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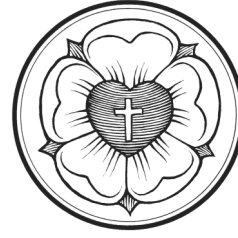
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WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All thanks be to God for we have carefully entered back into sanctuary worship. Amen. Let us be hopeful and prayerful that we can continue to do so. Let us pray that our community and the world over become less, and less affected by COVID-19 virus. Let us pray that science, good judgment and consideration for one another prevail over, and see to the death of this virus. In regards to church life and worship...

The results of our poll state 58% (29 of 50 survey takers) favored selling 60-65% (3-3.25 acres) of our 5-acre parcel for approx. \$2.5 million followed by a renovation of our current facilities. On Sunday October 4th after 9:30 worship we will have a congregational meeting to formally approve the sale of said land before reconvening at a later date to vote on a finalized purchase and sales agreement. Let's consider what this means to the future of Nativity. While 50 respondents is a decent turnout, we know there are more than 50 of us who attend worship on Sundays. We also know there are more than 50 of us who have a faith filled interest in Nativity's future direction. For those who did not give voice to the survey, the October 4th meeting will be an opportunity to consider this option before us. The future direction of Nativity needs your input. There are big decisions to be made in the near future that will determine the direction of Nativity's life and mission for the foreseeable future. It is of great importance for us to come together, share and listen to what could be.

If the sale of land comes to be, the proceeds will primarily be used for renovations and some for savings. New facilities will hopefully bring excitement and energy and new faces. Ideally, we will be prepared to fulfill the ministry needs of new comers and us. Ramping up to this possible land sale, and interim period of displaced worship during renovations, and ministries in new facilities will be exciting, but also demanding of us. There are a number of unknowns to us that will be made known to us by the Spirit's work through us. What we know is that the future of Nativity cannot rely solely on the sale of property and the hope that "they will come". It may sound cliché, but it is entirely biblical, you are the church good people.

If the sale of the land comes to be, it is because the time and energy of a few, and the will of God through you, made it come true! Your presence at the October 4th meeting is important. The sale of this land needs your faith-filled buy-in, or disapproval. The possible sale of this land needs to be informed by your future commitment to transforming lives through worship, education, fellowship and service. The possible sale of Nativity land, God's land, deserves your faithful attention.

Lastly, I know we are plagued by much uncertainty at the moment. That is the plain and simple truth. Pandemic, politics, and the paltry presence of positivity loom mighty these days! Now is the time to grasp hold of the constant certainty in your life, the love of God in Jesus Christ. God never fails in filling you with what your heart, mind and soul need. That is the God's honest truth.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Steve

Bible, Bagels and Brew

Join Pastor Steve and friends at 9:30AM on Tuesday mornings for a time of devotion, prayer, and study of the coming Sunday's biblical readings. Masks and COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

Youth Group for Middle and High School

Middle and High School youth have begun meeting again on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM. We share a meal together, have some fun and devote time to hearing of God's loving word. Please look at the calendar to see what Sunday we meet on. Masks and COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

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God's work...

...Our hands

DAYS TO Celebrate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

10/1 Carolyne New
10/6 Jane Keith
10/7 Anthony Molina (Oliveri)
10/9 Debra Flynn
10/10 Cheryl Bauer
10/11 Makenah Rogers
10/17 Jordan Stelicha
10/22 Tom Kuhn
10/24 Kathy Brockelbank
10/28 Sara Hoekstra
10/28 Sam Snyder
10/29 Caleb Moore



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

10/20 David & Judy Johnson

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS & HYMNS

We are meeting in person! Nativity is now hosting two 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. 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. Sunday bulletins for online worship can be found on pbnativity.com under "sermons" for you to follow along during the service. Videos of Sunday services will be available within 24 hours on pbnativity.com and anytime after the 9:30 service on facebook.

Sunday, October 4, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

- 1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be

without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹The LORD said to Moses: ²Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. ³Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the LORD brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the LORD. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

Serve

Chereck, Donovan	US Navy-Washington, Nephew of Osbornes
Dodt, 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
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Malloy, Christina	US Army-Hawaii, Cousin of Matt Flynn
Malloy, Jason	USAF-Turkey, Cousin of Matt Flynn
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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.

