

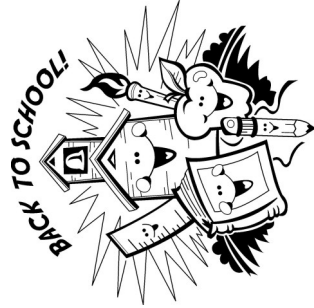
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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

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WORDS FROM

*Our Interim Pastor*

AUGUST. More than a month, it was my paternal grandfather's name. But I already told you that last year ... starting to repeat myself is not a good sign, is it?

August ... our schools reopen. Summer's over. Our congregation program schedule doesn't hit high gear until after Labor Day but there's lots of planning going on to make things go smoothly when things start moving then.

Here's an update on our "Hints Box" that, I think, is really good news. It had been about six months since I'd ask the keeper of the box for an update on what's been shared or raised or asked, and I learned that there were no new items to report in that whole time. I think that's good news because I think we're still getting lots of feedback and lots of communication from Nativity's family. And if we don't need the Hints Box for that to happen, praise God. We're moving along. And the Council joins me in that opinion. So we're taking the box out of service ... at least for now.

This "green season" – the time after Pentecost – our Sunday texts keep challenging us to grow in the ways of discipleship and calling us to new ways to do that. Richard Blue is the new Pastor at our sister church in Lantana, and he shared this Franciscan blessing for us to ponder with him and his congregation this month:

**May God bless us with DISCOMFORT ... at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships ... so that we may live deep within our hearts.**

**May God bless us with ANGER ... at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people ... so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**May God bless us with TEARS to shed ... for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war ... so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.**

**And may God bless us with enough FOOLISHNESS ... to believe that we can make a difference in this world ... so that we can do what others claim cannot be done ... to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.**

And by the time you read this we'll have elected our Call Committee at the Special Congregation Meeting on July 30, installed them for service, and started regular communications with you about their progress and tasks. Remember them and their ministry among us for God's blessing on and through them for Nativity. And it's not too early to start praying for blessings on your new Pastor!

It's kind of like my family praying for God's blessing on our unborn granddaughter and her mom. She'll be joining us, God willing, about Labor Day. Lots we don't know about her either, but lots to pray about anyway. If you want a name it's Magdalena ... Maggie for short.

Pastor Lutze



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Mark & Sharon Glazener

Ushers: Tom Kuhn

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**God's work...**

**...Our hands**

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

*Serve*

- Dodt, Chas** US Army-Italy, Nephew of Lauren Molina  
**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  
**Glazener, Matt** US Army-Jordan, Brother of Mark Glazener  
**Griffin, Joseph** US Air Force-Azores, Nephew of Ralph & Teri Henning  
**Lee, Ashley** Army-Afghanistan, Niece of Kathy Brockelbank  
**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  
**Ragland, Charles** US Army-Afghanistan, Friend of Scott Powers  
**Scalise, Frank IV** USMC-Yuma, AZ, Grandson of Dale & Sue Long  
**Sepulveda, Helena** US Army-North Carolina, Friend  
**Sioson, Ernie** US Air Force, Salt Lake City, UT, Brother of Ernael Sioson  
**Tuttle, Aaron** USMC-Okinawa, Japan, Son of Debbie Tuttle, Grandson of Mark & Sharon Glazener

*Please contact the office at 622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com with any changes or additions to this list.*

## USE OF OUR FACILITY

Any use of the church facilities needs to be cleared with Kari in the office prior to it being publicized, please.

# UPCOMING

*Events*

## SANDWICH MAKING

Saturday, August 19, join fellow friends and members as they prepare hundreds of sandwiches for our neighbors in need. Time is 9:00am in the fellowship hall. Many hands are needed.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Nativity will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, August 27 in our parking lot from 7:30am until 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to come donate the gift of life.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our 14th Annual Golf Benefit is on the calendar for October 28, 2017. Mark you calendar and start planning your teams. The tournament will be held at the Golf Club of Jupiter and includes an excellent lunch for all players and those who register for lunch only.

