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

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WORDS FROM

*Pastor Steve*

Save the Dates!!!

February is going to be a busy month in the life of our congregation! Throughout February we will be engaging our faith for the future of the church. Sunday worship and events listed below will all serve as ways for us to hear, see and be what God is encouraging us to do.

Vision Sunday, Sun. Feb 3: Hear, and have a share in Pastor Steve's vision for the potential-filled future of Nativity. This will begin a 4-week series on giving and receiving of our time, talents and treasures. *This is also "Souper" Bowl of Caring Sunday. See details inside.*

Treasurers Luncheon, Sat. Feb. 16: On this day we honor our 70+ year-old attenders. This is a time of giving thanks and serving those whose faith is foundational to the life of Nativity. Sign-up in the Living Room.

New Member Orientation, Sun. Feb. 17 (11a-1p): Whether you are a long or short-time worshipper and not a "member", you are invited to take the next step in ownership of your faith journey with Nativity Lutheran. This will be a time of learning, sharing and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up in the Living Room.

Congregational Retreat, Sat. Feb. 22 (7p-9p) and 23 (8a-5p): All are invited to an interactive evening and day-long retreat here at church. The purpose of the retreat is to help us to organize and communicate better so we can be a healthier, stronger, mission-focused congregation. Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$12 with scholarships available. Led by ELCA pastor Don Reiter. *Please try to fit this into your schedule.* Sign-up in the Living Room.

Next Step Sunday, Feb. 24: After a month of faithfully dwelling in our giving and receiving of God's love for us we faithfully approach our individual/family's Next Step in giving of our time, talent and treasures. Immediately following service, we share a meal together and hear of how big our Next Step's will be.

Good people of God, Nativity is taking steps towards a bright, hope-in-Christ-filled future. I look forward to seeing you in worship and so much more!

His peace be with you,

Pastor Steve

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
 9:30 a.m.

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



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**God's work...  
 ...Our hands**

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 Mark & Sharon Glazener

Women's Ministry: Ceil Thomas

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

2/1	Sarah Davis	2/13	Leigh Clark
2/1	Ashton Flynn	2/16	Kari Donnelly
2/1	Evan Flynn	2/16	Grace Smith
2/2	David Hoecker	2/17	Rachel Rossmeissl-Stone
2/2	Daniel Lynch	2/20	Karen Glas
2/2	Laurel Winsor	2/27	Kevin Ford
2/5	Leila Johnson		
2/5	John Shepherd		
2/6	Kelly Rogers		
2/7	Paul Heiser		
2/10	Kit Weber		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

2/1	Mark & Nikki Cirullo
2/1	Brian & Kari Donnelly
2/14	Carl & Lois Erickson
2/14	Fred & Suzanne Zirot



If you would like to share your birthday and/or anniversary with the church, please send your information to [kari@pbnativity.com](mailto:kari@pbnativity.com).

### “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”

Sunday, February 3 we join thousands of groups to celebrate “Souper Bowl of Caring” Sunday. It utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to fight hunger and poverty in local communities.

Here is how we are working ours:

- You can sign up to bring a pot of soup to share after worship on February 3.
- You can plan to make a cash or check donation.
- You can plan to bring in non perishable food items.

We will form two teams, the “Angels” and the “Saints”. If your last name begins with A through L, you are an Angel. If your last name begins with M through Z, you are a Saint. Find the correct table on the 3rd to place your donation.

All food items collected will go to a food pantry at Bethlehem Church in Lake Park and all monies collected will go to our sandwich making ministry which feeds the homeless. Last year you donated \$575 with the Saints as the winners. Remember, we are all winners when we support our community!

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER

As our youth group raises money to attend Lutherock camp this summer, they are selling carnations for Valentines Day. Please see the order form inserted in the back of this newsletter. Orders need to be placed by February 3 and will be available for pick up at the church on February 10.

### CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP

Confirmation classes will be held Sunday February 3rd and 17th at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the youth group meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### WOMEN’S LOVE CIRCLE

Nativity’s women’s group, the Love Circle will meet on Monday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. All women are welcome to attend for Bible Study and fellowship.

# MORE *News*

## SANDWICH MAKING

Saturday, February 16, join friends and members in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. as we make sandwiches for our neighbors in need. The sandwich and cookie bags assembled will be distributed to St. George's Center.



