

# THE NATIVITY

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

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## WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

### *God on the Move! Through Ice Cream???*

Jesus didn't stay in one place for long. His earthly ministry was one of moving from one place and encounter to the next. He also moved through every part of the human experience, encountering everything from temptation, to joy, to suffering and even death. For this season of Lent and Easter Sunday we will engage our faith through a sermon series called *God on the Move*. This series will help us reclaim the movement of Jesus' ministry from temptation to condemnation, through his teaching and miracles and finally through the story of his death and resurrection. As we encounter the life and ministry of Jesus, we cannot stay the same. We ourselves are moved to grow and change as followers and imitators of the gospel.

The comforting truth of Lent is that as we delve deeper into our own self-examination, we find that we are not alone. God is still on the move in our lives, walking with us every step as we travel the road to Easter.

This season of Lent the Act Love Walk truck will be on the move in the community. On the Wednesday nights in Lent, the ALW truck will be a version of God on the Move as we deliver **free** ice cream and joy to the surrounding neighborhood. Yes, it is Lent. Yes, we are to be focused on the cross. However, we are people of the resurrection! The cross and resurrection are inseparable. We cannot speak of one without the other. This outreach will be focused on spreading joy, and making authentic connections around ice cream, and spreading the love of Jesus for **ALL!**

We will be a mobile ice cream social for Jesus. We will connect with the people of our neighborhood. Invite them to church. Invite them to join us at our next mobile food pantry outing. Tell them about our awesome preschool. Tell them about our sandwich making ministry. Invite them to make sandwiches. We will create Christ-centered community out in the community.



This outreach will begin Wednesday 3/12 from 6:00-7:30PM and continue up till

Easter. Who will join Mike Moore and Pastor Steve in the Act Love Walk Ice Cream Truck to give out ice cream alongside the Good News of Jesus? Maybe you! More details about this ministry will be shared at 3/9 worship service.

I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream!

Tasting the Sweetness of Jesus Daily,

Pastor Steve Winsor



### ***LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE***

- Ash Wednesday 3/5, 12:30 & 6:30 Imposition of Ashes Service  
**Quick Ashes...**In a hurry, but want to enter into this season of Lent with a reminder of your precious mortality and to whom you belong? Come to Nativity between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30, 9:30 and 12 for a time of personal prayer and the imposition of ashes.
- All Sundays in Lent 9:00AM Worship
- Maundy Thursday 4/17, 6:30PM Worship
- Good Friday 4/18, 12:30 & 6PM Worship
- Good Friday from 10-12PM and 3-5PM Pastor Steve will be receiving individuals who would like a time of individual prayer and/or confession.
- 4/20 Easter/Resurrection Sunday 9AM and 11AM Worship

### ***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**





### ***BOOK STUDY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SUNDAYS THROUGH 3/16***

The Gospel Abducted: A Biblical and Theological Assessment of "Christian Nationalism". This book study will be led by co-author of and member of Nativity, Chuck Miller. The book study conversation will run through March 16<sup>th</sup>. Use Qr code to purchase book on Amazon.

### ***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.



### ***ANNUAL MEETING***

All voting members please join us for worship Sunday, March 9th and stay for our annual meeting.

### ***SPRING FORWARD***

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th. Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 8th.



### ***\$100,000 NEEDED FOR PARKING LOT AND CHURCH REPAIRS***



Nativity has been issued code violations from the City of PBG. Our entire parking lot needs to be repaved, rotted wood on church repaired, and dead trees removed. The tree work has already been completed at a cost of \$9,500. Now we need to address the repaving of the parking lot and repair of rotted wood on church. These unbudgeted expenses will be severely adverse to Nativity's already stressed finances. If you can help offset these expenses, please give in your preferred way, and note "2025 Code Corrections". Or donate through QR Code below. Thank you for your love and support of Nativity.

### ***CAMP AND DISASTER RELIEF IN NORTH CAROLINA***

Information meeting on Sunday 3/16 following worship for the following:

**Camp Lutherock:** For youth and adults! Join Pastor Steve and your friends for a week of fun and faith formation in the mountains of North Carolina. Camp is for youth who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We travel up on 6/21 and return on 6/28. Camp is from 6/22-27.

