

# THE NATIVITY

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

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## WORDS FROM

*Pastor Steve*

### ***ACT, LOVE, WALK'S FIRST MOBILE PANTRY MISSION***

On September 28th a group of 14 youth and adult volunteers with Nativity's Act Love Walk mobile ministry went out to two local hotels - Inn of America and InTown Suites - hotels that had been identified as having residents and guests that may be food insecure. Act Love Walk delivered food, toys, ice cream, resource lists, and cards to a number of residents and guests of the hotels. We took our puppet show on the road, using puppets to interact with the youngest residents and guests of the hotels. The guests we served seemed interested to interact, and we have some great ideas in place for going out again. We got great feedback from the hotel staff on the positive impact that our trip made, and were invited to come back again.

To see more photos of this event, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sarTH6hZ2WzGMY1s5>





## ***GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS***

Many thanks to all who helped with bagging bulk rice and beans for our Act Love Walk mobile ministry as part of God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9/8/2024. The bagged rice and beans, along with other non-perishables will be delivered to two extended stay motels in the area that have been identified as having families that may be food insecure. God is good!







### ***DONATIONS ACCEPTED***

If you would like to help keep our feeding ministries alive, please write a check to Nativity and write in memo line "Act Love Walk or "sandwich making" or bring in pantry food items like rice, beans, vegetables, cereal, etc. for our Act, Love, Walk Ministry. See October's list on page 13.

If you are a Thrivent member, please apply for an Action Team to help fund one of the sandwich making events. You may talk to Nancy Steffen, Linda Roehl or Kari in the church office to find out what month needs financing. Thank you in advance.





# NATIVITY *News*

## ***DO YOU LOVE TO SING?***

Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6pm in Nativity's sanctuary. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Anyone can be a part of our choir.



## ***NEW! THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE GARDENS PODCAST***

This is the audio of Sunday morning's scripture and message made available following Sunday's service. Did Pastor Steve say something in his message you'd like to hear again? Or maybe you missed Sunday worship, and you'd like to hear the scripture and message. Or perhaps you'd like to share the good news with someone that needs to hear it? Now you can! Use the QR code to Go to the Sunday's Sermons page of Nativity's website. There you can listen to the podcast, and navigate to the podcast website to subscribe via your preferred podcast player. Enjoy, and share!

## ***LISTEN! CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY***

Long time Nativity member Doris Karlik sits down with Pastor Steve for a conversation about her youth as a Lutheran, her many roles in the local and national church, her love of God and love of Nativity. You don't want to miss this 93 year young woman's recollection of her upbringing in New Jersey, her 55 years as a member of Nativity, and her hope for it's future.



Listen! Is an occasional series of conversations with members of Nativity Lutheran. Both God and Jesus said, "Listen". It was a heads up that what they were about to say was important. I believe everyone has something important to say. Everyone has a story, an event that helps to define who they are, and possess the power to connect us to one another in ways that only the Holy Spirit can.

Who will we listen to next? Maybe you! Contact Pastor Steve at [pastor@pbnativity.com](mailto:pastor@pbnativity.com) before he contacts you!

## ***BIBLE, BAGELS AND BREW BIBLE STUDY***

Bible Study on Tuesday from 9:30-10:30. A time of faith, fellowship and the preaching text for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

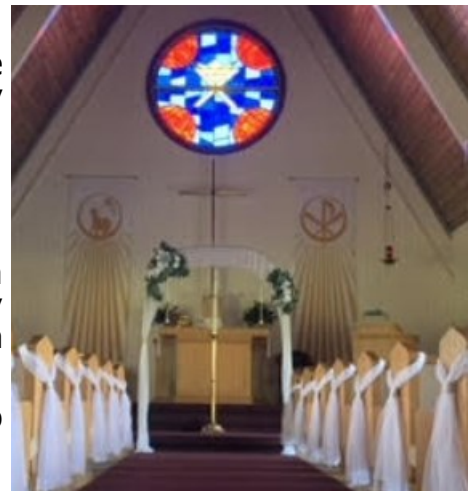
## ***WOMEN'S LOVE CIRCLE***

Love Circle will meet Monday October 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the church reception area. All women are invited to join for Bible study and fellowship.

