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*Sent with a prayer to:*



*Sunday, April 12, Facebook online  
Easter Worship 9:30 am*

# THE NATIVITY



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

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## WORDS FROM

*Pastor Steve*

Dear Nativity Family,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is my sincerest hope that you all are in the Spirit of the Lord and in good health. In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, please take note of the following changes in the life of Nativity.

- Until further notice, Sunday Worship is live on Facebook at 9:30AM. You can still view the service on Nativity's Facebook Page at a later time as well. Search @PBNativity within Facebook or your web browser to access the video. *Note: If you have not done so, "like" Nativity's Facebook page to stay informed.*
- Keep this newsletter handy as it contains information for every service in April!
- Sunday worship will be made available in video format on the church website [www.nativitylutheranpbq.com](http://www.nativitylutheranpbq.com) later that day.
- Pastor Steve is posting video devotions Monday through Friday on Nativity Facebook page, and church website [www.nativitylutheranpbq.com](http://www.nativitylutheranpbq.com).
- The church office and sanctuary is closed to visitors.
- Please call office at 561-622-4998 or Pastor Steve at 727-542-0287 for assistance.
- All on campus church groups, activities and events are suspended until further notice.

During this time of no on-site church activities, Kari Donnelly (Office Manager), Pia Heiser (Preschool Director), John Shepherd (Music Ministry), preschool staff and myself are figuring out how to transition to a new way of doing church. We are busy posting, mailing, videoing, emailing and collaborating on how to keep your faith fed and in the loop. Church Council has been diligent at keeping in touch, and conducting business as well. I am so blessed to be part of such a dedicated team. Many thanks to you all!

As we progress through this strange and unfamiliar season we will need to be creative and as intentional as ever about communicating with one another. Perhaps now is the time to consider social media as a tool for us to stay in "touch". Email, Facebook, newsletter and your phone calls to one another will be our primary modes of staying connected. This is new territory for us all.

I will be learning how to be your physically distant pastor, but still faithfully present pastor as we enter this new normal together. If you are in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I cannot be of help or service if I don't know.

In the meantime, in this season of Lent and isolation, may we find strength in the One who had the strength to be isolated from God the Father for the sake of us. Sing with the Psalmist! Confront heightened fear and anxiety! Take refuge and strength in his God inspired words, *Be still and know that I am God! (Psalm 46:10)*. God has this good people. I look forward with great anticipation to the day we will physically gather as God's church at the corner of Holly and Plant, and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our God in the name of our risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve Winsor

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
9:30 a.m. Online



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**God's work...**  
**...Our hands**

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# DAYS TO *Celebrate*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

4/1	Dylan Rogers	4/21	Brian Morrissey
4/4	Denise Ellis	4/22	Amy Winsor
4/8	Luis Molina	4/23	Jenelle Smith
4/9	Gary Krielow	4.24	Toni Howenstine
4/11	Betsy Johnson	4/28	Doris Ganon
4/11	Linda Roehl		
4/12	Derek Bloor	Belated Happy Birthday to Stuart McClellan 3/21	
4/12	Sarah Willoughby		
4/16	Anna Bloor		
4/17	Djinnee Gunning		
4/19	Mara Winsor		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

4/12 James & Carolyne New

If you would like to share your birthday and/or anniversary with the church, please send your information to kari@pbnativity.com.

### CALL A FRIEND!

In this time of uncertainty, please pick up the phone and call the church member that usually sits next to you and say hi. Call your friends and family that you have not spoken to in awhile. Send a card to that aunt or uncle in a nursing home. Stay in touch!

Remember, they may be all alone and your call or card could have a wonderful impact on them.

