

THE NATIVITY

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

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Good People,

Summer officially begins on June 21st, yet it feels as if it is already here! Besides it heating up outside, and afternoon rainstorms ramping up, a couple occurrences here at Nativity signaled the passage of time.

This past week Nativity graduated it's 60th preschool class, and four youth were confirmed during worship. Both rites of passage mark new beginnings. Preschool graduates move onto kindergarten, and confirmands are charged with living fully into their baptism. Both are scaffolding on which futures of being God's wonderfully made creations are built. Speaking of building...

During the season of Easter we explored a number of questions that lend to the building up of our faith. What helps you to see and believe in the risen Christ? To whom or what is God guiding you/us? - to name a couple. The Building Blocks of Life sermon series was a way for us to reflect upon God's presence, and think forward into God's future for us.

Our reflections, our gut feelings, our way of encountering the world through our faith are born out of and built upon biblically based doctrine. In worship we express doctrine by gathering to sing, hear the Word of God, pray, profess our faith, eat, and to finally be sent. We call this liturgy. Meaning, the work of the people.

For a large portion of the summer, we are going to explore two prominent components of our Sunday liturgy/worship that represent the work God has done for us, and the life of faith we are called into.

We begin our first summer sermon series with, I/We Believe...A sermon series on the Creeds. For three weeks (5/31, 6/7 and 6/14) we will dig into this integral part of worship in which we state truths about our God that seek to define how we live and interact in the world.

Right after our country's 250th birthday we begin our second summer sermon series. For four weeks (7/5, 12, 19 and 26) we will go deep into the prayer we recite by heart every Sunday.

Living and Praying as Jesus Taught Us will ground us in the Lord's Prayer; the prayer that Jesus taught his first followers.

As summer unfolds, may these weeks of worship deepen our faith and renew our sense of purpose. Together, we will remember what we believe, pray as Jesus taught, and continue building lives rooted in God's promises for today and tomorrow.

In His Name,
Pastor Steve



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER RESULTS

Saturday, May 16, Nativity's youth cooked and served a spaghetti dinner to friends and family. They raised \$255 in ticket sales and \$59 in tips.

Thank you to the youth, the parents that shopped and donated the food for this event. Thank you to church members that have donated to the youth. The money raised will go towards their trip to Camp Lutherock, later this month.

John Johnsen hosted a trivia contest which ended with a one point difference between first place and second. Winning team consisted of the Winsors, the Zudans and Breanne Johnsen. Second place team was Abby Moore and Carole Rajan.



MORE YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER PHOTOS



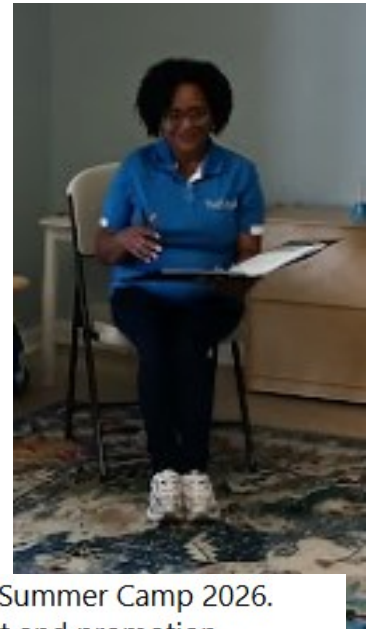
MUSICARIBE PROJECT

We had an incredible first training for Music Encounter as we prepare to launch our curriculum this summer at Nativity Lutheran Preschool.

It was inspiring to see educators engage with the philosophy, activities, and purpose behind creating meaningful musical experiences for young learners. This is just the beginning of what we believe will be a transformative journey for both teachers and students.

We're excited for what's ahead!

561-232-0960 for more information or www.musicaribeproject.com.



Music Encounter 🎵 program at Nativity Lutheran Church Pre-School Summer Camp 2026. Thanks to the Pre-school Director [Pia Kleimann Heiser](#) for her support and promotion.

Musicaribe Project

🎵 Music Encounter 🎵

@ Nativity Lutheran Church Preschool Summer Camp



Let your child discover the joy of music this summer! Music Encounter is a fun and interactive program designed especially for young children to explore the exciting world of sound.

Through singing, movement, body rhythms, handbells, rhythmic instruments, and playful music games, children will build creativity, coordination, and listening skills—all while having a great time!



Join us for a musical adventure that inspires imagination and fosters a lifelong love for the arts.

