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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Dear Nativity Family and Friends,

99 days ago was when we last gathered for worship in Nativity's sanctuary. Since then many of us have worshipped live on Facebook, or hours later on church website, or days later when the readings and sermon arrive in the mail. Some of you have said that you have gotten more church these last 99 days then you would have ever dreamed of. Social distancing/quarantining has led us to being on our media devices more so than ever. We are exploring worship services and sermons of other churches. The more you feed your faith, the better we all are for it. I love it and encourage it.

"The people are the church, not the building", rings so true these days. I think of how we have managed to transition worship on-line and into a "new normal", that will inevitably change yet again. You have been faithfully nimble and patient with how Nativity is to proceed back to in-person worship. For this I say thank you.

"The people are the church, not the building". Who would have thought we would be entertaining a building project at a time like this? *But we are.* Who would have thought that you all would listen, question and receive this news as well as you did? *Little to no anxiety, not to be found.* Nativity, I learned a lot about you as a church community, and myself as your pastor. Thank you.

"The people are the church, not the building". The building that is Nativity has defined a geographic starting point for this congregation since 1962. The church, has travelled well beyond these walls through worship, through education, through fellowship, through service, **through you**.

"X" number of days from now we will join together in-person for worship. We know it will look vastly different. That is ok. God is going to use all the uncertainty to God's glory. Nativity is going to play a role in it. Till then, feed your faith by all means necessary, and look with sure and certain hope to the day when we will be under a roof together.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

In the Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Winsor

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9:30 a.m. Online

BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. Via Zoom Tuesdays



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God's work...

...Our hands

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7/4 Kelly Hoekstra
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 7/14 Rodney Bryson
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 7/25 Jerry Thomas
 7/27 Lorraine Ballard
 7/27 Scott Ellis
 7/28 Joan Stelicha
 7/31 Caitlin Morrissey
 7/31 Dylan Morrissey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

7/1 Ralph and Teri Henning
 7/2 Matt and Debra Flynn

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS & HYMNS

Sunday bulletins can be found on pbnativity.com under "sermons" for you to follow along during the service.

Sunday, July 5, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" verses 1 & 3

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
 teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
 let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. ⁸We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, ¹¹as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

John 14:25-27

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will

teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Hymn #773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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.

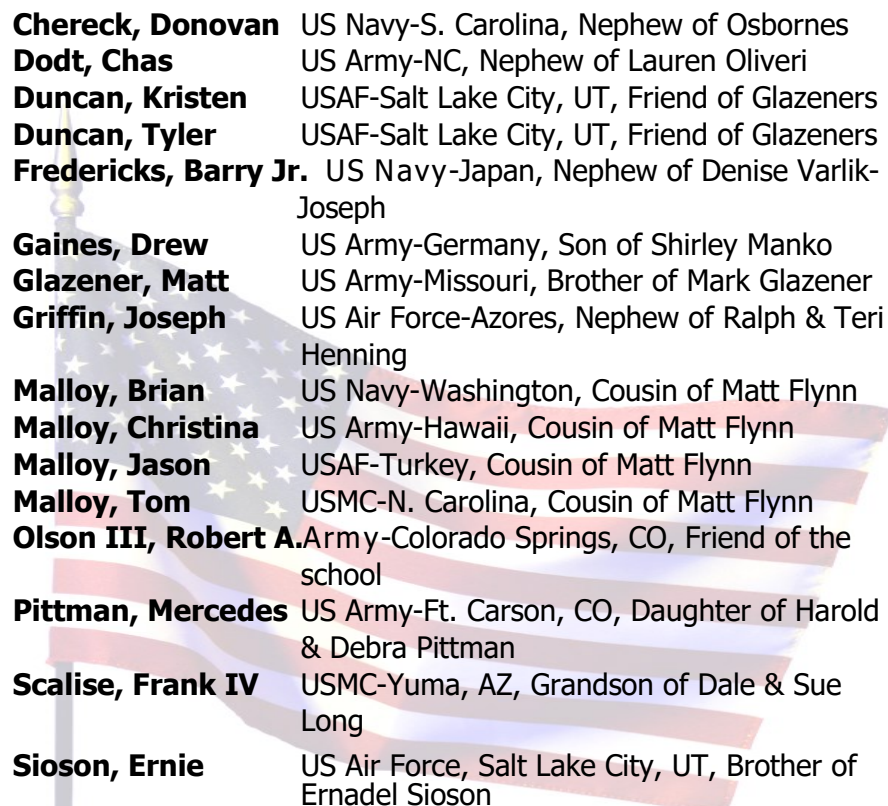
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #676 "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" verses 1, 2 & 4