Not getting Nativity's emails? Please contact kari@pbnativity to be sure we have a current address for you. Also, check your spam or junk mail to see if they are going there. We need to stay in touch with each other

## UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS & HYMNS

**Sunday, March 29, 9:30 AM Online**

Psalm 102:12-17 End of the Age

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

### Hymn #596 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

### Hymn #763 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

### Hymn #769 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

1. If you but trust in God to guide you  
2. with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.
2. What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
*For Christ who took for you a cross*  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

**Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday, 9:30 AM Online**

Mark 11:1-11 Triumphal entry

Psalm 118:25-29

Mark 14:3-9 Women anoints Jesus at Bethany

**Hymn #344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

**Hymn #836 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

**Hymn #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**

*Refrain*

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

*Repeat*

1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

**Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM Online**

Psalm 116:12-19

Mark 14:22-42 Words of Institution;

Peter's denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane.

return to single use cups, consider wafers vs. bread. Discontinue contact during the sharing of the peace and the Lord's Prayer. Hand Sanitizer at the church doors to encourage hand hygiene.

**Office Manager:** Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

New fridges are working wonderfully and SWA has been called for a pickup of the old one.

**Preschool Report:** Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

Enrollment is 29, 1 new student in the last month. Five tours and three enrollments for VPK from the tours. Open House scheduled for April 1, 2020 which will allow us to present Summer Camp information as well.

\$600 in profit from our book fair, which we will invest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) resources appropriate for our children.

Fat Saturday well visited by current and prospective preschool families. And we gained a new student from the event.

**Community Ministry Report:**

**Ongoing:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: 300+ sandwiches made for St. George's.

CROS ministries in Lake Worth is our contact for gleanings, we have not yet participated.

Growing Together Garden: Warm weather planting party was held with Grandpa Straw Hat and Grandma. They plan to assist with Spring Break. Plenty of kale for the Staudt Guinea Pig Ranch!

Received a donated refrigerator Feb 22 that was picked up in Stuart. (\$150 Thrivent card paid for the truck rental and gas).

Little Free Pantry: No update as there has been no response from PBG.

**Upcoming:** St. George's Dinners: May 29, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

International Potluck Dinner for school and congregation to celebrate the end of the school year?

Western Themed Back to School with a chili cookoff?

Sunday Sept 13: God's Work, Our Hands- project with the tent city?

**Preschool Board:** Minutes not yet available to council. Requested that Shonda (recording secretary of the preschool board) have them available for council at our regular meeting.

**Property Committee:** No meeting this month.

**Next Council Meeting Monday April 13 at 6:30 PM**

Adjourned 9:18 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

# MINUTES FROM

## Council

### PENDING APPROVAL

#### Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

**Monday March 9, 2020**

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Earl Osborne, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Julius Roehl, Shonda Staudt

Absent and Excused: Kelly Rogers

**Approved January 2020 minutes on voice vote.**

**Opening Devotion:** Pastor Steve Winsor

**Treasurer's Report:** Written report submitted by Carolyne New.

In January 2020 the church received pledge prepayments through May 2020. For the most accurate reflection of budget, please see the YTD numbers rather than month to date.

In February, school YTD is a profit of \$8,454, which is exceptional in a budget year with a projected shortfall. Congratulations to Pia and the preschool staff.

**President's Report:** No report this month.

**Vice President's Report:** Written report submitted by Earl Osborne.

Focused on the Homeless experience this month, where the Winsors and the Osbornes went to John Prince Park with styrofoam cups, ice and Wendy's gift cards with personalized notes from Nativity members. They were able to share fellowship, prayer and worship with the community. Plan to do this outreach again.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Steve Winsor

Worship: Easter Sunrise service on the lawn at 6:45 AM and traditional worship at 9:30 AM.

Christian Education: Communion Education begun with Mara Jo Winsor and Susannah Johnsen, scheduled to celebrate their first communion on Maundy Thursday April 9.

Housekeeping: Pastor Steve recommends designating the church driveways as in/out for safety and flow of traffic. In discussion, suggested that this may be something that would need to be run by the city of PBG before initiation.