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Hymn #574
"Here I Am, Lord"

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*
- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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 #542, verses 2, 3 & 4

"O Living Bread, from Heaven"

- 2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30a Worship 10:30a Cong. Mtg. 11a Worship 6:30p MS/HS Youth	5 10:30a Staff mtg. 6:30p Council	6 9:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew	7 8-9p Family Book Study	8	9 1p Sandwich making pick up kits	10 9:30a sandwich drop off
11 9:30a Worship 11a Worship Clergy Appreciation Day	12 No School 6:30p Council	13 No School 9:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew	14 8-9p Family Book Study	15	16	17 9a Sandwich Making
18 9:30a Worship 11a Worship 6:30p Youth	19 10:30a Staff mtg.	20 Preschool Picture Day 9:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew	21	22	23	24
25 9:30a Worship 11a Worship Reformation Sunday	26 10:30a Staff mtg.	27 9:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew	28	29	30	31

3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

Sunday, October 11, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #589, verses 1, 4 & 5 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

1 All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
by their God are not forsaken and will keep a dauntless heart.

4 Well you know what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
as you will, so be it ever; I commit to you my way.

5 If on earth my days should lengthen,
God, my weary soul still strengthen;
all my trust in you I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding;
like a stream away it's gliding; safe I anchor in your grace.

Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

On May 31, 2020 our congregation held a Zoom/Internet/phone meeting to adopt an operating budget that would take us through December 31, 2020 and establish our financial reporting on a calendar year.

No one could have foreseen the impact that COVID 19 would have on the world. Nevertheless, we adopted a budget that was conservative and that projected a \$21,750 deficit for Calendar Year 2020 (\$14,490 for the Church, and \$7,260 for the Preschool). This \$21,750 deficit was to be offset by proceeds from our annual golf outing in November, reducing the deficit by \$9,500, to \$12,250.

In April 2020, prior to our May 31 meeting, an application for a Government PPP Loan (Payroll Protection Program) was made. We received \$58,100. This enabled us to pay our employees during the Stay at Home order. We are now in the process of applying for loan forgiveness for the full \$58,100.

CHURCH: In recent months, the church has experienced a budget deficit of \$5,000 per month in Tithes and Offerings. (Note that variances in June and July need to be averaged as we received Prepaid Pledges in June and we paid an Insurance premium for a similar amount in July. Ideally, these events get spread over a series of months, but for discussion purposes, it is easier to average the two months.)

SCHOOL: With the success of the preschool summer camp program, budgeted deficits for the school have been lower than expected—by \$7,600. However, the fall enrollment process has been challenging. As a result, we anticipate monthly deficits of \$5,800 for September, \$4,500 in October, \$2,000 in November, and \$2,000 in December.

CHURCH & SCHOOL: Expenses as budgeted are reliable numbers, but there will be expenses associated with the Letter of Intent Purchase & Sale Agreement to sell a portion of our land.

The Golf Outing has been postponed. At this time there is no suitable place to hold the event. This impacts our budget and our plan for the proceeds to help offset deficits.

REPORTS INCLUDED: YTD Budget Report for January through August, and a 2020 Cash Flow Report which includes Cash Projections through December reflecting current trends and known differences from budget. I present here an Operating Cash Recap showing the approved budget adopted on May 31, 2020 as compared to the 2020 YTD Actual and updated Projections:

2020 Budget	2020 Projections	
\$63,215	\$63,215	Operating Cash January 1, 2020
(14,490)	(33,173)	Church Operations
(7,260)	(27,031)	School Operations
(5,400)	(6,141)	MIF Loan Principal Payments/Other
9,500		Golf Outing Proceeds
	58,100	Government PPP Loan Proceeds
\$45,565	\$54,970	Projected Operating Cash December 31, 2020

As you can see, the Government PPP Loan Proceeds covered the excess deficits created from the COVID 19 restrictions. While that is very good news for our cash position at year end, we need to be mindful that continued large deficits each month are a threat to our financial stability.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: A Budget Committee is being organized to build a 2021 Budget. They will begin this task in early October. There will be a Congregational Meeting in mid-November to review and adopt a budget for 2021. Proposed budget information will be available to the congregation in advance for your review.

