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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 May! Remember Martha Stewart? With May 1 having historic May Day celebrations, here's the way she set the stage:

*Imagine living in a village surrounded by meadows. On the first of May, the girls wake at dawn to gather wildflowers in baskets to be left on doorsteps, and the boys create all sorts of mischief to disguise their awkwardness as bashful suitors. The day culminates in ritual dancing around a maypole to acknowledge and tame the high spirits brought on by the perfumed air warmed by the sun's new brightness. May Day celebrations seem to stretch back forever in time.*

Takes us back in time a bit, eh? Maybe a tad of nostalgia creeps in. Well, at Nativity we've got it a bit different ... we've got May Days ... and while they might not have maypoles as centers of attraction, they have something else in common. They have Nativity looking outward and forward, not inward and backward. They're filled with excitement and potential.

May Day #1 – Our May 11 "Eat and Greet" celebration which will give the whole Palm Beach Gardens Community a chance to get on our turf, learn about our school, enjoy food and fellowship.

May Days #2,3, & 4 – May 19, May 26, and May 27. Each of these three days is about preparing for and welcoming a new cadre of younger members to the "First Communion Celebration" for them on Sunday, May 27. Those preparing and their parents are welcomed to the first two Saturday events from 10:00 a.m. to Noon when Kelly Rogers and I will lead them in preparation for their first communion. And Sunday, May 27, caps it off!

May Day #5 – On Sunday, May 20. It's our Spring Session of our Annual Meeting. This is our budget meeting at which our June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 fiscal year budget is going to be presented. There will be two other items of business ... further details coming in the formal call for meeting letter later this month: Election of a Nominating Committee and action in principal on the Strategic Planning Task Force's long-anticipated recommendation about our future land use.

May Days #6, #7, #8, and #9 – May 31 through June 3. These days will find me and Linda and Julius Roehl as Nativity's members of our 2018 Synod Assembly. I'll be at pre-assembly meetings as called since I'll serve on the Assembly's Reference and Counsel Committee. All three of us will participate in the full assembly.

OK, OK! #7-#9 are June days ... bean counters, please give me a break!

And in that spirit ... May Day #10 – It's a June day as well ... Sunday, June 3. That's a Sunday that our Council has asked be a "lay-led" service and you'll get a peak at the gifts our youth represent as they participate in leading that service in advance of their trip to Houston later this summer.

So ... May Days/June Days ... thank God for all of them!

Pastor Lutze

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9:30 a.m.

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



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## OTHER CHURCH Leaders

Prayer Chain: Sandy McClellan

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

Ushers: Tom Kuhn

Women's Ministry: Ceil Thomas



**God's work...**

**...Our hands**

# DAYS TO Celebrate

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 5/1 Ron Bloor
- 5/3 Helmut Jagels
- 5/3 Lauren Oliveri
- 5/3 Tom Weber
- 5/4 Karen Joyce
- 5/23 Steven Karlik
- 5/24 Breanne Johnsen
- 5/28 Pat Barnes
- 5/28 Sharon Glazener



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 5/1 Ted & Karen Glas
- 5/5 Frank & Diane Lynch
- 5/21 Kevin & Diana Johnson Ford
- 5/23 Jerry & Ceil Thomas
- 5/27 Roger & Mary Beth Casty
- 5/31 Rodney & Audra Bryson

### SNOWBIRDS INFORMATION

To all of our snowbirds heading back up north soon, please be sure to let the church office know of your dates so that we can keep your mail going to the correct address. Send your information to kari@pbnativity.com or call 561-622-4998.

# UPCOMING Events

## “EAT & GREET” MAY 11

Mark your calendar to come to Nativity Friday, May 11 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. for a fun family event. Come eat from some delicious food trucks and enjoy great shopping from local vendors! Let the kids play in our fenced in Kids Play Station area which will include bounce houses, kid’s activities, and MORE!



Wrist bands are just \$5 for unlimited play. While you’re here, take a tour of our amazing Preschool. The school Open House will run throughout the entire event and if you take the tour, your child will receive a FREE wrist band for the Kids Play Station.

Want to help make this a successful event? There are donation boxes in the reception area to help cover the costs of marketing materials, the bounce house rental fee, popcorn and craft supplies. Estimated cost for all is approximately \$550. Any amount you give can help.



