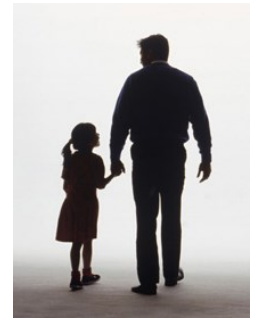


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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Perspective Leads to Prayer

Sunday June 1st is a day in the life of Nativity I will not soon forget. I tell it to you as I experienced it, because I don't want you to forget it either. First, we officially received twenty-seven persons across nine families into Nativity membership during worship (see pic in this issue). Second, it was the unofficial unveiling of the 95% completed/newly remodeled Family Room space.

A few minutes before worship, as the sky grew gray with clouds, a new coffee table was carried through the front door and made its home in front of the big comfy couch. Someone asked if there was going to be a clock above the big comfy couch. Another replied, "yes, right where the paper taped to the wall says clock. And they laughed.

People took turns sitting on the big comfy couch. It didn't take long before there were feet propped up on the new coffee table. Comfortable. Kids were moving too swiftly about those whose days of moving swiftly are in the past. Careful.

During renovations of the kitchen a handwritten sign that reads Children – No Donuts Before Sunday School was rediscovered when the old cabinetry was torn out. It's message is as relevant and necessary as the Gospel of Jesus Christ! It is now framed above the big comfy couch. A mom and daughter charter member remarked to me, "That was when I was a kid here." Nostalgic.

In the kitchen the ladies prepped for a busier than usual coffee hour because of the new member reception. I'm asked, "where's the Styrofoam cups?"- "I don't know." Someone speaks up and reminds us where they have gone to rest. "Oh yeah", I think. So, at the outset of worship there was an announcement that we will use Nativity mugs for worship and a declaration that we will not be using environmentally unkind Styrofoam cups anymore. So we used Nativity mugs, and did more dishes. God's work. Our hands.

During worship the grey sky lets loose. It's pouring. During my sermon I hear the water dripping onto the terrazzo a few feet in front of me. Out of the corner of my eye I see the pianist makes adjustments because the roof is leaking right over the baby grand. As I press on with the Lord's word surrounding the baptism of Paul and Silas' jailer in the book of Acts, two men sop up the wet floor and place buckets. Through the open sanctuary doors I could see people scurrying about sopping and bucketing as well. Meanwhile the thunder and lightning raged on, and divinely enough, seemed to ebb and flow with the rest of the service. IYKYK. You had to be there.

After worship there were first timers to the kitchen making the much needed second pot of coffee. I was asked for the key to the shed so someone could go outside and make sure the parking lot storm drain was free of tree debris. Did I mention that the new kitchen sink refused to drain? I entered in and out of conversations far quicker than I like to, and didn't have the ones I wanted, or needed to have. Sigh. The big comfy couch was moved away from the wall because rain was running down the wall, making the big comfy couch, not so comfy.

Aluminum pans and plastic table cloths came to the rescue! After Sunday School children were first

in line for bagels, sweet cakes and fruit. There were no donuts today. Older kids gathered in the breezeway and talked about Camp Lutherock.

On Sunday June 1st, more people than usual were in the Family Room. People were sitting where they don't usually sit, were standing where they don't usually stand, and doing what they don't usually do on Sundays at Nativity. Water invaded spaces where it was not supposed to be (leaks), did not go where it was supposed to go (kitchen drain), and then again, did go where it was supposed to go (storm drain). I cannot help but wonder how "normal" the day would have seemed, had it not been for water?

It took me until Monday June 2nd to see Sunday June 1st as being a perfect storm of events. It took a conversation or two on this morning, and the urging of the Holy Spirit to see Sunday June 1st for what it was. Weaved in-between the unwanted and wanted waters was an abundance of life. The past, present and a glimpse of the future of Nativity was before our eyes. Did you see it? I almost missed it. I'm glad I didn't.

