

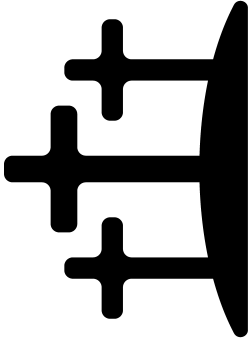
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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Our Interim Pastor

Welcome to March! We begin in early stages of Lent and end with the Holiest of Weeks, at Jesus' first Eucharistic Table and at the cross. Jesus surely died for us and for our salvation. Then ... first day of next month ... not an April Fool's joke, but God's fully kept promise with Jesus' resurrection from the dead. What a month, eh?

And I've got a gift for you this month – words from my Pastor at Our Savior in Vero Beach, Mark Bernthal. They're mine to and for you in these paragraphs.

Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, "Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interest of others. In your relationships with others have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had."

One old rabbinic story shares that once there was a man who had two sons. He was a successful farmer, and when he died, he left his lands to his two sons. Over the course of time, one of the sons married a young woman and raised a family of six children. The other son remained single. The two young men farmed the land together, and everything they harvested, they divided equally. The grain was placed in two barns, one for each brother. They grew older. The land was good, and the weather kind. They prospered, and both began to plan for their old age.

One night, while going over his accounts, the unmarried brother began thinking to himself, "My brother has seven other mouths to feed, and I am all alone. He will need a bigger share of the crops than I need. But he will never agree to accept a bigger share of the harvest." He thought and thought, and finally decided what to do. Late one night, long

after his brother had fallen asleep, the unmarried brother got out of bed, walked to the barn, and began carrying sacks of grain to his brother's barn.

Meanwhile the married brother was planning as well. He said to himself, "My brother and I are getting older. But I have been blessed with a wife and six children to take care of me when I am old. My brother has no one. He will need more than his share to store up against old age. But he will never agree to accept a larger share of the harvest." And so, this brother too got up in the dead of night while his brother was asleep and went out to the barn and began carrying sacks of grain to his brother's barn.

This went on for several nights, each brother removing some of his own grain to his brother's barn. Then one night, when the moon was full, the brothers met in the field midway between the two barns. And when they saw each other and realized what the other brother had been doing, they began to weep, dropped their sacks of grain, and embraced.

The rabbis tell us that just then clouds drifted across the face of the shining moon, and it began to rain. Do you know what it was? It was the tears of God, weeping for joy. The kindness and mind of Christ attitude that is seen in so many members of this congregation also bring great joy.

Remember the words of invitation to the discipline of Lent from our Ash Wednesday liturgy?

I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

We are all brothers and sisters in need ... and sisters and brothers with plenty to share.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul Lutze

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Women's Ministry: Ceil Thomas



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
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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
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Malloy, Tom	USMC-N. Carolina, Cousin of Matt Flynn
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Ragland, Charles	US Army-Afghanistan, Friend of Scott Powers
Scalise, Frank IV	USMC-Yuma, AZ, Grandson of Dale & Sue Long
Sepulvede, 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.

UPCOMING

Events

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPER

Join Pastor Lutze at 6:30 p.m. for a soup supper followed by a 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship on Wednesday, March 7, 14 and 21. The church will provide bowls, spoons and crackers. Please sign up in the reception area if you are willing and able to bring soup for approximately 10 to 20 to share.

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, March 29 join us for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m. At the end of the service, the altar will be stripped.

Friday, March 30 we will have two services, one at 12:30 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by our Easter Brunch and Easter egg hunt on the playground.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Nativity Women's Love Circle would like to extend an invitation to all women to join us for our monthly meeting. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month, except in the summer, at 9:30am in the church. The meeting consists of a business meeting followed by a Bible study from our Lutheran magazine GATHER. The business meeting is spent discussing concerns of the church that our group may be able to help with. Our meeting does not include drinks or snacks. The next meeting will be on March 12th.

The Presbyterian Women invite the women of Nativity Lutheran Church to our next meeting on March 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Gardens Presbyterian Church, 4677 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens. We will eat lunch at the church, so bring your sandwich or salad and a drink. Our meeting consists of short business meeting and a program followed by lunch.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

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



MORE

News

CAMPING WITH GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN

Everyone is welcome to attend a weekend of camping and fun at Gardens Pres. We are planning activities for those individuals not interested in camping, but interested in participating throughout the day. The schedule is:

March 2nd - Friday camp dinner at 6 pm.

