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

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Gifts of Love: We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Halloween has just occurred. But before Halloween was even celebrated, my neighborhood HOA was installing Christmas lights at the entrance! Well in advance of the season of readying for God's gift of love in Jesus Christ, lights were being prepared to signal this love for all of creation. The day after Thanksgiving the lights will be switched on, signaling that the season of love and giving is upon us. November is a good starting point, a good season, for us to take an inventory of why we love, who we should love, and how God desires us to go about doing so.

For the month of November we are going to explore different dimensions of giving in love. It begins with All Saints Sunday on 11/3, wherein we thank God for persons past and present who have shaped our lives of faith. It continues with the extravagant generosity of the poor widow, whose contribution made a sizable impression on Jesus. It offers a compelling view of Christian community in Hebrews, in which all members are responsible for the encouragement and nurturing of one another. And it concludes with the grand vision of Jesus as the king of all creation, whose return and ongoing presence call us to love, courage, and persistence.

Throughout the month we will focus on an image we are all accustomed to equating with the love - the heart. We will use the image of the heart to illuminate the four aspects of love chronicled in the preaching texts: (1) love of God and others, (2) love through financial generosity, (3) love in Christian community, and (4) love in the reign of Christ the king.

God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Steve

FALL IN LOVE WITH OUR PRESCHOOL...

A is for apple, art, and applesauce. Apples are different but together they are good to the core



We made some yummy applesauce!



NATIVITY'S COLOFUL TEACHERS

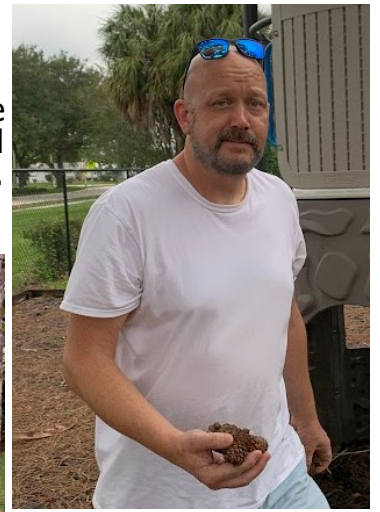
NATIVITY FUNDRAISER

Please help us raise funding for the Preschool and Nativity Youth. Pick up a brochure any time or an online order flyer available at the resources table in the family room. Runs November 3 through the day after Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance.



THANK YOU

Thank you to those that came and cleaned up Nativity's yard after Hurricane Milton last month. Our workers were Pastor Steve, Amy, Mary, Lydia and Mara Winsor, Mike and Abby Moore, Hollond Romaine, Shonda Staudt, A.J. Ferguson, Brian Donnelly and Julie Nemethy (Pastor's sister).



NATIVITY *News*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We want YOU! The next meeting of Nativity's Stewardship Committee will be Sunday, November 17th immediately after service. We will continue learning together how to tell our stories, how our faith guides us in generosity and stewardship, and will vision the top priorities for this committee for the next several months. Please prayerfully consider joining.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

We are doing a new thing! Nativity is creating a group for all adult women! Our plan is to focus on fellowship by doing fun activities as a group in our community. Our first activity will be dinner at Avocado Cantina located at 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Avenue in Palm Beach Gardens on Thursday, November 14 at 6PM. Please RSVP to Abby Moore at abigailbmoore@gmail.com or (214) 354-4827 so that we can get the count for the reservation!

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.

WOMEN'S LOVE CIRCLE

Love Circle will take a break for a few months. Hope to meet at the beginning of the year.

THANK YOU

Dear Nativity,

Nativity Lutheran Church meant so much to our mother and father (Verney and Sam Snyder) since they joined in the early 1980s. They gathered a strength beyond faith from the church and the many friends they made there over the years. And, this continued even after our mother passed in 2006 and our father moved to South Carolina several years ago. Even though Pop missed being there, he enjoyed keeping up with the church and friends through his interactions with Pastor Steve and Kari. The church was always there for Pop and that meant so much to him.

Pop wanted us to let you know that he appreciates Nativity Lutheran Church and wishes you the best going forward.

Thank you!

Sam and Bob Snyder and Families

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CELEBRATING YOUR LIFE: INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE FINAL SEASONS OF LIFE

Have you given thought to how your earthly life will be celebrated when you have gone to be with the Lord? Would you like to gift your family with a peaceful understanding that your end of life decisions have already been made? Does Nativity have the information necessary to come alongside you, and your family in this season of life? Join Pastor Steve for an information session, and prayerful preparation of making decisions for that time when we cannot make them for ourselves. Come to the 45 minute workshop; Sunday 11/3 following worship.