Would you like to volunteer at the event? Helpers are needed to be greeter, bounce house supervisor, kid’s station ticket sales, temp. tattoo station, craft area, table attendant (clean garbage and area), popcorn maker and seller and overflow parking attendant. You can sign up for 1 hour slots at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aaac23a20-eat> or talk to Kelly Rogers for more information.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

"Fed & Forgiven" Communion Class will be held May 19th & May 26th, 10am-12pm. Participants will receive communion on May 27th.

Class will be taught by Kelly Rogers and Pastor Lutze. Class is Open to children Kindergarten-3rd grade. Anyone wanting to participate or that may have questions should contact Pastor or Kelly.

# MORE



## BLOOD DRIVE

Please consider giving blood on Sunday, May 5 to help save lives. The Big Red Bus will be in our parking lot only from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Get there early!

## PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards for our 2018-2019 budget were mailed out the middle of April. Please return them to the church office by May 6 by mailing them or putting them in the church offering plates.

If you did not receive a card and would like to make a pledge to Nativity, please contact Kari at kari@pbnativity.com or 561-622-4998 and we will make that happen.

New offering envelopes for the upcoming fiscal year will be available shortly in the church office. If you have not had any and would like to use numbered envelopes, please also contact Kari during the week.

## SANDWICH MAKING

Do you have an hour to spare on Saturday, May 19? Come join us in the fellowship hall as we prepare hundreds of sandwiches for the homeless and hungry.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark you calendar for May 20 to attend worship and then stay after for our congregational meeting. Our new fiscal year budget will be reviewed and voted on along with discussion of Strategic Planning Committee recommendations to sell part of our land.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MAY 6)

Acts 10:44-48      1 John 15:9-17      John 15:9-17

### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MAY 13)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26      1 John 5:9-13      John 17:6-19

### DAY OF PENTECOST (MAY 20)

Acts 2:1-21      Romans 8:22-27      John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### THE HOLY TRINITY (MAY 29)

Isaiah 6:1-8      Romans 8:12-17      John 3:1-17

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO



- 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.*



We remember all that served for us.  
Thank you!

# WORDS FROM OUR *Council President*

Hello Nativity Family,

I hope you all are well. What an exciting few months it has been...with lots of exciting upcoming events!

The "Eat & Greet" is well on its way! It hasn't been as easy as I had hoped, but we are pulling it together. I really hope you can dedicate an hour or so to volunteering during the event. There are lots of things everyone can help with. A signup is available online and up front. A huge THANK YOU to the few that have donated to the event and to the few that have already signed up. This is "OUR" event and it will take "ALL" of us to make it a success!

I am also in the mist of planning Timber Trace Elementary School's "Teacher Appreciation Week". This is the first year I am planning it on my own. I am definitely overwhelmed (I would be lying if I said I wasn't). It's a full 5 days of events, meals, and gifts.

Planning these events are both so incredibly special. Our event is well over do! It's been forever since we planned something that went well beyond our comfort zone. We don't need a Full-Time Pastor to do our mission...WE need to do our mission! Teacher Appreciation Week gives me a chance to do something special for 112 teachers and staff members who deserve nothing more than the best.

It's a lot of pressure doing events. Nothing ever goes as planned! Something is always bound to go wrong. I stress about things that haven't even happened yet and may never happen!

I find myself praying. Somethings seem silly "God, please don't let it rain" or "God, please let me keep on budget". Then there are the things I find I need to pray for. I pray for success of both events. That the "Eat & Greet" is an act of fellowship and outreach. I pray for the Teachers of Timber Trace...this year has been challenging with the stresses of violence and the safety changes.

So, the moral of this report is even in life's crazy events it's ok to pray. It's ok to pray for the silly things, the important things, and the things that are yet to come.

I pray that you forgive my tiredness this month!