March 3rd - Saturday 9 am hot breakfast, a picnic sandwich lunch and a camp dinner at 5 pm.

March 4th - Sunday at 8 am would be cereal breakfast and ready for church at 10:30.

For more information, please contact Brady at bakappes@gmail.com or Kelly at kellyrogers379@aol.com.

RUMMAGE SALE

Love Circle's annual Rummage Sale will be held on March 10th this year. Anyone wishing to donate items for sale can bring them on the 8th or 9th, to the church between 9am and 5pm. Also, anyone having some time on the 9th from 1:00 to approx. 4:00 to help set-up and sort the donations, or to help sell on the 10th starting at 7:30am, please call Ceil Thomas at 746-8730. This year's proceeds will be shared with the youth for their mission trip to Texas this summer.

If you have left your pyrex dish, trays, cake carriers or anything that has been brought to the church, please pick it up prior to the sale. Anything not belonging to the church or claimed will be put in the rummage sale.

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER

Our next neighborhood (homeless) dinner will be served Friday, March 30. You are invited to help serve dinners to underprivileged children, families & adults at St. George's Episcopal community center in Riviera Beach. 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE DINNERS: June 29, August 31 and November 30.

DAYS TO

Celebrate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

3/1	Diana Johnson-Ford	3/20	Maxum Smith
3/2	John Gunning	3/24	Jacob Heiser
3/3	Mark Cirullo	3/31	Doris Karlik
3/4	Natalie MacDonald	3/31	Damon Mangual
3/5	Gena Ceres		
3/5	Matthew Smith		
3/6	Alexandra Gonzalez		
3/7	Ceil Thomas		
3/11	John Johnsen		
3/13	Lou Johnson		
3/16	Paul Heiser		
3/19	BeckyMercer-Willoughby		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

3/7	Harry & Beverly Eubanks
3/7	Dylan & Kelly Rogers
3/7	David Willoughby & Becky Mercer
3/8	Carl & Maureen Lyew Fong
3/14	Julius & Linda Roehl

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

“SOUPER” BOWL RESULTS

February 4 we enjoyed our own “Souper” Bowl. We formed our teams, the Angels were those with a last name that started with A through L. The Saints were those whose last name started with M through Z. The Saints were the winners collecting \$411 and the Angels collected \$164. This money collected will go to our Sandwich Making Ministry which feeds the homeless and hungry on the third Saturday of each month. We also collected 71 items of food from the Angels and 19 items from the Saints. This food went to a local food bank.

We enjoyed soup made by Elsie Canzoneri, Beverly Eubanks, Breanne Johnsen, Nancy Morrissey, Ernadel Sioson and Kari Donnelly.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The 2018 Annual FL State Handbell Festival will be coming to First Presbyterian in North Palm Beach, March 2-3. This event will include massed ringing with Dave Harris (director of Raleigh Ringers), classes to improve skills, FUN activities Friday night, track classes available and Florida Bronze Choir. Repertoire, information and registration available on line: area4.handbellmusicians.org under “Events-Florida”.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Join us for our Easter Worship service at 9:30 a.m. April 1. If you are able to help with a Easter Brunch following, please contact Kari in the office and watch for a food sign up sheet.

Donations of small candy will be accepted for our annual Easter egg hunt. We will also need helpers to stuff the eggs Sunday, March 25 after worship. Please put it on your calendar.

THE LORD’S PLACE SLEEP OUT

Friday, April 6, The Lord’s Place is hosting their annual sleep out to help end homelessness. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes great music, delicious food, inspiring stories and a movie. Sleeping out is not required but is encouraged. Registration is \$25 per person and kids under 18 are free. Please visit www.SleepOutTLP.org for more information and to register.

It has been a busy Month! I have spent a lot of time learning more about our Church, our members, our property, and our school. Don’t get me wrong...I have served on the Council for a year now, I was on the last Call Committee, and I have spent a good share of time in the youth programs. However, spending time REALLY getting to know our Church has been a learning journey. It’s amazing to me how much more there is to learn!

So, I figured I would take my first President Report and let you “learn” a little more about me. Dylan and I have been attending Nativity for 10 years. We were married here, Nevaeh and Makenah were baptized here, and Logan was confirmed last June. Dylan is a private pilot and travels A LOT! Although he spends a lot of time on the road, it’s much better than the 3 years he spent in Afghanistan.

