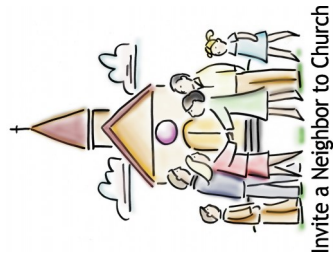


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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

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WORDS FROM

*Our Interim Pastor*

Welcome to SEPTEMBER! It's the month of getting everything back in gear ... and especially challenging may be the things we had time off from during the summer.

Here's something that's not "back in gear," though ... it's something brand new and exciting. Key leaders from Nativity and from Gardens Presbyterian, one of our ecumenical partners through ELCA, have been praying and sharing together to begin a shared youth ministry for both of our congregations.

Look at the calendar ... September 10, at 4 p.m. here at Nativity is when the Kickoff Event for this new venture is planned. More details will follow, but ... it's especially focused on Middle and High School youth. It's not going to be something we're doing "for" our youth, but "with" our youth. As you hear and learn more, keep this new venture in your prayers.

Throughout this newsletter you'll see more details about more of the startup dates and times for our many activities at Nativity. I hope you'll not only see one you've been waiting to begin again, but also will find one that might mean something new that can be a blessing.

Here's one that might just fit the bill for you. What are you doing on Thursdays at 7 a.m.? Just getting up? Can you try for a bit earlier start? Are you already well into your day and heading for work? I'm hoping you can spare 45 minutes. We're going to

begin meeting on Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. for "Morning Table Talk ... promise: just 45 minutes ... to share time and pray together about whatever is on your heart and mind. We're even going to take the risk of saying that our differing opinions on subjects in the news and in our lives will add to the blessing ... rather than detract from it. BYOB/F = bring your own beverage and food if you would like.

Which Thursday will be begin? September 14 ... it's "Holy Cross Day" and will let that emphasis jump start our conversation. Is 7:00 a.m. not quite the right time for you? Well, come for the first one even if you've got to push and shove a bit. We're open to changing times of the day, days of the week, whatever we've got to do to help each other grow in the Spirit.

And we won't check your gender ... or anything else ... on the way through the door. It's for anybody and everybody who wants to grow as a disciple of Jesus with each other, that's the one calling we share in our baptismal covenant with every other person who is part of Christ's family.

We will be doing some tweaking on these and other things as the year unfolds, so keep looking at this newsletter, our website, and weekly bulletins for updates as the year unfolds.

Pastor Lutze

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9:30 a.m.

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Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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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  
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**Ragland, Charles** US Army-Afghanistan, Friend of Scott Powers  
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**Sepulveda, Helena** US Army-North Carolina, Friend  
**Sioson, Ernie** US Air Force, Salt Lake City, UT, Brother of Ernadel Sioson  
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*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.

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Maximum \$20 per family

Snacks and refreshments after the show

Fundraiser for Youth ELCA 2018 Conference

## UPCOMING

# Events

### WOMEN'S LOVE CIRCLE

We would like to invite anyone that might be interested to come and see what we do at Women's Love Circle. An important part of our session is our Bible Study. The first three lessons of this new season will be on The Apostles' Creed. Come and find out why this is part of our liturgy every Sunday. We meet the second Monday of each month (September through June) beginning September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Love Circle is one of the ways for you to be a part of Nativity's Family.

### SANDWICH MAKING

Saturday, September 16, 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.

### NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, September 17, please invite all your neighbors, friends and loved ones to join us. Everyone enjoys feeling welcomed and invited. A simple invite may bring a new member.

### YOU'RE INVITED TO SERVE DINNER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Friday, Sept 29 we are scheduled to serve dinner to our underprivileged neighbors, and families at St. George's Episcopal community center in Riviera Beach. You are invited to help with this ministry of Nativity. Afterwards, plan to enjoy a "team" dinner, as a group, at a local restaurant.

