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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
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## WORDS FROM

*Pastor Steve*

If I had a crystal ball I would look deep into it and let you all know what 2021 has in store for us. Not knowing exactly how a crystal ball works, I would hope to get a glimpse of the state of the pandemic, the health of Nativity Lutheran, and if the Dolphins will make it to the Superbowl. First of all, that might be construed as witch-craft/sorcery etc.; not the most faithful action of your Christian pastor, right? Second, the Dolphins in the Superbowl.....HAHAHA. All joking aside, the journey into 2021 is upon us. We do not have a crystal ball to see what is ahead of us. Like 2020, 2021 is just another year.

But hopefully, 2021 is quite a bit better than 2020, because both our physical and societal health took a beating this past year. Who would have thought that breathing in air without a mask, speaking your heartfelt mind, and an election season could have such a disastrous and dividing effect upon us? We cannot do 2020 over, but with the help of God we can do 2021 better. And thus we step into another year not knowing what to expect, but stepping forward expecting God to be with us in its entirety.

In these days following Christmas, our attention turns to the wise men in the book of Matthew. Biblical scholarship tells us that Jesus was somewhere between 40 days and two years old when these mystical men visited him. The wise men or magi were Zoroastrian priests and/or astrologers; mystics that drew

inspiration and direction from the stars. These foreigners arrived in Bethlehem after a week's long trip over hundreds of miles. Despite not being of "the faith", the news of a king to shepherd the people of Israel compelled them to venture from afar and pay Jesus homage. In the church we squeeze the wise men's lengthy pilgrimage to the Christ child in a short 12 days. We know few details of their journey except for that they traveled by hope-filled instinct and star, towards a divine shepherd, a leader.

Perhaps you have noticed how over the last few weeks the wise men on the church lawn have slowly inched closer and closer to the stable. Into 2021 we journey like the wise men. Week by week we will inch closer and closer to realized hope. Month by month 2021 will unfold and we will reach for the stable hope that is found in Jesus. May we move with confident hope that whatever sought to undermine us in 2020 will be rendered unto God in 2021. Individually, may the Holy Spirit lead you to venture closer and closer to a life lived in Christ. As a congregation may we explore bold ways to be God's Church together. And as a nation, may we be wise in heart, mind and soul to seek healing and reconciliation amongst us.

When you have the love of God in Jesus Christ you have proof positive hope, and don't need a crystal ball!

Here's to 2021 being the year of the church of God in Jesus Christ!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Steve Winsor

### WITH SYMPATHY

John Shepherd's brother, Howard, passed away December 23, 2020. Please keep John in your prayers.

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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**God's work...**  
**...Our hands**

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# DAYS TO Celebrate

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1/1	Bob Schmidt
1/5	David Johnson
1/7	Greg Burnett
1/10	Chere Jacobs
1/14	Pat Guretzky
1/14	Pastor Steve Winsor
1/22	Kevin Stone
1/23	Nikki Cirullo



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

1/4	Scott & Denise Ellis
1/25	Michael & Lois Esselstrom
1/27	Eric & Ivonne Hoecker

If you would like to share your birthday and/or anniversary with the church, please send your information to [kari@pbnativity.com](mailto:kari@pbnativity.com).

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. facebook

# NATIVITY News

## AND THE WINNER WAS...

Owen Bair, Nativity preschool student was the winner of the Colossal Christmas Stocking. The winning ticket was purchased his Grandma, Rita. Thank you all the participated. Over \$700 was raised for the preschool.



## SANDWICH MAKING

Thank you to December's second Saturday sandwich makers. Last month's elves were Julius and Linda Roehl, Lauren Oliveri, Nadene and Andrew Watson, Karyn and Lois Howerton, Stuart, Sandy and Susan McClellan and Jim Kreidler and family. If you would like to sign up for second Saturday at home making kits for January, you may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AAAC23A20-sandwich>.