Before children, I worked in commercial real estate doing marketing and communications. The last several years I have spent my time as a Mom and a professional volunteer. I served on the Baseball Board for the YAA for 4 years. In this time, I ran multiple events including the first 10-Year-Old World Series in Palm Beach Gardens and was awarded for hosting the Largest Opening Day Ceremony for 3 consecutive years. I devote countless hours to the Little Smiles organization. I recently headed their Toy drive, raising over \$35,000 and distributing over 7,000 toys to children in need. I am on the PTA at Timber Trace Elementary and run their Teacher Appreciation Week. I currently serve on the Park and Recreational Board for the City of Palm Beach Gardens. I oversee upcoming recreational projects and advise developers on the needs of our community in regards to our current recreational programs.

As I said to council last meeting: Moving forward together I want to make sure you have an understand of how I conduct myself in a leadership position. I believe communication is imperative to run any successful committee or organization. I want everyone to be open, honest, and understanding that we are all serving for the greater good of our church family and friends. While we don’t always have to have the same opinion, it is vital to respect and communicate with effectiveness. I am a firm believer in LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

I am excited to embark on this journey of “learning” together. I hope you will embrace the future with me as we “learn” together the direction of our Church. I also hope you will communicate with me! I request that you don’t rely on rumor or emotions of others. If you have concerns please come to me directly. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Thank you,

Kelly Rogers, President

Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

March 2018

Nativity Lutheran Church & School
Pia Heiser, Director

KID BITS

Plan ahead for summer

Hot summer days may seem far away, but it's not too early to think about summer child care, since many day camps fill up fast. Ask in the school office or call your parks and recreation department to learn what's available. Also, find out whether your family qualifies for a reduced fee.

Accepting others

Talking about differences in ways your little one can understand will help her learn acceptance. Together, think of how people you know are different and the same. Maybe her best friend has freckles and your child doesn't—but they both have brown hair. She'll begin to see that these things don't matter.

Take numbers apart

Secretly choose a number between 1 and 10, and use two hands to show your youngster that many fingers. For 7, you might hold up 5 fingers and 2 fingers. Then, he can show 7 in another way (4 fingers and 3 fingers). Keep going until you run out of combinations, then play again with a new number.

Worth quoting

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." *Hal Borland*

Just for fun

Q: What has hands but cannot clap?

A: A clock.



Fun on the farm

Moo! Oink! Baa!
Whether your little one reads about farms, visits a real one, or plays farm at home, she can learn about animals, discover new vocabulary, and use her imagination. Here's how.

Barnyard stories

Read picture books about farms, and help your youngster make a list of farm words. She could illustrate her list to remember what each word means. She'll learn vocabulary like *calves*, *silo*, *pasture*, and *harvest*. *Tip:* Ask your youngster's teacher or a librarian for book suggestions.

Family field trip

Call your county extension office or go online to find a farm that's open to the public. During your visit, ask your child to identify animals or point out places or activities she recognizes from a book. ("Look, there's *grain* for the hens!") Also, workers might tell her which crops grow

on the farm or explain how they use the equipment.

Pretend play

Let your youngster use her imagination to make a miniature farm. She could cover a baking sheet with green paper to create a pasture for toy cows. A shallow bowl of water with blue food coloring might become a "pond" for rubber ducks. Encourage her to act out daily life on a farm by feeding chickens, brushing horses, and putting pigs to bed in the barn.♥

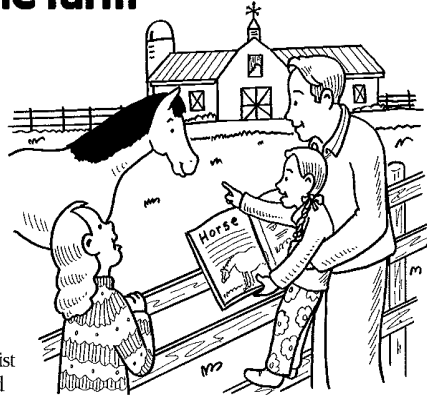
Kid-friendly snacks

With a little help, your child can whip up nutritious snacks. Enjoy working in the kitchen together with these ideas.

● **Yogurt sundae.** Suggest that your little chef mix whole-grain cereal, fresh fruit, and plain yogurt in a bowl, then top with a strawberry.

