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WORDS FROM

Our Interim Pastor

Welcome to JANUARY – 2018! As I'm writing this, it's hard to turn on prime time television without seeing some sort of 2017 retrospective. One I thought was especially creative. It was entitled "2017's Top Ten" And now you know why that caught my attention. "Top 10 ... what?" Or, could they not find anything "top 10" in 2017 so that's both the title and the content? Who knows? [Well, if you saw it you know. It was a good show, though.]

I think that I can safely predict what will be on Nativity's "2018's Top Ten ..." feature. My confident prediction is that your new pastor will be giving you Christmas greetings and prayers for blessing in 2019. So I'm just going to start 2018 by thanking you for the blessings you've been as we've walked the path in this interim ministry time.

As the church's new year began with four weeks of Advent prior to our Christmas celebration, we were reminded of the prophet Isaiah's prophecy that we'd hear "a voice that cries out, 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"

That's one way of thinking about what these interim months have been about. A lot of congregational "road work." Our job has been to look for the dangerous curves in the road we've traveled in the past that can get in the way of God's plan speeding to its conclusion. And the conclusion is not just finding out which pastor God has had in mind for Nativity's future, but making sure that the road has been made as straight and safe as possible for your new life and ministry together.

I thank you for being part of the road crew that's been about that task. I'm confident that the preparations have been effective and that God can and will welcome the blessings of the roadway we've prepared. And your new pastor will give thanks for them as well.

So when I greet whoever is around me with "Happy New Year!" as I welcome 2019, part of what I'll have in mind is my gratitude for all you've done to help to take the dangerous curves out of God's road ahead and to be ready for the safe and productive journey that is God's future for Nativity ... and for me as I try to get "retirement right" again.

Pastor Lutze

BUT THERE'S STILL LOTS TO DO ... as our shared journey moves toward it's completion. Here's some stuff that you need to keep in mind:

We're developing a new/expanded Golf Outing Planning Team for next year's event coordinated by Earl Osborne. Look for opportunities to help or let him know of your interest.

Saturday, January 20 our new Bishop, Pedro Suarez, will be formerly installed at noon at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Tampa, FL. If you are interested in attending and would appreciate "car pooling," please speak with one of our Council members.

Sunday, January 21 ... after our worship service will be the Winter Session of our Annual Meeting. Annual reports from our leaders will be part of that, but also there will be elections for four of our six Congregation Council positions. Those serving in the positions open for election are eligible for re-election but I'm aware of at least one of them planning to make way for a new leader to emerge. Could that be you? If you think it might be, please speak with Pastor Lutze or one of our council members to explore the possibility God might have in store for you ... and for us.

And don't leave after the meeting on January 21 without sharing in the Great Spaghetti Feast that's planned. It'll be a chance for all of us to express in word and deed and by our financial support how deeply we value the special ministry Nativity has in supporting and being supported by the Morrissey family.

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God's work...

...Our hands

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S.O.A.P. (kids' group):
Mark & Sharon Glazener

Ushers: Tom Kuhn

Women's Ministry: Ceil Thomas

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-Missouri, 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 Ernadel 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Teams

Each Thrivent member that has investments through Thrivent, is able to designate where money given by Thrivent goes. Please be sure to direct yours before the end of March or it will be lost. Thrivent also gives each member two opportunities each year to have an Action Team to help raise money or help the community. Apply for this 30 days in advance of event, and Thrivent will give you \$250 seed money to help with supplies or promoting.

And the next Sunday, January 28 we'll be praying with and for our Strategic Planning Task Force as they hold their initial meeting. They want to be ready to hit the ground running with your new pastor as a refined plan for the next few years of Nativity's life unfolds.

And on Wednesday, January 31 our Congregation Council will host a conversation with the Session from Gardens Presbyterian Church [that's their counterpart to our Council]. Our President, David Johnson, and their Stated Clerk [their counterpart to our President], Jerry Adams, will be leading a discussion to explore possibilities of what sharing in our ministry's together might look like in years to come.

UPCOMING *Events*

SANDWICH MAKING

Saturday, January 20, 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.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

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



SPECIAL *Events*

SPAGHETTI MORRISSEY FUNDRAISER

Have you got an excellent sauce recipe that is your favorite? Want to share? January 21 after our congregational meeting, we will be having a lunch to raise money for the Morrissey family. Thrivent will be funding the spaghetti, bread and extras. We would like our members to bring any kind of sauce, red, blush, white, meat, whatever you want for everyone to taste. There will be no admission for this meal but there will be a box for donations.

Our aftercare kids had fun while they decorated cookies before Christmas with Ms. Stephanie.