Thank you to the third Saturday sandwich makers, John and Nancy Steffen, Tom Kuhn, Hedy Rossmeissl, Dylan Morrissey, Sandra and Celia Saraylian, Mya and Farrah Jaradat and Pastor Steve. If you would like to join the sandwich making at the church on 1/16 at 9:00 a.m., please call Nancy Steffen at 561-281-4353 or [nancysteffen7@gmail.com](mailto:nancysteffen7@gmail.com).

## YOUTH GROUP



Nativity Lutheran Youth making Chrismon ornaments for Nativity Preschool and kids at the Christmas Eve service. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are Christmas tree ornaments depicting early Christian symbols, the Bible and church histories. Join our next event on Sunday, January 10 at 6:30pm.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS & HYMNS

**We are meeting in person!** Nativity has two onsite Sunday services, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. Please be sure to contact the church office at 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com to reserve a spot in church before 3pm on each Friday. We are social distancing and that means we have limited seating.

"Live" services can also be found on Nativity Lutheran Church and School's facebook page at 9:30 a.m. Videos of Sunday services will be available within 24 hours on pbnativity.com and anytime after the 9:30 service on facebook.

**Sunday, January 3  
9:30 AM Online**

**Hymn #292**

**"Love Has Come"**

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

**Psalms 2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

*Serve*

<b>Chereck, Donovan</b>	US Navy-Washington, Nephew of Osbornes
<b>Dodd, Chas</b>	US Army-NC, Nephew of Lauren Oliveri
<b>Duncan, Kristen</b>	USAF-Salt Lake City, UT, Friend of Glazeners
<b>Duncan, Tyler</b>	USAF-Salt Lake City, UT, Friend of Glazeners
<b>Fredericks, Barry Jr.</b>	US Navy-Japan, Nephew of Denise Varlik-Joseph
<b>Gaines, Drew</b>	US Army-Germany, Son of Shirley Manko
<b>Glazener, Matt</b>	US Army-Missouri, Brother of Mark Glazener
<b>Griffin, Joseph</b>	US Air Force-Azores, Nephew of Ralph & Teri Henning
<b>Malloy, Brian</b>	US Navy-Washington, Cousin of Matt Flynn
<b>Malloy, Christina</b>	US Army-Hawaii, Cousin of Matt Flynn
<b>Malloy, Jason</b>	USAF-Turkey, Cousin of Matt Flynn
<b>Malloy, Tom</b>	USMC-N. Carolina, Cousin of Matt Flynn
<b>Olson III, Robert A.</b>	Army-Colorado Springs, CO, Friend of the school
<b>Pittman, Mercedes</b>	US Army-Ft. Carson, CO, Daughter of Harold & Debra Pittman
<b>Scalise, Frank IV</b>	USMC-Yuma, AZ, Grandson of Dale & Sue Long
<b>Sioson, Ernie</b>	US Air Force, Salt Lake City, UT, Brother of Ernadel Sioson

### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent members please remember to direct your Choice Dollars. They can be directed towards a charity or church of your choice.

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the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

### Hymn LBW #381

#### "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting,  
who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I. Send me, send me"?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus; you can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
with the judgment's dread alarms,  
you can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,  
pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,  
with your prayers and with your bounties  
you can do what God demands;  
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly;  
let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calls you,  
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

## January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:30a Worship 9:30a Facebook live 11a Worship	<b>4</b> 10:30a Staff mtg.	<b>5</b> School Resumes	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30a Worship 9:30a Facebook live 11a Worship 6:30p Youth	<b>11</b> 9:30a Women's Love Circle 6:30p Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9a Sandwich Making
<b>17</b> 9:30a Worship 9:30a Facebook live 11a Worship	<b>18</b> No School	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth Lock-In	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30a Worship 9:30a Facebook live 11a Worship	<b>25</b> 10:30a Staff Mtg.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30a Worship 9:30a Facebook live 11a Worship						



## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn #288

#### "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**Sunday, January 10**  
**9:30 AM Online**

### Hymn #310

#### "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

## NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020

### BALANCE SHEET RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets:</u>	
58,022	Operating Cash
30,862	MIF ( Demand Checking)
88,885	Total Bank Accounts
<u>Liability:</u>	
(15,067)	Mission Investment Fund Loan

<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>	
\$ 4,706	Capital Fund
312	Here, Near, Far Children
1,918	Memorial Fund
750	MIF Principal Paydown
829	Morrissey Fund
2,000	Technology
2,300	Preschool-Continuing Ed
1,950	Youth Fund
\$ 14,765	

### 2020 CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS

	OPENING OPERATING CASH	CHURCH OPERATIONS (Rev less Exp)	SCHOOL OPERATIONS (Rev less Exp)	MIF Loan Principal Pyt & PPP Govt Loan	CLOSING OPERATING CASH	
JAN	63,215	14,719	5,632	(435)	83,131	Actual
FEB	83,131	(5,290)	4,979	(883)	81,937	Actual
MAR	81,937	(2,857)	2,669	(1,212)	80,537	Actual
APR	80,537	8,879	(2,459)	58,100	145,057	Actual
MAY	145,057	(6,787)	(4,691)	(450)	133,129	Actual
JUNE	133,129	2,990	(10,918)	(448)	124,753	Actual
JULY	124,753	(19,441)	(4,522)	(458)	100,332	Actual
AUG	100,332	(5,385)	(3,421)	(455)	91,071	Actual
SEPT	91,071	(2,163)	235	(458)	88,685	Actual
OCT	88,685	(2,735)	4,360	(462)	89,848	Actual
NOV	89,848	(3,283)	2,782	(462)	88,885	Actual
		(21,353)	(5,354)	YTD INCOME & EXP STMT		
DEC	88,885	2,770	4,559	(450)	95,764	Budget

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
ELEVEN MONTH RECAP--JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2020

CHURCH	NOVEMBER ACTUAL	NOVEMBER BUDGET	NOVEMBER VARIANCE	YTD JAN-NOV 11 MONTH ACTUAL	JAN-DEC 2020 12 MONTH BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>INCOME</b>						
Tithes & Offerings	14,629	19,050	(4,421)	194,502	222,800	(28,299)
Building Use	1,750	1,500	250	20,406	24,500	(4,094)
Other Revenues	2,045	735	1,310	9,761	9,465	296
	18,424	21,285	(2,861)	224,669	256,765	(32,096)
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Payroll Costs	(12,456)	(17,977)	5,521	(144,704)	(168,214)	23,510
Other Expenses	(9,252)	(10,236)	984	(101,319)	(103,040)	1,721
	(21,708)	(28,213)	6,505	(246,023)	(271,254)	25,231
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NET INC (EXP)	(3,283)	(6,928)	3,645	(21,354)	(14,489)	(6,865)

SCHOOL	NOVEMBER ACTUAL	NOVEMBER BUDGET	NOVEMBER VARIANCE	YTD JAN-NOV 11 MONTH ACTUAL	JAN-DEC 2020 12 MONTH BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>INCOME</b>						
Tuition Revenue	11,257	16,350	(5,093)	96,735	131,000	(34,265)
Camp/Other Revenues	3,056	583	2,473	26,409	10,000	16,409
	14,313	16,933	(2,620)	123,144	141,000	(17,856)
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Payroll Costs	(9,948)	(14,770)	4,822	(105,540)	(119,500)	13,960
Other Expenses	(1,584)	(2,649)	1,065	(22,958)	(28,760)	5,802
	(11,532)	(17,419)	5,887	(128,499)	(148,260)	19,761
NET INC (EXP)	2,782	(486)	3,267	(5,354)	(7,260)	1,906

COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL

	NOVEMBER ACTUAL	NOVEMBER BUDGET	NOVEMBER VARIANCE	YTD JAN-NOV 11 MONTH ACTUAL	JAN-DEC 2020 12 MONTH BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME	32,738	38,218	(5,481)	347,813	397,765	(49,952)
EXPENSES	(33,239)	(45,632)	12,393	(374,521)	(419,514)	44,993
NET REV (EXP)	(502)	(7,414)	6,912	(26,708)	(21,749)	(4,959)

2020--THE "COVID" YEAR--IS ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE AGAINST EXPECTATIONS. THE 2020 BUDGET ALLOWED FOR A \$21,749 DEFICIT FOR THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL. IN REVIEWING THE COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL VARIANCES--WHICH COMPARES JAN-NOV (11 MONTHS ACTUAL) TO JAN-DEC (12 MONTH BUDGETED), YOU WILL SEE THAT THE COMBINED "INCOME" VARIANCE OF A \$49,952 SHORTFALL IS OFFSET BY THE COMBINED "EXPENSE" VARIANCE OF \$44,993.

3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Psalm 51:6-17

<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. <sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Luke 3:1-22

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" <sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown

into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

### **Hymn #249, verses 2 & 3**

#### **"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

### **Hymn #308, Verses 1 & 6 ???**

#### **"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"**

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,  
our Lord and Savior, you have won  
our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy!

Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

deficit, but the "COVID" year has been offset with a shortfall of \$49,952 against an expense variance of \$44,993.

Thanks to the congregation to for their faithful commitment to the MIF loan repayment, we are well ahead of schedule on repayment. We discussed that we may need to reach out to MIF for a bridge loan for expenses before the property sale is closed and we have access to the proceeds.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Winsor

Worship Attendance: average for November is 73 between in person and online. Pastor Steve hopes to have the new equipment purchased with the technology grant ready for the 12/20 service.

Christmas Eve Services- Registration: 4:30- 10, 6:00- 14, 7:30- full!

12/27 and 1/3 Pastor Steve will be on vacation and we will have lay leadership from our own Ceil Thomas and Mark Glazener. Mark Glazener is receiving administrator permission for facebook for online worship purposes.

Turkey Drive raised \$1000 for Lake Park Food Pantry. Harry Drier extended an invitation to help at the food pantry on Tuesdays. Pastor Steve will lead "field trips" on Tuesdays in January, beginning 1/12.

Nativity Devotion Project: The devotion project previously called Advent Devotion Project has been extended beyond the season of Advent. This project is geared toward gathering approximately 30 of Nativity's faith stories.

Gratitude Posts: Pastor Steve is spotlighting staff, volunteers and council members from week to week on Facebook.

January Projects: Constitutional Updates: Abby Moore has graciously agreed to take on this tedious task with Pastor Steve after the holidays but before the February meeting.

Church membership role update: first order of business in the new year.

Reviews: Pastor Steve's Review and Ministry Focus: Beth Stanzione and Carole Rajan of the Mutual Ministry committee has agreed to work with council the week of 1/11 over zoom. Kelly Rogers will serve from council. Employee review: Breanne will serve as council representative on Monday January 11 during annual reviews for Kari, Pia and John.

Other Business: Election of Council Officers: President: Kelly Rogers, Vice President: Mark Glazener, Treasurer: Carolyn New, Secretary: Breanne Johnsen. Scheduled special meeting of congregation on 1/10/21 for the congregation to vote on the purchase and sales agreement. Will be announced for 2 Sundays prior.

Suggested date for Annual Congregation meeting: Feb 7, 2021.

Next Council Meeting Monday January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary



# MINUTES FROM



## PENDING APPROVAL

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, Monday December 14, 2020

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Kelly Rogers, Mark Glazener, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Abigail Moore, Shonda Staudt

Special Guests: Pia Heiser and Jim New, Absent and Excused: None

Opening Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Steve Winsor

Update from Jim New: Jim reviewed the terms of the purchase and sales agreement with FLF Holdings for the land sale approved by the congregation. The reciprocal agreement for the parking lot remains to be negotiated. Abby requested clarification to see if we had the required documents that we will have to present per the contract-appraisal, deed, title, etc. Council requested Pastor Steve ask Kari to gather documentation to be prepared. Will also begin preparing to have the property appraised. Jim to put Abby in direct contact with the attorney working on our behalf. At the conclusion of his presentation, Jim departed the meeting.