GIVING TO NATIVITY

To explore and give to a specific ministry of Nativity, use 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



THRIVENT

Thrivent.com is an excellent way to invest your money with a religious based organization. Once you become a Thrivent member, you are able to host two action teams a year. An action team can be formed to raise money for someone in need, help in the community and especially helps to fund our two sandwich making events each month. If you are a Thrivent member and are able to host an event, go online to Thrivent.com to apply or contact kari@pbnativity or 561-622-4998 Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. Thrivent will sponsor up to \$250 for each team. There is no cost to you.

Thrivent members also remember to direct your Choice Dollars to your favorite non profit or charity yearly.

HURRICANE INFORMATION

Hurricane Disaster Relief Volunteers Needed. Join Inspiritus in aiding Hurricane Helene/Milton survivors by helping with debris removal and clean-up services. Volunteers are needed to chainsaw trees, remove flooded interiors, and tarp roofs. Free housing and food are provided. Volunteers, ages 18+, are needed in Bradenton, FL until November 14 and in Valdosta, GA until November 22. To sign up, visit www.weinspirit.org/disaster-relief or contact Sabrina More at sabrina.more@weinspirit.org or 229-291-0022.

You can give monetary relief through the ELCA website, click on Lutheran Disaster Response. You can also mail a check to Florida-Bahamas Synod, 3838 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607. Make checks payable to the Florida-Bahamas Synod with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6pm in Nativity's sanctuary. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Anyone can be a part of our choir.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT VOLUNTEERS AND KIDS NEEDED!

Nativity will host another Parent Night Out to provide a safe, fun and nurturing time for children ages 3-10 year old IF we get enough youth and adult volunteers. Please call or text Carol (410)-570-1735 or email HR@pbnativity.com if you are able to support this Community Ministry Event on Saturday, December 14th 5pm-8pm.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

The sanctuary will be decorated Sunday, December 1 after worship. Please sign up on Kari's desk or talk to Shonda Staudt if you can help.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date! Sunday, December 8th at 1pm in Nativity's living room. Sign up soon to attend, bring light snacks and a wrapped \$20 gift for a White Elephant Exchange.

COOKIE EXCHANGE & SALE

Sunday, December 15th following worship, bring homemade cookies for an exchange or cash to buy cookies. Proceeds benefit our youth.

NOTE FROM SOUTH FLORIDA SOUP KITCHEN

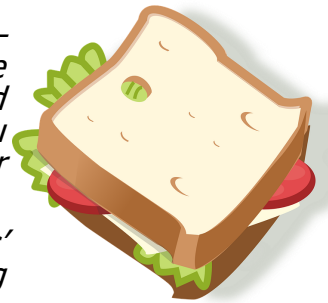
South Florida Soup Kitchen served 753 guests in August and September – 2,700 meals were distributed in West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach and Lake Park which included 2,930 sandwiches and over 750 cans of pop top food (chef Boyardee, chili, soups, stews, meats, etc.) were distributed. Thank you so much for the many donations! This is all possible because of you –our partners, donors and volunteers!

We also distributed clothing, shoes, hats, socks, tote bags, men's and ladies' underwear, bus passes, towels, books, hygiene kits, feminine hygiene, bug spray, blankets, rain ponchos, umbrellas and so much more.

Essential items are listed for purchase on the Amazon Wish List. Our most requested items are men's black socks, men's shorts, washcloths and men's and ladies' underwear, etc. Please be sure to check the gift options at the Amazon checkout and have your name included so we can thank you.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/Is/3AQOFCARSZN41?ref_=wl_share

Thank you to the student volunteers who continue to make sandwiches to earn community service hours. We are so grateful for their loyalty and dedication by making sure our guests are not hungry on weekends.



The sandwiches that Nativity makes for the 2nd Saturday Take Home Sandwich Making Ministry go to the South Florida Soup Kitchen.

The sandwiches that Nativity makes for the 3rd Monday Sandwich Making Ministry goes to St. George's Table.

Both of these ministries are funded by donations from you/us and from Thrivent. As you can see, we are making a difference. If you would like to help more with these ministries and/or our Act, Love, Walk Ministry, please see page 13.

Thank you to everyone that has helped with these ministries!

Family Newsletter

More than just fun!

The value of play for children

What is your child's favorite way to play? Play is actually a child's work. Through play, your child is building key life skills. Here are five reasons to play today:

- Children learn how to share and take turns.
- When children play, they boost communication skills. They learn to express feelings, use appropriate language and build social relationships.
- As children play, they encounter many opportunities to problem solve, practice conflict resolution skills and apply logical thinking skills.
- Gross motor play that encourages safe risk-taking, such as climbing, running and jumping, helps enable children to feel more comfortable taking risks in the future.
- When children participate in free play, they have the opportunity to make choices, plan their time and follow through with activities.