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
EIGHT MONTH RECAP--JANUARY-AUGUST 2020

CHURCH	AUGUST ACTUAL	AUGUST BUDGET	AUGUST VARIANCE	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH BUDGET	YTD JAN-AUG VARIANCE
INCOME						
Tithes & Offerings	13,421	18,050	(4,629)	145,942	144,600	1,342
Building Use	2,182	1,550	632	15,156	18,450	(3,294)
Other Revenues	35	585	(550)	6,971	6,563	408
	<u>15,638</u>	<u>20,185</u>	<u>(4,547)</u>	<u>168,069</u>	<u>169,613</u>	<u>(1,544)</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(12,392)	(13,136)	744	(103,729)	(110,853)	7,124
Other Expenses	(8,631)	(8,548)	(83)	(77,513)	(66,846)	(10,667)
	<u>(21,023)</u>	<u>(21,684)</u>	<u>661</u>	<u>(181,241)</u>	<u>(177,699)</u>	<u>(3,542)</u>
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NET INC (EXP)	<u>(5,385)</u>	<u>(1,499)</u>	<u>(3,886)</u>	<u>(13,173)</u>	<u>(8,086)</u>	<u>(5,087)</u>

SCHOOL	AUGUST ACTUAL	AUGUST BUDGET	AUGUST VARIANCE	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH BUDGET	YTD JAN-AUG VARIANCE
INCOME						
Tuition Revenue	2,702	7,750	(5,048)	64,967	65,550	(583)
Camp/Other Revenues	2,100	583	1,517	13,928	7,667	6,261
	<u>4,802</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>(3,531)</u>	<u>78,895</u>	<u>73,217</u>	<u>5,679</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(6,599)	(5,976)	(623)	(73,216)	(74,502)	1,286
Other Expenses	(1,624)	(2,349)	725	(18,410)	(19,065)	655
	<u>(8,223)</u>	<u>(8,325)</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>(91,626)</u>	<u>(93,567)</u>	<u>1,941</u>
NET INC (EXP)	<u>(3,421)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(3,429)</u>	<u>(12,731)</u>	<u>(20,350)</u>	<u>7,620</u>

COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL	AUGUST ACTUAL	AUGUST BUDGET	AUGUST VARIANCE	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-AUG 8 MONTH BUDGET	YTD JAN-AUG VARIANCE
INCOME	20,440	28,518	(8,078)	246,964	242,830	4,135
EXPENSES	<u>(29,246)</u>	<u>(30,009)</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>(272,867)</u>	<u>(271,266)</u>	<u>(1,602)</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(8,806)</u>	<u>(1,491)</u>	<u>(7,315)</u>	<u>(25,903)</u>	<u>(28,436)</u>	<u>2,533</u>

OBSERVATION:

Comparisons through August against budget appear favorable. This is a result of very good cash receipts in January and February, prepaid pledges received in June, and Preschool Summer Camp. However, the fact is that Offerings for the Church and Tuition Revenues for the School are well behind due to COVID 19 school restrictions and our need to observe safe gathering practices. Monthly shortfalls since May have been averaging \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month. Please review the Cash Flow Report and projections included in this month's report.

offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Luke 23:34

³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Hymn #343, verses 1-3

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

Hymn #804, verses 1, 3 & 4
"Come Down, O Love Divine"

1 Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near;
 within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing--
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
 no soul can guess Love's grace
 till it become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sunday, October 18, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #745, verses 1, 4 & 5

"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"

1 Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with rev'rence and with fear.
 Though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must draw near.

4 Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone;
 to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ alone.

5 Give these, and then your will be done;
 thus strengthened with all might,
 we, through your Spirit and your Son, shall pray, and pray aright.

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

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

This Cash Flow Report and Year End Projection is an analysis of how the COVID 19 pandemic has interrupted and affect our church and school financially. It is in no way a comment on the generous Nativity congregation and its' hard working staff. It is a financial tool designed to anticipate cash needs so we can continue to serve one another and the families and children we are committed to serve through our church and school.