● **Bread-less sandwich.** Cut a cored apple into thin round slices. Have your youngster put a piece of cheddar cheese or spread nut butter between two slices.

● **Guacamole in a bag.** Cut an avocado in half, remove the pit, and let your child spoon the flesh into a plastic zipper bag. He can add 1 tbsp. diced tomato and 1 tsp. lime juice. Seal tightly. Now he can gently knead the bag until it looks like guac!♥



NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2017 - JANUARY 2018 (8 MONTHS)

	CURRENT	LAST YEAR		BUDGETED	
	YTD January 2018	YTD January 2017		YTD Budget 2018	
	June-January	June-January	Variance	June-January	Variance
Income					
Tithes and Offerings	143,926	150,471	(6,545)	143,267	659
School Revenues	71,739	80,125	(8,386)	85,600	(13,861)
Mission Revenues-Other	24,655	20,581	4,074	33,333	(8,678)
Misc Other Income	1,323	-	1,323	-	1,323
Total Income	241,643	251,177	(9,534)	262,200	(20,557)
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Expense					
Mission Expenses	9,660	9,055	605	16,077	(6,417)
Mission through our staff	179,812	179,796	16	184,800	(4,988)
Mission through our facility	65,501	63,120	2,381	58,467	7,034
Mission through our school	5,309	7,910	(2,601)	9,933	(4,624)
Total Expenses	260,282	259,881	401	269,277	(8,995)
	-				
NET MONTHLY INCOME (LOSS)	(18,639)	(8,704)	(9,935)	(7,077)	(11,562)

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT June 2017 through January 2018 (8 months)

January was a better month with Revenues (\$29,747) exceeding Expenses (\$25,439) by \$4,308. However YTD Expenses still exceed Revenue YTD by \$18,639 (vs \$22,946 at December 31, 2017).

YTD Analysis against budget:

Income: Tithes and Offering are ahead of budget by \$659, School Revenues are behind by \$13,861, Mission Revenue-Other is behind by \$8,678.

As a point of explanation on Mission Revenue-Other YTD \$8,678 shortfall. The Current Budget includes a \$14,000 Special Appeals line item that was budgeted to offset the expected Call Committee Expenses this year. There has been no Special Appeals initiated yet this year, so the variance from YTD Budget is appropriate.

Expenses: All expense categories are under budget except for Facility Expenses which are over budget by \$7,000. This is mainly due to the replacement of the Air Conditioner (\$6,500), and Insurance expense exceeded budget by \$3,909 as reported in the January 21, 2018 Annual Report.

CASH BALANCES – January 31, 2018

Operating Cash \$25,911

Designated/Restricted Balance \$33,155

MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

Mission Loan Pay Back Donations of \$10,050 have been collected through January 31, 2018.

Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance is \$48,824.47 as of January 31, 2018

Respectfully submitted
CAROLYNE NEW

Early Years

Name games

Develop your youngster's *phonemic awareness*—his ability to notice sounds and syllables in words—by playing with names. Try these activities.

Sound switch. Your child will laugh while he practices beginning sounds. Ask him to pick any letter in the alphabet (say, P) and pretend it's the new first letter in his name (*Michael* becomes *Pichael*). Encourage him to do the same for other names in your



family (*Pimothy* for *Timothy*, *Pom* for *Mom*). *Tip:* If someone's name starts with a vowel, he can just add the new letter (*Perin* for *Erin*).

Syllable dap. Help your youngster hear separate syllables in names—this will help him sound out parts of words when he reads. First, take turns “clap-

ping” your names, one clap

per syllable. *Sebastian* would clap three times (*Se-bas-tian*), and *Nancy* would clap twice (*Nan-cy*). Now, clap words with the same number of syllables as your name (*car-ni-val* for *Sebastian*, *spring-time* for *Nancy*).♥

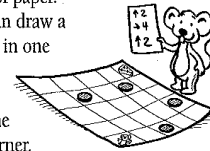
ACTIVITY CORNER



A budding programmer

A *coder* writes instructions that tell computers what to do. Your child can get an early start on programming by leading a “mouse” to “cheese”—no computer required.

1. Help your youngster draw a 5 x 5 grid on a piece of paper. Now, she can draw a cute mouse in one corner and a chunk of cheese in the opposite corner.



2. Have her place pennies in a few squares—these are obstacles for the mouse to avoid.

3. Together, write code to help the mouse find his lunch! She might use arrows to tell him which direction to move and numbers to show him how many boxes to cross. *Example:* →3, ↑2, ←1, ↑2, →3.