## ***WEDDING***

On Saturday, September 14, Adam Mawhinney and Krysten Michon were married here at Nativity by Pastor Steve. Adam and family were members of Nativity in the 80's. He and Krysten have been attending services also.

They donated their arch that decorated the front of the church to Nativity if anyone would like to use it.



## ***GIVING TO NATIVITY***

To explore and give to a specific ministry of Nativity, use the QR codes below to navigate to our webpage where you can learn about us and through PayPal. Thank you, and God bless!

### **Church Operations**



### **Preschool**



### **Community Service & Outreach**



## ***THRIVENT***

Thrivent.com is an excellent way to invest your money with a religious based organization. Once you become a Thrivent member, you are able to host two action teams a year. An action team can be formed to raise money for someone in need, help in the community and especially helps to fund our two sandwich making events each month. If you are a Thrivent member and are able to host an event, go online to Thrivent.com to apply or contact kari@pbnativity or 561-622-4998 Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. Thrivent will sponsor up to \$250 for each team. There is no cost to you.

Thrivent members also remember to direct your Choice Dollars to your favorite non profit or charity yearly.

## ***LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE***

Would you like to support those persons who have been affected by wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding from torrential rains, and more? Go to ELCA website and click on Lutheran Disaster Response to give. This is a great way to give to those that need help from Hurricane Helene that caused such damage to FL, GA and the Carolinas.

You can also mail a check to Florida-Bahamas Synod, 3838 W Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607. Make checks payable to the Florida-Bahamas Synod with "Hurricane Helene Relief" in the memo line or scan the QR code here.



## ***MARY'S MISSIONARY YEAR IN MEXICO CITY***

Mary Winsor (daughter of Pastor Steve and wife Amy) spent a year abroad in Mexico City through the ELCA's YAGM (Young Adult in Global Mission) program where she worked in a migrant shelter. Mary shared her Holy Spirit filled experience during worship on Sunday 9/22.



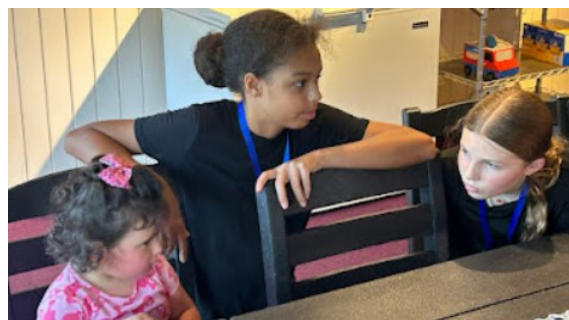
## ***WOMAN'S FALL GATHERING***

Attend the FL-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization Fall Gathering, themed "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", being held November 8th-10th at the Warren Willis Conference Center in Fruitland Park. Go to flwelca.com for more information. Cost is approximately \$230 per person for the weekend. The registration deadline is October 10th.

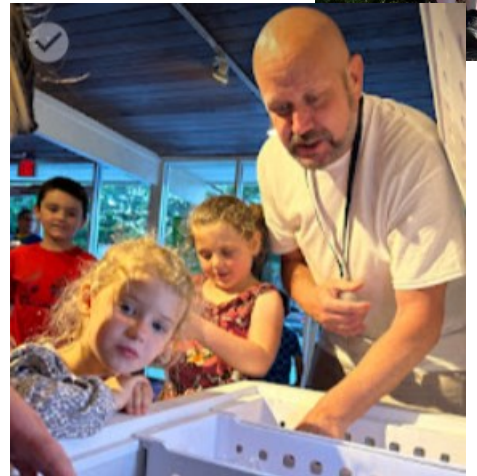


## ***PARENTS' NIGHT OUT***

September's successful parents' night out included pumpkin painting, ice cream, stories and fun! Nine kids attended and were supervised by Shonda Staudt, Carol Duvall, Michael Segal, Abby & Mike Moore, Pastor Steve Winsor and Holland Romaine. The middle and high school helpers were Desi Romaine, Mara Winsor, Max Roehl, London Erlang and Hailey Olson.









