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Family**

# Welcome to Emmanuel!

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are happy that you have joined 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 interest, 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:

*Gordon Storey, President*  
*Denise D'Eath, Vice-President*  
*Chuck Koons, Treasurer*  
*KC Farrell, Secretary*  
*Christa Sweeney, Stewardship*  
*Kathy Anderson, Christian Education*  
*Jadynne Berg & Pat Crary, Fellowship*  
*Peggy Zentner, Outreach*  
*Lynne Ross, Property*

*Mike Anderson, Worship & Music*  
*Bret Dryden, Youth & Family*  
*JoAnn Barger, Youth Representative*  
*Carol Orenstein, Nominating*  
*Kimberly Duke, Evangelism*  
*Marlyce Holbach, WELCA*  
*Representative*  
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*Marge Collin*

## ~ 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

## 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, 630.453.1386  
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
- Little Churches
- Men's Breakfast
- Small Groups

**Contact:** Jadyne Berg (mamaberg5@gmail.com, 612.723.3111) & Pat Crary (ecrary9360@gmail.com, 920.246.9086), Co-Chairs

## 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 Trzaskos, Bookkeeper, bookkeeper@emmanuel-elca.org  
Kelley Hurlburt, Asst Bookkeeper, 941.488.4942 ext.1038

## 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
- CoffeeTalk at Venice Train Depot
- Community Outreach Events
- Family Promise
- Farm Workers of Dade City
- Friendship Lunches & Dinners
- Global Missions/Coffee Corner
- Habitat for Humanity Support
- Lutheran Services Florida Christmas Gifts
- Thanksgiving Food Collection
- Visitor Kiosk
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Team
  - October through April

**Contact:** Peggy Zentner, Chair, 814.574.3510  
Pgz6@hotmail.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  
Jason Kozee, Facility Manager, 740.727.5038  
facilitiesmanager@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:** Christa Sweeney, Chair, 941.928.0230  
farrellkc210@gmail.com

## Health & Wellness Volunteer Activities

- Blood Drive
- Blood Pressure Screening (First weekend of every month)
- Shared Health Items
- Spiritual Care Visitors
- Care Callers
- Yoga Classes

**Contact:** Barb Spens, Parish Nurse, 941.488.4942, ext. 1020  
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
- Luther Springs
- Youth & Sunday School
- Children's Clothes Closet

Contact: Bret Dryden, Chair Youth & Family, 612.990.4397  
bretdryden@gmail.com

Nick Sperry, Director of Youth & Family, 941.960.3769  
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
  - Ruth Circle – School Bags & Supplies
    - Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 12:30pm, except June, July, August & December
  - 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:** Marlyce Holbach, WELCA President, 941.716.5759  
drmholbach@gmail.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:** Mike Anderson, Chair, 989.698.6587  
mlanderson55@att.net  
Kris Bowker, Minister of Music and Worship, 941.488.4942 ext. 1018  
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## 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

**Contact:** Pastor Robert O. Hall, 941.488.4942, ext.1014  
rhall@emmanuel-elca.org  
Barb Spinks, 941.488.4942, ext. 1020  
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, ext. 1010  
info@emmanuel-elca.org

## Weekly Activities by the Day of the Week

### Sunday

Worship  
Coffee Fellowship  
Youth Sunday School

### Monday

Dorcas Quilting

### Tuesday

Mahjong

### Wednesday

Joyful Ringers  
Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday

Thursdays Together

### Friday

Centering Prayer Support

### Saturday

Worship

## Staff Directory – Main Number 941.488.4942

The Reverend Robert O. Hall  
Kris Bowker

Becky Rothgery (M,T,W)  
Debi Hammett (T,W,Th)

Jason Kozee

Mason Adkins

Barb Spenks (M,W)

Nick Sperry

Linda Trzaskos

Gayle Strain

Senior Pastor  
Minister of Music  
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Office Coordinator  
Office Coordinator  
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Facilities Assistant  
Parish Nurse  
Youth & Family  
Bookkeeper  
Finance Secretary

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