4. Let her use the code to trace her finger from the mouse to the cheese. Then, rearrange the obstacles, and write new code.♥

Q & A Head off bullying

Q: My best friend's son is a year younger than mine. Lately when we get together, my child teases hers. What can I do?

A: You can use this situation to talk to your son about teasing and bullying. Encourage him to think about how he might feel if someone—especially an older child—teased him. Explain that because this boy is younger, he may feel afraid or unable to defend himself. He might also look up to your child and even copy his behavior by teasing others.

Before your friend's next visit, help your son brainstorm kind things to say. He might compliment the boy on his shoes or T-shirt, or he could ask him what he likes about school. Then, consider having them play in the same room with you in case he needs a reminder about how to be kind.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Learning to stay focused

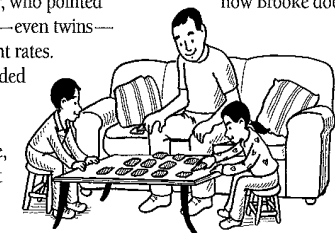
I noticed that one of my twins, Brooke, seemed to have a shorter attention span than her brother did. Her focus would wander when our family played board games, for example. I mentioned this to her teacher, who pointed out that children—even twins—develop at different rates.

She recommended ways to stretch Brooke's attention span. For instance, she suggested that we play Memory with fewer cards

and gradually work up to a full-length game. Or we could set a timer for 10 minutes when we play Crazy 8s, and the winner is the player with the fewest cards when time's up.

We've tried these strategies, and now Brooke doesn't lose interest before a game ends.

The other day, she didn't want to stop playing cards when the timer went off—and we played for almost 30 minutes!♥



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PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

THIS MONTH'S THEME

3...2...1... Blast off!

Children will pretend to be astronauts and fly off into space. They will count the stars, create constellations and explore rock and gaseous planets during this incredible space adventure.

We continue our alphabet study with the letters S, R, and Z and we will focus on the numbers 13 and 14, the color yellow and the shape of a star. We're looking forward to another fun filled month of learning at Nativity School.

UPCOMING

VPK registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. Be sure to get your certificate and register soon! Accepting registration for Pre K2 and Pre K3 also.

Our Scholastic Book Fair that started last month will run through Friday, March 2. You may also may final purchases Sunday, March 4 after our 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Spring Break is March 19th through the 26th. Students return Tuesday, March 27.

March 11, daylight savings time begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

No school Marcy 30, Spring holiday.

MARCH SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

3/5 Matthew Smith



Nativity girls having fun.



participate, council approves going forward.

Pastor and Earl continuing to prepare application for property, liability and worker's comp insurance quotes from Gallagher (FB Synod Insurer of choice).

Staff Reports:

Preschool Report: Council agrees that going forward, a monthly written report from preschool director should be submitted with regard to enrollment, tours, marketing, open houses, staffing, etc.

Office Manager's Report: Written Report from Kari Donnelly submitted:

Four additional Copies of "Can We Afford a Pastor?" have been purchased for all to share.

Playground fence installed.

Items requiring action: Check signers needed- agreed that Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen will become check signers. Kelly Rogers is already a signer.

Sandy area where portables were housed needs to be addressed, quotes to be obtained for sod/grass seed/landscaping.

Attendance report: Written report reviewed. Discussed removal of 19 year trend on this report as it is not giving helpful data. Question raised on how the attendance is counted, pastor to inquire and make sure we have a procedure in place so we make sure we get the most accurate numbers.

Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations: Bookkeeping to be a volunteer position. Motion to approve Pastor, seconded by Kelly. Approved on voice vote. Earl has volunteered to undertake this initially.

Call Committee: Meeting with Michele Hilton, from the Bishop's office discussed. Call process on hold 90 days to address financial concerns raised by Michele at joint meeting. Council addressing these concerns with internal audit, developing policies and procedures for bookkeeping, software, etc. Question raised if we have to take the whole 90 days if we feel we can address these concerns before the 90 days, pastor answered we can request to speak with synod before that time if we feel we have addressed the concerns.

Council urged to attend the Bishop's Lenten Visitation- St. Michael's in Wellington time TBA.

Further Discussion tabled to next meeting 3/11/18 after church service.