DAYS TO *Celebrate*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1/1 Bob Schmidt
- 1/5 David Johnson
- 1/7 Greg Burnett
- 1/10 Lois Regin
- 1/14 Pat Guretzky
- 1/22 Kevin Stone
- 1/23 Nikki Cirullo
- 1/28 Ed Wieland



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 1/4 Scott & Denise Ellis
- 1/25 Michael & Lois Esselstrom
- 1/27 Eric & Ivonne Hoecker
- 1/30 Bob & Carol Schmidt

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

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

The days fly by so quickly for me, so this hasn't been said previously, but THANK YOU to everyone in my church family who has helped my family in the past, whether directly or indirectly, openly or "mysteriously"- and I'm looking at you, secret coffee maker friend!- in any way possible you have already made things a little easier and better for us, and we appreciate it!

Thanking you, with love,
Nancy Morrissey



MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR NOVEMBER 2017

| | End of October 2017 | IN | OUT | End of November 2017 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Budgeted Allotments | | \$33,325 | \$33,983 | |
| General Operating | \$23,248 | \$32,079 | \$37,251 | \$18,076 |
| Designated Giving | | | | |
| <i>Memorial Fund</i> | \$14,155 | \$200 | \$0 | \$14,355 |
| <i>Brian Morrissey Fund</i> | \$1,184 | \$880 | \$500 | \$1,564 |
| <i>Capital Fund</i> | \$7,470 | \$1,748 | \$0 | \$9,218 |
| <i>Other Designated/Debit</i> | \$6,582 | \$25 | \$636 | \$5,971 |
| <i>MIF Loan</i> | \$39,778 | \$0 | \$16,313 | \$23,65 |
| Total Designated | \$69,169 | \$2,853 | \$17,448 | \$54,573 |
| Summary | \$92,417 | \$34,932 | \$54,700 | \$72,649 |

Year to Date General Operating 6/1/2017—11/30/2017

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Contributions | \$184,666 |
| Expenses | \$193,134 |
| Summary | \$(8,468) |

Year to Date Combined Funds General & Designated 6/1/2017—11/30/2017

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Contributions | \$250,190 |
| Expenses | \$241,314 |
| Summary | \$8,876 |

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards during my illness. I couldn't have kept strong and positive without all the love I have received and continue to receive. Bob and I are so blessed, Nativity isn't just our church, it's our family.

Carol Schmidt

Nativity women held their annual Christmas party last month complete with gift exchange, games and goodies.



Dress rehearsal for our preschool Christmas Program "Joseph Dearest, Mary Mine", December 21, 2017.

Our friends from Alzheimer's Community Care came to watch the kids during their dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program. You may recognize our own Lois Regin in the center.



Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

January 2018



Nativity Lutheran Church & School
Pia Heiser, Director

KID BITS

Testing little ears

It's normal for schools to do routine screenings at this age to make sure students can hear properly. You can also request a hearing test if you have a concern (example: your child has frequent ear infections and seems to have trouble hearing). If there's a problem, the nurse will suggest following up with your doctor.

Backpack check

Make it a fun part of your youngster's routine to share what she brings home in her backpack each day. You could pretend the contents are a "treasure" to explore or that she's brought you a "gift" to open. Displaying excitement about her hard work shows you value her efforts at school.

What do you do all day?

Give your child a peek at what you do on the job. You might read him a nice email from your boss or a compliment from a customer about a project you worked on. Or act out a typical day. If you're a cashier, give him play money, let him "shop" in your "store," and "ring up" his purchases.

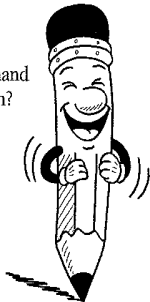
Worth quoting

"The richness I achieve comes from nature, the source of my inspiration."
Claude Monet

Just for fun

Teacher: Which hand do you write with?

Mary: Neither, I write with a pencil!



Read aloud every day

Children who are read to daily have larger vocabularies and better reading comprehension skills. Reading aloud to your youngster is also a great way to bond with her. Consider these tips.

Add drama

Where the story calls for it, growl like a bear, wiggle your eyebrows, or use a funny voice! Hamming it up engages your little one's imagination and adds to the entertainment. Plus, your actions give words meaning. If you shrug your shoulders when the character does, your child gets an instant example of the word *shrug*.

