



**AS SISTERS, WE SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER,
SEEK GOD'S WILL
AND
SERVE GOD,
OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY**



PURPOSE

As a community of women **created** in the image of God, **called** to discipleship in Jesus Christ and **empowered** by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to **grow** in faith, **affirm** our gifts, **support** one another in our callings, **engage** in ministry and action, and **promote** healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

The cross and a white water lily identify the Women of the ELCA as children of God; **baptized, forgiven, adopted** into God's family, **full of grace and hope in eternal life**. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty and vitality that rises out of that life giving baptism water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the Church, to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



Matthew 28:19 – New Jerusalem Bible

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Venice, FL
2017-18**

EMMANUEL'S BOARD

President: Pam Neal
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Treasurer: Nancy Bollers
Program: Birdie Clark & Judi Johnson
Membership: Rita Germer
Christian Service: Ruth Siedman
Church Women United: Judi Johnson
The Chairpersons of all 5 Women's Groups, Program Book Printer, and Dorcas Quilting Mission are represented on the Board.

GATHERINGS AT EMMANUEL

FALL: Wednesday, November 15, 10am

Program: "Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation" with a live portrayal of Katie Luther

Hostesses: Anna, Naomi and Ruth

ADVENT: Sunday, December 3, 5pm Program: "Advent by Candlelight"

Hostesses: Women of the ELCA Board

WINTER: Tuesday, February 6, 10am

Program: "Family Promise" – A presentation of how the program works as a whole, giving people a new start.

Hostesses: Dorcas Quilting Mission

SPRING: Tuesday, March 20, 12noon - Shared Salad Potluck Luncheon

Program: "In Stride" – Partnering with horses to help special needs people reach their full potential

Hostesses: Deborah and Soul Sisters

Money collected at these gatherings are designated for Pastor Livenson Lauvanus for the valuable work he does in Haiti.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

As Sisters in Christ, we meet in small groups to share, to seek God's will and to serve others

†**ANNA:** Meets the 2nd Monday of the month, September through June, at 7:00 pm in Room 101.

Leader: Lois Steketee - 484-9182

Bible Study: "Heaven Bound" by Tucker Yates, Book Review

†**DEBORAH:** Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Room 101, year-round.

Leader: Kathie Winemiller - 486-5385

Bible Study: Gather Magazine

‡**DORCAS QUILTING GROUP:** Meets every Monday, October through April, in Room 101-106, 9:00 am.

Leader: Jean Price – 485-7277 & Jackie Miller – 488-7176.

Service Project: Quilts for LWR

‡**NAOMI:** Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of month, September through May (excluding December), at 9:30 am in Room 101.

Contact person: Judy Daniels – 496-9716

Bible Study: Gather Magazine

‡**RUTH:** Meets on the 3rd Monday of month, September through May, at 12:30 pm in Room 101. No meeting in December but will meet June, July and August for luncheons.

Chair: Ruth Shaweker – 497-6766

Bible Study: Women in the New Testament

‡**SOUL SISTERS:** Meets on the 1st Monday of month for Bible study in Room 101 and the 3rd Monday for social activities.

Leader: Helen Jodouin - 918-2985

Bible Study: Discovering the Joy of Jesus: A Guide to Philippians

WOMEN OF THE ELCA THANK-OFFERING WEEKEND will be November 18-19, 2017. Your donations of thankfulness will help to support our service and outreach projects at the local, state and national levels

SERVICE PROJECTS

Each small group or circle is responsible for a service project to help people in need in our community and the world.

‡ The Kit items are gathered and assembled by the groups according to a specific list of supplies suggested by Lutheran World Relief.

‡ The Quilts are hand made by the Dorcas Quilting Group following guidelines set down by Lutheran World Relief.

‡ Last year over 1,018 quilts, 356 lbs. of soap and 161 care kits totaling 4,285 lbs. were packaged and delivered to a Lutheran World Relief pick up location to be shipped for distribution overseas.

ADDITIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

‡ **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, October through May in Room 101 at 1:30pm. Leaders: Jadyne Berg – 484-8863 and Vicki Johnson – 445-3471.

‡ **THE CHILDREN'S CLOSET:** collects children's clothing, shoes, etc. and makes them available to needy families generally on the 2nd Friday and Saturday of the month. Lisa Schubauer – 496-4652.

‡ **WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP:** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Bob Evans Restaurant, 12noon for fellowship and support. Jackie Sapp – 488-7331.

***MID-GULF CONFERENCE
FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNODICAL WOMEN***

2017 SYNOD FALL GATHERING

† **November 10-12, 2017, Lake Yale, Leesburg, Florida.** Cost of the weekend includes two nights in motel style lodging and 6 meals. Also included are worship, Bible Study, fellowship, your choice of workshops, and all the fun you can cram into one weekend! **Registration deadline is October 20. For information call Pam Neal – 497-1739**

**MID-GULF RETREAT AND
PLANNING SESSION**

† **February 3, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, 9:00am – 12Noon.**

MID-GULF SPRING GATHERING

† **March 10, 2018, at Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, 9:30am.** Luncheon cost \$10.00.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**All gatherings are held at noon with a potluck luncheon and a program,
with the exception of the Spring Tea.**

- † **November 3, 2017:** "World Community Day", Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- † **January 5, 2018:** Installation of Officers, Venice/Nokomis United Methodist Church
- † **March 2, 2018:** "World Day of Prayer", Christ United Methodist Church
- † **April 6, 2018:** Annual Spring Tea, Venice Presbyterian Church
- † **May 4, 2018:** "May Friendship Day", St Mark's Episcopal

**All women of Emmanuel are invited to attend any of the meetings,
gatherings, and events listed. You will be warmly welcomed. For further
information, please contact any of the leaders previously listed.**

**WATCH THE MONTHLY DOVE AND WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**