Thanks,  
Kelly Rogers

## SLEEPOUT 2018

Here are just some of the folks that helped make SleepOut 2018 in support of homelessness in Palm Beach County a successful event attended by local businesses, high school and college students and members of all religious denominations. Once again, it was a beautiful night and we were fortunate to have such wonderful weather as is not always the case for those doing without. This year, we exceeded our goal of raising \$500 for Team Nativity Lutheran PBG and that doesn't include the monies that we've collected from the piggy banks. Last year, our team slogan was, "The little engine that could". This year, it was "Nobody is too young, too small or too old!" Thank you Denise Ellis, Moon Rockswold, Chere Jacobs, David Willoughby, Sarah Mercer-Willoughby, Emma-Jade Cantrell, Dylan and Caitlyn Morrissey, and Sara Hoekstra for participating and helping to bring awareness to this cause.



## NATIVITY SERVANT SERVERS PROVIDE 115 MEALS ON GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday March 30, thirteen representatives of Nativity served dinner at St. George's Episcopal Community Center in Riviera Beach. A total of 115 meals (including 13 children) were served to our underprivileged neighbors in that community. A grant for \$250 from Thrivent Financial provided all the funding. Thank you goes to our Servant Servers. We welcomed back Chef Jim Kreidler who was assisted by: Dave Hoecker, Nancy Hunter, Edna, Ken & Kylie Koenig, Stuart McClellan, Sue & Earl Osborne, Kerissa Reed, Linda & Julius Roehl, Carolyn Schwartz, and Ruth Staehle..

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

## THIS MONTH'S THEME

The children will wiggle like worms with excitement and sing along with buzzing bees with our "Growing Gardens" theme this month.

We continue our alphabet study with the letters F and Y. We will be focusing on the numbers 17 & 18, the color pink and our shape is the diamond. Our character trait is caring. Just as we care for our garden, God wants us to care for one another and the world around us. The Bible verse this month is:

"But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

*James 3:17-18*

## UPCOMING

Nativity is fortunate to have Keller Williams Realty select our Church and School as part of their revitalizing the community project. One of their employees was a teacher's assistant with us a few years ago and her sister still teaches with us. On Thursday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. they will be on campus with approximately 30 of their employees as volunteers. Some areas they will be working on are:

- ◇ Pressure wash the stairs and walkways
- ◇ Touch up painting
- ◇ Replace or preserve fence around plants
- ◇ Planting new bushes
- ◇ Clean & seal various playground equipment
- ◇ Repair chapel door
- ◇ Donate and install 5 benches on playground
- ◇ Donate 2 sandboxes for playground

We thank them for their time and consideration!

## NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2017 - March 2018 (10 MONTHS)

| Church                         | YTD Actual     | Budget         | Variance       |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Income</u>                  |                |                |                |
| Tithes and Offerings           | 181,026        | 179,083        | 1,943          |
| Building Use Revenues          | 17,317         | 17,500         | (183)          |
| Other Revenues                 | 3,502          | 11,667         | (8,165)        |
| Total Income                   | 201,845        | 208,250        | (6,405)        |
| <u>Expense</u>                 |                |                |                |
| Staff Expenses                 | 128,138        | 129,542        | (1,404)        |
| Administration                 | 34,851         | 29,866         | 4,985          |
| Building & Grounds             | 38,967         | 30,388         | 8,579          |
| Call Committee                 | 125            | 8,333          | (8,208)        |
| Departments/Committees         | 9,121          | 12,291         | (3,170)        |
| Total Expenses                 | 211,202        | 210,420        | 782            |
| <b>Excess Income (Expense)</b> | <b>(9,357)</b> | <b>(2,170)</b> | <b>(7,187)</b> |
| <b>School</b>                  |                |                |                |
| <u>Income</u>                  |                |                |                |
| School Revenues                | 112,278        | 125,000        | (12,722)       |
| Total Income                   | 112,278        | 125,000        | (12,722)       |
| <u>Expense</u>                 |                |                |                |
| Staff Expense                  | 96,836         | 105,625        | (8,789)        |
| Administration                 | 6,834          | 7,467          | (633)          |
| Building & Grounds             | 6,173          | 5,362          | 811            |
| School Expenses                | 9,038          | 10,959         | (1,921)        |
| Total Expenses                 | 118,881        | 129,413        | (10,532)       |
| Excess Income (Expense)        | (6,603)        | (4,413)        | (2,190)        |

|                         |          |         |         |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Total Church & School   |          |         |         |
| Excess Income (Expense) | (15,960) | (6,583) | (9,377) |

# NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

## FINANCIAL REPORT June 2017 through March 2018 (10 months)

As of 2/28/18, the conversion of our financial accounting package from Quickbooks to Power Church was successfully completed. As a result, the Treasurer's Report looks a little different this month.