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2 *Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead*
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

Serve



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

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 2020

BALANCE SHEET RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets:</u>	
61,137	Operating Cash
31,293	PPP Loan (Unused Portion)
60,698	MIF (Demand Checking)
<u>133,128</u>	Total Bank Accounts
<u>Liability:</u>	
\$ (58,100)	Park National PPP Loan
(19,668)	Mission Investment Fund Loan
<u>(77,768)</u>	
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>	
\$ 4,426	Capital Fund
312	Here, Near, Far Children
1,963	Memorial Fund
200	MIF Principal Paydown
(121)	Morrissey Fund
2,300	Preschool-Continuing Ed
1,960	Youth Fund
<u>\$ 11,030</u>	

2020 CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS

	<u>INC & EXP STMT</u>	<u>Other Exp</u>	<u>Other Income</u>	<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>
	CHURCH	MIF Princ	PPP Loan (Apr)	CASH ACTIVITY	CASH BALANCE
	& SCHOOL	& Other		ACTUAL OR	ACTUAL OR
	REV LESS (EXP)	B/S Items	Golf Outing (Nov)	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
				\$	63,215 1/1/2020
JAN	20,351	(435)		19,916	83,131 1/31/2020
FEB	(311)	(884)		(1,195)	81,936 2/29/2020
MAR	(186)	(1,214)		(1,400)	80,536 3/31/2020
APR	6,420		58,100	64,520	145,056 4/30/2020
MAY	(11,478)	(450)		(11,928)	133,128 5/31/2020
JUNE	(16,663)	(450)		(17,113)	116,015 Projected
JULY	(13,207)	(450)		(13,657)	102,358 Projected
AUG	(1,919)	(450)		(2,369)	99,989 Projected
SEPT	2,583	(450)		2,133	102,122 Projected
OCT	3,525	(450)		3,075	105,197 Projected
NOV	(7,531)	(450)	9,500	1,519	106,716 Projected
DEC	6,745	(450)		6,295	113,011 Projected

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Sunday, July 12, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #856 "How Great Thou Art" verses 1, 2 & 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

2 Corinthians 2:1-10

¹So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. ²For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? ³And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. ⁴For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. ⁵But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent — not to exaggerate it — to all of you. ⁶This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; ⁷so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.

Matthew 18:21-22

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Hymn #785 "It Is Well with My Soul"

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Hymn #596 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" verses 1, 2 & 4

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

January through May 2020

CHURCH

	MAY ACTUAL	MAY BUDGET	MAY VARIANCE	YTD JAN-MAY ACTUAL	YTD JAN-MAY BUDGET	YTD JAN-MAY VARIANCE
REVENUES						
Tithes & Offerings	13,513	19,000	(5,487)	92,322	93,000	(679)
Building Use	1,858	2,750	(892)	9,374	13,750	(4,376)
Other Revenues	60	357	(297)	6,751	2,308	4,443
	<u>15,431</u>	<u>22,107</u>	<u>(6,676)</u>	<u>108,447</u>	<u>109,058</u>	<u>(612)</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(8,962)	(17,994)	9,031	(61,070)	(71,445)	10,375
Other Expenses	(13,256)	(7,141)	(6,114)	(38,712)	(33,578)	(5,135)
	<u>(22,218)</u>	<u>(25,135)</u>	<u>2,917</u>	<u>(99,782)</u>	<u>(105,023)</u>	<u>5,240</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(6,787)</u>	<u>(3,029)</u>	<u>(3,758)</u>	<u>8,664</u>	<u>4,036</u>	<u>4,629</u>