Covid-19 Measures: At this time: Discontinue use of common cup,

### Hymn #532 "Gather Us In"

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### Hymn #490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
comes full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

### Hymn #485 "I Am the Bread of Life"

1. "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

#### *Refrain*

"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

4. "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

### Friday, April 10 Good Friday, 6:30 PM Online

Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21

Mark 15:16-39 Mocking; crucifixion;

"My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"

### Hymn #345 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

- "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

#### Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

- "I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever."

#### Refrain

### Hymn #351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

- O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

- Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

### Hymn 353 "Were You There"

- Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

### Sunday, April 12 Easter

Psalm 118:21-27

Mark 16:1-8 Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear.

### NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

NINE MONTH RECAP--JUNE 2019-FEBRUARY 2020

#### CHURCH

	FEBRUARY ACTUAL	FEBRUARY BUDGET	FEBRUARY VARIANCE	YTD JUNE-FEB 9 MTH ACTUAL	YTD JUNE-FEB BUDGET	YTD JUNE-FEB VARIANCE
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Tithes & Offerings	11,919	18,500	(6,582)	173,404	175,000	(1,596)
Building Use	1,850	2,750	(900)	20,088	20,750	(662)
Other Revenues	2,000	357	1,643	9,959	3,485	6,474
	<u>15,769</u>	<u>21,607</u>	<u>(5,839)</u>	<u>203,450</u>	<u>199,235</u>	<u>4,215</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Payroll Costs	(15,683)	(13,366)	(2,317)	(115,231)	(120,049)	4,817
Other Expenses	(5,376)	(8,128)	2,751	(71,191)	(74,548)	3,356
	<u>(21,059)</u>	<u>(21,493)</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>(186,422)</u>	<u>(194,596)</u>	<u>8,174</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(5,290)</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>(5,404)</u>	<u>17,028</u>	<u>4,639</u>	<u>12,389</u>

#### SCHOOL

	FEBRUARY ACTUAL	FEBRUARY BUDGET	FEBRUARY VARIANCE	YTD JUNE-FEB 9 MTH ACTUAL	YTD JUNE-FEB BUDGET	YTD JUNE-FEB VARIANCE
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Tuition Revenue	17,437	12,500	4,937	102,927	80,500	22,427
Golf Outing	-	-	-	11,570	10,000	1,570
Other Revenues	357	250	107	8,743	2,250	6,493
	<u>17,794</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>5,044</u>	<u>123,240</u>	<u>92,750</u>	<u>30,490</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Payroll Costs	(10,152)	(10,188)	36	(87,590)	(85,490)	(2,100)
Other Expenses	(2,663)	(1,706)	(957)	(27,196)	(17,306)	(9,890)
	<u>(12,815)</u>	<u>(11,895)</u>	<u>(921)</u>	<u>(114,786)</u>	<u>(102,797)</u>	<u>(11,990)</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>4,979</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>4,124</u>	<u>8,454</u>	<u>(10,047)</u>	<u>18,500</u>

#### COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL

	JANUARY ACTUAL	JANUARY BUDGET	JANUARY VARIANCE	YTD JUNE-JAN 8 MTH ACTUAL	YTD JUNE-JAN BUDGET	YTD JUNE-JAN VARIANCE
REVENUES	33,563	34,357	(794)	326,690	291,985	34,705
EXPENSES	(33,874)	(33,388)	(486)	(301,209)	(297,393)	(3,816)
NET REV (EXP)	<u>(312)</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>	<u>25,482</u>	<u>(5,408)</u>	<u>30,889</u>

#### COMMENTS:

In January the Church received some Pledge Prepayments through May. Therefore, to accurately assess Tithes and Offerings, it is best to look at the YTD, and not the monthly variances. Overall, the Church has a favorable variance against budget for both Revenues and Expenses YTD.

In February, the School again had excellent mid-season tuition revenue of \$17,437 compared to a budget of \$12,500. The School budget approved for Fiscal Yr June 2019-May 2020 projected an annual deficit of \$12,726 for School operations. To be reporting a profit through 9 months of \$8,454 is EXCEPTIONAL and will help cover an expected deficit in May 2020 when we have three payroll periods. Congratulations to Pia and her staff for this strong performance.

