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

Words From Steve

Hi Good People!

I am writing this month's newsletter from my room at the Conference on Ministry (COM) in the town of Howey-in-the-Hills (just northwest of Orlando). Yes, that is the name of the town. COM is the yearly meeting of the pastors and deacons in the Florida Bahamas Synod. We worship, reconnect with friends, make new ones, network, learn form one another, and just share in the life of ministry.

There is always a keynote speaker that presents on topics that can hopefully be readily applied to a congregation's church life. This year retired Professor of New Testament and prolific book writer Dr. Mark Allan Powell's presentation was Pursuing Peace and Encouraging Others (Romans 14:19). At the time of me writing this newsletter, Dr. Powell had managed to say many thought provoking and inspiring one-liners and statements. I jotted down a few that tickled my mind, heart and soul and want to share with you. Ponder each thought and or scripture as a devotion.

"Anytime we have multiple encounters with someone, it is an opportunity for a relationship." -Mark Allan Powell

Who do you encounter often but don't yet have a meaningful relationship with?

"Evangelism is changing people's assumptions about God and God's people." -Mark Allan Powell What assumptions about any of God's persons or communities of people are you being challenged to think differently about?

On how to live our lives as a child created in God's image... "We don't get a checklist of what to do, but an image of what to be." Mark Allan Powell

Despite God creating you to be what you are, what do you find yourself doing, and why?

"The unity of the church is not an idea to be realized, but a fact to be recognized." Mark Allan Powell

On the Apostle Paul's assertion in Romans 12:5...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. "The branches job is to receive what the vine wants to give." Mark Allan Powell Do and be what Jesus gives us! Faith, Hope and Love!

In His Peace and Encouragement, Pastor Steve

BAPTISM

Nativity celebrated a baptism September 21, 2025. Emera Bryson, born January 10th was joined with her big sister Carys and parents Audra and Rodney Bryson along with many family members and friends.





A MINISTRY FAIR WAS HELD 9/21



MEN'S GROUP

Following worship on Sunday 10/5 the men of Nativity are encouraged to meet in the sanctuary and discuss getting a men's group up and running. Bring your ideas!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the wonderful members that donated towards a bonus for me. Your generosity was most appreciated!

Kari Donnelly, Office Manager

SPENDING PLAN MEETING & CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE

Calling all voting members of Nativity, your church council will have two vacant seats available after the first of the year. New council members will be presented and voted in at the October 26th Spending Plan Meeting for 2026. Council terms are two years in length. Your Nativity leadership asks that you prayerfully discern your gifts for leadership. Please contact Breanne Johnsen, Sharon Speckmann of the nominating committee to learn more about what a commitment to council entails. In the meantime, let's give a huge thank you to Shonda Staudt and Denise Varlack for their service to Nativity and Christ's church! Please be sure to join us on the 26th for this meeting following worship.

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY: A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR NATIVITY

Good People, In recent weeks you have received emails, and a letter about our "Because of God's Great Mercy" stewardship program. In the last couple weeks you were mailed a letter, along with your year to date giving statement, and an offering/commitment card. A filled out offering/commitment card is beneficial in helping us prepare Nativity's spending plan for 2026. If you have not submitted a commitment/pledge card as of yet, please consider doing so. Commitment/pledge cards can be found on the hutch in the Family Room. You can also call in or email your information to 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com. Thank you!

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 insert.
- Mark your calendars for 11/1 and/or 11/2 to help serve the food insecure guests of our local 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@qmail.com, or Pastor Steve at pstor@pbnativity.comfor more information.

Food items can be dropped off between 9 and 5PM M-F in the designated space by the church office.

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.

BIBLE, BITES AND BREW BIBLE STUDY

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

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 last classroom on the right before the breezeway 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.

CHURCH BUILDING REPAIRS

The code corrections mandated by the city have all been done. Nativity's building and grounds are almost 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 PAYPAL 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. Next event is August 7 & 8. 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.