The "PREP, COOK & SETUP CREW" helps from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm. The "SERVE & CLEANUP CREW" helps from 5:00 pm to about 6:30 pm. Sign up for the entire shift, or one of the 1 1/2 hour times. Look for the Sign-up sheet in the Loggia. For our June dinner we had 13 Servant Servers. If you can't help now, your next opportunity to volunteer this year will be on Friday, Dec. 29.

Any questions, contact Linda or Julius Roehl @561-493-8873; or 561-632-0442 or talkingturkey2@gmail.com.

## DAYS TO

# Celebrate

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

9/1	J.T. Noble	9/18	Christopher Hoekstra
9/2	Eric Hoecker	9/19	Anne Noble
9/5	Bob Brockelbank		
9/6	Kara Gonzalez		
9/6	Audrey Laven		
9/7	Jim Clark		
9/9	Joe Hoekstra		
9/12	Nancy Morrissey		
9/12	Denise Varlack Joseph		
9/13	Owen Flynn		
9/13	Olivia Tuttle		
9/15	Susannah Johnsen		
9/17	Frank Lynch		
9/17	Karen Miller		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

9/10	Tom & Sue Weber
9/21	Dennis & Lou Johnson
9/22	Matthew & Kristin McGovern
9/23	Ed & Kim Wieland
9/25	Steven & Ana Karlik

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



## MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR JULY 2017

	End of June 2017	IN	OUT	End of July 2017
Budgeted Allotments		\$33,325	\$33,983	
General Operating	\$2,230	\$31,490	\$26,439	\$7,281
Designated Giving				
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	\$14,155	\$0	\$0	\$14,155
<i>Brian Morrissey Fund</i>	\$1,599	\$445	\$500	\$1,544
<i>Capital Fund</i>	\$6,340	\$285	\$0	\$6,625
<i>Other Designated/Debit</i>	\$5,467	\$2,606	\$3,612	\$4,461
Total Designated	\$27,560	\$3,336	\$14,112	\$16,784
Summary	\$29,790	\$34,826	\$40,551	\$24,065

### Year to Date General Operating 6/1/2016—7/31/2017

Contributions	\$52,473
Expenses	\$71,737
Summary	\$(19,264)

### Year to Date Combined Funds General & Designated 6/1/2016—7/31/2017

Contributions	\$56,634
Expenses	\$95,060
Summary	\$(38,426)

## HANDY HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few people that can help with small projects around the church and property. If you are handy, can climb a ladder and have time to give, please call Kari at 622-4998.

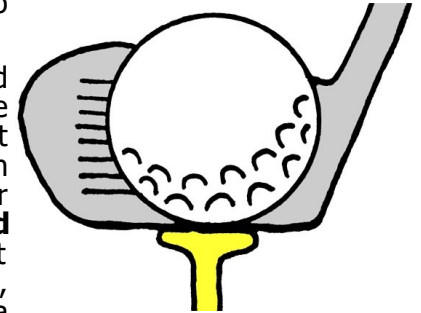
Does anyone know of a reliable handyman that may want part time work at minimum wage for possible one day a week and in addition as needed?

## MORE News

### 14TH ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT

Plan your teams and start collecting donations for our 14th Annual Golf Benefit, October 28, 2017. 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. This is Nativity's largest fundraiser.



Brochures will be mailed out shortly and more are available in the church office. The brochure is available on our website [www.nativitylutheranpbg.com](http://www.nativitylutheranpbg.com). Also available is a letter to present to businesses when asking for a donation.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Lutze family as they welcomed their granddaughter Maggie (Magdalena Grace) on Wednesday, August 16. Maggie was born a month early and weighed 4lb. 6oz. and was 18 inches long.

### NEW WEBSITE

Nativity has a new website that you will find helpful and interactive. Thank you to Kelly and Dylan Rogers for their hard work to make [www.nativitylutheranpbg.com](http://www.nativitylutheranpbg.com) a reality! Kelly has worked long hours with the staff and it is improving daily. You are now able to register for the golf benefit online, make donations and view a school or church calendar.

# Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

September 2017



Nativity Lutheran Church & School  
Pia Heiser, Director

## KID BITS

### Stay informed

Be sure you don't miss out on information from your child's school. Have him show you what's in his backpack each day, and sign up for class or school email lists. If you use an electronic calendar, visit your school website to learn whether you can link to it so important dates are filled in automatically.

### Time to relax

Put relaxation on your family's agenda! Each day, set aside 15–30 minutes for an activity that helps everyone unwind. You might find time right after work or on weekend mornings. Together, look at family photos, blow bubbles, or lie on a blanket in the yard and watch the clouds, for example.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Little ones often need extra time to think about what they want to say and to put it into words. During conversations, wait and let your youngster speak for herself. Your patience will help her become a confident speaker—and show her how to be a good listener, too.

### Worth quoting

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B.B. King

### Just for fun

**Q:** What can you add to a bucket of water to make it lighter?

**A:** Holes!



## I'm a student!

Your child has an exciting job—she's a student! Encourage her to embrace her "big kid" role by talking about what successful students do.

### I follow routines

From circle time to story time to music class, your youngster's school day is full of fun activities. She can get used to her new routine by making a book about it. Suggest that she draw a picture of each activity (circle time, recess, math) on a separate sheet of paper. Help her write (or let her dictate) captions, such as "We go to the cafeteria for lunch." Staple the pages together, and read her book with her.

### I learn something every day

Invite your child to share her new knowledge with you. Reserve a special spot on a bulletin board or the refrigerator to post projects and papers she's proud of. Then, ask questions about what she's learning. *Example:* "I see you

drew squares and triangles. How are the two shapes different? How are they the same?"

### I work with others

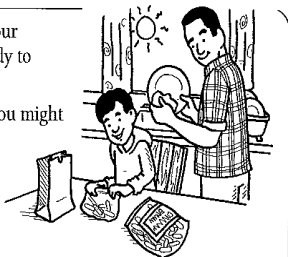
Your youngster is part of an important community—her classroom. Play school at home so she can practice working alongside others. Have her create a "learning center" like one in her classroom, and use it together. The two of you could sort and count toy cars in a "math station" or stir together oil and water in a "science lab."♥



## Sunny starts

Starting the day on a positive note lets your youngster head off to school happy and ready to learn. Try these ideas for upbeat mornings:

- Use humor to get your child out of bed. You might sing a silly song or tell a knock-knock joke.
- Give each family member a job to make getting ready a smooth operation. You can wash breakfast dishes while your youngster packs snacks.
- Before you leave the house, hold a "morning huddle." Tell your child what to expect after school, such as who will pick him up or what's for dinner. Then, exchange hugs and an "I love you."♥



Call Committee's work is confidential.

A Ministry Site Profile will need to be completed that includes what it is the congregation is looking for in a pastor.

Reiterated that the congregation in our annual budget meeting already approved setting aside \$10,000 for resources required by the Call Committee. Anticipates that some or all of this can be compensated by special donations and this will be mentioned in future upcoming bulletins. Aside from monetary contributions, hotel and/or flight points can be donated to help assist with what is required.

When it comes to travelling to visit a candidate pastor's location, the entire Call Committee doesn't have to travel, can be several members that visit and just report back to the Committee.

Pastor Lutze indicated that since Confirmation instruction is a crucial part of a pastor's role and has indicated that he will not initiate any new classes until the new pastor arrives.

Pastor Lutze shared that conversations for a joint Youth Ministry between Nativity and Gardens Presbyterian have already been started.

Pastor Lutze shared the outcome of the Special Magistrate Code Hearing held on 07/25/17:

Violations were around 3 main areas: Portables, Parking Lot and Dumpster.

City is giving us until 09/24/17 to take violations to resolution.

Kari Donnelly has received quotes for the fence and the dumpster which were accepted by the Council. Contractors are already applying for permits.

Kelly Rogers confirmed that we have received an offer from the City of Palm Beach Gardens to purchase all of our property for \$1,850,000.

More information and discussions will need to take place before a decision and/or response can be requested from the congregation. The Council will work on gathering more information.