The solid performance by both the Church and School have placed us in a favorable cash position.



# NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 2020

## BALANCE SHEET RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets:</u>	
61,269	Operating Cash
20,000	Operating Cash (MIF Fund)
667	MIF (Loan Acct)
81,936	Total Bank Accounts
<u>Liability:</u>	
\$ (21,349)	Mission Investment Fund Loan
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>	
\$ 4,226	Capital Fund
312	Here, Near, Far Children
1,863	Memorial Fund
800	MIF Principal Paydown
329	Morrissey Fund
2,300	Preschool-Continuing Ed
1,936	Youth Fund
\$ 11,766	

## 2019/2020 CASH ANALYSIS

<u>INCOME &amp; EXP STMT</u>	<u>MIF LOAN</u>	<u>CASH ACTIVITY</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	
CHURCH & SCHOOL REV LESS (EXP)	MONTHLY PRINCIPAL PAYMENT *	ACTUAL OR PROJECTED REV LESS (EXP)	CASH BALANCE ACTUAL OR PROJECTED	
		\$ 60,084		5/31/2019
JUNE (8,204)	(414)	(8,618)	\$ 51,466	6/30/2019
JULY (1,929)	(420)	(2,349)	\$ 49,117	7/31/2019
AUG (3,253)	(418)	(3,671)	\$ 45,446	8/31/2019
SEPT 4,591	(420)	4,171	\$ 49,617	9/30/2019
OCT 10,299	(425)	9,874	\$ 59,490	10/31/2019
NOV (9,714)	(423)	(10,138)	\$ 49,353	11/30/2019
DEC 13,654	(438)	13,216	\$ 62,569	12/31/2019
JAN 20,351	(438)	19,913	\$ 82,482	1/31/2020
FEB (312)	(901)	(1,213)	81,269	2/29/2020
MAR		818	\$ 82,087	Projected
APR		996	\$ 83,083	Projected
MAY		(8,594)	\$ 74,489	Projected
TOTALS	25,482 (4,297)			

\* MIF Principal Payment is shown separately because the Principal Payment is a Balance Sheet only entry.  
The monthly MIF "Interest" portion of MIF Loan Pmt is recorded as an expense, and is included in Rev less (Exp).

## Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Hymn #376 "Thine Is the Glory"

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

### Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

## Hymn #377 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

### Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

## Sunday, April 19

Acts 1:1-14 You Shall Be My Witnesses

Mark 6:7-13

## Hymn #392 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

## Hymn #619 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!

8. He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## Hymn #631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

## Sunday, April 26

Acts 3:1-10 Peter Heals in Jerusalem

Mark 6:53-56

## Hymn #382 "Christ Is Risen!"

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

### Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

## Early Years

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## Learn from nonfiction

Nonfiction picture books let your little one discover her world in ways she'll understand. Try these ideas for helping her learn from nonfiction.

**Combine books with play.** Read a library book about skyscrapers or famous landmarks, then place it near your child's block bin. Look for books about animals she knows from



her stuffed versions, such as sloths or penguins. She will make connections between her play and the books. Maybe she'll build the Eiffel Tower out of blocks or make her penguin waddle like real penguins do.

**Compare fact with fiction.** Get a nonfiction book and a related fiction book. For example, read a fact book about hot-air balloons and a story about a trip in a hot-air balloon. Talk about how the books are similar and different. What story events and details are realistic based on facts your youngster learned in the nonfiction book? She might say that a hot-air balloon does have a basket for people to ride in—but that you can't travel around the world in a day like the family in the book did.♥

## PARENT TO PARENT

### Looking ahead to kindergarten

I recently had a spring conference with my son's preschool teacher. Since Caleb doesn't know all of his letters and numbers yet, I asked Mrs. Ryan if he was ready for kindergarten. Her answer: "Absolutely!"