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







Serving God, and Serving God's People

Name	Phone	Email					
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Preschool Volunteer (Read to, play with, and help.)							
Act	Love Walk (Mobile Feedin	g Ministry)					
Wor	men of Worth (Women's (Group)					
Chile	dren's Church (Sunday Sch	nool for 4 th grade and under)					
Prop	erty & Maintenance (Hel	p with fixing what needs fixing!)					
3 rd N	Monday Sandwich Making	at 9:30AM					
2 nd S	Saturday Take Home Sand	wich Making					
Wor	Worship Music (Assist in the development of Sunday worship)						
Chu	rch Council						
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Ush	er and Greeter on Sunday						
Read	ders in Service						
Volu	ınteer in Church Office						
Stev	vardship (Pledge Drive & I	Ministry Fair)					
Adu	lt Bible Study/Christian Ed	lucation (Join and/or lead)					
Assi	sting Minister (Assist past	or during worship)					
Fello	owship (Coffee and snacks	following worship)					
Alta	r Guild (Set up and clean ເ	ıp Sunday's communion)					
Sand	ctuary Prep. For Sunday (t	idy up and restock)					
Sund	day Offering Counter						
Deve	elopment and Strategic Pl	anning					
Pray	er Group (Join or lead)						
Yout	th Group for Middle and H	ligh School					
Visit	Shut-ins						
Hosp	pital Visitation						
Othe	er-Please write in						

Please return this page and next to Nativity office or send to kari@pbnativity.com.

Sunday Morning Survey

Topic: Sunday Morning Christian Education/Discussion Following Worship. Please mark your top three choices for Sunday Morning Theology: Study the foundations of faith, church history, or specific doctrinal topics. Christian Life & Discipleship: Classes focused on applying biblical principles to daily life, such as humility, relationships, or personal growth. Faith & Culture: topics such as Christianity and Technology, Faith and Justice, Environmental Stewardship, Navigating Doubt and Faith in Today's World. Spiritual Formation: Topics such as - Learning Different Ways to Pray: (Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, etc.) - Spiritual Gifts: Discovering and Using Them - Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating a Christlike Life -The Lord's Prayer: A Framework for Daily Living -Seasons of the Church Year as a Spiritual Path - Hearing God's Voice in Scripture and Life Discussion of Sunday Sermon- Discuss the sermon, share insights, and learn more about Christian teachings. Church History & Global Christianity: Study denominations, spiritual movements, faith migration patterns, and the like. World Religions: Take a closer look at Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism. Study a Specific Book of the Bible: Who was it written for and why? What is God telling us specifically in that particular book?

LADIES! DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT IS OCTOBER 10, 2025. SIGN UP TODAY!

USE BAR CODE BELOW OR WWW.FLWELCA.COM

FALL GATHERING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

COME JOIN YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST FOR WORSHIP, WORKSHOPS, FELLOWHIP AND FUN

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

WARREN WILLIS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER FRUITLAND PARK, FL

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION!







WOW IN OCTOBER

It is a tradition that churches attending the Gathering make something to share. Women of Worth (WOW) will be making prayer necklaces (or a Lutheran rosary).

Shonda will have the sheath of fabric sewn ahead of time. We need ladies to come and put beads and rubber bands in/on these to make the necklaces. Then, when you pray, you can turn your necklace around and pray.

We will meet Thursday, October 9th from 6:30-8:30pm. Please bring \$5 for pizza dinner. Bring another \$5 for our offering. We will collect \$5 at each meeting to give us a beginning to our fund so that as things come up throughout the year, we have money to draw from.

SUNDAY SERVERS

Would you like to help with greeting, assisting Pastor Steve, children's church teacher or assistant or serve fellowship. Scan the code to sign up.



NATIVITY PRESCHOOL

Learning through PLAY! Sensory play with sand—finding letters. There is so much conversation happening around our youngest learners table!

OCTOBER PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

10/11 GLORIA CLERVEAU

10/15 Blake Scheets

10/23 PENELOPE SAVILLE

10/25 Ms. JUDY

10/31 Ms. Theresa



QUICKIE CHURCH PRESCHOOL CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. is our 20-25 minute long Quickie Chapel. At Quickie Chapel we take a story from the bible and interact with it in song, dance and video. Sing and dance as much or as little as you like. No judgement here! At chapel, we also learn the Five Respects (Respect God, Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Things and Respect Creation). All are welcome to join us!