✦ Benefits ✦

Builds early learning and listening skills, encourages creativity and self-expression, improves coordination, supports social interaction, and nurtures a lifelong love for music.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Nativity celebrated four of our youth as they were confirmed on Sunday, May 24, 2026, Pentecost Sunday. Congratulations to Max Roehl, Mara Winsor, Charlotte Johnsen and West Roehl



Confirmation Sunday at [Nativity Lutheran Church](#)... these four did an amazing job sharing their faith statements and leading worship. So proud of each of them and their wisdom regarding how to live out their faith as teenagers in today's world. We could all learn something from each of them!



Confirmands were presented by Charter Member, Ceil Thomas.



NATIVITY VPK GRADUATION

Nativity's 60th VPK class graduated on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. All students performed in their end of year ceremony and celebrated afterwards with ice cream.



The theme for the program was "All Around the World". The children sang a song that said "Hello" in different languages along with songs in Spanish.

To the right is teaching staff representing their home countries. Sandra-Columbia, Caitlin-Ireland, Pia-Germany, Judy-Cuba and Theresa-Italy.



Nativity Lutheran Church & School

2026

Summer Camp Guide



Fun in the Sun ...All Summer Long!

June 1 – July 24

8 weekly sessions

LET US HELP TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER

Nativity offers a fun filled and educational Summer
Camp for children Ages 2-5
(*Older siblings welcome*)

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

Each week we extend the “Summer Bridge” and integrate the most exciting activities:

- Activities for the whole group, small group and individual practice
- Interactive learning centers
- Phonemic awareness, alphabet and sound recognition
- Memorization skills
- **Special Music Program with MUSIC ENCOUNTERS!**
- Outdoor activities
- Weekly movies, Bible lessons, Arts & Crafts
- Weekly Water Splish-Splash Day!!

Our activities are purposeful, connected and engaging to meet the needs of the young child.

Children are keeping up with their skills attained during the school year.



Register by May 1, 2026! The Registration fee is \$100.

An additional fee of \$50 will be charged after May 1st.

You may pick and choose any or all weeks as needed.

Please complete one form per child.

(10% Sibling discount will be applied)

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

We open at 8 AM and close at 4 PM ... \$225 per week

Week 1: June 01 - June 05 = \$ _____
Week 2: June 08 - June 12 = \$ _____
Week 3: June 15 - June 19 = \$ _____
Week 4: June 22 - June 26 = \$ _____

No Camp on Friday July 3rd (Holiday)

Week 5: June 29 - July 02 = \$ _____
Week 6: July 06 - July 10 = \$ _____
Week 7: July 13 - July 17 = \$ _____
Week 8: July 20- August 24 = \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____
Registration Fee \$ 100.00
After MAY 1st, 2026: additional Fee \$ 50.00
TOTAL: \$ _____

Please bill me through Brightwheel

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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

561-622-4998

pia@pbnativity.com

MEMBER PASSES AWAY

Long time Nativity member, Don Laven passed away May 15, 2026, one month shy of 89 years old. Don had a long battle with a blood disorder.

He and his wife, Audrey had moved to Missouri recently to be with their kids. If you would like to send a card, please contact kari@pbnativity or 561-622-4998. His celebration of life will be June 4th in Missouri.

PIANO LESSONS AT NATIVITY

Saturday Mornings from 9-11AM

Lessons for children 4+ age, teens and adults.

Interested? Contact Nativity Music Director, Daniel Mattos at:

admattos88@gmail.com, by text 561-232-0960, or talk with him after Worship on Sunday.



MEN'S GROUP

Nativity's men's group will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6PM. Our focus will be building friendships, faith, and wherever else the Spirit moves us. This is for men of all ages and stages of life. A light dinner will be provided. Hope you can join us June 11th! We will not meet the 25th.

NATIVITY'S PRESCHOOL

Nativity preschool is enrolling now for the fall for all 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Once they are enrolled for the fall, they are welcome to come to our summer camp. Please tell your friends and neighbors. We have the best teachers and the best playground.

Our preschool playground is a place where little ones laugh, learn, explore and grow together each day. We are excited to begin updating the playground to create an even safer, more engaging environment for our children.

We are asking our church and preschool community for donations to fund new equipment, safety improvements and exciting outdoor learning spaces. Every gift, large or small, will make a meaningful difference and help us continue providing a joyful place for our preschool children to play and thrive.

If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation "Preschool Playground Fund" or contact the preschool at 561-622-4998. Thank you for supporting the children and families of our church preschool with your generosity and prayers!



ACT LOVE WALK

Read more to learn how to support this ministry...