SCHOOL

	MAY ACTUAL	MAY BUDGET	MAY VARIANCE	YTD JAN-MAY ACTUAL	YTD JAN-MAY BUDGET	YTD JAN-MAY VARIANCE
REVENUES						
Tuition Revenue	4,911	8,700	(3,789)	62,907	57,800	5,107
Other Revenues	405	583	(178)	3,778	2,917	861
	<u>5,316</u>	<u>9,283</u>	<u>(3,968)</u>	<u>66,685</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>5,969</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(8,521)	(14,770)	6,250	(48,269)	(55,074)	6,805
Other Expenses	(1,486)	(2,349)	863	(12,287)	(11,744)	(543)
	<u>(10,007)</u>	<u>(17,119)</u>	<u>7,112</u>	<u>(60,556)</u>	<u>(66,818)</u>	<u>6,262</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(4,691)</u>	<u>(7,836)</u>	<u>3,145</u>	<u>6,129</u>	<u>(6,101)</u>	<u>12,231</u>

COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL

	MAY ACTUAL	MAY BUDGET	MAY VARIANCE	YTD JAN-MAY ACTUAL	YTD JAN-MAY BUDGET	YTD JAN-MAY VARIANCE
REVENUES	20,747	31,390	(10,643)	175,132	169,775	5,357
EXPENSES	(32,225)	(42,254)	10,030	(160,338)	(171,840)	11,502
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(11,478)</u>	<u>(10,864)</u>	<u>(614)</u>	<u>14,794</u>	<u>(2,065)</u>	<u>16,859</u>

COMMENTS:

It is official. At a Zoom and Phone-in meeting on May 31, the congregation approved the first-ever calendar year budget. The approved budget numbers for June-December have been entered into our system and Cash Flow Projections through December 2020 are included in the Treasurer's Report this month.

Understandably, the last few months have been difficult financially.

So, let's focus on the positive. Even with the "no gathering" and no school, the Church and School for January through May (5 months) have resulted in Net Revenues of \$14,794.

From a Cash Flow perspective, we cannot underestimate the contribution of the PPP Government Loan that has allowed us to meet payroll for our staff during the government mandates of staying home.

Growing Together Garden: The garden is closing up for the summer- its too hot for many of the plants to produce and too hot for Grandpa StrawHat!

Next St. George's Dinner is supposed to be Friday, Aug 31. Currently no evening meals are being served.

Possible back to school celebration with a chili cookoff in August.

Sunday September 13th: God's Work Our Hands. Consider a project with the Tent City Homeless. Potential Thrivent Card for seed money? Breanne has a contact with "A Different Shade of Love" foundation that works with the Tent City population. She will reach out when it is closer to see how we can partner with them.

Other Business

Pastor Steve presented an opportunity for us to partner with St. John's Lutheran for our potential building period.

Next Council Meeting June 22 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned 8:15 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

SANDWICHES! —SANDWICHES! —SANDWICHES! MORE THAN 800 OF 'EM!

Saturday, June 20, Nancy and John Steffen received Thrivent aprons (courtesy of Thrivent Financial Rep. Sarah Davis) for 20 years of leading sandwich making at Nativity. Together with Hedy Rossmeissl, Linda & Julius Roehl, and Amy, Mara, & Pastor Winsor, they assembled 480 sandwiches for St. George's clients.

On Saturday, June 13, another 330 sandwiches were delivered to St. George's. The six sandwich kits were assembled at home by: Jim, Ann & Lauren Kreidler, Nancy, Caitlin & Dylan Morrissey, Linda & Julius Roehl, Hedy Rossmeissl & Rachel Rossmeissl-Stone, Carolyn Schwartz & Richard Panse.

The next 2nd Saturday Sandwich making will happen July 11. All six sandwich kits are spoken for. Thank You! If you are interested in this at home extra sandwich making, you may sign up for August 8. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AAAC23A20-sandwich> or contact Kari at 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity for assistance.



4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Sunday, July 19, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #707 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Verses 1, 2 & 4

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
- 4 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:25-32

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.' ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.' ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Hymn #438 "My Lord, What a Morning"

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

- 2 You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

- 3 You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations
underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

Hymn #666 "What Wondrous Love Is This" verses 1, 2 & 4

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

attendance (per synod guidelines) avg. 77 with 10 sermon/readings mailed out weekly to members who are not online.

Drive through communion held 6/14 serving 14 people in 10 cars. Next drive through to be held 6/28 for 45 minutes.