### **YTD Analysis against budget:**

#### **CHURCH**

Tithes and Offerings continue to be ahead of budget through March 2018.

Other Revenues show a shortfall against Budget of \$8,165—a variance that is offset by the Call Committee Expense variance of \$8,208. The budget included a Special Appeals Income line to raise money for the Call Process Expenses. Variances are appropriate

Building & Grounds excess expenses over budget include a new air conditioner and other needed repairs.

#### **SCHOOL**

March School Revenues were up from the prior month.

While YTD School Revenues are behind budgeted amounts, this variance is offset by lower total YTD Expenses.

#### **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

With the conversion from Quickbooks to Power Church, we also performed a thorough review of the Restricted Funds.

The Mission Investment Fund Donations for Principal Pay-down of the MIF Loan were reviewed and in March a check for \$10,950 was sent to the MIF to reduce the Principal balance on our loan. Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance at 3/31/18 is \$37,581.

#### **CASH BALANCES AT MARCH 31, 2018**

OPERATING ACCT CASH:       \$34,602

RESTRICTED FUNDS:         \$17,342

    \$250 Memorial Funds

    \$650 MIF Principal Pay-down

\$10,768 Capital Fund

\$ 2,125 Morrissey Fund

\$ 3,529 Youth Mission Trip Fund

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carolyn New

## SPECIAL *Events*

### **“EAT & GREET”**

Do not miss our Food Truck/Open House “Eat & Greet” on Friday, May 11 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. It will be a fun family event with unlimited play for the children for \$5. We will have a bounce house, vendors, crafts, temporary tattoos and of course food trucks.

### **END OF YEAR CEREMONY**

Come watch our proud VPK class graduate on Thursday night, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. sharp! All preschool students will be involved in the program and should be in their classrooms by 6:00 p.m. Get your seats early!

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Friday, June 1 will be our last day of school. We will have a school wide celebration with food, fun, and bounce house.

Parents, please watch for a food sign up sheet and parent participation sheets to follow in upcoming weeks.

**There will be no aftercare that day. School closes at 12:00 noon.**

### **SUMMER CAMP**

Nativity will have seven weeks of summer camp beginning June 4 and ending July 20. Choose one or all of the weeks available. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See pages 10 and 11 for registration.

### **MAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS**

5/21 Lawson Schaaf

5/29 Sam Ruiseco

5/31 Grayson Crist

Staff birthday

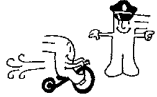
5/3 Lauren Oliveri



# Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

May 2018



Nativity Lutheran Church & School  
Pia Heiser, Director

## KID BITS

### Drink up!

Little ones are more susceptible to dehydration than older children are. When the temperature climbs, remind your child to take water breaks during outdoor play. You might help him set up a "Hydration station" with plastic cups and a pitcher of water so he can serve himself like a big kid.

### Teacher goodie bag

Some of the best end-of-year gifts for teachers are supplies to use in class next year. Have your youngster decorate a paper lunch sack and fill it with pencils, crayons, stickers, or notepads from a dollar store. Help her add a thank-you note, too. She can deliver the present on the last day of school.

### Positive talk

Your child will respond better if you tell him what to do, rather than what not to do. For instance, say, "Walk, please" instead of "No running!" or "Put your toys away" rather than "Stop leaving your toys everywhere." Negative instructions (ones beginning with *stop*, *don't*, or *no*) rarely tell him how to fix what he's doing wrong.

### Worth quoting

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."  
Mason Cooley

### Just for fun

**Q:** What's the easiest way to catch a whale?

**A:** Have someone throw it to you.



## Messy outdoor learning

Would your youngster like to paint with her toes, make mud, or smear shaving cream on a window? Now that warmer weather has arrived, head outside for messy learning fun all summer long.