Donations can be requested and picked up and brought to the church at any time. Let's get some awesome items to bid on for the silent auction and use for prizes and raffles. **We really need your help this year!** Gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, movie theater passes are just a few ideas.

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## NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

Summer Hours Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Beginning August 14, Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

# Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START



Nativity Lutheran Church & School  
Pia Heiser, Director

## KID BITS

### Too big for a booster!

Your little copilot may think booster seats are for babies. But while laws vary by state, an adult seat-belt won't fit her properly without a booster until she's at least 57 inches tall. Make sure your child knows that riding in her booster is an all-the-time thing—she must use it whether she's with you, with Grandma, or in a car pool with friends.

### Label belongings

Finding your youngster's belongings in the school lost-and-found is easier if they are labeled. Use a laundry marker to print his name inside clothing and backpacks. For other items, help him write his name on self-stick labels. He can place them on water bottles, folders, or other things he takes to school.

### Playtime character lessons

While pretending with your child, weave discussions about good character into your play. *Example:* "Uh-oh, Tammy Tiger broke the teapot. What do you think she should do?" (Admit her mistake and apologize.) This kind of role-playing makes big concepts like honesty and responsibility easier for your youngster to grasp.

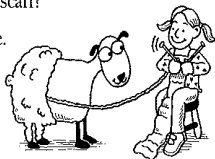
### Worth quoting

"The expert at anything was once a beginner." *Helen Hayes*

### Just for fun

**Q:** How many sheep does it take to make a scarf?

**A:** None. Sheep can't knit!



## Watch me learn!

"I can say my ABCs!" "Listen to me count to 10!" Children this age are eager to show you what they know. Keep the learning—and the excitement—going with these suggestions.

### Read along with me

Encourage a love of reading by making your child an active participant. If a story has repeated phrases, put him in charge of reading them. Pause before the last word of each line in a nursery rhyme, and have him supply it. Turn the tables at bedtime: Give him a book he knows by heart, and ask him to read it to you.

### Make writing an everyday thing

Offer your youngster meaningful opportunities to write letters and words. If he pretends to be a rock star, request his autograph. Or if he draws a birthday card for a relative, ask him to dictate what he wants to say, and use a highlighter to print his words. Then, he



could trace over the letters with a crayon or marker.

### Just add math—to everything

Playing with math concepts will develop your child's number sense. Have him sort and count beads to make bracelets. In the grocery store, challenge him to spot every number, 1–10, on signs and labels. At snack time, he might explore shapes by connecting pineapple chunks or strawberries with toothpicks to form flat shapes (squares, triangles, rectangles) or 3-D ones (cubes, pyramids).♥

## Keep in touch with the teacher

Support your youngster's education by building a good relationship with her teacher. Here are tips:

- Find out whether the teacher prefers to be contacted by note, email, or phone. Also, tell her the best way and time to reach you.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and meetings. But also reach out to your child's teacher at other times. Send a note thanking her for helping your youngster conquer a challenging skill (holding a pencil correctly, memorizing her address and phone number), and let her know about big changes in your family's life (new sibling, divorce).
- Visit or volunteer in the classroom or help out from home if you can. You'll get to know the teacher, and she'll appreciate the help.♥



## DAYS TO Celebrate

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

8/3	Dana Burnett	8/20	Earl Osborne
8/4	Sandy McClellan	8/21	David Willoughby
8/7	Brian Donnelly	8/24	Kim Wieland
8/7	Ethan Ford	8/25	Carolyn Schwartz
8/8	Evelyn Bloor	8/30	Diane Lynch
8/8	Hazel Smith		
8/8	Fred Zirot		
8/10	Jim Guretzky		
8/11	Jim Johnson		
8/12	Charlotte Johnsen		
8/12	Maria Raffa		
8/13	Caleb Ellis		
8/14	Lois Erickson		
8/19	Emma-Jade Cantrell		
8/20	Beatrice Ely		