Pastor Steve emailed a survey re: return to worship. Current plan is: 2 services 9:30 and 11:30. 34 worshippers. RSVP to service of your choice by Friday. Temperature taken at the door. Mask at all times. Sanctuary will be sanitized before, between services. Nothing in the pews, no singing, sharing of the peace, communion or fellowship.

New A/C unit installed in the education building.

Staff Reports

Office Manager: No written report this month

Preschool Report: Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

May 27, a "drive-through" graduation was held and all of the graduates participated. Pastor Steve also helped combine pictures/videos into a video tribute to the graduates, which Pia and Ms. Dianne greatly appreciated.

A survey of current families was conducted re: Summer Camp and with the backing of the school board the decision to hold camp was made. All CDC/FL DOH guidelines are being followed.

5 tours and 3 children enrolled for fall.

Pia is updating and revising the Parent Handbook/Policies for fall. First draft presented to the board on 7/7.

Currently conducting a Parent Satisfaction Survey via Survey Monkey. Results will be shared with the school board and council via school board minutes.

The preschool intends to continue to use the Zoom platform for staff meetings, parent meetings and staff training in the future. Diana Johnson-Ford is working with Pia to present a staff training on sensory sensitivity.

School Board minutes reviewed during this time.

Committee Reports

Community Ministry Report: Sandwich Making is now a twice a month activity- Second Saturday is a "cottage industry" made at home by individuals or families. Third Saturday sandwich makers continue to gather in the family room (no more than 9 or 10). NOTE: Nativity is carrying on this ministry with about 20 people. We are donating 800/4800 sandwiches served at St. George's each month. This is a ministry funded almost completely funded by our Thrivent members.

MINUTES FROM

Council

PENDING APPROVAL

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday June 15, 2020

Called to order at 6:38 PM

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Kelly Rogers, Earl Osborne, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Julius Roehl, Shonda Staudt (please note that this meeting was conducted via the Zoom platform)

Absent and Excused: None

Special Guest: Jim New present to provide update on the purchase and sale agreement with FLF holdings as well as potential rental of space at Gardens Presbyterian.

Purchase agreement is going between attorneys- Jim to meet with them again and ask for an upfront payment from the buyer to assist with our attorney fees. Also, seeking further clarification on what the builder will present us with, there will not be a parking garage as originally thought, so the cost per space will be much less. Jim also going to request free storage space for whatever items we keep but don't use during the rental period.

Jim and Pastor Steve met with Gardens Presbyterian regarding renting and sharing their space during our building period. Gardens provided parameters and a cost breakdown with their rent proposal.

Council Meeting Minutes from May 2020 reviewed by council. Motion to approve, seconded, approved on voice vote.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Steve Winsor

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Carolyne New. Carolyne reviewed this month's financials, including update on the PPP funds. Once all the funds have been used, we will submit the documentation to Park National and the government for loan forgiveness. We cannot underestimate how much this loan has assisted us during the shutdown and stay at home times. Council would also like commend the congregation for their continued support financially during this time. Carolyne advised council of her summer travel dates.

President's Report: No written report

Vice President's Report: No written report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Winsor

Worship: Online only worship continues. May Facebook Live

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Sunday, July 26, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #526 "God Is Here" verses 1, 3 & 4

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his

poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hymn #581 "You Are Mine"

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."
- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

- 3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

- 4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

Early Years

Learn from nonfiction

Nonfiction picture books let your little one discover her world in ways she'll understand. Try these ideas for helping her learn from nonfiction.

Combine books with play. Read a library book about skyscrapers or famous landmarks, then place it near your child's block bin. Look for books about animals she knows from



her stuffed versions, such as sloths or penguins. She will make connections between her play and the books. Maybe she'll build the Eiffel Tower out of blocks or make her penguin waddle like real penguins do.

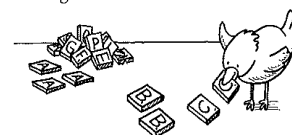
Compare fact with fiction. Get a nonfiction book and a related fiction book. For example, read a fact book about hot-air balloons and a story about a trip in a hot-air balloon. Talk about how the books are similar and different. What story events and details are realistic based on facts your youngster learned in the nonfiction book? She might say that a hot-air balloon does have a basket for people to ride in—but that you can't travel around the world in a day like the family in the book did. ♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Looking ahead to kindergarten

I recently had a spring conference with my son's preschool teacher. Since Caleb doesn't know all of his letters and numbers yet, I asked Mrs. Ryan if he was ready for kindergarten. Her answer: "Absolutely!"