THIS MONTH'S THEME

On the Go

This month, your child will explore the fascinating world of transportation. They will design a road, traffic signal and bridge. Your child will explore flight in an airplane, a hot air balloon and a helicopter. Then they'll make a boat and test it in water. They'll count dollars and buy a ticket on the ferry. There are so many ways to go; which one is your family's favorite?

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



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Dd, Jj & Uu

Shape Triangle

Numbers 5 & 6

Color Yellow

Character Trait Generous

Letter Dd dog, drum & duck

Letter Jj jellyfish, jar & jaguar

Letter Uu umbrella, underwear & unicycle

Topics your child
will explore this month.

On the Go

Down the Road

- Road 1
- Traffic Signs 2
- Map 3
- Bridge 4
- Service Station 5

On Land

- 6 Car
- 7 Truck
- 8 Bike
- 9 Foot
- 10 Animal

Public Transportation

- Train 16
- Bus 17
- Taxi 18
- Subway 19
- Ferry 20

By Air & Water

- 11 Airplane
- 12 Hot Air Balloon
- 13 Helicopter
- 14 Tugboat
- 15 Canoe



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Transportation in Many Cultures
by Martha E.H. Rustad

Amazing Airplanes
by Tony Milton and Ant Parker

If I Built a Car
by Chris Van Dusen

Terrific Trains
by Tony Milton

Bicycle Book
by Gail Gibbons

Freight Train
by Donald Crews



Driving Along

(Sing to the tune of "Skip to My Lou")
Create more verses together by replacing
the action word and type of transportation,
then let your child decide where it is going.

**Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
To the supermarket.**

**Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly across the sky.**

Family Activities

Go! Go! Go!

Take a ride around your community
together. Find a local map and drive
(or ride) down roads that you haven't
yet explored.

Compare how it
is similar to and
different from the
road near your
home. Look for
traffic signs and
hunt for the letters
of the alphabet.



PRESCHOOL *News*

NOVEMBER SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

11/10 Gloria Clerveau

11/13 Layla Adkin



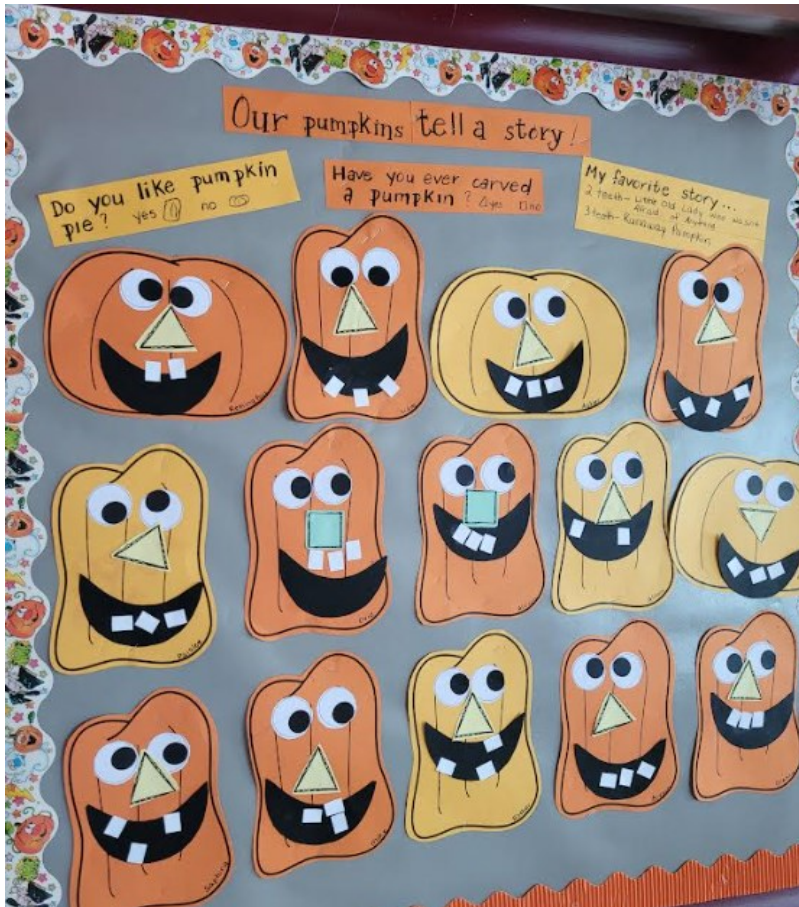
THANK YOU TO PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE STATION #63

The students always love when the fire truck comes to visit. They get a short lesson on what to do if there is a fire at their home and what the fire fighters look like in full gear. They received their own fire helmet and then got to go explore the truck!