Preschool Report: Pia presented the preschool report, including notes from the preschool board on 11/10/2020.

In November, Pia was able to secure a \$2500 grant from the CARES Act. She has also been able to get the preschool approved to be a provider for essential workers. She will be able to advertise this to prospective parents.

Pia was able to take fall pictures of the preschool children and offered them to the parents, raising \$235. They are hoping by the spring it will be safe to have a professional photographer take pictures of the children.

The Colossal Christmas Stocking is up and on display in the family room. Thank you to Shonda Staudt for her creation, and Ernadel Sioson for starting the stocking with donation and thrivent choice dollars.

Grandpa StrawHat and his wife held a planting party in the garden. Pia will hold a Christmas Break Day Camp M-W of both weeks. At the conclusion of her report, Pia departed the meeting.

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: Reviewed. Motion to approve, seconded and passed on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Carolyne New. Carolyne presented this month's financials. All documentation has been submitted to forgive the PPP loan we received earlier this year. Special thanks to Earl and Carolyne for their hard work on both securing the loan and the documentation for forgiveness. The PPP loan was vital to our financial survival this year. We were budgeted for a \$21,749

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning for the day of your returning.

**Sunday, January 17**

**9:30 AM Online**

**Hymn #239, verses 2 & 4**

**"Hark, the Glad Sound!"**

- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

**Psalms 146**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

**Luke 4:14-30**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by

everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

### Hymn #843, verses 1 & 3

#### "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

### THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters: Cc, (cat, corn and carrot) Ss (sock, sun and snake) and Rr (rhino, rock and raccoon)

Shape: Oval

Numbers: 9 and 10

Color: Orange

Character Trait: Resourceful

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3	Miss Sarah	1/6	Miss Dianne	1/14	Pastor Steve
1/8	Farah Jaradat	1/11	Elijah Lucido		
1/28	Colson Carpenella	1/31	Olivia Mangold		

### CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

Safari, So Good! By Bonnie Worth

We All Went on Safari by Laurie Krebs

Way Far Away on a Wild Safari by Jan Peck

Starry Safari by Linda Ashman

Simms Taback's Safari Animal by Simms Taback

Flip Flap Safari by Nosy Crow and Alex Scheffler

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Find a World Map and discuss the different types of ecosystems, terrains and weather around the world. Talk about other adventures you would like to take and then make a family passport. go on a virtual trip to anywhere in the world by exploring the culture, lifestyle and land online, at the library or through documentaries.

### LOOK AROUND

*(To the tune of "Row Your Boat")*

**Look, look, look around, What is it you see?**

**Look around your own backyard, It's a safari!**

*Switch the last line to name the things you find. For example:  
"Look I found a little bird, on safari!"*

# PRESCHOOL

## THIS MONTH'S THEME IS "GOING ON SAFARI"

Pack your bags, put on a hat and get ready for a big adventure to the African grasslands. In the Game Reserve you will see elephants, zebras and maybe even get kissed by a Giraffe. Wow! They have very long tongues. Learn about people who live in the great savannah. Celebrate their art, make necklaces, learn to drum and don't forget to sleep under a mosquito net! If Africa seems far away, find your own safari in your backyard. Hunt for beetles in the grass, make your own shelter and relax in the shade.



## INEXPENSIVE IDEAS FOR LEARNING AT HOME

Learning happens everywhere, all the time. Enhance your child's learning without spending a lot of money. Here are five quick ideas for activities at home, without added expenses.