A line of credit through Mission Investment Fund is currently pending. The expectation is that we will only borrow what is needed. We will probably request for special gifts other than contributions for our normal operating expense. We will share more with the congregation once we have more detailed information about the line of credit.

Pastor Lutze asked that members of the Call Committee remain after the meeting to discuss next steps and outstanding tasks such as the ministry site profile.

Meeting adjourned – 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernadel Sioson, Council Member at large

# MINUTES FROM

Special Congregation Meeting, Sunday, July 30, 2017

Minutes Pending Approval

Meeting called to order 11:20 a.m. and opened up with prayer led by Interim Pastor Paul Lutze.

Quorum confirmed at 42 voting members in attendance.

Minutes from the May 21, 2017 Spring Annual Meeting was accepted and approved.

Voting for the Call Committee members included the following elections:

- 1.) Cheryl Bauer
- 2.) Lois Erickson
- 3.) Pia Heiser
- 4.) David Hoecker
- 5.) Don Laven
- 6.) Sue Osborne
- 7.) Carole Rajan
- 8.) John Shepherd
- 9.) David Willoughby

Additional floor nominations:

- 10.) Hedy Rossmeissl
- 11.) Chad Smith
- 12.) John Johnsen

Voting resulted in the following membership of the Call Committee:

- 1.) Don Laven
- 2.) Cheryl Bauer
- 3.) Carole Rajan
- 4.) David Willoughby
- 5.) David Hoecker
- 6.) Chad Smith\*
- 7.) John Johnsen\*

\*An initial tie between Chad Smith and John Johnsen for the 6th spot resulted in a second tie. A motion was made and accepted to increase the Call Committee membership to 7 since we do not have a specific maximum number of members identified in our constitution.

Pastor Lutze indicated that a future Sunday date will be identified for when the elected Call Committee members can be installed. He also requested that we keep the Call Committee and pastor candidates be kept in our prayers.

Pastor Lutze shared some information regarding the candidate process.

Recommendations of a pastor from our congregation members can be submitted for consideration to the Bishop's office.

Pastors can self-nominate themselves from outside the Synod. However, the Bishop's office will determine the final list of candidates to be presented to the Call Committee.

Bishop office does not recommend "trial sermons". If Call Committee does want to do this, consideration of anonymity of pastor during the process.

## Early Years

### Zippering toward independence

It's fun for kids to learn to button, zip, and tie. Here are strategies that will make your youngster more independent at home and in school.

**Buttons.** Use stickers to show your child which button goes with which hole in his shirt. Place one sticker next to each button, and put a matching one beside the hole where it belongs. Your youngster can remove the stickers as he fastens each button.



**Zippers.** To help your child zip his jacket, teach him to say, "1, 2, 3, zip!" On 1, he moves the zipper pull to the bottom of the jacket. On 2, he inserts one side into the other. On 3, he grabs the zipper pull and zips it up!

**Shoelaces.** Bulkier laces offer a better grip for your youngster's little fingers. Consider replacing thin shoelaces with

thicker ones or swapping out flat laces for rounded ones. *Tip:* Let him try tying the laces when his shoes are off, or have him tie *your* shoes.♥



### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### Plant a kindness tree

Does kindness grow on trees? It does when your family tries this activity that encourages your child to be kind to others.

Help your youngster draw a big tree with bare branches and label each branch with a family member's name. Hang her tree where everyone can see it. Next, have her cut leaves from colored paper and place them in a bowl near the tree along with a pencil and a glue stick.

Whenever someone notices a family member being kind, select a leaf, write about or draw a picture of the kind act, and glue the leaf to that person's branch. *Examples:* "Tony picked up my toys" or "Mommy held the door for a lady pushing a stroller." At the end of the week, read all the leaves aloud, and "plant" a new tree for next week.♥



### Q & A

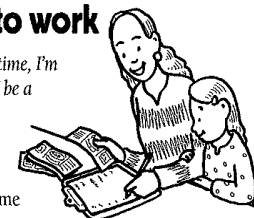
#### Back to school, back to work

**Q:** Now that my daughter is in school full time, I'm working days instead of nights. How can I be a part of her school?