The teacher explained that while the class has been learning ABCs and 123s, students spend more time on getting along with others, listening and following directions, and expressing feelings. Starting kindergarten with those skills will allow Caleb to focus on things like reading and math.



She also gave us suggestions for working on letters and numbers at home. Following her advice, I got out Scrabble tiles for Caleb to play with. Now he enjoys sorting them by letter and finding the letters in his name. He also likes it when I ask him to count things. When we take walks, for example, I'll ask him to count how many dogs or motorcycles he sees.♥

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## ACTIVITY CORNER

### My mud kitchen

Playing in the mud lets your child explore science and math while using his imagination. Head outdoors together, and try these activities.

**Materials:** beach bucket or old mixing bowl, wooden spoon, measuring cups and spoons, baking sheet, spatula

Encourage your child to mix soil and water. What happens? He made mud! Let him experiment with different amounts of soil and water. He could use measuring cups and tweak his "recipe" until he finds the consistency he likes.

Now it's time for your little chef to "cook." He might put mud on a baking sheet and mold it into cookies or pretzels, then flip them with a spatula. Or maybe he'll make mud soup. Have him search for creative "ingredients" to stir into mud, like rocks for potatoes, twigs for carrots, and leaves for spinach. *Idea:* Add writing practice by helping him write recipes for his creations.♥



## Q & A Time-out alternatives

**Q:** Time-outs don't seem to make a difference in my daughter's behavior. What else can I do when she acts out?

**A:** While a time-out might stop misbehavior in the moment, it may not teach your child how to behave better in the future.

The next time your daughter acts out, explain what she did wrong and remove her

from the situation. Say she repeatedly tries to cut in line at the slide. You could say, "You need to wait your turn." Then, have her find somewhere else to play, such as on the swings or monkey bars.

Let your child know you notice what she does well, too. ("You remembered to use your words.") Pointing out what she does right will motivate her to repeat the behavior.♥





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## KID BITS

### Where on the map?

Encourage your youngster to explore geography with this idea. Go for a walk, then let her create a 3-D "map" of your neighborhood using toys and craft supplies. She might lay down strips of tape for streets and add tissue box houses and aluminum foil ponds and streams.

### Tell the truth

If you suspect your child is being dishonest, try giving him a chance to correct himself. Say he claims he washed his hands but you didn't hear the water running. You could say, "Why don't you go back and make sure they're clean? Then you can show me what a good job you did."

### Share your job

Does your youngster know what you do at work? Take on-the-job selfies to show her! You could also share your work by bringing home a flyer you designed or paint samples from your store's hardware department. *Note:* If possible, arrange to take her to work with you for Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (April 23).

### Worth quoting

"Smile, and others will smile back."  
Jean Baudrillard

### Just for fun

**Q:** When is a sheepdog most likely to go into a house?

**A:** When the door is open.



## Caring for our planet

On April 22, the world celebrates Earth Day. But every day is a good day for your little one to help take care of the planet! Consider these tips for teaching your youngster responsibility with the "three Rs": reduce, reuse, and recycle.

### Reduce

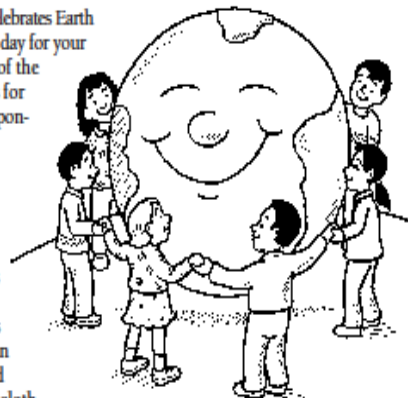
Invite your child to join you in the kitchen, and let him help you think of ways to cut down on waste. You might suggest drying hands with a dish towel rather than a paper towel. And he could use fabric paint to decorate cloth bags for grocery shopping so you won't need plastic or paper bags.