Family Newsletter

Down on the Farm

This month, your child will learn all about life Down on the Farm! Your child will get to know chickens, pigs, sheep, horses and more. They will have fun practicing the sounds the animals make and learning about the food they eat. Your child will explore the different jobs that farmers do, like planting and harvesting crops, feeding and rounding up the animals and driving a tractor to plow the fields. They will even plant their own seeds and watch them grow! Discuss your child's creative process when they bring home an array of barnyard art projects. It is an action-packed month of animals, farming, food and fun that your child is sure to remember!



Healthy Eating

Children need positive food experiences to build a healthy relationship with food and food choices. Work together with your child to find a healthy recipe and make the dish together. Remind them of the importance of selecting foods from each food group. Acknowledge them throughout the meal as you notice your child making thoughtful and healthy food choices.



- To help your child learn to balance meals, draw the following diagram on a
 - paper plate and practice at home. Current healthy guidelines recommend half of a plate of fruits and vegetables, a quarter low-fat protein and a quarter whole grains.
- Involve your child in the preparation of food, such as creating a shopping list together and finding those items in the grocery store.
- Encourage your child to help you with preparing and cooking food such as cracking an egg, measuring out ingredients, rolling out dough and stirring ingredients in a bowl.
- Cooking is a great time to teach about food safety. Remind your child to wash their hands before and after preparing food and to wash vegetables and fruit before eating.
- Keep mealtime conversations light and positive. Encourage your child to talk about their day. This helps to develop more communication between family members.







FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Down on the Farm

FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters & Sounds:





Shape & Color:

Character Trait:

Patience

Yoga Pose: Carrot Pose

Number:



Bring the farmyard fun home by turning everyday moments into barnyard adventures with our Down on the Farm theme! Sing silly songs like "Old MacDonald," make animal sounds together or cuddle up with a farm-themed story to spark giggles and learning. At mealtime, chat about where carrots, corn or milk come from, just like little farmers do. Grab some toy animals or kitchen tools and let your toddler pretend to gather eggs, feed the sheep or plow the fields. These playful moments help build language, imagination and a joyful connection to the world, one "moo" and "oink" at a time!

Farm Animals: Build language and connect with animals, nature and food through songs, play and stories.

In the Barn: Explore farm life through playful activities that build curiosity and problem-solving skills.

Farm Food: Learn about healthy foods and where they come from by exploring how fruits and vegetables grow on farms.

Farming: Explore farm life through play, building language and understanding as they pretend, sing and learn about animals and crops.

By joining in these activities and reinforcing them at home, you play an important role in supporting your child's learning and development.



Sign Language:



















TOGETHER TIME



Old MacDonald Sound and Sing

WHAT?

HOW?

WHY?

Old MacDonald has a farm—E-I-E-I-O—and on that farm, he might even have a monkey! It's all in good fun as everyone is welcome on the farm and ready for a week full of puzzles, games and playful learning.

Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," pausing before each animal sound and asking, "What sound does the [animal] make?" Encourage your child to make the sound with you. If you have toys or pictures, hold them up as you sing.

This familiar song helps toddlers build animal vocabulary, practice listening and memory and join in with singing and sound-making. These are all important for early language development and confidence.



Farm Animal Parade

WHAT?

HOW?

WHY?

What kind of plant is growing in the garden? Point, follow the path and explore this photo-based book to introduce print concepts and new vocabulary to your toddler.

Invite your toddler to march around the room like different farm animals. Say, "Let's be cows!" and walk slowly while saying "moo." Then switch to other animals, like pigs (crawl and oink) or chickens (flap arms and cluck).

This movement game builds vocabulary, supports listening and following directions and helps toddlers connect animal names with their sounds and movements, all while getting the wiggles out!



Wait for the Surprise!

WHAT?

HOW?

WHY?

Bear plants a garden, but it hasn't grown, even after a whole day! Maybe Fox can help. Join the Forest Friends to learn why patience is important and rewarding. Place a toy or snack under a towel and say, "We're going to wait together, then see the surprise underneath!" Set a short timer or count slowly together. When time is up, lift the towel and cheer! This playful routine helps toddlers practice waiting and self-regulation, building excitement in a low-pressure way. Plus, it's a great chance to bond and gigale together!