Continue to bring in non-perishable foods for the food pantry. See shopping list page 15.

Bagging for June delivery will take place on Friday June 5th at 6PM at Nativity. For the summer months of June, July and August we are simplifying our ministry by bagging and dropping off to our motel communities.



Act Love Walk is based on the biblical principles of Micah 6:8 ALW is the mission outreach of Nativity. From this truck we bring the love of God to the food insecure, support justice initiatives, and create community around ice cream! ! Interested in Act Love Walk? You are encouraged to join us at 5:45PM on Tuesdays to plan, strategize and to organize the pantry. Contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or Pastor Steve at pastor@pbnativity.com for more information. Food items can be dropped off between 9 and 5PM M-F in the designated space by the church office.

*Act Love Walk needs additional drivers for our truck. Please see Mike Moore if you would like to drive and be added to our insurance.

HELP WANTED! SUNDAY SERVERS NEEDED FOR JUNE!

On Sunday morning there are a number of ways in which you can serve your fellow Nativity family, and more importantly our guests. Some of the serving positions are, Greeter, Fellowship, Children's Church Teacher or Assistant, and Assisting Minister to the pastor. We are in need of help in all areas for June. Please sign up! Use this Evite Qr code to sign up:



THRIVENT CAUSE KITS



If you have utilized your Thrivent Action Teams, there is another way to give back! You can have a "Thrivent Cause Kit" sent to your home, choosing a water filter or solar lamp kit to help others without access to clean water or electricity. The kits come with easy-to-follow assembly directions, tools needed and a return-address label/box. You can assemble these kits at home, or bring your kit to church so it can be assembled after service during fellowship time. You are able to order one

Cause Kit each year. If you need help ordering your kit, please see Amy Winsor.

GOOD GIFT CATALOG

Even though the Christmas season is over, you can still support any number of ministries for God's people through the ELCA's Good Gifts Catalog. From farm animals, to health care, or a motorbike for a pastor in a developing country, you can make a positive impact in someone's life. One Nativity family recently bought a family farm (\$715), a goat and flock of chicks (\$60), and a vegetable garden with a honey bee colony! Gifts as small as \$10 for ten baby chicks! Use this QR code to check out the online catalog.



CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children 4th grade and under are invited to children’s church for biblical instruction and fun Sunday mornings. Drop your child off in the classroom off the kitchen as early as 8:50. Join us for worship at 9am and then please pick your child up following worship. If you would like to sign up to lead or assist a children’s church, please use the code here.



THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you are a Thrivent member and have not used your Action Team cards, please contact Kari in the church office. You have two a year that can be used for both sandwich making ministries or for a fundraiser of your choosing. Also remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars.

In 2025, Nativity Lutheran Church received \$1,039 through Thrivent Choice Dollars.

LOAN REPAYMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Nativity’s building and grounds are 63 years old and in constant state of needed fixes and updates. We are currently getting quotes on our roof and you can see numerous areas around the living room and sanctuary that leak when it rains.



DONATE THROUGH THE LINK TO THE RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT OF NATIVITY.

TAKE HOME SANDWICH MAKING

We supply the ingredients. You make the sandwiches at home and return them to church. We deliver them to the food insecure of our community. Questions? Contact Linda Roehl at 561-493-8873. Use QR code to sign up online. Pickup is going to be between 11am-4pm the Thursday before a second Saturday. Drop off will be the next day, Friday, between 9am-3:30pm.

There will be NO take home sandwich making in June or July, 2026.



GIVING TO NATIVITY

To explore and give to a specific ministry of Nativity, us the QR codes below to navigate to our webpage where you can learn about us and through PayPal. Thank you, and God bless!

Church Operations

Preschool

Community Service & Outreach



NATIVITY BLANKET FUNDRAISER

Feel the warmth, and support the ministry of Nativity Church & School by purchasing a blanket that features the stained glass above the altar in the sanctuary. The image depicts the manger (yellow) set in the midst of a Celtic Cross of Christ (blue), surrounded by four semi-circles (red), one each for the four Gospels. Blanket is 60"x70". Makes a great gift! Purchase through QR code below and pick up from Nativity office M-F between 10AM and 3PM. Or, purchase and pick up on Sunday morning at church. Thank you! Minimum suggested donation is \$39.



FEED THE FOOD INSECURE IN OUR COMMUNITY

HOW?