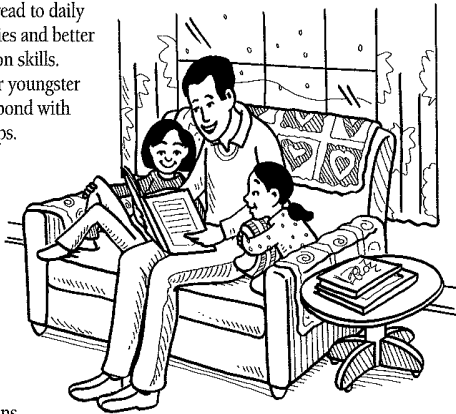
Inspire discussions

Ask open-ended questions about the book. You might invite your youngster to make predictions: "What do you think the bear will do when he sees the picnic?" Or ask her to think of similarities between the story and her life. She may say, "I've got a loose tooth just like the girl in the book!" This gets her

involved—and boosts her understanding of the story line.

Offer a variety

Kids love to hear the same story over and over—it's comforting, and they like being able to recognize words. That's fine, but also include new books to expose your little one to more plots, facts, and vocabulary. Try varying the reading level, too. Listening to more challenging books—both fiction and nonfiction—will help your youngster grow as a reader.♥

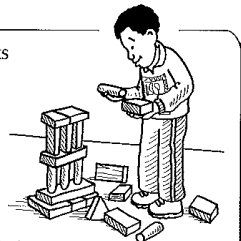


Building-block engineer

Although your child may not realize it, he thinks like an engineer every time he builds with blocks. You can help him use engineering skills to build his tallest tower yet.

Encourage him to experiment with different sizes, shapes, and arrangements of blocks. How can he create a sturdy base that supports a taller tower? Help him count the levels as he tries. How many floors can he stack before the structure topples?

When it does fall, it's time to redesign his tower and test it again. With each new design, your child will learn more about what makes a building strong.♥



School Report

Pia shared with us that 28 students are currently enrolled in the preschool. Options for using the current storage space behind the fellowship hall for classroom space were discussed. It was noted that our Parent's Night Out event this Friday was very well attended, especially by parents from the preschool.

Office Report

We reviewed the written report and the attendance report from our office manager Kari Donnelly, which included a timeline for the Golf Benefit. We would like to share this with a committee to help with the planning of this annual event.

Old Business

As a follow up to our congregational meeting, a Strategic Planning Task Force has been formed and will be meeting for the first time on January 28th, 2018.

We reviewed the Affidavit of Compliance from the City of Palm Beach Gardens stating that our church has made all necessary corrections towards code violations.

New Business

The current ELCA Synod Bishop has requested that churches consider a 1% increase of tithes and offerings for Mission Support for the coming fiscal year, which we would like to consider.

Pending Annual Meeting Business

The upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on January 21st. Items to be discussed include: several wording changes for our constitution, a review of financial and annual reports, and election of council members as needed.

Our meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Audra Bryson, Secretary



MINUTES FROM Council

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Minutes Pending Approval
December 17, 2017

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

Absent: Jim New – excused

We began our meeting in Pastor Lutze's Office at 10:50 AM with Pastor leading us in devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the Council meeting on November 12th, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Financial Report

David reviewed our financial report for the month of November in Jim's absence. Our total income was \$32,592 and our total expenses were \$28,812, leaving us with a net income of \$3,780 for the month. We also reviewed and approved a report from the Audit Committee with their recommendations for financial reporting, payments/reimbursements, and a review of insurance needs and costs (which is a current project for Pastor Lutze).

President's Report

David shared news of upcoming joint activities with Gardens Presbyterian, including a meeting with their council on January 31st. It was suggested that we consider shared travel to Tampa for the installation of our new ELCA Synod Bishop.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lutze submitted a written report on his actions from the last month. There were no new membership items. It was noted that the Live Nativity event was not held this year due to lack of planning time and a volunteer leader, and this event may want to be considered within the annual budget and event calendar for the coming year. Pastor also shared an updated job description and employment agreement for the Director of Music Position, with more for other positions to be shared in the coming months.

Early Years

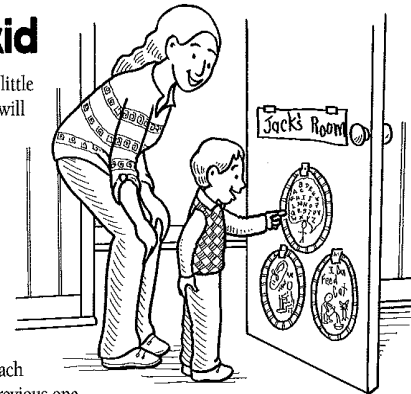
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A stick-with-it kid

Perseverance is a big idea for a little one! These kid-friendly activities will help your child understand that sticking with a challenging task pays off.