**A:** There are plenty of ways for working parents to be involved. Talk to your daughter's teacher about how you can volunteer from home or at after-school events.

Maybe the teacher needs someone to repair torn pages in books or to collect and count food package labels for a manufacturer's reward program. Or perhaps you could hand out programs before the school musical or type and photocopy an announcement about a class party.

If your workplace would make an interesting field trip, ask your employer about the possibility of having the class visit. Little ones will enjoy seeing how newspapers are printed or going behind the scenes at a restaurant, for instance.♥



### PARENT TO PARENT

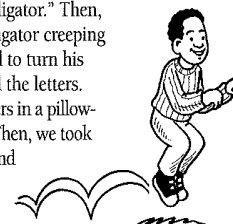
#### A is for...

When my son Mark started learning his ABCs, he accidentally invented an alphabet game for us. He was playing with his magnetic letters on the refrigerator and said, "A is for alligator." Then, he pretended to be an alligator creeping across the floor. I decided to turn his idea into a game using all the letters.

I had Mark put his letters in a pillowcase and shake them up. Then, we took turns pulling out a letter and acting out something that started with it. The other person had to guess the

letter. Mark hopped like a bunny for B, and I painted with an imaginary brush when I got P. The letter X was tough, so we worked together on that one—we decided to be pirates searching for treasure because "X marks the spot!"

The "act it out" game is still one of Mark's favorites, and it has been a great way for him to have fun with—and learn—letters and their sounds.♥



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# PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

## **THIS MONTH'S THEME**

At Nativity Preschool this month, your child will discover her or his amazing body. They will explore body parts, experiment with the five senses, design clothing, and learn how to take care of their own needs. Your child will bring home many projects and work. Show your interest by asking questions such as, "How did you make that? What part of the art activity did you like most? Where should I hang your work in our home?"

## **BASICS TO REINFORCE AT HOME**

Letters: Aa, Bb and Hh

Numbers: 1 and 2

## **UPCOMING**

**9/1 Pizza Fridays Start**

**9/4 No School (Labor Day)**

**9/5 - 9/11 Scholastic Book Fair**

**9/8 Curriculum Night @ 5:30 p.m.**

We would love to see all our families at Curriculum Night. We will introduce our new Curriculum.

## **PIZZA CARDS & LUNCH BUNCH**

Pizza cards are on sale for aftercare kiddos. The price is \$30 and is valid for 10 Fridays.

Lunch Bunch cards are on sale for non-aftercare students. It includes Pizza, Drink, Treat and one hour of care until 1:00 p.m. The price is \$60 and is valid for 10 Fridays.

## **SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS**

9/28 Jackson Youell



## **Office Report**

We reviewed the written report and the attendance report from our office manager Kari Donnelly. She provided updates on the progress that has been made on items included in our Notice of Violation from the City of Palm Beach Gardens, as well as information about a new cleaning company, with a lower rate, that our church could use. Information about our church's golf benefit on October 28<sup>th</sup> was also distributed at this time.

## **Old Business**

Kelly shared updates from our recent hearing for the Notice of Violation we received from the City of Palm Beach Gardens, with thanks to Eric Hoecker for attending and speaking on our behalf. We received a September 24<sup>th</sup> extension deadline to complete some of the work that still needed to be done, including the removal of our portable classroom spaces and updates to paving, exterior surfaces, and the dumpster area.

We also discussed our recent letter from the City of Palm Beach Gardens regarding the purchase of our property and some of our potential next steps in following up to this proposal. We would like to survey feelings from the congregation about a potential property sale and utilize legal representation as we meet with city officials to gather more details.

## **New Business**

Our call committee will be meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be installed at the worship service on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly shared a preview of our new church website. We plan to use PayPal (the version for nonprofits) on the site.

"Nativity's Got Talent" has been scheduled for Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and will serve as a fundraiser for our youth. Ernadel will be sending more information soon.