### Colorful shape painting

Finger paints aren't just for fingers. Spread paper on the ground, and add blobs of red, yellow, and blue paint. Then, let your child paint shapes with her toes. Call out a shape and a color. Can she create a blue triangle? Which colors would she combine to make a green circle or an orange square? She could experiment to find out.

### Muddy counting

Together, mix up a bucket of mud using soil from the backyard and water. Afterward, play this version of hide-and-seek to practice counting. Ask your youngster to close her eyes while you stir a few plastic toy animals into the mud. Tell her how many to dig out with her



hands. She'll need to count the toys as she goes to make sure she finds them all.

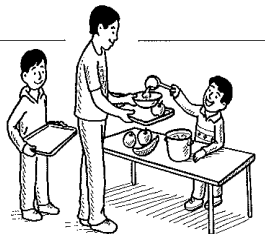
### Foamy ABCs

Squirt shaving cream into your child's hand, and have her smear it on a window or glass storm door. Now it's a "canvas" to write on. Take turns using a finger to write the alphabet in order, one letter at a time. Draw a picture of something that starts with each letter. For B, she might draw a bike. *Note:* Erase, or add more foam, when you run out of room. ♥

## Looking ahead to next year

The move to kindergarten or first grade means your child's school day will change. Here are things he may face and ways to smooth the transition during the summer.

- **All-day school.** You might need to adjust your youngster's bedtime so he gets more sleep and has energy to learn.
- **No nap.** Phase out your child's midday nap, or move it to after-school hours.
- **Larger building.** Tour the school to help him feel comfortable.
- **Lunch in a cafeteria.** Set up a pretend cafeteria at home and role-play together. Take turns being a cafeteria server, cashier, lunchroom aide, and student. ♥



Scholastic Book fair was a huge success- \$900 in sales, we receive 50% of that in Scholastic credit for books, classroom supplies and furnishings.

5 tours given to interested families in the last month.

Staffing: Savannah Perryman has been hired as a substitute. Stephanie Doughty has announced that she is expecting a baby. Her appointments and needs are being accommodated.

Ongoing Concerns: Classroom space- remodel has been moving forward. Looking for help with clearing out the space. Volunteers can get in touch with Pia or Kelly.

Special Thank Yous:

Kelly Rogers for marketing and promotion for the Eat and Greet event May 11<sup>th</sup>!

Tavis Smith for repairing the wooden play structure

Moon Jacobs for renovating the classroom space.

## Committee Reports

**Strategic Planning Committee:** No report this month.

**Call Committee:** No report this month.

## Old Business:

Sunday 6/3 Pastor at Synod Assembly- Youth Led Service prior to their Houston trip.

Julius and Linda Roehl to attend Synod Assembly as Nativity's representatives.

3/21 Active Shooter training cancelled as it was originally scheduled during Spring Break.

**New Business:** Scholarship program for Youth Gathering from Florida Bahamas Synod application submitted.

## Pending Annual Meeting Business (May 20, 2018)

Approval of budget for upcoming fiscal year

Discussion of Strategic Planning Committee recommendations to sell part of land at Annual Meeting.

**Next Council Meeting- Sunday May 6, 2018 (rescheduled from May 13 as it is Mother's Day) after worship. Proposed to defer regularly scheduled Council meetings for June and July due to travel schedules. Council will communicate via email. Regular Council Meetings to resume Sunday August 12, 2018.**

Adjourned 12:40 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary



of the called, full time pastor.

Proposed Organizational Structure- Standing Committees:

Executive Committee: Council

Nominating Committee: addressed under special orders

Audit Committee: Needs new members- current members all on council

Mutual Ministry Committee: addressed under special orders

Call Committee: To dissolve upon successful call

Teams grouped intuitively for their missions and functions that are complementary: Each activity under these "mega teams" may have a leader or point person who will then meet with the council liaison or appropriate council members to address the group or activity's needs/ concerns, etc.

Worship & Music: (Altar Guild, Greeters, Liturgist, Gift Bearers, Sound Tech, Children's Church, Ushers, Sanctuary Prep, Choir, Readers, Communion Assistants, Counters, Acolytes, Choir, Men's Choir, Handbell Choir)

Education: (School Board, Adult Education, Bible Study, SOAP, Sunday School, Confirmation, LOVE Circle, Website Master) Pastor and Julius strongly recommend a School Board be created and activated as soon as possible.