### ***PARENTS' NIGHT OUT VOLUNTEERS AND KIDS NEEDED!***

Our next Parents' Night Out is Saturday, October 19th, to support children with an evening of activities, dinner, and a movie. This month's theme is "Everything Pumpkin". We are reaching out for volunteers, adults and youth to help make our event a success!

*Parents volunteering will not be charged for their children (ages 3 and potty trained through 5th grade) who attend the Parent Night Out event.*

Please text or call Carol Duvall at (410)570-1735 expressing your interest in volunteering for one of the following dates:

- Saturday, October 19th
- Saturday, November 2nd
- Saturday, December 14th

We need a few adult volunteers to work one of three shifts: (1) 4-6pm, (2) 6-8pm, or (3) 5-8pm.

We also need middle and high school youth to walk alongside the younger children and assist in the activities (4:15-8pm). At 4:15pm, there will be a general volunteer orientation for our youth volunteers.

Please use the code below to register your child or as a volunteer. You may also use the link

<https://nativity.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=Y35OVWJ>



### ***OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

Search "domestic violence" at the Women of the ELCA blog ([womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org)) to find resources and information on how you can make a difference. Look for the blog post titled "What Can You Do to End Domestic Violence?" To reach the National Domestic Violence hotline: call (800) 799-7233, or text BEGIN to 88788.

### ***OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH***

Show Pastor Steve some love with a card, a hug or a pat on the back!



# Family Newsletter

## THIS MONTH'S THEME

## Orchard Harvest

This month, science comes to life as your child discovers the wonder of orchards. They will get to know the parts of a tree and investigate the fruit and seeds that grow from them. They will identify the animals that call an orchard home, sneak like a raccoon and polka with a porcupine. Get ready for an exciting month of peeling bananas, mashing avocados, painting with a pokey chestnut and cracking a bumpy walnut!



Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

## Explore Around Home

Take a neighborhood walk and investigate trees together.

So much of the Orchard Harvest 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. Invite your child to discuss the colors they see as the leaves change in the crisp fall air. Look for animals that live in the trees and discover the science of nature near your home.

### Topics for a walk:

counting  
life cycle of trees  
colors  
seasons  
animal life



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters li, ll & Ee  
Shape Square  
Numbers 3 & 4  
Color Red  
Character Trait Patient

Letter li ice, iguana & insect  
Letter Ee egg, elephant & ear  
Letter ll leaf, lion & lemon







#### RECOMMENDED READS

## 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



#### Sing Together

### Falling Leaves

(Sing to the tune of "London Bridge")

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

## News



### ***OCTOBER SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS***

10/5 Esther Tawi  
10/11 Gloria Clerveau  
10/15 Blake Scheets  
10/21 Ms. Judy  
10/31 Ms. Theresa

***No SCHOOL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, FALL HOLIDAY***

***No SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, TEACHER WORK DAY***

### ***NATIVITY FUNDRAISER***

Nativity Lutheran Church and Preschool will be having TWO opportunities for you to shop online this fall! You have the choice of Ship to Home or Ship to Nativity with orders received by mid November.

ON THE GO October Fundraiser starts TODAY and ends 10/14. Shop online and pick up a brochure on the Resource Table located in the Family Room near Pia's office.

TOTE BAGS: great high quality gift totes for women and girls, ideas under \$43.

CANDLES: with 8 holiday scents and 4 "Floridian" summer scents.

And coming in November will be additional Christmas shopping options for gift wrap and gifts!

Please share with family and friends!

**To support Nativity's October fundraiser please:**

**(1) scan the QR code or go to [Fundraisershoppingcart.com/shop/](https://Fundraisershoppingcart.com/shop/)**

**(2) Enter Group ID: FS0243270**

**(3) Enter Seller ID: 00449420**

**(4) Shop!**



### ***TRUNK OR TREAT***

Thursday, October 31, Nativity Preschool will be having their annual Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot. If you would like to decorate your vehicle or donate candy, please sign up at the information desk at the front of the living room. The fun starts at 9:30am.





