hurting or at a time of need. This care could include one-on-one spiritual or emotional care or simply help with an occasional task they can no longer perform at home.

- Stephen Ministry
- Grief Support Group
- Helping Hands
- Ministry to Homebound & Care Facilities

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Pr Dave Hess, Visiting Pastor (Dec-Apr), 610.216.3394, [linda.hess@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hess@gmail.com)  
Barb Spenks, 941.488.4942, ext. 1020, [parishnurse@emmanuel-elca.org](mailto:parishnurse@emmanuel-elca.org)

## Office Volunteers

We are often in need of volunteers to help in the office – worship bulletins or maintaining the pews and other parish duties. Give one of the office staff a call; we would be grateful for your help!

**Contact:** Becky Rothgery or Debi Hammett, 941.488.4942, [info@emmanuel-elca.org](mailto:info@emmanuel-elca.org)

## Weekly Activities by the Day of the Week

### Sunday

Worship  
Coffee Fellowship  
Youth Sunday School  
Youth Group

### Monday

Dorcas Quilting

### Tuesday

Mahjong  
Scripture Study

### Wednesday

Joyful Ringers  
Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday

Thursdays Together

### Friday

Centering Prayer Support

### Saturday

Worship

## Staff Directory – Main Number 941.488.4942

Pastor Will Kittinger, Jr.  
Kris Bowker

Becky Rothgery (M,T,W)  
Debi Hammett (T,W,Th)  
Peter Doherty  
Aiden Atkins (M, Sat, Sun)  
Aiden Capps (M,T,F,S,S)  
Barb Spenks (M,W)  
Nick Sperry  
Linda Critchfield (T)  
Gayle Strain (T am)

Lead Pastor  
Minister of Music  
& Worship  
Office Coordinator  
Office Coordinator  
Facilities Manager  
A/V Assistant  
AV Coordinator  
Parish Nurse  
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Bookkeeper  
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