- ♦ **Go for a walk** together with a paper bag. Collect items and then invite your child to create a nature book. Glue or tape an item on a page and then write a story about the object. Use descriptive words to talk about how they look and feel.
- ♦ **Look through store ads** or "junk mail" together. Invite your child to tear or cut them to make a collage.
- ♦ **Sort and fold laundry** together. Match up socks and talk about colors, textures, patterns and sizes. Get a chore done while having fun.
- ♦ **Create upcycled treasures.** Save items that can be recycled and use them to make three-dimensional sculptures. Set up an area protected with a plastic tablecloth, old sheet, or newspapers and give your child "free rein" with tape, glue and rubber bands. Experiment with ways to build and create using those materials.
- ♦ **Count and compare using** ice cube trays or egg cartons. Use items from nature, snack items, buttons, colored rocks, small blocks or any other small items that will fit in the trays. Sort, count and compare the items by color, size or shape. Think of new ways to sort them.

## Hymn #434, verses 1 & 4 "Jesus Shall Reign"

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

**Sunday, January 24**  
**9:30 AM Online**

## Hymn #580, verses 1 & 4

### "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call  
To live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,  
The cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.

## Psalm 90:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

## Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into

the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

### Hymn #817, verses 1 & 3

#### "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

#### Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

### Hymn #696, verses 1, 3 & 5

#### "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

## Early Years

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### Go, team!

Family projects let you bond with your child while teaching her to be part of a team. Try these activities.

**Paint a mural.** Making art can be even more rewarding when your family uses teamwork. Tape together several sheets of poster board or construction paper to create a large canvas. Agree on a topic for your mural—will you draw a fairy tale kingdom, a rain forest scene, or an undersea world? Now each person can decide what to add. You



and your youngster might work on a castle while her little brother paints rolling green hills in the background.

**Create a hideaway.** Your child will see that she can make a bigger fort if everyone works together. Gather sheets and blankets, and brainstorm ideas. Your youngster may suggest using the back of the couch to hold up one side. And you might propose draping a blanket over a card table to make a "tunnel" between sections. As you build, communicate with each other: "I'll hold this side of the sheet while you get heavy books to put on it." Celebrate your teamwork by hanging out in your fort.♥



### Little ones and current events

**Q:** We try to shield our daughter from all the scary stuff in the news these days, but she overhears things sometimes. What should we do?

**A:** You're right to be careful about what your child hears and sees. Little ones can be frightened by scary images or words on the radio or TV—without understanding exactly what's going on.



Try to watch and discuss the news when your daughter isn't home or is asleep. Or listen in the car when she's not with you, or just read the news silently.

If your child asks questions about the pandemic or another worrisome topic, offer a calm, simple explanation. You might say, "Yes, Grandma and Grandpa are still staying home to be healthy," and then remind her of steps you take to keep her safe.♥

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### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### I'm an author

Creating these mini homemade books will give your youngster early writing practice and help him see himself as an author.

**Materials:** scissors, paper, pencil, crayons or markers, stapler

Cut paper into fourths to make pages for his books. Together, brainstorm simple books he could write, and make a list of ideas. Examples: book of colors, alphabet book, counting book, animal "encyclopedia."

Now your child can draw pictures on separate pages. Maybe he will draw something of a different color (red apple, yellow sun, green dragon) on every page. If he makes an animal encyclopedia, he might fill the pages with his favorite animals (dog, koala, dolphin). Help your youngster label each picture—he could say the words and write letters for the sounds he hears.

Finally, he can make a cover with a title and his name as the author. Staple the pages together, and invite him to read his book to the whole family and to himself at bedtime.♥



### Teachers ♥ volunteers

Volunteering with your child's school may look different this year, but his teacher will still appreciate your help. Consider these ideas.

**1. Ask the teacher what she needs, and choose a job that's a good fit for you.** If you're tech-savvy, for instance, maybe you could work on the class website. Share your ideas, too. You might offer to do a curbside pickup at the public

library or send in cleaned recyclables for craft projects.