Pray this out loud...Lord God have your Holy Spirit move my heart and mind to perceive the good changes arriving at Nativity. Have your Spirit move my heart and mind to go with flow of new life at Nativity. Make me live into my baptism, that what is good for the body of Christ is good for me as well. Guide me, protect me, and enable me to live for Jesus. Amen.

YOUTH CAR WASH

On Sunday, May 25, our youth had a car wash to raise money for Lutherock camp. They raised \$379 through the car wash and \$291 through the envelopes. Thank you to those that gave.

They will still be raising money for camp through their bake sale on June 8 and through the envelopes.



NATIVITY *News*

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.

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.

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 AND GROUNDS UPDATE.

Tree work around the property is completed, and looks great! Fascia board and gutter repairs are in progress, and the repaving of the parking lot is pending. So far \$15,250 in donations has been received. The estimated cost for all repairs as required by the city is \$100,000.

IF YOU CAN HELP OFFSET THESE EXPENSES, PLEASE GIVE IN YOUR PREFERRED WAY, AND NOTE "2025 CODE CORRECTIONS". OR DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL LINK TO THE LEFT. 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.

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, June 1, Nativity welcomed the following as members:

Robert (Bob) and Martha Gilbert

Peter (Pete) Griffiths

Stan and Mary-Ann Spech

Jo Fox

Casey and Corrina Camero and children Micah, Evie and Randall (Randy)

Lakesa Ferguson and children Tonisha, Antonio, Latonya, Esther and grandson Gabriel

Colin Admano and Louise Browning

Adam and Krysten Mawhinney and children Audrey and Gillian

Joel and Tina Roehl and sons West and Max



FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP LUTHEROCK

Eight youth and their parents are headed to Camp Lutherock in North Carolina. While the kids are engaged in camp activities, the parents and Pastor Steve will be building community, and strengthening relationships amongst ourselves. Attending camp is part of our youth's confirmation program. Over the course of the next few weeks the youth will be leading a couple fundraising efforts to offset the cost of camp. The cost of camp is approx. \$800 a kid not including travel expenses. 10% of all the money they raise will go to Nativity's Act Love Walk and Sandwich Making ministries. Our goal is to raise \$2000. The following is what's planned:

- **Sunday 6/8 Bake Sale** - The kids bake it, and hopefully you buy it! If you would like to donate baked goods, drop them off at church on Saturday 6/7 by 3PM.

Envelope Fundraiser — Don't care for baked goods, and/or you missed the car wash but you want to support the **youth of Nativity? No problem. In the Family Room at church is a display with envelopes. Take an envelope with a dollar amount you are comfortable donating, and return to offering plate with cash or check. Or, use the QR code at the display.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 VPK GRADUATES



ALISON LOPEZ



REMINGTON POTEET



EVIE CAMERO



GIANNA BATZ



ALLISON ROSE VIRGA-BONGARD



BRYSEN RUIZ



LIAM VO NGUYEN



SAPHIRA COBITE



***MIKE BRADLEY CHARLES-
LEDOUX***



***ASHER DE LA TORRE
SALCEDO***



TONY NGUYEN



PAISLEE STEVENS



ESTHER TAWI



AUDREY GUERRETTE



NATIVITY PRESCHOOL END OF YEAR CEREMONY 5/28/2025



The theme of Nativity's Preschool Graduation and End of Year Ceremony was "Smooth Sailing Into Kindergarten". The children did an awesome job with 111 family and friends in attendance.