Finance, Stewardship, Property: (Golf Tournament, Annual Pledge Drive)

Evangelism, Service, Social Ministry: (Live Nativity, Harmony House, Food Pantry, Tabitha's Hand, Baby Bottle Boomerang, Toiletry Kits, Angel Tree, St. George's Dinners, Sandwich Making)

## Staff Reports

**Office Manager:** Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

Our cleaning company has changed names from Lucy's Cleaning to Zeal Cleaning.

Another Girl Scout Troop has been added to the evening activity schedule, 4:30 Friday afternoons.

All evening activities and their contact information is listed on Kari bulletin board.

Newsletter items are due April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the May Newsletter.

**Preschool Report:** Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

2 days 2's class started with 3 students. (3 open spots)

Pre-K Class 15 students (full)

VPK Class 15 students (5 open spots) 1 student moved to Colorado with his family.

## Early Years

### Playtime tips for tired parents

It's playtime. Your child is a bundle of energy, but you're worn out from a day at work. Sound familiar? Use these ideas to connect with him after a long day.

**Take a supporting role.** Volunteer for a quiet part in your youngster's game. If he wants to be a doctor, you could relax in a chair and be his patient. Or you may be the police officer directing traffic while he zooms around with his toy cars.



**Try sit-down activities.** Have him make a tabletop version of bowling with dominoes as "pins" and a small ball to roll toward them. Or hold a mini "puppet show." Sit near a lamp, and use your hands to create shadow puppets on the wall for each other—can you make a rabbit, a duck, or a bird?

**Add play to routine tasks.** Turn dinner into a picnic with stuffed

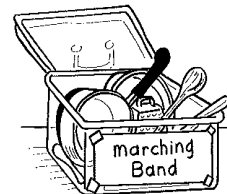
animals. Or combine a guessing game with making the grocery list. You provide clues ("We need your favorite square breakfast food"), and let him figure out what you should write (waffles).♥



### PARENT TO PARENT

#### Imagination boxes

I learned this trick from my daughter Hannah's preschool teacher. The classroom has a stack of plastic boxes filled with items to play scenarios, such as "post office" or "marching band." Hannah loves these boxes so much that we decided to make some at home.



First, Hannah wanted a "bank" box. We decorated a cardboard box, and she added pretend money, a calculator, paper and pencil, and some used gift cards for "credit cards." We also found items to create boxes for "zoo," "school," and "grocery store."

We plan to add more boxes to Hannah's collection over time. She likes being able to grab a box and have everything she needs to play!♥

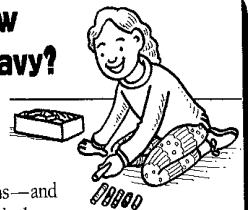
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To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote school readiness, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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### ACTIVITY CORNER

#### How long? How much? How heavy?



These simple activities will introduce your little one to measurement concepts.

**Length:** Ask your child to line up her crayons from shortest to longest. She'll practice comparing lengths—and see right away which colors she uses the most and the least.

**Volume:** Give your youngster a 1-cup measure and two different-sized containers. How many cups of water does she think each will hold? She can count as she pours to see how close she came. Repeat with other containers, and she'll see her estimates getting more accurate over time.

**Weight:** Play "Which is heavier?" Let your child fill two identical bags with toys. She might put dolls in one and toy cars in the other. Have her hold one in each hand and say which feels heavier. Then, help her weigh them on the bathroom scale to check.♥

### AGG Finding a sitter

**Q:** How can I find babysitters for evenings or weekends? And how can I make sure they'll take good care of my son?

**A:** Word of mouth is often the best way to find a sitter. Ask friends and neighbors who they use or whether they have children in high school or college who can babysit. If your son is in day care, his provider might be able to sit or to recommend a sitter.

Start by calling potential sitters until you find one who sounds like a

good fit for your family. Then, have her come over so you can watch her play with your child. If you like what you see, try her out. Write down instructions ("Please give Tommy a rice cake and milk around 7 p.m."), and go over rules

("You can use your phone after bedtime, but no guests").