**2. Recruit more volunteers.** Many parents would be happy to help but don't know where to start or think it's not possible this year. Ask the teacher if she'd like you to email other parents and suggest ways they can volunteer if they are able. You'll likely find parents with a variety of skills and interests that the teacher could use.♥





# Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

January 2021

Nativity Lutheran Church & School

Pia Heiser, Director

**KID BITS**

## Generosity feels good

Inspire your child to give to others by pointing out what happens when she is generous. If she gives her cousin a coat she has outgrown, you might say, "This coat will keep Molly nice and warm this winter." Soon she'll begin to notice the results on her own. ("My little brother is so happy I gave him my toy!")

## Hear the rhyme

Classic nursery rhymes boost your youngster's literacy skills by calling his attention to sounds in words. Read some to him from a library book or website, then reread—this time replacing a word with a different rhyming word. Example: "Jack and Jill went up the spill to fetch a pail of water." Can he catch and fix your "mistake"?

## "Will you play with me?"

Your little bundle of energy wants to play, but you're tired after a long day. Now what? You might pretend to order pizza from her restaurant—she can make it out of play dough and deliver it to you. Or offer to be her audience while she puts on a show.

## Worth quoting

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."  
Margaret Fuller

## Just for fun

**Q:** What's black, white, and green?

**A:** A seastick penguin.



## Number of the day

"I have 8 grapes on my plate."  
"Look—it's 8 o'clock!" Have

your youngster pick a number to explore each day. Then, use it to help him develop number sense—the ability to understand and use numbers.

### Spot it

Ask your child to point out his number of the day wherever he sees it. For instance, if today's number is 2, he might notice 2 on a license plate (LSJ492). Suggest that he carry a small notebook and pencil and make a tally mark each time he spots the number. At the end of the day, he can count the tally marks to see how many times he saw his number.

### Count groups

When your youngster counts, he is learning that each number stands for a specific amount. Have him count people or objects that equal the number of the day. If the number is 3, he could count 3 ants crawling on the ground, 3



people around your dinner table, or 3 bushes in your yard.

### Play

Fit the number of the day into your child's playtime. If he's drawing, and the number is 7, you might ask him to give his monster 7 eyes. Or when he plays with his railroad track, tell him to show you 7 trains. *Idea:* Have him separate the 7 trains into groups to see what numbers make up 7 (for instance, 3 trains + 2 trains or 3 trains + 4 trains).♥

## Healthy meals fuel learning

Helping you plan nutritious meals, shop for ingredients, and cook teaches your child about healthy eating. Here's how to involve her in each step.

**1. Plan.** Together, discuss healthy meals you will cook this week. Your youngster can draw the foods for each day's menu on a sheet of paper to post on the fridge.

**2. Shop.** Use your child's menus to make a shopping list together. Let her add the items to your grocery cart (even an online cart!) and check them off your list.

**3. Cook.** Give your youngster jobs like finding and measuring ingredients, tearing lettuce for a salad, and spreading sauce on pizza dough.♥



Sunday, January 31

9:30 AM Online

Hymn #655, verses 1, 3 & 4

## "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

## Psalms 92

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, <sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. <sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. <sup>5</sup>How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! <sup>6</sup>The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this: <sup>7</sup>though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever, <sup>8</sup>but you, O LORD, are on high forever. <sup>9</sup>For your enemies, O LORD, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered. <sup>10</sup>But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil. <sup>11</sup>My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants. <sup>12</sup>The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup>In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, <sup>15</sup>showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

### Luke 6:1-16

<sup>1</sup>One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." <sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup>Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

### Hymn #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

#### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

### Hymn #729, verses 1, 3 & 5

#### "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

3 Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

5 We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

***Thank you to all for your continued support!***

### PRESCHOOL FUN

Our preschool was blessed with the presentation of "A Beautiful Legend" a story of how the Poinsettia plant and Christmas became linked. The children loved hearing about "Pepita". Thank you to Grandpa Straw-Hat and wife Grandma Linda for the story, time, and their own plant to take home.



*From Nativity Council  
And Staff!*