### ***A VISIT FROM OLD MACDONALD***

Luke (second from right wearing a crown) got a surprise visit from Old MacDonald (AKA his grandpa) to help celebrate his birthday. All of the kids enjoyed singing along.





# FEEDING *Ministries*

## ***GREAT NEWS! ACT, LOVE, WALK UPDATE...***

In September, ALW delivered 47 bags (572.5 pounds!) of food, plus toys, books, ice cream, and a puppet show, to local food insecure families. Thank you!

Pantry shelves are now low. Please help! Food needs are listed below, or posted in the family room and on our website. Donations may be placed on the wire carts in the family room.

Volunteer opportunities in ALW suit all ages, interests and talents! Join us on Saturday mornings at 9AM at Nativity, or contact ALW director Mike Moore, [mtmoore1313@gmail.com](mailto:mtmoore1313@gmail.com) students needing volunteer hours should bring their paperwork.

October needs for Act Love Walk:

Muffin/Quick Bread mixes ("just add water")	Pancakes/Waffle mixes
Baking Spices/Vanilla	Syrup/Honey/Sugar
Vegetable Oil/Sprays	Halloween Candy (no chocolate)
Canned Pumpkin	Evaporated Milk
Pie Crusts	Stuffing/Cornbread Mixes
Canned green beans, peas, corn, sweet potatoes	Mini Marshmallows
Cranberry Sauce/Canned Fruit	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Rice and Beans	Canned Chicken/Tuna/Spam
Turkey Gravy	Aluminum Baking Pans
Gift Cards	



## ***SANDWICH MAKING***

Our October 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Take Home Sandwich Making is filled up. Please sign up for upcoming months if you would like to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. The kits may be picked up on the second Friday of each month between 11am and 4pm. You take them home to assemble and then bring the completed sandwiches back on the following day, Saturday at 9:00am in front of Nativity for delivery. Please sign up today to help feed the homeless and hungry at Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A4A72BA7F94-46859274-2ndsaturday>

Thank you September sandwich makers: Linda, Max and West Roehl, Gloria and Dennis Jackson, Kelly Hoekstra, Nancy Hunter, Michael Segal and Carol Duval and Theresa Saccone. Thank you to Thrivent for hosting this event and Linda Roehl for shopping, preparing and delivering.

## ***THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING***

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, October 21st at 9:30am in the church reception area where we will prepare approximately 400 sandwiches to be delivered for the homeless and hungry. Please join us if you have an hour to spare. Plastic gloves will be provided.

Thank you to September sandwich makers: Kathy Brockelbank, Tom Kuhn, Charlie Beiser, John & Nancy Steffen, Hedy Rossmessl, MaryAnn Spech, and Mary Winsor. Thank you to the Steffens for shopping and delivering the finished sandwiches to St. George's. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our ministry.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:



10/8	Sue Miller
10/9	Debra Flynn
10/11	Makenah Rogers
10/18	Erin Miller
10/22	Tom Kuhn
10/24	Kathy Brockelbank
10/28	Sara Hoekstra
10/29	Caleb Moore
10/31	Theresa Saccone

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in our newsletter, please contact the church office with your information, 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com.

## ***FOLLOWING LIFE AT NATIVITY***

Keep up with what's going on at Nativity by following us on Facebook. Search *@PBNativity* within Facebook. Follow us on Instagram at *nativitylutheranpbg*.

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

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve our ability to serve. Your generous donation will help fund our missions. Donate today on our website or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

Website: <https://nativitylutheranpbg.com/>





# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew  12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>2</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>3</b> No School	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9a Worship	<b>7</b> 5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>8</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew  12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>9</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11a-4pm Sandwich Kit pick up	<b>12</b> 9a Sandwich Kit drop off
<b>13</b> 9a Worship	<b>14</b> No School  9:30a Women's Love Circle  5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>15</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew  12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>16</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Parents' Night Out 5-8p
<b>20</b> 9a Worship	<b>21</b> 9:30a Sandwich Making  5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>22</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew  12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>23</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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***God's work...***

***...Our hands***



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