Belated happy birthday to Anna Karlik 7/25



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

8/5	Sergio & Kara Gonzalez
8/6	Michael & Jane Keith
8/24	Jim & Betsy Johnson
8/28	Anthony & Beatrice Greenall
8/30	Jim & Leigh Clark
8/31	Damon & Sondra Mangual

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in our newsletter, please contact the church office with your information.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR Worship

TIME AFTER PENTECOST (AUGUST 6)

Isaiah 55:1-5      Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

TIME AFTER PENTECOST (AUGUST 13)

1 Kings 19:9-18      Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

TIME AFTER PENTECOST (AUGUST 20)

Isaiah 56:6-8      Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

TIME AFTER PENTECOST (AUGUST 27)

Isaiah 51:1-6      Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

## NATIVITY SERVANT SERVERS PROVIDE 145 MEALS

On Friday, June 30, thirteen representatives of Nativity served dinner at St. George's Episcopal Community Center in Riviera Beach. A total of 145 meals were served to our underprivileged neighbors in that community. A grant for \$250 from Thrivent Financial provided all the funding. Thank you goes to Servant Servers: Pat Barnes, Denise, Scott & Caleb Ellis, Djinnee & John Gunning, David Hoecker, Nancy Hunter, Jim Johnson, Audrey & Don Laven, Stuart McClellan, and Carolyn Schwartz.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT SERVING DAY: FRIDAY, SEPT. 29.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

You're invited to experience the **Breathe Worship Retreat** Sept. 22-23 at OK Corral Cabins, Okeechobee, FL. Breathe Worship Retreat is an opportunity for you to step away from the everyday and enter into the presence of the Lord. It is presented by Michelle Howe, Leadership Coach and Holy Yoga instructor along with Carlyn Hagler of Doodlespirations Creative Coach. For more information, call 772-834-1665 or go to

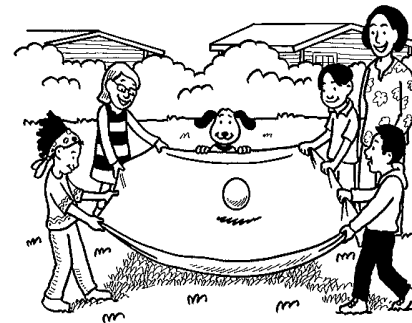
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## Early Years

### Strategies for getting along

Use these hands-on ideas to help your child practice sharing, taking turns, and cooperating with others—skills she will need to use every day in class.

**Sharing.** Prepare your youngster to share classroom materials. You might dump out a pile of blocks and share them as you build side-by-side towers. Set an example by saying something like, "There's only one purple block left. Do you need it?"



playing board games, roll a die, and let the person with the highest roll (or the lowest one) take the first turn.

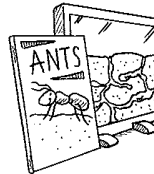
**Cooperating.** Hold opposite sides of a sheet, place a ball on top, and lift the sheet up and down so the ball bounces. You'll need to work as a team to keep the ball from falling off. Or play this silly version of musical chairs: Whenever you remove a chair, players share the remaining chairs. When you're down to the last chair, everyone must pile on it together to win!♥

### PARENT TO PARENT

### Show-and-tell: Home edition

When my son Cooper started kindergarten, he loved show-and-tell day. So at home, we found a great way to get him talking about school—we played show-and-tell as he unpacked his backpack.

Cooper would show us a drawing he made and tell the story behind it. Or he might share a photo the teacher took of his play dough creation and describe it to us.



Sometimes, his show-and-tell led to even more learning at home. For example, after Cooper did an ant farm project last spring, we read library books about ants and looked for anthills at the park.