The teacher explained that while the class has been learning ABCs and 123s, students spend more time on getting along with others, listening and following directions, and expressing feelings. Starting kindergarten with those skills will allow Caleb to focus on things like reading and math.



She also gave us suggestions for working on letters and numbers at home. Following her advice, I got out Scrabble tiles for Caleb to play with. Now he enjoys sorting them by letter and finding the letters in his name. He also likes it when I ask him to count things. When we take walks, for example, I'll ask him to count how many dogs or motorcycles he sees. ♥

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ACTIVITY CORNER

My mud kitchen

Playing in the mud lets your child explore science and math while using his imagination. Head outdoors together, and try these activities.

Materials: beach bucket or old mixing bowl, wooden spoon, measuring cups and spoons, baking sheet, spatula

Encourage your child to mix soil and water. What happens? He made mud! Let him experiment with different amounts of soil and water. He could use measuring cups and tweak his "recipe" until he finds the consistency he likes.

Now it's time for your little chef to "cook." He might put mud on a baking sheet and mold it into cookies or pretzels, then flip them with a spatula. Or maybe he'll make mud soup. Have him search for creative "ingredients" to stir into mud, like rocks for potatoes, twigs for carrots, and leaves for spinach. *Idea:* Add writing practice by helping him write recipes for his creations. ♥



Q & A Time-out alternatives

Q: Time-outs don't seem to make a difference in my daughter's behavior. What else can I do when she acts out?

A: While a time-out might stop misbehavior in the moment, it may not teach your child how to behave better in the future.

The next time your daughter acts out, explain what she did wrong and remove her

from the situation. Say she repeatedly tries to cut in line at the slide. You could say, "You need to wait your turn." Then, have her find somewhere else to play, such as on the swings or monkey bars.

Let your child know you notice what she does well, too. ("You remembered to use your words.") Pointing out what she does right will motivate her to repeat the behavior. ♥



Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START



Nativity Lutheran Church & School
Pia Heiser, Director

KID BITS

Where on the map?

Encourage your youngster to explore geography with this idea. Go for a walk, then let her create a 3-D "map" of your neighborhood using toys and craft supplies. She might lay down strips of tape for streets and add tissue box houses and aluminum foil ponds and streams.

Tell the truth

If you suspect your child is being dishonest, try giving him a chance to correct himself. Say he claims he washed his hands but you didn't hear the water running. You could say, "Why don't you go back and make sure they're clean? Then you can show me what a good job you did."

Share your job

Does your youngster know what you do at work? Take on-the-job selfies to show her! You could also share your work by bringing home a flyer you designed or paint samples from your store's hardware department. *Note:* If possible, arrange to take her to work with you for Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (April 23).

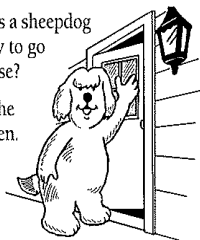
Worth quoting

"Smile, and others will smile back."
Jean Baudrillard

Just for fun

Q: When is a sheepdog most likely to go into a house?

A: When the door is open.



Caring for our planet

On April 22, the world celebrates Earth Day. But every day is a good day for your little one to help take care of the planet! Consider these tips for teaching your youngster responsibility with the "three Rs": reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Reduce

Invite your child to join you in the kitchen, and let him help you think of ways to cut down on waste. You might suggest drying hands with a dish towel rather than a paper towel. And he could use fabric paint to decorate cloth bags for grocery shopping so you won't need plastic or paper bags.