The "almost there" board. Try this idea when your youngster is working toward a goal (say, catching a ball). Let him draw a row of 5 boxes on a sheet of paper and number them 1-5. Help him write one step toward the goal in each box, each a little harder than the previous one.

Examples: "Catch a ball that someone rolls to me." "Catch a



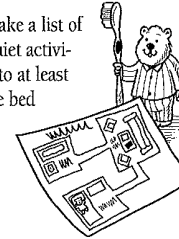
ball in the air with two hands." He can check off each box as he masters the step.

"Can-do" badges. After your child accomplishes something he's been working on, such as learning all the letters of the alphabet, let him decorate a paper plate with a picture of his achievement. Display his "badge" on his bedroom door, and add more as he meets new goals. When the going gets tough, have him look at the badges and tell the story of how he earned each one. He'll remind himself that he's a "can-do" kid!♥

Nighty-night: A bedtime routine

A regular bedtime ritual provides cues that help your youngster fall asleep and get the rest she needs so she can concentrate at school. Try these ideas.

1. Together, make a list of screen-free, quiet activities to switch to at least an hour before bed (color, do a puzzle). Choose one from the list each night.



2. Have your child draw a "map" for going to bed. She could chart her route to the tub for bath time, then to her bedroom for pajamas, and into bed for a story. Let her follow her map every night to keep the routine predictable.

3. Cap off bedtime with your youngster's favorite way to say goodnight. Maybe she likes to snuggle while you sing a lullaby, or she might tuck in a stuffed animal before kissing you goodnight.♥

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PARENT TO PARENT

Practice fine-motor skills

My daughter Brianna sees an occupational therapist to improve fine-motor skills she needs for tasks like using a pencil, tying her shoes, and zipping her jacket. Last week, her OT gave us a list of clever exercises to do at home.

Brianna's favorite is the boat race. She puts two toy boats in a sink full of water and squirts them with a spray bottle to make them sail across the "pond." Right now she needs both hands to squeeze the nozzle, but as her muscles get stronger, her goal is to use one hand.

To build finger coordination, Brianna enjoys threading pipe cleaners through the holes in a small colander. She also likes to link paper clips—so far she has made bracelets, necklaces, and even bookmarks.

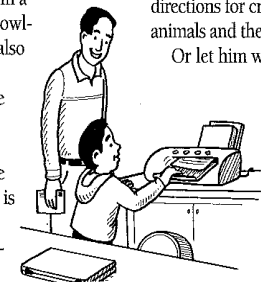
Yesterday my other daughter asked to practice with Brianna. The activities are fun for both kids, and I figure the more fine-motor practice, the better.♥

Q & A Too much computer?

Q: My son Luke loves my laptop and wants to play on it instead of doing other things. How much is too much?

A: Your son is growing up in a world where computer knowledge is important. But he also needs to have non-screen experiences as well as time to run and play.

Try giving your child a specific limit: "You can use the computer until dinner is ready." Consider making a rule about how many minutes he can have per day.



Also, you might encourage projects that your youngster can start on the computer and continue offline. Perhaps you could search the Internet with him to find directions for creating simple origami animals and then make some together.

Or let him write a letter and print it out to illustrate, sign, and mail. Doing hands-on activities like these will add learning to the time your child does spend on the computer.♥

PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and shared precious memorable moments with your family and friends.

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Our theme for January is "Dinosaur Dig". Children can make and wear dinosaur feet and a T-Rex headband. They will pretend to hunt leaves with a baby triceratops, fly with a pterodactyl and help T-Rex find safety from the erupting volcano. Excitement explodes in this science filled theme.

We continue our alphabet study with the letters L, E and V. We will focus on the numbers 9 and 10, the color purple and the shape oval through small groups and circle time.

Our character trait is "forgiving" and our Bible verse for January is "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34

UPCOMING

January 15th– No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

JANUARY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

- 1/3 Cullum McCambridge
- 1/12 Chance Dillard
- 1/13 Ford Noble
- 1/20 Justin Truong



Evangelical Mission to continue the work previously done by Pr. Jim Graeser and Pr. Jaime Dubon. I am grateful to Pr. Terrance Jacob, Pr. Wally Meyer and Pr. John Mocko for their willingness to continue serving in part-time interim capacity for a few more months. The makeup of the staff will continue to evolve as we dwell together in prayer and discernment, and as the Spirit reveals to us who God has called to serve the Florida-Bahamas Synod at this time.

I pray that this season of Advent is full of your own surprises—opportunities to be surprised by all that God is doing in and through your life and ministry. I look forward to getting to hear those stories as I begin traveling around the synod, and I look forward to the way we TOGETHER will be surprised by God's presence in our midst.