Our meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Audra Bryson, Secretary



# MINUTES FROM *Council*

August 9, 2017, Minutes Pending Approval

Present: Interim Pastor Paul Lutze, David Johnson, Kelly Rogers, Jim New, Audra Bryson, Earl Osborne, Ernadel Sioson

Absent: None

We began our meeting in the loggia at 7:05 PM with Pastor leading us in devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the Council meeting on June 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved. It was noted that items from July were rescheduled for discussion today. Minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting (regarding the formation of a Call Committee) on July 30, 2017 were also reviewed and are pending approval from the congregation.

## Financial Report

Jim reviewed our financial report for the month of July. Our total income was \$20,370 and our total expenses were \$28,502, leaving us with a loss of \$8,132 for the month. We discussed preparing fact sheets or other types of communication to share with the congregation when we hear back from Mission Investment Fund about our qualification for a loan to be used to improve our facilities.

Other items during our finance discussion included notes from the August 8, 2017 Audit Committee meeting and a copy of our audit procedure. The committee recommended that our internal audit should include the Nativity Women's Association Fund. A motion was made and approved for this action.

## Pastor's Report

Pastor Lutze submitted a written report on his actions from the last month. He shared some potential ideas for upcoming events, including Global Church Sunday and Reformation Sunday (marking the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation). It was noted that Back to Church Sunday is next month, and Ernadel offered to help distribute mailings for this. Pastor suggested delaying the start of a new confirmation class until our new pastor begins.

## GATHERING TABLE

How can you support the preschool? Each month beginning with September, we will feature a gathering table in our loggia to collect important elements to our daily and weekly lessons. Take a look at the following list and if you have any of the items, please consider bringing them and leaving them on the gathering table. September's items are listed below:

Need by September 1:

2 pads sticky notes

Need by September 11:

1 bag Apples, 1 bag oranges, 1 bunch bananas, 1 bag sand, 10 colorful faux flowers, 1 box gallon zip bags, 4 bars soap, 4 dish towels, 1 pack clothespins, 1 bag batting, 10 old magazines, small hand mirrors and 4 cans shaving cream.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Worship*

## TIME AFTER PENTECOST (SEPTEMBER 3)

Jeremiah 15:15-21      Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

## TIME AFTER PENTECOST (SEPTEMBER 10)

Ezekiel 33:7-11      Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

## TIME AFTER PENTECOST (SEPTEMBER 17)

Genesis 50:15-21      Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

## TIME AFTER PENTECOST (SEPTEMBER 24)

Jonah 3:10—4:11      Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

# September 2017

**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon-Fri

**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> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>2</b> Pastor in office
<b>3</b> 9:30a Worship  4pm Nativity's Got Talent Season 3	<b>4</b> Labor Day No School Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel	<b>7</b> Pastor in office	<b>8</b> 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>9</b> Pastor in office
Scholastic Book Fair						
		7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom		7:00p 12-step FH	5:30p Curriculum Night	
<b>10</b> 9:30a Worship 4:00p Youth Ministry Kick Off	<b>11</b> 9:30a Women's Love Circle  5:30p 12-step FH	<b>12</b>  7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>13</b> Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel  7:00p Council Meeting	<b>14</b> Pastor in office 7:00a Morning Table Talk 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>15</b>  9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>16</b>  9:00a Sandwich Making
Pastor at Synod Council						
<b>17</b> 9:30a Worship National Back to Church Sunday	<b>18</b>  5:30p 12-step FH	<b>19</b>  7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>20</b> Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel	<b>21</b> Pastor in office 7:00a Morning Table Talk  7:00p 12-step FH	<b>22</b>  9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand	<b>23</b> Pastor in office
<b>24</b> 9:30a Worship	<b>25</b>  5:30p 12-step FH	<b>26</b>  7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>27</b> Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel	<b>28</b> Pastor in office 7:00a Morning Table Talk  7:00p 12-step FH	<b>29</b>  9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand 4pm St. George's Dinner	<b>30</b> Pastor in office