**Hurricane Helene Disaster Response.** Western North Carolina was hammered last year by Hurricane Helene. You can be of service! We travel up on 6/21 and return on 6/28. Relief work is from 6/22-27.

Contact Pastor Steve at [pastor@pbnativity.com](mailto:pastor@pbnativity.com), or 561-622-4998 with questions about attending camp as a youth, an adult chaperone, or an adult/youth for disaster relief. Attend an information meeting on 3/16 following worship as well!

### ***FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION***

Sunday 3/30 and 4/6 following worship. First Communion will be celebrated at Maundy Thursday service on 4/17 at 6:30PM. For more information, contact Pastor Steve at [pastor@pbnativity.com](mailto:pastor@pbnativity.com) or call church office at 561-622-4998.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Former member, Emerson Moran died peacefully Sunday, February 9, 2025. He had moved to Clifton Park, NY in 2019 to be closer to his family. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in January 2023 and then with Lewy Body Dementia in November 2024.

Lois Esselstrom passed away with her husband, Michael by her side, February 18, 2025. After a fall last year and some time spent in rehab, she had been on hospice care at home the last few months. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Kathy Brockelbank died at her daughter's home on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the age of 77. She had been diagnosed with a brain tumor last year. Service details pending.

## **BAPTISM**

Nativity Preschool student Gloria Clerveau was baptized here on Sunday, February 9th.



## **BIBLE, BITES AND BREW BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study on Tuesday from 9:30-10:30. A time of faith, fellowship and the preaching text for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

## **WOW- WOMEN OF WORTH**

The next WOW event will be Thursday 3/13 from 6-8 in the family room at Nativity. We will be having a potluck and candle-making activity hosted by Lakes Ferguson. Please RSVP to Lakes 941-623-7127 and give her \$10 cash (or Zelle her) by Sunday 3/2 so she has time to purchase materials.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Women, save the date for April 4-6, 2025 if you are interested in attending God Spa at Luther Springs. God Spa is a weekend retreat for women of faith to be restored, renewed, and refreshed in the beauty of God's creation at Luther Springs, relaxing mind, body and spirit. Activities may include faith-filled conversation, devotions, music, journaling, guided meditation, and relaxing spa-type activities, such as facials, manicures, pedicures, and massages. Prices for food lodging and non-spa activities range between \$185 and \$270 for the weekend. Manis, pedis, and massage are extra. If you want to be added to the list to receive more information, please text Abby Moore (214) 354-4827 with your name and phone number!

## **MARCH PRESCHOOL SPECIAL DAYS**

3/24-3/31 Spring Break

## **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.

Please direct your Choice Dollars by March 31 to Nativity or to the charity of your choosing or you lose them.





***NATIVITY VPK STUDENTS CREATED “LOVE MONSTERS”***



***PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

All are welcome to join the preschool on Tuesday, March 4th for a pancake breakfast. Come for the opening at 9am when the ashes will be made and serving will continue until 10:30am.



Thank you to the Children's Dentistry of the Palm Beaches... we learned how to keep our teeth  HEALTHY!! 





# Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

## Desert Discovery

Pull up your boots, put on your cowboy hat and head to the Experience Curriculum Rodeo! After practicing your rope skills, wander out into the dunes of the Sahara Desert. Explore the Mojave Desert while riding your bumpy burro. Sit for a while in the shade of a cactus, but be careful not to fall asleep because the desert comes to life at night!

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!



## Confidence Building

To help your child learn and grow, they need to feel safe, secure and connected to their learning environment. A child who feels comfortable and secure is more willing to risk failure during the learning process.

Here are some key ideas to help your child build confidence:

- **Smile, laugh and express yourself often.** Modeling positive expressions will allow your child to feel free to express themselves.
- **Take time to be involved in the activities** as much as you expect your child to be involved in them. They will develop an appreciation for effort, perseverance and dedication.
- **Have open conversations that are personal and casual.** Encourage them to share their likes, dislikes and opinions without judgment. Find out and follow their interests.
- **Offer positive non-verbal communication** whenever possible (high fives, hugs, kisses, etc.).
- **Offer support without doing it all for your child.** Give just enough help to make sure your child feels successful or alleviate their frustration, but leave enough room for your child to continue to learn and eventually celebrate the accomplishment.