Adjourned 12:52 PM with prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

MINUTES FROM

Council

Pending Approval

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, February 11, 2018

Called to Order 10:50 AM with prayer by Pastor Lutze

Present: Kelly Rogers, Earl Osborne, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Pastor Lutze

Absent and Excused: David Johnson, Julius Roehl

January 14, 2018 Council Minutes- motion to approve by Pastor Lutze, seconded by Earl Osborne. Approved on voice vote.

Congregational Meeting Minutes- reviewed by council, no changes, additions or addendums noted. Will be submitted at next congregational meeting for approval.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: January 2018 tithes and offerings are ahead of budget, income exceeding expenses this month. YTD we are still at a deficit of \$18,639. Carolyne to submit balance sheet as part of monthly reports.

Earl and Carolyne to establish bookkeeping policies and procedures.

Designated MIF payments to be applied to the loan. It has been brought to council's attention that some funds may need to be reallocated to the MIF repayment, as they may not have been allocated correctly. Suggestion to create a poster with our progress to pay down the loan. Kelly has already created something on the website for this purpose as well as the "buy a month" suggested at the congregational meeting.

President's Report: Written report submitted by Kelly Rogers. Marketing Preschool plans for VPK registration period to include open houses, weekly tours, participation in multi-school fairs, materials ordered, etc.

We have received invitations to participate in a campout weekend 3/2-3/4 with Gardens Presbyterian and the men to join them for their monthly men's breakfast 2/22 (details in bulletin). All are invited to attend a weekly bible study at Harbor Chase Assisted Living every Monday at 11:00 AM.

Pastor's Report: Written Report submitted on membership actions for last month and year to date. Received request to transfer membership of Gerlinda Waititz from 1st Lutheran Church Clifton, NJ to Nativity. Motion from Pastor, Seconded by Carolyne New. Approved on voice vote.

Community Garden project: Carole Rajan proposed community garden funded by a grant, Pia has agreed for preschool to

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

Worship

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT (MARCH 4)
Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT (MARCH 11)
Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT (MARCH 18)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 25)
Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47

MAUNDY THURSDAY (MARCH 29)
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 30)
Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Remember to look for the small boxtop labels on participating products. Please go to boxtops4education.com for a complete list of manufacturers that participate in this program. It is easy to clip, save and bring them in.

PLEASE REMEMBER

If you have left trays, pyrex dish or anything else since the Thanksgiving Feast, please pick them up or they will be going on our rummage sale on the 10th.

March 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 Preschool Open House 9-11am Pastor in office Open House 5-7pm 7:00p 12-step FH 9a-7p Book Fair	2 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity) 9a-5p Book Fair Camping at Gardens Presbyterian	3 Pastor in office by appointment
4 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal Book Fair 12p Camping End	5 Book Fair Ends 12p 4:30p Strategic Planning Comm. Mtg. 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts	6 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	7 Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel 6:00p Girl Scouts FH 6:30p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	8 Pastor in office 9a-5p Rummage drop off 12pm Teacher Meeting 7:00p 12-step FH	9 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand 9a-3p Rummage drop off 1p Rummage set up	10 8a-12p Rummage Sale Pastor in office by appointment
11 4th Sunday in Lent 7:45-11a Blood Drive 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:45a Council Meeting	12 9:30a Women's Love Circle 11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts	13 11:00a Garden Pres. Women's Group 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	14 Pastor in office 10:00a Children's Chapel 6:00p Girl Scouts 6:30p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	15 Pastor in office 12pm Teacher Mtg 7:00p 12-step FH	16 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity)	17 9:00a Sandwich Making Pastor in office by appointment
18 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal	19 11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts	20 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	21 10:00a Children's Chapel Pastor in office 6:00p Girl Scouts 6:30p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	22 9a Men's Breakfast at Gardens Pres. Pastor in office 12pm Teacher Mtg. 7:00p 12-step FH	23 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	24 Pastor in office by appointment
No School Spring Break						
25 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal	26 Spring Break 11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase 5:30p 12-step FH 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Girl Scouts	27 Students Return 6:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	28 10:00a Children's Chapel Pastor in office 6:00p Girl Scouts	29 Pastor in office 12pm Teacher Mtg. 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service 7:00p 12-step FH	30 No School 9:15a Sunday Prep. 10:00a Tabitha's Hand 12:30 & 7:00p Good Friday Service	31 Pastor in office by appointment