## MEN'S MONTHLY POWER LUNCH

Power Lunch is a new ministry for the men of Nativity Lutheran. Our agenda is simple, food, fellowship, faith and a speaker. Just what you need to power you through to Sunday. Join us at church on Wednesday February 27th from 12-1pm. Lunch will be provided

## RUMMAGE SALE

The Love Circle's Annual Rummage Sale is coming March 30. Start cleaning out your closets and garages and saving your donations to be brought in the week of the sale. The women's group uses the money raised to supply altar linens and many other ways to help support the church.



The women's Love Circle supports our church in many ways throughout the year. They have purchased altar linens, choir robes and supported the youth group and WELCA. This past month they purchased new Nativity mugs for our welcome bags and will be keeping those bags set up and ready to hand out to guests that come to worship with us.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPS NEEDED

We are looking for two people to represent Nativity and attend the Synod Assembly in Orlando June 6-8. We hope to have one male and one female along with Pastor Steve and a youth representative. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor soon so that reservations can be made.

## NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2018 - December 2018 (7 MONTHS)

Church	7 Month Actual	7 Month Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
Tithes and Offerings	136,124	127,390	8,734
Building Use Revenues	11,722	12,250	(528)
Other Revenues	2,571	3,420	(849)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>150,417</b>	<b>153,060</b>	<b>7,357</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Staff Expenses	89,302	88,499	803
Administration	23,355	21,741	1,615
Building & Grounds	21,177	22,625	(1,448)
Departments/Committees	7,389	8,177	(788)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>141,223</b>	<b>141,042</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Excess Income (Expense)</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>7,175</b>
<b>School</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
School Tuition	58,856	72,000	(13,144)
Golf Outing/Fundraising	14,239	10,350	3,889
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,095</b>	<b>82,350</b>	<b>(9,255)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Staff Expense	68,402	69,995	(1,593)
Administration	5,204	4,256	948
Building & Grounds	5,102	4,287	815
School Expenses	6,643	5,933	711
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>85,351</b>	<b>84,471</b>	<b>881</b>
<b>Excess Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(12,257)</b>	<b>(2,121)</b>	<b>(10,136)</b>

<b>Total Church &amp; School</b>			
<b>Excess Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(3,063)</b>	<b>(102)</b>	<b>(2,061)</b>

# NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

## FINANCIAL REPORT June 2018 through Dec. 2018(7 months)

**Church:** Revenues and Expenses through December continue on budget, with a favorable variance of \$7,175

**School:** School revenues are \$13,000 short of budget through December (7 months). Expenses are right on budget. We expect the school to finish the fiscal year with an operating deficit of \$36,000 which is offset by \$12,485 proceeds from the Golf Outing—a net deficit of \$23,820.

### Cash Flow Report/Projections:

		YTD (7 MO)	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING CASH</b>		43,110	38,046	39,164	37,488	41,259	45,584	43,110
<b>Church</b>	Revenues	150,418	20,538	18,705	22,710	23,295	19,372	255,038
	Payroll	(89,302)	(11,940)	(11,940)	(11,940)	(11,940)	(16,855)	(153,917)
	Other Exp	(51,921)	(6,935)	(6,935)	(6,934)	(7,206)	(7,495)	(87,426)
	MIF Princ Pyt	(2,001)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(3,946)
	Income less Exp	7,193	1,274	(559)	3,447	3,760	(5,367)	3,477
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<b>School</b>	Tuition	60,609	11,779	10,818	12,259	12,500	7,215	115,180
	Golf Outing	12,485	-	-	-	-	-	12,485
	Payroll	(68,402)	(10,276)	(10,276)	(10,276)	(10,276)	(16,735)	(126,241)
	Other Exp	(16,949)	(1,659)	(1,659)	(1,659)	(1,659)	(1,659)	(25,244)
	Income less Exp	(12,257)	(156)	(1,117)	324	565	(11,179)	(23,820)
<b>Operating Cash</b>		38,046	39,164	37,488	41,259	45,584	29,038	29,038

**CASH FLOW ANALYSIS:** We continue to closely monitor operating cash balances. While projections show cash balances increasing through April, we do expect cash shortfalls in May of \$5,367 for the church and \$11,179 for the school. This Cash Flow model predicts an Operating Cash balance of \$29,038 going into the summer months when there is no school revenue and lower church attendance.

**MISSION INVESTMENT LOAN:** Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance at November 30: \$31,226. With the accelerated MIF Principal Pay downs from our generous congregation, the 10 year loan is now on track for being paid off in just over 5 years, or less if Principal Pay down contribution continue. This is an impressive achievement given that the MIF Loan is only 14 months old.