Afterward, ask your youngster what they did and if he had fun. If he seems comfortable with the sitter, you might hire her again.♥



# Nativity Lutheran Church & School

Guide to



## The Alphabet House...

### Ready-Set-Go!

June 4, – July 20

7 weekly sessions



### Let us help to plan your Summer!

Nativity offers a fun filled and educational Summer-Camp for your child. (Ages 2-6)

Our focus at Nativity is on early literacy and reading readiness. This is a great time to bridge the transition from Preschool to Kindergarten.

- Activities for the whole group, small group and individual practice
- Interactive learning centers and smart board
- Phonemic awareness, alphabet and sound recognition
- Memorization skills
- Music, rhythm and rhyme
- Weekly movies
- Arts and Crafts
- Water slide – Splish Splash Day!!

**President's Report:** Written report submitted by Kelly Rogers.

Eat and Meet event: Permitting, site plans submitted to city of PBG for approval, Kelly to apply for \$250 matching funds from Thrivent. Will have Civil Air Patrol to come in to assist with parking and additional duties for the event. Kelly has also created a sign-up genius for volunteers to assist with the event. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aaac23a20-eat>

Current Nursery program will end May 20<sup>th</sup> and we will plan for a new program to begin by the fall.

Moon built out the wall for the classroom space. Unfortunately, there is concrete behind the drywall where we needed to do the cut out. Kelly has contacted a contractor to see if he can give us more information to see if is possible to do what we want.

Kelly is going to teach a communion class with Pastor

**Vice President's Report:** Written report submitted by Earl Osborne.

Need to water new grass, recommends purchase of water hose and sprinklers, as well as possible adjustment of current sprinklers. Kelly reports she has driven by and only noted sprinklers watering bushes. Noted to ask Pia and Kari about the sprinklers and what they cover/do not cover.

**Pastor's Report:** Written report submitted by Pastor Lutze.

Transfer of membership of Ralph and Teri Henning to Shepherd of the Hills in Morganton, GA. Motion to transfer, seconded and approved on voice vote.

Change to on campus schedule- Pastor to commute Wednesdays, Work from home Thursdays, Arrive on Saturday overnight to Sunday. Motion to approve, seconded and approved and on voice vote.

Meetings with Gardens Presbyterian have been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

**Council Member at Large report:**

Julius and Pastor worked on creating a committee and team structure for organization within Nativity. Also suggested that we need to consider a Volunteer Coordinator position at Nativity to assist with recruiting and organizing individuals for various needs without making the focus scheduling persons for worship. To this end, Breanne suggests the possibility of the creation of ministry teams that work on a monthly rotating basis to manage all the worship "jobs" for the month. The church she grew up in uses this system very successfully. She will contact them to ask about how it works.

Julius also proposed the creation of a "committee night" when meetings would occur after a community dinner and devotion or midweek service. Pastor requested that this be tabled until the arrival

# MINUTES FROM *Council*

Approved minutes can be found on the website & lobby. Approved minutes can also be requested from council secretary or office manager.

## PENDING APPROVAL

### Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 8, 2018

Called to order at 10:56 by Kelly Rogers and we were led in opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Lutze.

Present: Kelly Rogers, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Julius Roehl, Pastor Lutze

Absent and Excused: Earl Osborne, David Johnson\*

\*David Johnson emailed Kelly Rogers and reported that as he is traveling frequently with his daughter's sports schedule, he will submit his resignation. Motion to appoint Jenelle Smith (the next vote getter) from January congregation meeting to join congregation council as member at large, seconded and approved on voice vote.

### Special Orders:

Mutual Ministry Committee: reactivate and functioning by the new pastor's arrival.

Nominating Committee: Total of 5 members and 2 outgoing council members. Pastor and Kelly to address in their weekly meeting a working list of members.

**Council Meeting Minutes** from March 11, 2018, reviewed by council. Motion to approve with two corrections requested by Pastor, seconded, approved on voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Written report submitted by Carolyne New.

Motion to accept Carolyne's report, seconded and approved on voice vote. Pastor, Carolyne and Earl to work on stewardship campaign with pledge cards for mid-May for annual meeting and budget purposes.

Transition from Quickbooks to PowerChurch successfully completed as of 2/28/18. Tithes and offerings are ahead of budget through March 2018. School Revenues were up for March 2018- YTD revenues are behind budget; this variance is offset by lower expenses YTD.