2020 CASH FLOW REPORT

	OPENING OPERATING CASH	CHURCH OPERATIONS (Rev less Exp)	SCHOOL OPERATIONS (Rev less Exp)	Other MIF Princ & PPP Govt Loan	CLOSING OPERATING CASH
JAN	63,215	14,719	5,632	(435)	83,131
FEB	83,131	(5,291)	4,979	(883)	81,936
MAR	81,936	(2,857)	2,669	(1,212)	80,536
APR	80,536	8,879	(2,459)	58,100	145,056
MAY	145,056	(6,787)	(4,691)	(450)	133,128
JUNE	133,128	2,990	(10,918)	(448)	124,752
JULY	124,752	(19,441)	(4,522)	(458)	100,331
AUG	100,331	(5,385)	(3,421)	(455)	91,070
JAN-AUG		(13,173)	(12,731)	53,759	

PROJECTIONS THROUGH YEAR END

	OPENING CASH	CHURCH OPERATIONS	SCHOOL OPERATIONS	MIF Loan Principal Pyt	CLOSING CASH
SEPT	91,070	(5,000)	(5,800)	(450)	79,820
OCT	79,820	(5,000)	(4,500)	(450)	69,870
NOV	69,870	(5,000)	(2,000)	(450)	62,420
DEC	62,420	(5,000)	(2,000)	(450)	\$ 54,970
SEPT-DEC		(20,000)	(14,300)	(1,800)	
		(33,173)	(27,031)		PROJECTED 2020 DEFICITS
		(14,490)	(7,260)		BUDGETED 2020 DEFICITS
		(18,683)	(19,771)		COVID 19 IMPACT

3rd Saturday Sandwich Making: Continues with leadership of Nancy Steffen and her band of sandwich artists (by invitation only due to COVID)

Growing Together Garden: Seedlings are sprouting and Grandpa Straw Hat has laundered his gardening gloves in preparation for the new season with the preschool.

Next Council Meeting 10/5 and 10/12 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned at 8:30 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

Nativity Lutheran Church

Addendum to August 2020 Minutes

August 24, 2020

Via email, the following motion was put forth to council:

Beginning Monday August 31, 2020 Nativity Lutheran Preschool to offer a Pop-up Virtual Learning Site as outlined in Preschool Board July 2020 Minutes and Pia's report to council.

Motion Passes unanimously via email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Johnsen

Council Secretary

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

As we continue worship services during these times, we have a slightly different routine when setting up for service. The sanctuary, bathrooms and reception area need to be sprayed with a disinfectant cleanser between services, door handles need to be wiped down with a disinfectant cloth.

Communion cups need to be filled before each service to keep the wine fresh and temperatures need to be taken at the door along with another person checking the reservations off.

If you are able to help with these tasks, please contact Kari *during the week* to confirm which Sunday and service you can help.

¹Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory." ²"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God." ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed."

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength."

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn." ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts." ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world." ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail." ¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Luke1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Hymn WOV#752, verses 1 & 3

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Here I Am Lord)

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Hymn WOV#730, verses 1 & 3
"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.
- 3 To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

Sunday, October 25, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #588, verses 1, 3 & 4
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

2 Samuel 7:1-17

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn presented the current month's financials and the projections for the year. We are facing a budget shortfall both for the preschool and the church for this year. COVID-19 has taken a toll on both, despite the fact that we were fortunate to receive the PPP. Continue to encourage our members to participate in giving.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Winsor

Worship: Reviewed guidelines for return to worship as outlined in the addendum to Pastor Steve's report. Motion to approve return to in person worship under these guidelines. Seconded and approved on voice vote.

25 attended drive through communion on 9/6. Pastor Steve will assess the need to continue this after the return of in-person worship. Pastor Steve purchased a quality external microphone and device to aid in filming worship for Facebook Live, which will continue after in-person worship resumes.

Cleaning up the membership roll: Pastor Steve drafted a letter, accompanied by a phone call that will be sent out to persons on the membership roll that have not communed, nor have a record of giving from August 2019 to August 2020. Persons that have not, risk forfeiting their voting privileges.

St. John's: Pastor Steve and Pastor Gary (St. John's) began a 6 month online training on congregation vitality through ELCA Churchwide. The joint book study previously proposed has been postponed. Pastor Steve will not serve as supply for St. John's while Pastor Gary is on vacation in October.

Received a request from Kelly Hoekstra to use the church parking lot and breezeway bathrooms for her son's birthday party on 9/26 from 1-4. We have approved this request in the past. Motion to approve, seconded and passed on voice vote.

Office Manager: Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

Golf Club of Jupiter will only have 9 holes available beginning in October. The restaurant opening is TBD, and there are only port-o-potties for restrooms. Bobby Dodson, the pro recommends that we postpone until the spring when they will have full facilities and amenities.

Fellowship Hall AC coil was replaced for a total cost of \$1624, under the \$1700-\$2000 estimate.