### RESTRICTED FUNDS: \$6,407

\$1,130 Memorial Funds      \$1,600 MIF Principal Pay-down  
 \$1,383 Capital Fund      \$549 Morrissey Fund  
 \$1,745 Youth Mission Trip Fund

## LENT MIDWEEK SERVICE AND SOUP SUPPERS

Ash Wednesday is on March 3 and we will have two services for imposition of ashes on that day. There are five Wednesdays between then and Easter week and we will be having soup suppers and service for Lent. Please watch for sign up sheets to bring and share soup.

## PAINTING PARTY FUNDRAISER

There will be a special fundraiser event at Hammer and Stain on U.S. 1 in Jupiter on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an amazing fun and fellowship event painting an unique project just for you. Anyone can do this because they create and personalize a stencil just for you.

Light refreshments will be provided. You can also bring your own refreshments. The cost is \$45 per person and we will get a portion back for each person who registers that will go towards our youth group. Our youth are raising money to pay to go to Camp Lutherock in North Carolina this summer. Come support our youth and create something unique just for you.

To register, go to [www.hammerandstainpalmbeaches.com](http://www.hammerandstainpalmbeaches.com). Look for our fundraiser under "private parties". Deadline to register is March 1.

## FELLOWSHIP BUDDIES

As our attendance numbers are increasing on Sundays, there are more people staying for fellowship after worship. This is a wonderful problem to have! Is anyone interested in helping with our fellowship ministry? Maybe even partnering up with someone so all the responsibilities aren't left up to one soul. Go ahead and ask one of our current hosts if you can help them setup and clean or work with them on their next scheduled Sunday. If you would like to bring in food to share, let the next host know in advance.

## ON SAFARI

Our Pre-K 2 & Pre-K 3 students went on a safari hunt with their pith helmets and binoculars made of construction paper last month. They found a lion, AKA Pastor Steve who had a loud roar.





# PRESCHOOL *Scoop*

## STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this month to:

2/5 Lincoln Eaton

2/7 Carson Lindahl

2/11 Leena Keo

2/11 Lincoln Mulcrone

2/13 Annabelle Zitani

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

2/5 John Shepherd

2/16 Kari Donnelly



## EVENT DATES:

**Friday, Feb.1 – Registration begins for the 2019-2020 school year.** Please bring in your registration forms and VPK certificates (if your child is going to be 4 years of age on or before 9/1/2019) as soon as possible. Spread the word, refer a friend and receive a referral discount. Take advantage of our tuition rates before they increase. All are welcome from Age 2 to Age 5.

Tours are given every Thursday at 10 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the Loggia on the front desk.

## Tuesday, Feb. 5 In House Field Trip

The dentist will come for our in house fieldtrip...Thank you to Dr. Bendeck and Children's Dentistry for your educational presentation over so many years. Our children learn more about dental hygiene and the importance of brushing and flossing as well as healthy things to eat and drink. We are looking forward to it.

## Friday, Feb. 8 No School– Day Camp Available

Sign up for a special day with us. WE offer care for your child so you do not have to miss another day of work... ☺

Cost \$ 45, you can attend your regular scheduled hours.

Spaces limited so sign up right away.

## 2/11-2/15 Scholastic Book Fair

Every year we extend the fair to include the Sunday prior(2/10) and after (2/17) those dates. Please come and see the book fair and support our Preschool. We have a goal of selling \$800 worth of books...that would give us \$400 in scholastic dollars which will be invested right back into your child's classroom.

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

*Serve*

- Chereck, Donovan** US Navy-S. Carolina, Nephew of Osbornes  
**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  
**Mund, Alex** US Navy, Guam, Nephew of Nancy Steffen  
**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

## THANK YOU

Dear Nativity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the wonderful Spirit of Christmas you shared with families and children around Palm Beach County. This year, county-wide we provided beautiful gifts to 3,250 children.

If you would like to know more about services provided year round by The Salvation Army in Palm Beach County, visit [www.salvationarmypalmbeachcounty.org](http://www.salvationarmypalmbeachcounty.org) or check out our facebook page [www.facebook.com/salarmypbco](http://www.facebook.com/salarmypbco). God bless you.

Major Louna Smith, Salvation Army

## UPCOMING READINGS

Sunday, February 3 Treasure in Heaven  
Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34] Psalm 20:7

Sunday, February 10 The Golden Rule  
Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 Psalm 37:16-18

Sunday, February 17 Parable of the Kingdoms  
Matthew 13:24-43 Psalm 84:1-7

Sunday, February 24 Feeding 5,000  
Matthew 14:13-33 Psalm 95:1-5

## THANK YOUS

My family and I would like to express our deep appreciation for all the prayers you have given for my new great grandbabies. Landon (boy) and Jensen (girl) were born 5 weeks premature on December 21. Landon was kept in the hospital longer than his sister and then Jensen went back in for a respiratory virus. Both are now home with their two big sisters. Thank you again for all your prayers.