MIF Payment of \$10, 950 has been sent and applied to the principal of our loan.

You may pick and choose any or all weeks as needed.  
Please complete one form per child.

## Registration Form

(Please print and check all applicable boxes and return with payment)

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies \_\_\_\_\_



Current physical and immunization forms must be on file

5 days per week = 9 AM to 3 PM \$125 per week  
 3 days per week = 9 AM to 3 PM \$100 per week  
 10% discount if you only need care till 12 noon

Week 1: June 4 – June 8 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 2: June 11 – June 15 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 3: June 19 – June 22 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 4: June 25- June 29 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 5: July 2 – July 6 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 6: July 9- July 13 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Week 7: July 16 - July 20 5  3D  = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

|                       |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Subtotal              | \$ _____        |
|                       | Registration Fee      | \$ 50.00        |
| After MAY 25, 2018... | Late Registration Fee | \$ +25.00       |
|                       | <b>TOTAL:</b>         | <b>\$ _____</b> |

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for trusting us with your Child!**

# May 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  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
|  |  | <b>1</b><br>7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom  | <b>2</b><br>Pastor in office<br>10:00a Children's Chapel<br>6:00p Girl Scouts FH | <b>3</b><br><br>7:00p 12-step FH  | <b>4</b><br>9:15a Sunday Prep.<br>10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity)<br>4:30p Girl Scouts    | <b>5</b><br>Pastor in office by appointment                               |
| <b>6</b><br>8-11a Blood Drive<br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal<br><br>10:45a Council | <b>7</b><br>11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase<br>5:30p 12-step FH<br>7:00p Boy Scouts<br>7:00p Girl Scouts                               | <b>8</b><br>11:00a Garden Pres. Women's Group<br><br>7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom | <b>9</b><br>Pastor in office<br>10:00a Children's Chapel<br>6:00p Girl Scouts FH | <b>10</b><br>12pm Teacher Meeting<br>7:00p 12-step FH   | <b>11</b><br>9:15a Sunday Prep.<br>10:00a Tabitha's Hand<br>5-8p "Eat & Greet" Food Truck Event & Open House | <b>12</b><br>Pastor in office by appointment                              |
| <b>13</b><br>Mother's Day<br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal                           | <b>14</b><br>9:30a Women's Love Circle<br>11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase<br>5:30p 12-step FH<br>7:00p Boy Scouts<br>7:00p Girl Scouts | <b>15</b><br><br>7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom                                     | <b>16</b><br>Pastor in office<br>10:00a Children's Chapel<br>6:00p Girl Scouts   | <b>17</b><br>12pm Teacher Mtg<br>7:00p 12-step FH   | <b>18</b><br>9:15a Sunday Prep.<br>10:00a Tabitha's Hand (crochet & knit for charity)                        | <b>19</b><br>9:00a Sandwich Making<br><br>Pastor in office by appointment |
| <b>20</b><br>Pentecost<br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal                              | <b>21</b><br>11a Bible Study at Harbor Chase<br>5:30p 12-step FH<br>7:00p Boy Scouts<br>7:00p Girl Scouts                              | <b>22</b><br><br>7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom                                     | <b>23</b><br>10:00a Children's Chapel<br>Pastor in office<br>6:00p Girl Scouts   | <b>24</b><br>9a Men's Breakfast at Gardens Pres.<br><br>12pm Teacher Mtg.<br>7:00p 12-step FH | <b>25</b><br>9:15a Sunday Prep.<br>10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)                                  | <b>26</b><br>Pastor in office by appointment                              |
| <b>27</b><br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Men's Choir Rehearsal   | <b>28</b><br>Memorial Day<br>No School<br>Office Closed  | <b>29</b><br>7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom   | <b>30</b><br>10:00a Children's Chapel<br>Pastor in office<br>6:00p Girl Scouts   | <b>31</b><br><br>6:30p End of Year Preschool Program<br><br>7:00p 12-step FH                  | <i>June 1– June 3 Synod Assembly. Pastor Lutze, Julius &amp; Linda Roehl attending in Kissimmee.</i>         |   |