This year, Cooper's little sister is in pre-school, and now she gets to participate in show-and-tell at home. Both kids love the attention, and they are always eager to tell us how they spent their days.♥

### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote school readiness, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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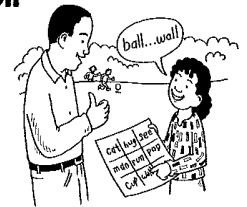
### ACTIVITY CORNER

### A rhyming stroll

What's red and contains a word that rhymes with pop? A stop sign! Try this fun indoor-outdoor activity to help your child hear sounds in words.

First, have your youngster draw a big tic-tac-toe grid on a piece of paper. In each box, help her write a short word that rhymes with a few other words (examples: cat, hug, see, man, pop, wall).

Then, take a walk together through your neighborhood, and look for things that rhyme with each word on the paper. You might say, "There's a trash can. Can rhymes with man!" And your child could notice children playing ball, and say, "Ball rhymes with wall." For each item you spot, think of more words that rhyme with it, too.♥



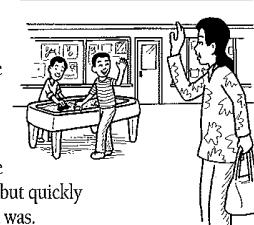
### Q & A

### Overcome separation anxiety

**Q:** My child cries when I drop him off at school and says he misses me during the day. What should I do?

**A:** Separation anxiety can last several weeks for some youngsters. Just remember that it is a normal stage, and try not to worry.

First, remind your child of other new places that he has learned to enjoy. Maybe he was unsure about day-care but now loves to go there after school! Or perhaps he didn't want to leave your side at tumbling class but quickly found out how much fun it was.



Also, start a special good-bye ritual that you do whenever you drop him off. For instance, you could share an extra-long hug to last him (and you) all day. Then, make the separation easier by steering him toward an activity that

you know he enjoys, like playing at the sand table.

One last tip: Be sure to ask the teacher for assistance. Chances are she knows a few strategies to suggest.♥

# PRESCHOOL



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome and thank you for enrolling your child/children at Nativity Lutheran Church and School. We are excited to start the 2017-2018 school-year together with you.

Your child's first day of school is Monday, August 14, 2017.



## MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR JUNE 2017

	End of May 2017	IN	OUT	End of June 2017
Budgeted Allotments		\$33,325	\$33,983	
General Operating	\$26,545	\$20,983	\$45,298	\$2,230
Designated Giving				
<i>Building Fund</i>		\$0	\$0	
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	\$14,130	\$25	\$0	\$14,155
<i>Brian Morrissey Fund</i>	\$2,074	\$25	\$500	\$1,599
<i>Capital Fund</i>	\$7,065	\$275	\$1,000	\$6,340
<i>Other Designated/Debit</i>	\$12,678	\$1500	\$7,711	\$5,467
Total Designated	\$35,947	\$825	\$9,211	\$27,561
Summary	\$62,492	\$21,808	\$54,509	\$29,791

### Parent Orientation / Teacher "Meet and Greet"

will be held on:

**Sunday, August 13, 2017.**

**9:30 AM**

We will begin the orientation with the installation of our Teachers during our church service. After the service, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a brief orientation followed by the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and see the classrooms. This is also a great time to bring the supplies. Please join us for this special occasion as we celebrate with your child and their teacher.

**Uniforms are mandatory at Nativity. Please refer to Harris Uniform, located at:**

**4152 Blue Heron Blvd., Suite 118,**

**Riviera Beach, FL 33404**

**Phone 561-881-8689 for all your uniform needs.**

As a reminder, for your child's safety and in accordance with licensing standards, please have your child wear close toed shoes. Sneakers or other comfortable shoes are great.

**All children need to have a current Physical (3040) and Immunization Form (680) on file to attend school.**

### Year to Date General Operating 6/1/2016—6/30/2017

Contributions	\$20,983
Expenses	\$45,298
Summary	\$(24,315)

### Year to Date Combined Funds General & Designated 6/1/2016—6/30/2017

Contributions	\$21,808
Expenses	\$54,509
Summary	\$(32,701)



## WOMEN'S LOVE CIRCLE

Women's Love Circle will not meet in August but will return the second Monday of September.