Lorraine Ballard

Time does slip away from me, so a belated thank-you to "Anonymous" for the pre-Christmas money gift. The kids were very happy to shop with it.

Also, thank you to all who donate to our account throughout the year. It is truly appreciated!

Nancy Morrissey



## Thursday 1/14 Valentine's Event

We will have a special Valentine's day celebration in our classrooms and as part of the book fair... We will read "I Love You More Than..." by Taye Diggs. This book will be 20% off on that day!! Find any other book that has the word "LOVE" in the title and receive a 10% discount on 2/14 !! ☺

Please volunteer to help set up and take down the fair. Let Ms. Pia know that you can help.

## THIS MONTH'S THEME

If your children are hungry for learning, they will love this delicious experience with our month's theme of "Food & Fitness". Follow food from the farm to the truck that picks it up, then on to the market, bakery and all the way to your table. Learn the basics of measuring, pouring, stirring and chopping. After a well-balanced meal, go outside for a marathon of jumping, kicking, catching and relay races. Everyone is a winner in this learning adventure.

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters: Aa, Gg and Qq Shape: Heart

Numbers: 11 and 12 Color: Purple

Character Trait: Fair

## MAKING FOOD & FITNESS A PRIORITY

Research shows that a child's eating habits are largely shaped between two and four years old. Support the importance of healthy food choices, healthy lifestyle choices and help build health habits.

**Involve children in the food preparation process.** This gives them ownership over the snack or meal and makes it more likely they will try new foods.

**Give children limited choices.** Provide two vegetables and ask them if they would rather have corn or peas.

**Make healthy habits a part of the daily routine.** Encourage children to wash hands and set the table before a meal.

**Eat family style.** This encourages conversation. Children will also be more likely to try new foods when they see others eat them.

## CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? By C. Butterworth & L. Gaggiotti.

Good Enough to Eat By Lizzy Rockwell

My Food By Heidi Leigh Johansen

# Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

February 2019



Nativity Lutheran Church & School  
Pia Heiser, Director

KID BITS

## Staying safe

Talking to your youngster about stranger safety is crucial. But it's also important to let him know he should tell you if anyone—stranger or not—makes him feel uncomfortable. Also, explain that he needs your permission to go someplace with anyone, even if it's a person he knows.

## Sibling squabbles

It's normal for siblings to fight. But when you need a break from the latest chorus of "She's staring at me!" try this. Rather than refereeing, calmly send your children to play in separate areas until they cool down. They'll get the message that you won't take sides in an argument.

## Try, try again

When you make a simple mistake, ask your youngster for advice. "Oops, I cut this wrapping paper too short. Any ideas for how to fix it?" Then, try his suggestion. Maybe he'll say you could tape another piece to the end. You'll show him that you value his opinion—and help him learn to persevere.

## Worth quoting

"A good laugh is sunshine in the house." *William Makepeace Thackeray*

## Just for fun

**Q:** You have four nickels in your pocket. Two fall out. What do you have in your pocket now?

**A:** A hole!



## Nursery-rhyme engineering

How could Humpty Dumpty avoid cracking? How might the Itsy Bitsy Spider catch her dinner after climbing up the water spout? All it takes is a little engineering! Read nursery rhymes together, then try these projects that build your youngster's engineering skills.

### Safety suit

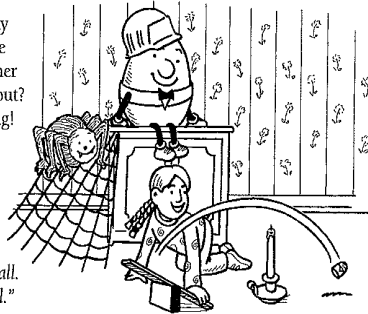
"Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall."

Hard-boil some eggs, and have your child design a device that would keep Humpty Dumpty safe. She might wrap "Humpty" in a sponge and use rubber bands to buckle him in. She could test her design by dropping Humpty on the floor. If he cracks, she can redesign and test again.

### Candlestick catapult

"Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,  
Jack jump over the candlestick."