Peace,

+Pedro

Bishop Pedro M. Suarez

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jacob Heiser as he has finished his EMT training and passed his exam. He will soon be taking his firefighter course and state exam. His parents Paul and Pia are very proud of him.

Doris Karlik is happy to announce that her grandson, Tim Lynch, was engaged on December 8th to Rachel Wiskell from Alabama. They met at Southern Mississippi University. He plays for the Tampa Yankees and she's a registered nurse. Both will receive advanced degrees in December 2018.

Welcome to Charley Johanna Stone as she was born on December 25 at 11/11/17 p.m. to Rachel Rossmeissl-Stone and Kevin Stone. She is welcomed home by big brother, Paul and grandma Hedy. Congratulations Rossmeissl-Stone family!



Our younger members love helping the ushers with the Sunday duties. We love seeing their eager faces waiting to help.

WORDS FROM OUR *Bishop*

December 11, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Florida-Bahamas Synod,
Wow! I can hardly believe I am sending this notice to you as your BISHOP!?! Sometimes I still have to remind myself that the Assembly really did happen, and that I am really beginning this new phase in my ministry. God is indeed a God of surprises!

In fact, it makes me think of someone else who got a surprise from God. A young woman encountered an angel who gave her a message that she would bear a child, and that the child would be called Emmanuel. Talk about surprises! Shepherds watching their sheep on a hillside outside Bethlehem are overwhelmed by a choir of angels who proclaim to them that the Messiah has been born. Talk about surprises! I know each of us could share stories of how we have been surprised by God in big and small ways. In this season of Advent, as we wait in anticipation for all that God has in store for us, please share those stories of surprises with those around you.

The last few weeks since I was elected bishop have been a whirlwind. I have been blessed by the prayers and support of the people at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach. I have been blessed by the prayers and support of Bishop Marcus Lohrmann and the rest of the staff in the synod office. I have been blessed by the words of affirmation and encouragement I have received from so many of you. I have been blessed by my wife Aura, my children, and my family who continue to encourage and support this step in my ministry.

As I begin this work as your bishop, I am convinced that the surprises we will receive from God are not over. In the days ahead, our congregations will tell that great story of God surprising humanity by coming into the world in the form of a baby. Through worship, choir concerts, children's pageants, Christmas parties, and more, I pray this story fills your life with joy this season.

In the weeks ahead, I will share with you more about my thoughts and vision about the ministry to which I have been called. I am aware that there are questions about the impact of a new bishop on the synod office. Our synod is blessed to have a great team of capable people as staff. It is an honor for me to work with them. I ask for your prayers as I continue to seek candidates as Directors for



OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Worship*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (JANUARY 7)
Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (JANUARY 14)
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (JANUARY 21)
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (JANUARY 28)
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

BLOOD DRIVE

You make a difference! Please donate blood on Sunday, January 7 between 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Big Red Bus in Nativity's parking lot. All donors will receive a OneBlood T-Shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening! You may make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #3235 or just show up.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Thrivent members that have designated their Choice Dollars to Nativity. Throughout 2017, members have donated \$397.

Please remember to check your account online and designate your Choice Dollars each year as they go back into Thrivent's general account if not given a specific direction.

January 2018

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 |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Pastor in office by appointment |
| | No School Christmas Break | | | | | |
| | | 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | | | 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity) | |
| 7 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30a-11a Blood Drive | 8 School Resumes 9:30a Women's Love Circle 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts | 9 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | 10 Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel 6:00p Girl Scouts FH | 11 Pastor in office 12pm Teacher Meeting 7:00p 12-step FH | 12 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity) | 13 Pastor in office by appointment |
| 14 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:45a Council Meeting | 15 No School 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts | 16 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | 17 Pastor in office 9:30a Children's Chapel 6:00p Girl Scouts FH | 18 Pastor in office 12pm Teacher Mtg 7:00p 12-step FH | 19 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity) | 20 9:00a Sandwich Making Pastor in office by appointment |
| 21 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal Congregational Meeting 11:30a Morrissey Fundraiser | 22 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts | 23 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | 24 Hibernation Day 10:00a Children's Chapel Pastor in office 6:00p Girl Scouts FH | 25 Pastor in office 12pm Teacher 7:00p 12-step FH | 26 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity) | 27 Pastor in office by appointment |
| 28 9:30a Worship 10:45a Strategic Planning Comm. Meeting | 29 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts | 30 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | 31 10:00a Children's Chapel Pastor in office 6:00p Girl Scouts FH Council meet with Gardens Pres. | | | |