Community Ministry Report:

2nd Saturday Sandwich Making: Despite being unable to find volunteers to take over the shopping, Julius and Linda Roehl have been able to solve the shopping problem and the ministry carries on. They are in need of a volunteer to deliver the assembled sandwiches on Saturday. They are also in need of 3 Thrivent cards to fund this ministry through the end of 2020.

MINUTES FROM *Council*

PENDING APPROVAL

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday September 14, 2020

Called to order at 6:40 PM

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Kelly Rogers, Carolyn New, Breanne Johnsen, Julius Roehl, Shonda Staudt

Absent and Excused: None

Council Guests: Pia Heiser and Jim New

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

Please note: Council received and accepted the resignation of Earl Osborne, Vice President. We wish to thank Earl for his service to the congregation as a member of the council.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Steve Winsor

Preschool Report: Given by Pia Heiser. Pia reviewed the attendance numbers vs. the enrolled numbers (Pre-K 6 of 11 and VPK 8 of 13). The pop-up learning site served 2 students for 1 week and thanks to Shonda Staudt agree to a lower rate, the school was able to break even on the one week program. Pia also shared the school board minutes from the September school board meeting. At the conclusion of her report, Pia departed the meeting.

Property: We were joined by Jim New at this time. Review of poll regarding the congregation's choice on the potential sale of the property. With 49 responses gathered, the following results:

Option 1: Do nothing (4)

Option 2: Sell everything and pursue merger with St. John's Lutheran (13)

Option 3: Sell everything and build (4)

Option 4: Sell part of the land and update the facilities (29)

Motion to authorize the property committee to pursue the purchase and sales agreement, seconded and approved on voice vote.

With that in mind, council plans for a congregation meeting on 10/4 to have a vote to approve the sale of the property as outlined in option 4.

At the conclusion of this business, Jim New departed the meeting.

have in mind; for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Luke 1:30-33

³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Hymn #592, verses 1, 2 & 4 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn #700

"Bring Peace to Earth Again"

Tune from #778 The Lord's My Shepherd

- 1 Where armies scourge the countryside, and people flee in fear,
where sirens scream through flaming nights,
and death is ever near:

Refrain

O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!

- 2 Where anger festers in the heart, and strikes with cruel hand;
where violence stalks the troubled streets,
and terror haunts the land: *Refrain*

- 3 Where homes are torn by bitter strife,
and love dissolves in blame;
where walls you meant for shelt'ring care
hide deeds of hurt and shame: *Refrain*

- 4 O God, whose heart compassionate
bears ev'ry human pain,
redeem this violent, wounding world
till gentleness shall reign. *Refrain*

Thank you to all for your continued support!

CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger

A Tree Is a Plant by Clyde Robert Bulla

Be a Friend to Trees by Patricia Lauber

The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree by Gail Gibbons

A Grand Old Tree by Mary Newell DePalma

A Tree Is Nice by Janice May Udry

FALLING LEAVES

Sung to the tune of "London Bridges"

Play and walk in real leaves outside, or make-believe with paper leaves indoors. Make up movements to act out the song.

Orange and red leaves falling down,
Falling down, falling down.

Orange and red leaves falling down,
It's so windy.

We are raking up the leaves,
Up the leaves, up the leaves.
We are raking up the leaves,
In a pile.

Now let's jump right in the pile,
In the pile, in the pile.
Now, let's jump right in the pile,
See us smile!



PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

THIS MONTH'S THEME

At Nativity Preschool this month, science comes to life as our students discover the wonder of orchards. They will get to know the parts of a tree and investigate the fruit and seeds that grow from them. Next, they will identify the animals that call an orchard home. They will sneak like a raccoon and polka with a porcupine. This will be an exciting month of peeling bananas, mashing avocados, painting with a pokey chestnut and cracking a bumpy walnut!

EXPLORE AROUND THE HOME

So much of October's theme can be easily reinforced by stepping outside with your child. Take a walk and count the various trees you see. Explore the parts of a tree and discover what the seed for that tree looks like. Look for animals that live in the trees and discover the science of nature near your home.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters: Ii, (ice, iguana, insect) Ll (leaf, lion, lemon) and Ee (egg, elephant, ear)

Shape: Square

Numbers: 3 and 4

Color: Red

Character Trait: Patient

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/14 Anikait Sahoo

10/30 Theresa Saccone (teacher assistant)



NO SCHOOL MONDAY OCTOBER 12

NO SCHOOL TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

PICTURE DAY TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

MORE *News*

Dear Congregation:

The death of my son Eric at 47 yrs has been a profound loss for our family, Carolynne and I. We want to thank everyone who sent prayers, cards, and condolences.