Suggest that your youngster create a catapult to launch Jack safely over a candlestick. Set an unlit candle on the floor. Then, let her balance a ruler on a block (like a seesaw) and put a toy figure ("Jack") on one end. When she pushes



down on the other end, Jack "jumps" over the candle! If Jack doesn't make it, your child can make adjustments.

### Sticky spiderweb

"The Itsy Bitsy Spider climbed up the water spout.  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out."

Have your child stack three craft sticks, fan them out, and glue them together in the center. Then, she can weave yarn around them into a "spiderweb." Will the web catch the spider's dinner? To test her design, she could crumple paper into tiny balls (to represent flies) and toss them at the web while you hold it up. Encourage her to reinforce any holes with more yarn if a fly gets through.♥

## I ♥ you

Strong parent-child bonds provide little ones with a sense of security and boost their confidence. Give your youngster a case of the "warm fuzzies" with these tips for saying "I love you":

- Use a comparison: "I love you like \_\_\_ loves \_\_\_." For example, "I love you like Winnie the Pooh loves honey."
- Set aside a special time with your child and do his favorite activities, such as visiting a playground.
- Invent a secret "I love you" signal for each other, perhaps squeezing his hand three times.
- Write a love note to your youngster, and seal it in an envelope. Deliver his "mail" to him in person.♥



election. No other names submitted and no nominations from the floor. Motion to re-elect Kelly Rogers and Earl Osborne to council, seconded and approved on voice vote.

Other business:

Need for 1 female, 1 male and 1 youth member of the congregation to attend the Synod Gathering in June. Lydia Winsor has volunteered as the youth. Amy Winsor will also volunteer, but will wait to see if anyone else would like to go first.

Other Questions from the floor:

Jim New requested that a committee be formed to seek alternatives for the Preschool. This was discussed, President Kelly Rogers stated that there is a School Board, a Council and a Strategic Planning Committee. No need for an additional committee.

Jim Guretzky asked if the preschool expenses were fixed or variable, expenses are fixed.

John Johnsen asked if the school board meetings are open for any member to attend- they are open.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed on voice vote at 12:40 PM.

Pastor Steve Winsor led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Johnsen

Council Secretary

Council January 2019

Nativity Lutheran Church

Motion for all council members to maintain their current offices, seconded and approved on voice vote.

Julius reports that the community garden will be 4x8 going in next to the memorial garden and he has plans to involve the preschool children.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Council Meeting Sunday February 10, 2019 after Church Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Johnsen

Council Secretary



## PENDING APPROVAL Nativity Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting January 13, 2019

Pastor Steve Winsor led us in prayer and we began with the hymn 720 "We are called".

President Kelly Rogers called us to order at 11:36 AM and Office Manager Kari Donnelly confirmed we had reached a quorum.

Congregation was given time to review minutes from our May meeting. We received a motion from the floor to approve the minutes as written, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Carolyn New presented the review of our 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. She also presented a review of the first half of our 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Preschool is over budget, likely to end the fiscal year that way.

Annual report from President Kelly Rogers:

**School:** Our desired number of students may not have been reached, our school's reputation continues to excel in the community. This year we have formed a school board to support our director and staff to provide them with increased assistance for the school's success.

**Church:** Our prayers have been answered and we have been blessed with a full-time pastor. God is Good! We've come together 3 times this year and hosted very successful events that our church family and our community have participated in, each ending with a profit!

Budgeting is giving us an accurate guideline to follow- the budget has not always been prepared in this manner. It is important that we are patient and allow time to grow and improve.

Property Sale:

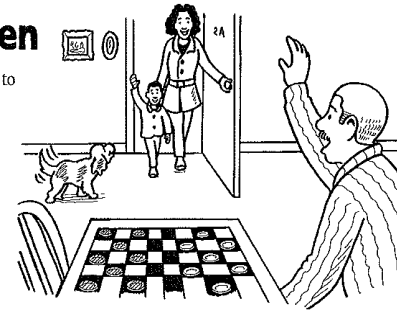
Council has deferred this topic to our next meeting. Strategic Planning Committee has received a real estate agent's evaluation and proposal for the property sale. Kelly, Pastor and Eric Hoecker have met with the City of PBG to gauge their interest in purchasing the property. So far they have not responded. SPC and Council will meet to determine the objective and direction of the sale.

Council Member Election:

Kelly Rogers and Earl Osborne have completed their first terms on council. Nominating committee has recommended them for re-

### Be a good citizen

It's easy to encourage your child to become a good citizen. These ideas will show how obeying rules, serving others, and taking care of property make your community a safer, more pleasant place for everyone.