Top photo: all preschool children

Second photo: Pre K 2 and Pre K 3 classes

Third photo: VPK class

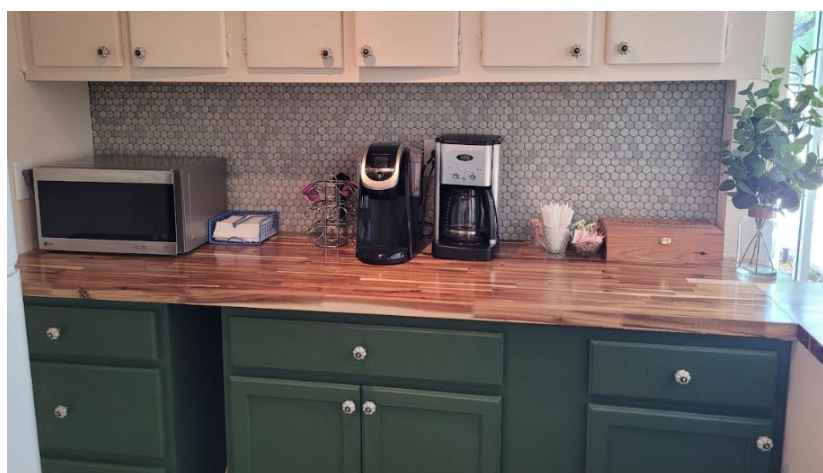
Photo to the left: Nativity staff

Copy this link to see graduates' video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/122eAbsrL6THZ4hrtBnZexfJ-8p3YGW-b/view?usp=sharing>

OUR NEW INVITING LOOK

Thank you to Corrina Camero for spearheading the update to our living room. It is light and bright and welcoming to all.



Nativity Lutheran Church & School

2025

Summer Camp Guide



Fun in the Sun ...All Summer Long!

June 2 – August 1

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.

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 ... \$220 per week

Week 1: June 02 - June 06 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 2: June 09 - June 13 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 3: June 16 - June 20 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 4: June 23 - June 27 ☐ = \$ _____

No Camp during the 4th of July week

Week 5: July 07 - July 11 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 6: July 14 - July 18 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 7: July 21 - July 25 ☐ = \$ _____

Week 8: July 28- August 1 ☐ = \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Registration Fee \$ 100.00

After MAY 1st, 2025: additional Fee \$ 50.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please bill me through Brightwheel ☐

Parent Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

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, or talk to him at church! God is good!

June needs for Act Love Walk:

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|---|---|
| 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 |
| BOGO Sales | |



SANDWICH MAKING

Our June Take Home Sandwich Making is full. Please sign up if you would like to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches to help in July. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits.

If you signed up for June, ***the kits may be picked up on the Thursday, June 12th 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 May sandwich makers: Gloria Jackson, Mia and Michael Burnham, Josfran De La Torre, West and Max Roehl, Kelly and Christopher Hoekstra. 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, June 16th 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 and Nancy Steffen, Stan and Mary Ann Spech, Charlie Beiser, Randy Rich and Kari Donnelly. 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:



6/4 Don Laven
6/7 Pia Heiser
6/9 Dennis Johnson
6/13 Matthew Furlong (Yinyu's husband)
6/14 Richard Speckmann
6/24 Lydia Winsor
6/27 Yinyu Li

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH TO:

6/12 Jim & Pat Guretzky
6/15 Don & Audrey Laven
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/>



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 before he contacts you!

June 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|-----------|--|---|--|
| 1 9a Worship & Welcome New Members 5:30p Act Love Walk | 2 5:45p 12-step-FH | 3 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | Summer Camp | | | | | |
| 8 9a Worship Youth Bake Sale after worship 5:30p Act Love Walk | 9 5:45p 12-step-FH | 10 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH | 11 | 12 11a-4p Sandwich Kit pick up | 13 9a-3:30p Sandwich Kit drop off | 14 |
| | Summer Camp | | | Synod Assembly | | |
| 15 Father's Day 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk | 16 9:30a Sandwich Making 5:45p 12-step-FH | 17 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Youth & families leave for LutherRock |
| | Summer Camp | | | | | |
| 22 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk | 23 5:45p 12-step-FH | 24 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | Summer Camp | | | | | |
| | LutherRock Camp | | | | | |
| 29 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk | 30 No Camp 5:45p 12-step-FH | | | | | |

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God's work...

...Our hands



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