Yours Faithfully

Jim and Carolynne New

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Quarterly daily devotionals are available to you in the church office free of charge.

SANDWICH MAKING

300+ Sandwiches made by the 2nd Saturday Super Sandwich Makers Feed Our Needy Neighbors

On Saturday, September 12, 330 sandwiches were delivered to St. George's Center in Riviera Beach by Jim & Carolynne New. The 6 sandwich kits were assembled by: The Kreidler Family- Jim, Donna, Ann & Lauren; Karyn & Lois Howerton, Nancy Hunter, Kari Donnelly, Jim & Carolynne New, and Julius & Linda Roehl. Thank You. Thanks, also to Thrivent Financial who support our sandwich making.

Here's how it works. We put into a kit all the ingredients you need to make 55 sandwiches. You pick up the kits Friday at 1 PM (the 2nd Friday of each month), put the sandwiches together at home and return them to Nativity at 9:30 am on (the 2nd Saturday of each month). We deliver them to St. George's, along with healthy granola bars instead of cookies.

If you are interested, you can use the signup genius on Nativity's website. Our next project is Friday and Saturday October 9th & 10th. There are 3 kits left for October.

480 more sandwiches contributed to St. George's on our standing third Saturday sandwich making.

Saturday, September 19, another 480 sandwiches were made to help feed the needy. 360 nutritious granola bars were also donated. A big THANK YOU to these helpers: Kari & Brian Donnelly, Hedy Rossmeissl, Nancy & John Steffen, and Amy, Mara & Pastor Steve Winsor. If you want to help Saturday, October 17 contact Nancy Steffen @ 561-281-4353.

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Working Together for School Success

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Pia Heiser, Director

SHORT NOTES

Exercise your brain

Your child's brain is like a muscle—the more he uses it, the stronger it will become. Suggest that he give his brain a workout with activities like using his nondominant hand to throw a ball or to color. Learning to speak a foreign language or play a musical instrument are also known brain boosters.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a box with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
Mark Twain

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you worked on today"

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

"Show me what you have for homework"

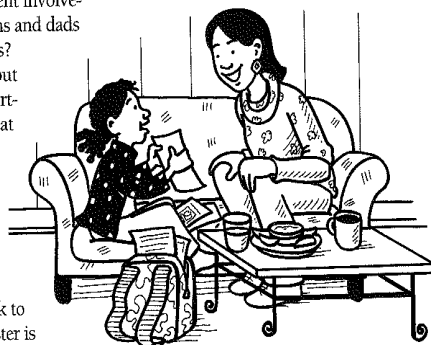
It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today"

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about"

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for



shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, read a book or observe animals outside.♥

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened today?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you?" ♥

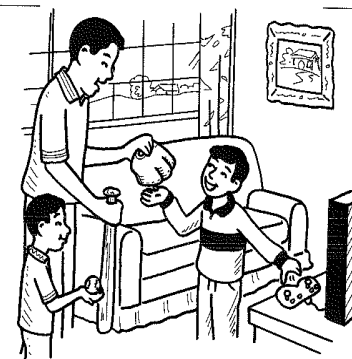


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What does respect look like?

Your youngster's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn about respect.

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such as, "I



want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your

neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting makes a tougher book easier to comprehend. If your youngster is reading a novel set in France, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like kids.nationalgeographic.com).

- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.
- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥

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Q & A

Strong study habits

Q: My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

A: Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close her eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve 3×3 . Or she might find it helpful to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

How to be careful online

With my daughter using the internet more for schoolwork, I was concerned she would wander to unsafe sites. We set up parental controls as her teacher recommended, and I try to stay nearby when she's on the computer.

But my older sister reminded me that while supervision is important, Sophie needs to learn safe habits to use on her own. So I explained to

Sophie that real-life safety rules apply online.

For instance, she shouldn't talk to strangers or go places she's not allowed. Before visiting a new site, she has to check with me so I can make sure it's appropriate. And just as in real life, she needs to tell me right away if a stranger tries to contact her or if she sees something confusing or upsetting.

I feel better that Sophie has ground rules, and I am going to keep this conversation going.♥