- 1. GRAB A MONTHLY SHOPPING LIST**
- 2. SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE**
- 3. BRING FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH**
- 4. PUT DONATIONS ON THE SHOPPING CART**

BY THE CHURCH OFFICE DESK



ACT LOVE WALK IS A MOBILE MINISTRY OUTREACH OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

FEEDING *Ministries*

ACT, LOVE, WALK (MOBILE FEEDING MINISTRY)

The food pantry shelves of ALW are in need of restocking. The pantry's needs can be found on the church website, a bulletin insert on Sunday morning, or on the wall in the family room. Items purchased for the pantry can be brought to church and put on the wire carts inside the office doors. Thank you and God Bless! Would you like to help, and or give to Act Love Walk? Join us on Tuesdays at 5:45pm or contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or talk to him at church! God is good!

June needs for Act Love Walk:

Cereal (we always need a lot)	Shelf-Stable/Powdered Milk
Flavored Oatmeal Packets	Canned Fruits
Applesauce	Canned Meats (SPAM, chicken, tuna)
Canned meals (ravioli, stew)	Soups
Pasta Sauce (16oz.)	Canned Vegetables
Instant Mashed Potatoes/Stuffing	Microwaveable rice/pasta dishes
Ramen	Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter (16oz.)	Jelly/Jams (16oz.)
Snack Crackers/Bars	Baby Food/Formula (big need)
Feminine Sanitary Pads/Tampons	Socks (These are a BIG hit!)

SANDWICH MAKING

Once you sign up for a kit, you pick up a kit to make 50 sandwiches, take home and assemble and return the next day. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. If you have signed up for May, pick up is the 7th between 11a and 4p. Then return to Nativity Friday, the 8th between 10a and 3p.

There will be NO take home sandwich making in June and July.

Please sign up today to help feed the homeless and hungry at Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A4A72BA7F94-46859274-2ndsaturday> or the QR code here.

Thank you to our April sandwich makers: West and Max Roehl (2 kits), Gloria Jackson, Barbara Shelley and Frank and Theresa Saccone. Thank you to Linda Roehl for shopping. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our event.



THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, June 15th at 9:30am in the church reception area where we will prepare approximately 400 sandwiches to be delivered for the homeless and hungry. Please join us if you have an hour to spare. Plastic gloves will be provided.

Thank you to May sandwich makers: John, Nancy, Emily and Gabriel Steffen, Kari Donnelly, Randy Rich and Pastor Steve. Thank you to John and Nancy Steffen for shopping and delivering the finished sandwiches to St. George's. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our ministry and thank you to Publix for donating the bread.

We need more helpers as we have lost some regulars due to traveling, moving, etc. If you are able to give us an hour, we can continue to make 400 sandwiches for the homeless. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

6/3 TIMOTHY LYNCH
6/3 BRITTANY LACAMERA
7/7 PIA HEISER
6/9 DENNIS JOHNSON
6/14 RICHARD SPECKMANN
6/24 LYDIA WINSOR



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH TO:

6/12 JIM & PAT GURETZKY
6/24 RICHARD & SHARON SPECKMANN
6/29 STUART & SANDY MCCLELLAN

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in our newsletter, please contact the church office with your information, 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com.

FOLLOWING LIFE AT NATIVITY

Keep up with what's going on at Nativity by following us on Facebook. Search *@PBNativity* within Facebook. Follow us on Instagram at *nativitylutheranpbg*.

Thank you to all for your continued support!

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve our ability to serve. Your generous donation will help fund our missions. Donate today on our website or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

Website: <https://nativitylutheranpbg.com/>



THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE GARDENS PODCAST

This is the audio of Sunday morning's scripture and message made available following Sunday's service.



LISTEN! CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Listen! Is an occasional series of conversations with members of Nativity Lutheran.

Who will we listen to next? Maybe you! Contact Pastor Steve at pastor@pbnativity.com before he contacts you!

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 6p Act Love Walk Bagging & Delivery Event	6
	Summer Camp 8am-4pm			Synod Assembly Orlando		
7 9a Worship	8	9 9:30-10:30a Bible Study	10	11	12	13
	Summer Camp 8am-4pm					
		5:45p Act Love Walk 6p Council 7:30p 12-step		6p Men's Group		
14 9a Worship	15 9:30a Sandwich Making	16 9:30-10:30a Bible Study	17	18	19	20 Leave for Lutherock
	Summer Camp 8am-4pm					
		5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step				
21 9a Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27 Return from Lutherock
	Summer Camp 8am-4pm			Lutherock		
		5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step				
28 9a Worship	29	30 9:30-10:30a Bible Study				
	Summer Camp 8am-4pm					
		5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step				

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God's work...

...Our hands

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