When you foster a caring climate, you open up a world of safe learning for your child. This is a wonderful tool to encourage them to take risks, which ultimately fosters a joy and love for discovery and learning.



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

**Letters** Ww, Zz & Nn

**Shape** Star

**Numbers** 13 & 14

**Color** Black

**Character Trait** Honest

**Letter Ww** watermelon, water & wolf

**Letter Zz** zipper, zero & zebra

**Letter Nn** nest, net & nut

ExperienceCurriculum.com



Topics your child  
will explore this month:

# Desert Discovery

## Wild West

- Cowboy Boots 1
- Cowboy Hat 2
- Lasso 3
- Horse 4
- At the Rodeo 5

## Sahara Desert

- 6 Sahara Desert
- 7 Camel
- 8 Small Desert Animals
- 9 The Great Pyramid
- 10 Plants of the Sahara

## Desert Night

- Desert Cottontail 16
- Desert Night 17
- Coyote 18
- Rattlesnake 19
- Campfire 20

## Mojave Desert

- 11 Mojave Desert
- 12 Desert Tortoise
- 13 Burro
- 14 Cactus
- 15 Plants of the Mojave

### RECOMMENDED READS

## Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

### Cowboys

by Lucille Recht Penner

### I Want to Be a Cowboy

by Dan Liebman

### Rodeo Day

by Janelle Tariseva & Robert Casilla

### A Desert Habitat

by Kelley MacAulay & Bobbie Kalma

### Creatures of the Desert World

by National Geographic Society

### My Cowboy Boots

by Crystal Bowman

### The Desert Alphabet Book

by Jerry Pallotta

## I am a Cowboy

(To the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

Invite your child to choose where to pretend to ride, for example "rodeo" or "desert," and insert it in the song as you pretend to ride a horse together.

I am a cowboy,

I love to ride,

Hat on my head,

Rope on my side.

In the rodeo, my horse is best,  
"Yeehaw!" We yell with all the rest.



## Desert Adventures

Check out local dunes, beaches or sandy areas. Try to find patterns in the sand caused by wind and water. Is the sand you find dry or wet? Search for signs of life, such as plants and animals. Visit a horse farm and experience the wonder of horse riding together. End a family night with stories and songs by your own campfire.





# SPRING EXPLORATION CAMP



NO SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD? WE HAVE  
YOU COVERED! WE WILL BE OPENED FROM  
8AM TO 4PM.

PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS  
ARE NEEDED ON FILE. 10% DISCOUNT FOR  
SIBLINGS

CHILDREN UP THROUGH FIRST  
GRADE AGE

## CAMP ACTIVITIES:

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZED GAMES

ART AND CRAFTS

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

**\$200**

/PERSON  
DUE 3/10

CAMP PERIOD:

**MARCH 24 – 28, 2025**

NATIVITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
4075 HOLLY DR. PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL  
LIC 50-51-00936

CONTACT US FOR REGISTRATION:

561-622-4998

PIA@PBNATIVITY.COM



Registration next page.



# Spring EXPLORATION Camp 2025

We are offering a "Nativity Spring Break Camp" for the week of

**March 24 - March 28**



**We will open at 8 AM to 4PM**

**The cost is:**

- **\$200 for the week (Due 3/10/2025)**

**No School for your child? We have you covered!**

**We will be teaching Children up through First Grade age. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!**

**Each child's physical and immunization record needs to be on file with us.**

**Return the bottom portion of this form with payment**

**(Siblings welcome @10% discount - one form per child please)**

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

- Full week \_\_\_\_ (please check)
- Brightwheel billing please \_\_\_\_\_ (please check) current children only.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have included the full payment for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Parent)

(Child)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature



Max Roehl and Graham Miller helping with the potholes in Nativity's parking lot.