VPK BUILDING THEIR PUMPKINS

Last month, Shonda Staudt read two pumpkin related books to the VPK class. Then the students got to build their own pumpkin according to their answers to her questions. Shonda asked if they liked pumpkin pie. If their answer was yes, they got a tall shaped pumpkin. They were then asked if they had ever carved a pumpkin. An answer of yes got them a triangle nose and a no answer got them a square nose. The final question was which story did you like the best. If they liked "Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" they got two teeth to put on their pumpkin. If they liked "Runaway Pumpkin", they got three teeth. Below are the awesome results. Thank you Ms. Shonda!



The two and 3 year olds got to do their pumpkins the next day.



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. Did Pastor Steve say something in his message you'd like to hear again? Or maybe you missed Sunday worship, and you'd like to hear the scripture and message. Or perhaps you'd like to share the good news with someone that needs to hear it? Now you can! Use the QR code to Go to the Sunday's Sermons page of Nativity's website. There you can listen to the podcast, and navigate to the podcast website to subscribe via your preferred podcast player. Enjoy, and share!



LISTEN! CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Listen! Is an occasional series of conversations with members of Nativity Lutheran. Both God and Jesus said, "Listen". It was a heads up that what they were about to say was important. I believe everyone has something important to say. Everyone has a story, an event that helps to define who they are, and possess the power to connect us to one another in ways that only the Holy Spirit can.

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

HALLOWEEN FUN AT NATIVITY'S TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to all that helped make this a safe and fun day for the kids! Thank you Frank Saccone for the hayrides.





FEEDING *Ministries*

ACT, LOVE, WALK (MOBILE FEEDING MINISTRY)

Act Love Walk mobile ministry outing scheduled for November 30th at 9:00 am. We need you to make this a successful trip! We'll meet at the church at 9:00 am, load up the truck, and head over to InTown Suites on Military Trail. We'll stay there for an hour and then head back to the church. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the family room or you can email or text Mike Moore (mtmoore1313@gmail.com or 214-354-0173). All are welcome!

The food pantry shelves of ALW are in need of restocking. You can help families that are food insecure by being the hands of God when you purchase non-perishable food items. The pantry's needs can be found below. 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!

Volunteer opportunities in ALW suit all ages, interests and talents! Join us on Saturday mornings at 9AM at Nativity, or contact ALW director Mike Moore, mtmoore1313@gmail.com students needing volunteer hours should bring their paperwork.

November 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 (water")	Muffin/Quick Bread mixes ("just add
Sugar	Vegetable Oil
Baby Food/Formula	100% Juice boxes
Individually Wrapped snacks	Microwaveable popcorn
Nuts/Tail Mix/Dried Fruit	Adult/Infant Hygiene products



SANDWICH MAKING

Our November 2nd Saturday Take Home Sandwich Making is filled up. Please sign up for upcoming months 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 second Friday of each month between 11am and 4pm. You take them home to assemble and then bring the completed sandwiches back on the following day, Saturday at 9:00am in front of Nativity for delivery. 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 October sandwich makers: Linda, Max and West Roehl, Gloria and Dennis Jackson, Kelly Hoekstra, Mike and Abby Moore and Theresa Saccone. 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, November 18th 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 October sandwich makers: Tom Kuhn, Charles Beiser, Nancy Steffen, Hedy Rossmieisl, MaryAnn and Stan Spech, Kari Donnelly and Pastor Steve Winsor. 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:



11/2 John Steffen
11/4 Nancy Steffen
11/7 Mike Moore
11/17 Lois Esselstrom
11/25 Anthony Greenall
11/25 Richard Turner
11/28 Carole Rajan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH TO:

11/8 John and Breanne Johnsen
11/10 Paul and Pia 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.

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/>



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9a Worship 10:45a Celebrating Your Life	4 Preschool Picture Day 5:45p 12-step-FH	5 No School 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	6 8:45a Children's Chapel	7	8 11a-4pm Sandwich Kit pick up	9 9a Sandwich Kit drop off
10 9a Worship	11 5:45p 12-step-FH	12 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	13 8:45a Children's Chapel	14	15	16
17 9a Worship 10:45a Stewardship Committee Mtg	18 9:30a Sandwich Making 5:45p 12-step-FH	19 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	20 8:45a Children's Chapel Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	21	22	23
24 9a Worship	25	26 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bagels & Brew	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 9a Act Love Walk Event
No School / Thanksgiving Break						
	5:45p 12-step-FH	6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH				

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God's work...

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