### Reuse

Before you throw away that cream cheese tub, brainstorm with your youngster new ways to use it. It might become a flower planter or a home for stray Legos. An empty pickle jar could hold his markers or colored pencils. Soon, he'll see possibilities in everything—and think twice before throwing something out!

### Recycle

Help your little one learn local recycling rules. Visit a recycling center together, or call to ask what they accept. You may even be able to take a tour so your child sees what happens to the things you recycle. Then, have him make a poster to remind family members what to toss in the bin. Ask him to draw and label items that are allowed and tape his sign to your recycling bin. ♥



## Play with shapes

"There are squares on the tablecloth." "That drum is a cylinder." Your child can practice recognizing flat and solid (3-D) shapes with these suggestions.

● **Make pictures.** Help your youngster draw and cut out triangles, circles, and squares from construction paper. Then, she could glue them on paper to make pictures. Let her tell you about her artwork. ("This tent is a triangle. The windows are squares.")

● **Create a display.** How many cubes can your child find around the house? Pick objects that are solid geometric shapes, such as a die (cube), drinking glass (cylinder), or soccer ball (sphere). Encourage her to gather more items with the same shape and display and label them. ♥



- Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.  
*Refrain*

## Hymn #697 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Refrain*

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
*Refrain*

- Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

## Hymn #543 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

- "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# WORDS FROM

*Preschool Director*

Dear Nativity Preschool Families;

In this very difficult time of uncertainty and serious health risk... I will focus on what we do know.

God is good! God loves each and every one of us!

Social distancing (or even isolation) is the best way to prevent the spread of a virus.

We are doing our part amidst all of it here at our preschool. From the moment we got the news on Friday 3/13/2020, the preschool has closed its doors. Following the public school calendar, first till 3/31 and now till 4/15 and who knows until when in the future.

We will be open again as soon as possible. If "things" go back to normal even before the public schools open, we will take every measure to embrace your little ones again. We have a lot less "tape" to cut through to re-open in a timely manner.

In the meantime what can we do to provide preschool at home? AHHHH that is where it becomes difficult for the early childhood educator. Our preschool is all about being in a group, being hands on, getting messy, having a routine, communicating verbally, in person, with emotions. That's what preschool is all about. Learning in a group with adaptations for individual needs such as, limited attention spans, verbal skills, motor skills, tactile challenges, behavior of anger or aggression.

Our plan (NOW) is to support you with ideas, suggestions and messages to brighten the day. Starting for the month of April we will send you a "Lesson" idea/concept, a book suggestion, and an activity geared towards the age appropriate level of your child usually in our care. We were looking forward to our April theme "Ocean Commotion". The children love it as well. We hope that these suggestions will be helpful

We encourage you to keep the communication flowing. Engage with us on social media and be well!

By the time you get this newsletter we will be further along in this global crisis. You will have seen "us" do our daily opening routine and even a midweek chapel for all to enjoy.

The following are the words to our opening we have done every morning at the preschool at 9 AM. Do this with your child...I guaranty each of them will know it

Blessings,  
Pia Heiser/ Director

# PRESCHOOL

*Scoop*

## **Our Preschool Morning Song**

Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning to you  
Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning To you  
The day is beginning there's so much to do  
Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning To you!

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Prayer**

Good Morning dear Jesus this day is for you  
We ask that you bless all that we think, all that we say  
and all that we do...AMEN

## **THIS MONTH'S THEME**

April's theme of the month is "Ocean Commotion". Your teachers will have lessons online for you.

## **BASICS TO REINFORCE AT HOME**

Letters: Oo, Ww & Xx                      Numbers: 15 & 16

Color: Blue                                      Shape: Triangle

## **CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK**

Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae

Over in the Ocean by Marianne Berkes

My Visit to the Aquarium by Alike

Hello Ocean by Pam Munoz Ryan

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle

Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert

Baby Beluga by Raffi

Ocean Animals A to Z by Leslie Falconer