# Council NOTES

Your council met on July 12 but did not have a quorum to have an official meeting.

Pastor Lutze requested any available council members to attend a scheduled meeting with the city on Tuesday, July 25 to discuss our status on code enforcement violations. Please note that we have made contact to hire the contractor with the lowest bid (\$9,480) to prepare the portables and surrounding area for removal. Money has been transferred to accommodate cost until a loan is implemented.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 with Gardens Presbyterian to explore joint youth ministry opportunities for our small congregations.

A special meeting has been announced to the congregation to meet after the July 30 worship service to elect a Call Committee. Call Committee names will be announced at church and in the bulletins and will be in the September newsletter.

Kelly Rogers has volunteered to create, manage, and implement a marketing program that will effectively meet our needs. This will include a brand-new website and social media campaign. Possible new web address is [www.nativitylutheranpbg.com](http://www.nativitylutheranpbg.com).

## THRIVENT CHOICE AND THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent members, please be sure to direct your Choice dollars to the charity of your choosing, maybe being Nativity Lutheran.

Please be reminded that you can form up to two action teams in order to raise money or help someone in need. Suitable events are Sandwich Making, St. George's Dinner and the golf benefit. Call Kari in the church office for more information.

Nativity Preschool charges an annual tuition. For your convenience, it is payable in ten monthly installments. Tuition is due on the first of each month – **starting August 1<sup>st</sup>** and ending May 1<sup>st</sup>. A delinquency fee of \$30 will be added on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for any remaining balance. Your child/children can return to school upon the reconciliation of your account. We accept payments in the form of cash, check or money order. Checks and money orders are made payable to Nativity Lutheran Church & School. **Please mail or drop off your payment for August .**

Tell your friends and family about us! More spaces are available.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 561-622-4998 or e-mail me anytime at [pia@pbnativity.com](mailto:pia@pbnativity.com), if you have any questions. Thank you again for entrusting your child/children into our care. It is an honor to guide them in the light of Christ.

Sincerely,  
Pia Heiser  
Preschool Director



## SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

8/14 Gavin LeFever

## AMAZONSMILE & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

There are many ways you can support Nativity Lutheran Church and Preschool. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Box Tops for Education will send Nativity School money for every "Box Top" clip collected and submitted (before their expiration date). These are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 for the school. Collect them and then bring to the school. If you are interested in being a coordinator for the year, please see Pia.

# August 2017

**Summer Office hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

School office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Preschool:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Early Care/ After Care: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor in office	<b>3</b> Pastor in office 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>4</b> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>5</b> Pastor in office
<b>6</b> 9:30a Worship	<b>7</b> 9:00a Teacher Mtg. 5:30p 12-step FH	<b>8</b> 9:00a Teacher Mtg.	<b>9</b> Pastor in office 9:00a Teacher Mtg.	<b>10</b> Pastor in office 9:00a Teacher Mtg. 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>11</b> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>12</b> Pastor in office
Teacher Prep Week						
		7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	7pm Council Meeting			
<b>13</b> 9:30a Worship Teacher Installation & Parent/Teacher Orientation	<b>14</b> <b>First Day of School</b>  5:30p 12-step FH	<b>15</b>  7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>16</b> Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel "Blessing of the Backpacks"	<b>17</b> Pastor in office 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>18</b> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>19</b> Pastor in office 9:00a Sandwich Making
<b>20</b> 9:30a Worship	<b>21</b> 5:30p 12-step FH	<b>22</b>  7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>23</b> 8:00a Teacher Mtg. Pastor in office	<b>24</b> Pastor in office  7:00p 12-step FH	<b>25</b> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand	<b>26</b> Pastor in office
<b>27</b> 7:30a-11a Blood Drive  9:30a Worship	<b>28</b> 5:30p 12-step FH	<b>29</b> 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>30</b> Pastor in office	<b>31</b> Pastor in office  7:00p 12-step FH		