Tree trimming at Nativity



Ceil Thomas moment of thanks/bell ringing for completing chemotherapy.



# 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 in the Family Room. Thank you and God Bless! Would you like to help, and or give to Act Love Walk? Contact Mike Moore at [mtmoore1313@gmail.com](mailto:mtmoore1313@gmail.com), or talk to him at church! God is good!

March needs for Act Love Walk:

Canned Meats (fish, chicken, ham, etc.)	Canned Vegetables, Beans, Fruit
Stuffing/Cornbread/Rice	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Microwaveable rice/pasta dishes	Canned Soups (pop tops, if possible)
Shelf stable milk	Instant Oatmeal/Cereal
Protein/Meal Replacement bars	Muffin/Quick Bread mixes ("just add water")
Sugar	Vegetable Oil
Baby Food/Formula	100% Juice boxes
Individually Wrapped snacks	Microwaveable popcorn
Nuts/Tail Mix/Dried Fruit	Adult/Infant Hygiene products
Hot Cocoa packets	Mini Marshmallows



## ***SANDWICH MAKING***

Our March Take Home Sandwich Making has a few kits remaining. Please sign up if you would like to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. ***The kits may be picked up on the Thursday, March 6th between 11am and 3:30pm here at the church. You take them home to assemble and then bring the completed sandwiches back on the following day, Friday between 9:15am and 3:30pm.*** Please sign up today to help feed the homeless and hungry at Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A4A72BA7F94-46859274-2ndsaturday>

Thank you February sandwich makers: Gloria Jackson, Kelly Hoekstra & family, Linda, West and Max Roehl, Theresa Saccone, Barbara Shelley and Mia and Michael Burnham. Thank you to Thrivent for hosting this event and Linda Roehl for shopping, preparing and delivering.

## ***THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING***

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, March 17th 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 February sandwich makers: John and Nancy Steffen, Kari Donnelly, Mary Ann and Stan Spech, Tom Kuhn and Natalie MacDonald. Thank you to the John and Nancy Steffen for shopping and delivering the finished sandwiches to St. George's. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our ministry.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:



3/2 John Gunning  
3/4 Natalie MacDonald  
3/7 Ceil Thomas  
3/11 John Johnsen  
3/13 Lou Johnson  
3/16 Paul Heiser  
3/18 Sharon Speckmann  
3/21 Sandy McClellan  
3/22 Abby Moore  
3/24 Jacob Heiser  
3/31 Doris Karlik

Belated Happy Birthday to:

2/7 Paul Nicholas Heiser

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](mailto: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/>



## ***NEW! 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](mailto:pastor@pbnativity.com) before he contacts you!



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Book Study "Christian Nationalism" 5:30p Act Love Walk	<b>3</b> 5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>4</b> 9-10:30a Pancake Breakfast 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel 12:30p Worship 6:30p Worship	<b>6</b> 11a-4p Sandwich Kit pick up 5:30p Choir	<b>7</b> 9a-3:30p Sandwich Kit drop off	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins 9a Worship 10:20a Annual Mtg. 5:30p Act Love Walk	<b>10</b> 5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>11</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>12</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>13</b> 5:30p Choir 6-8p WOW Potluck & Candle Making	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Book Study Camp Info Mtg. 5:30p Act Love Walk	<b>17</b> 9:30a Sandwich Making 5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>18</b> 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>19</b> 8:45a Children's Chapel	<b>20</b> 5:30p Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk	<b>24</b> 5:45p 12-step-FH	<b>25</b> 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30p Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk	<b>31</b> <b>No School</b>					



# Alzheimer's Disease:

## *What We Now Know*

## *What We Can Do*

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
March 27, 2025 • 4 - 5:30 PM  
13301 Ellison Wilson Rd,  
Juno Beach 33408

Alzheimer's Community Care's  
Dr. Karen Gilbert DNP MS RN  
Blake Davis BS  
*Certified Dementia Practitioners*



*Join us for this informative event!*  
*RSVP Required*  
*Call: 561-624-9663*





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***God's work...***

***...Our hands***



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