Where's Little Boy Blue?

WHAT?

HOW?

WHY?

In the story, Little Boy Blue falls asleep while watching over the sheep and cows and doesn't hear his horn being called. Act out the rhyme together. Recite "Little Boy Blue" together. Have your child pretend to be "sleeping" under a pillow or blanket haystack, then blow the horn to wake them up. Take turns playing different parts of the rhyme, or use a toy animal to represent the sheep or cow.

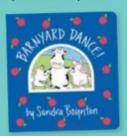
This activity brings the rhyme to life, helping toddlers build both language and comprehension skills while having fun through movement and role play.

READ WITH ME

Big Red Barnby Margaret Wise Brown



Barnyard Dance! by Sandra Boynton



A Farmer's Life for Me by Jan Dobbins



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TUESDAYS 12-12:45PM AT NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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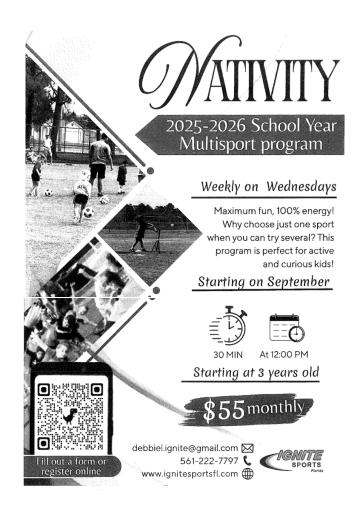
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Dance with Tippi Toes!

This dynamic class blends **Ballet, Tap, and Jazz** to introduce music, movement,
rhythm, and coordination in a fun, friendly,
and positive environment.

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GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS/CAMP SUNDAY 9/7/2025

Nativity kids and adults that attended Lutherock Camp this past June shared songs and memories with the congregation.



Rice & beans were bagged for Act Love Walk and cards made.















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? Join us on Tuesdays at 5:45pm or contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or talk to him at church! God is good!

October needs for Act Love Walk:

Macaroni & Cheese (microwaveable cups or boxes)

Shelf-Stable/ Dry Milk

Pop-top soup or individual meals (i.e. spaghetti)

Granola/Snack Bars

Ramen 100% juice boxes

Canned tuna/chicken/meat Paper plates & bowls

Mayonnaise & Mustard Plastic utensils

Nut Butters/Jelly/Honey Any other kid-friendly foods

Fruit Snacks Gift cards

Crackers/Goldfish/Cheez-its Cereal

Applesauce/Yogurt pouches No open packages/expired food items.

SANDWICH MAKING

October and November kits are all claimed. There is one left for December. You may go online and sign up for next January to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches to go to the homeless. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits.

Pick up for October is the 9th between 11a and 4p. Then return to Nativity Friday, the 10th between 10a and 3p.

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 to our September sandwich makers: Gloria Jackson, Nancy Hunter, Barbara Shelley, Carole Rajan and Andrew Moss, a PBGHS student who's mom knows Linda. 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, October 20th 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 September sandwich makers: John Steffen, Stan and Mary Ann Spech, Tom Kuhn, Kari Donnelly, Pastor Steve, Kelly Rabbitt and Charlie Beiser. 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:



10/8	Sue Miller
10/9	Debra Flynn
10/11	Makenah Rogers
10/18	Erin Miller
10/19	Stan Spech
10/22	Tom Kuhn
10/28	Sara Hoekstra
10/29	Caleb Moore
10/31	Theresa Saccone

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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!

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:45a Children's Chapel	2 No School	3	4
5 8:15a Choir Rehearsal 9a Worship Men's Group	6	9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12p Dance 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	8 8:45a Children's Chapel	9 11a-3p Pick up sandwich kits	10 10a-3p Return sandwich kits Deadline to sign up for WELCA Gathering	11
12 8:15a Choir 9a Worship	13	9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12p Dance 5:45p Act Love Walk 6p Council 7:30p 12-step	8:45a Children's Chapel	16	17 No School	18
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