**Point out rules you follow.** When you walk the dog on a leash, buckle your seat belts, or use a crosswalk, point out that you're being good citizens. Ask him how obeying laws like these keeps people (and pets!) safer. He might say that the leash prevents his puppy from running into the street.

**Reach out to others.** Let your child do age-appropriate community service. For instance, if a family loses their home in a fire, have him help you pick out a toy to donate. Or take him with you to play a game or do a craft with an older neighbor who lives alone.

**Show respect for property.** Together, think of ways you each take care of property you share with others. Maybe your

child will say he returns library books on time so others can read them. And you might tell him how you refill the copier paper at work if you notice it's running low.♥

### ACTIVITY CORNER



#### Good impressions

All you need are household objects and play dough for this activity. Your youngster will practice paying attention to detail—an important skill for identifying letters and numbers. Here's how.



1. Gather items that can be used to make impressions in play dough. Good examples include coins, a key, a comb, a potato masher, and small toys.
2. Let your child roll the dough flat. While she keeps her eyes closed, choose an object, and press it in the dough to make an impression.
3. Now she can open her eyes and try to identify the item you used by comparing the objects to the impression.
4. Once she figures it out, let her roll out the dough again and make a print for you.♥

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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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### PARENT TO PARENT

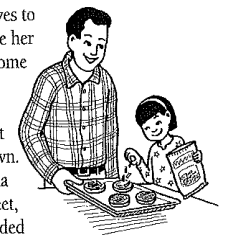
#### Make healthy snacks together

Since my daughter Sophia loves to play chef in her toy kitchen, I decided to encourage her to cook for real. I thought this would help her become more independent—and eat better, too.

Now when she comes home, we fix a nutritious snack together. Sometimes we use a recipe, but most of the time we get creative and come up with our own.

One of our favorite snacks is mini pizzas. Sophia puts whole-wheat English muffins on a cookie sheet, spoons pizza sauce on top, and sprinkles on shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese. Other times we make "ants on a log"—she spreads cream cheese on celery sticks and tops them with raisins.

Sophia gets a kick out of "cooking," and I like knowing that she's eating healthy snacks.♥



### Q & A Is my child on target?

**Q:** My son seems to pick up some skills more slowly than his classmates do. His teacher said he shows no signs of a developmental delay, although I can't help but worry. What should I do?

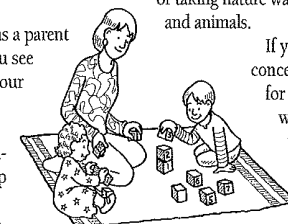
**A:** You can feel confident that your son's teacher observes students closely to discover what they know—and whether they need extra help.

However, it's hard as a parent not to worry when you see other kids do things your child is still working on. It may help to keep in mind that children learn and develop at different rates. One student might pick up

counting right away while another might learn to write his name first.

Try focusing on helping your son develop a love of learning. Show interest in the work he brings home. Snuggle up and read aloud to him. And do playful learning activities together, such as singing counting songs, building with blocks, or taking nature walks to observe plants and animals.

If you continue to have concerns, ask the teacher for a conference. She will update you on your son's progress, and you can ask about ways to help him at home.♥



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**Office Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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> Preschool Enrollment Begins	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> "Souper Bowl" 9:30a Worship Vision Sunday 10:30a Men's Choir 6p Confirmation 7p Youth	<b>4</b> 5:30p 12-step FH 7p Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> 12p Ignite Sports 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>6</b> 10a Children's Chapel 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 8a VPK Mtg. 12p Dance 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>8</b> No School 9:30a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity)	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Men's Choir 11a Council	<b>11</b> 9:30a Love Circle 5:30p 12-step FH 7p Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 8a Teacher Mtg. 12p Ignite Sports 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>13</b> 10a Children's Chapel 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 8a VPK Mtg. 12p Dance 7:00p 12-step FH	<b>15</b> 9:30a Sunday Prep. 10a Tabitha's Hand (crochet for charity) 12p Cheer	<b>16</b> 9:00a Sandwich Making Treasures' Luncheon
<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>						
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<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>						
<b>24</b> 9:30a Worship Next Step Sunday 10:30a Men's Choir	<b>25</b> 5:30p 12-step FH 7p Girl Scouts	<b>26</b> 8a Teacher Mtg. 12p Ignite Sports 7:30p 12-steps FH & Classroom	<b>27</b> 10a Children's Chapel 12p Men's Power Lunch 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> 12p Dance 7:00p 12-step FH		