Reuse

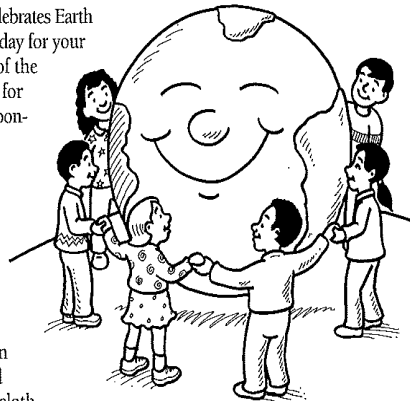
Before you throw away that cream cheese tub, brainstorm with your youngster new ways to use it. It might become a flower planter or a home for stray Legos. An empty pickle jar could hold his markers or colored pencils. Soon, he'll see possibilities in everything—and think twice before throwing something out!

Play with shapes

"There are squares on the tablecloth." "That drum is a cylinder." Your child can practice recognizing flat and solid (3-D) shapes with these suggestions.

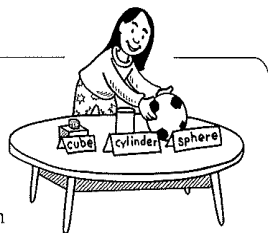
• **Make pictures.** Help your youngster draw and cut out triangles, circles, and squares from construction paper. Then, she could glue them on paper to make pictures. Let her tell you about her artwork. ("This tent is a triangle. The windows are squares.")

• **Create a display.** How many cubes can your child find around the house? Pick objects that are solid geometric shapes, such as a die (cube), drinking glass (cylinder), or soccer ball (sphere). Encourage her to gather more items with the same shape and display and label them.♥



Recycle

Help your little one learn local recycling rules. Visit a recycling center together, or call to ask what they accept. You may even be able to take a tour so your child sees what happens to the things you recycle. Then, have him make a poster to remind family members what to toss in the bin. Ask him to draw and label items that are allowed and tape his sign to your recycling bin.♥



Hymn #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
4 bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your boxed set of offering envelopes for June 2020 through May 2021 are in the church office. Please call the office before stopping by to pick yours up to be sure someone is here at that time. If you are not able to pick yours up, please contact Kari at 622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.

Thank you to all for your continued support!



LOSS IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Long-time member of Nativity Sharon Glazener was received into eternal rest by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 15, 2020. Husband Mark was by Sharon's side in her last earthly moments. Please keep Mark and family in your thoughts and prayers. Date and time of memorial service pending.

10 WAYS TO LIVE LONGER & HEALTHIER

The Parade magazine found in the Palm Beach Post recently had an article titled, "Secrets to Living to 100" written by Paula Scott. In it, she stated that there are twists on everyday health habits that can extend a happy, healthy life. Your genes only credit your health 25%. The rest is down to simple health behaviors. Here's how to get started.

1. **Eat Less** Just enough to maintain healthy weight. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper.
2. **Keep the Faith** God works in mysterious ways for your well-being. Researchers aren't entirely sure why people practicing a religion live longer, but they credit its related social life, volunteerism, stress-reducing prayer and attitude of gratitude.
3. **Cultivate Close Friendships** It helps if they are healthy friends. If your three best friends are obese, there's a 150% chance you will be too.
4. **Avoid Loneliness** Older adults who see only their spouse or the same two family members all the time fare less well than those who get stimulation from a wider social circle.
5. **Get Social Time** When it's safe, in person is better. The more time spent in social activities (book clubs, volunteering, hobbies), the lower the mortality risk. When it's not safe to meet face-to-face, digital social connection is better than nothing.
6. **Be of Good Cheer** If you're not born this way, you might be able to develop it.
7. **Stimulate Your Brain** Once you master a puzzle, you need to move on to more brain-stretching activities to get cognitive benefit.
8. **Exercise 45 Minutes a Day** It can be two or three shorter sets that add up to 45 minutes. Climbing stairs, dumbbells and walks are all good.
9. **Have a Purpose** Unlike a job, purpose doesn't end. If you have a sense of purpose and are engaged with the world, there's a psychosomatic effect. Your body rises to it.
10. **Eat a Mostly Plant-Based Diet** Focus on protein (but not much red meat), healthy fats and complex carbs.

PRESCHOOL

Scoop

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

On Wednesday, May 27, Nativity did things a little differently and had a drive through graduation for our VPK students. They were all smiles as their parents drove them through to receive their diplomas from the teachers along with a special Nativity VPK 2020 graduation shirt made by Shonda Staudt. Thank you to Shonda, Ernadel Sioson for decorating and the entire staff for helping to make it fun for the kids.

