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PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

One recent very rainy Saturday I endeavored to install some heavy-duty shelving for my garage. The garage is in an unfortunate state of disarray, and this project aimed at giving it some order. Getting organized in the new home has been evasive. As I got started, Mara Jo (8yrs) came out into the garage to see what I was up to. By now she had exhausted indoor activities as well as her mother and sisters. Being the eager helper that she is, she asked what she could do. I had just opened up the shelving boxes and was taking inventory of all the pieces. All the brackets were accounted for, as well as an unopened bag full of nuts, bolts and washers, 128 to be exact. *Mara, how would you like to count and make sure we have all the pieces?* She was all about it. She assertively asked for a piece of paper, a clipboard, and a pencil. I gathered up her requests, opened the bag of hardware and spilled it out onto a small piece of real estate on my workbench. I am almost certain this sorting and counting environment would make a Pharmacist nauseous! If a nut, bolt or washer were to fall on the ground, it might never see the light of day again. Did I mention the garage was in disarray? So, I set Mara up, and she got to tallying up the hardware. Ten minutes later, she tells me we are missing two washers. So I instruct her to double check her piles of nuts and bolts for accuracy. She did so, albeit grudgingly. Same count, 62 washers, when there should be 64. Ugh.

This scenario reminds me of balancing your checkbook and the bank statement and you come to find out you are off by 2 cents. Big deal, or not? Do you spend time searching for the 2 cents discrepancy, or in my case, start moving boxes, a ladder, an old

refrigerator and bikes to find the missing washers? I suppose it depends on how important the missing monies/washers are to the bigger picture. Big pictures and planning ahead have been elusive and nebulous endeavors in nearly all corners of life these days. Anything that is a constant these days and be counted on is to be cherished.

In thinking about life at Nativity, the bigger picture is to be considered as well. I firmly believe an active Holy Spirit and a faithful understanding of the bigger picture is what's holding us together as a faith community. You could say there are some missing pieces to how we are doing church these days. Sure, most everything we are doing as a congregation has been altered in the last 10 weeks. Most notably, not worshipping in person. However, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are growing stronger in faith. Instead of focusing on what we do not have, or what we feel like has been lost, we are focusing on what we have. We have this congregation. We have each other. We have our faith. Above all, we have our God, who is keeping us strong, and holding us together. God's big picture always works around and through whatever we fail to have, see, lose or account for. Amen.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Steve

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 9:30 a.m. Online

BIBLE STUDY
 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom Tuesdays



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

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DAYS TO *Celebrate*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 6/1 Trenton Cirullo
- 6/3 Timothy Lynch
- 6/4 Don Laven
- 6/7 Beverly Eubanks
- 6/7 Pia Heiser
- 6/9 Dennis Johnson
- 6/11 Hedy Rossmeissl
- 6/14 Richard Speckmann
- 6/17 James New
- 6/21 Emily Greenall
- 6/24 Lydia Windsor
- 6/25 Sergio Gonzalez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 6/9 Brian & Nancy Morrissey
- 6/12 Jim & Pat Guretzky
- 6/15 Don & Audrey Laven
- 6/22 Chad & Jenelle Smith
- 6/24 Richard & Sharon Speckmann
- 6/25 Bob & Kathy Brockelbank
- 6/29 Stuart & Sandy McClellan
- 6/29 Earl & Sue Osborne

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS & HYMNS

Sunday bulletins can be found on pbnativity.com under "sermons" for you to follow along during the service.

Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #514 "O Word of God Incarnate"

- 1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

1 John 1:1-4

John 1:14-16

Hymn #592 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

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*

Sunday, June 14, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #612 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our
sorrow.

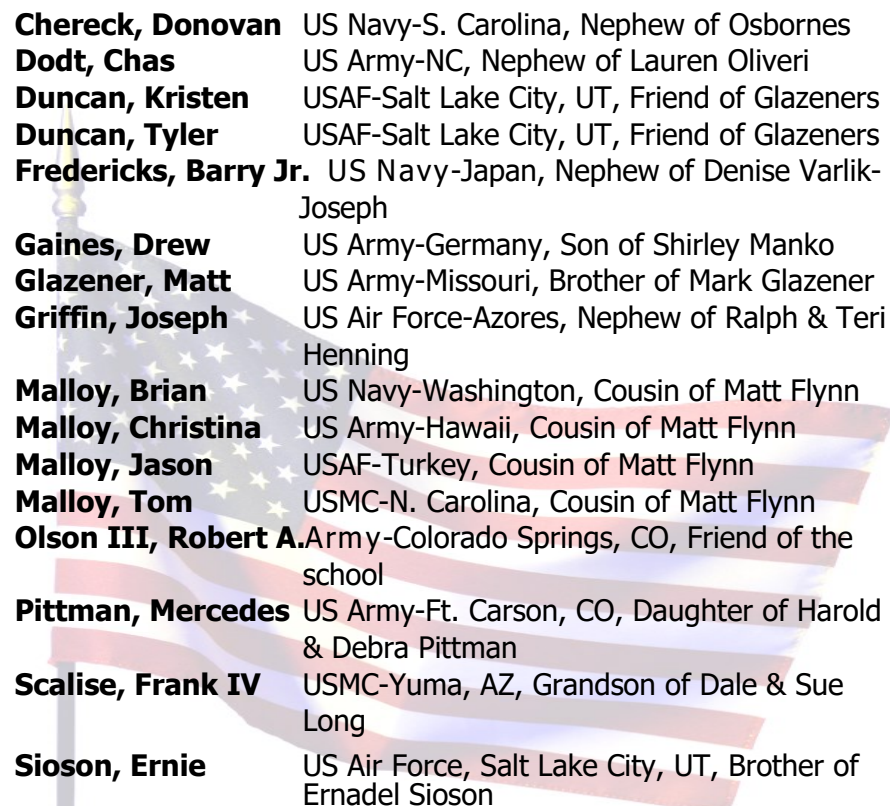
- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

1 John 1:5—2:2

John 1:29

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

Serve



Chereck, Donovan	US Navy-S. Carolina, Nephew of Osbornes
Dodd, Chas	US Army-NC, Nephew of Lauren Oliveri
Duncan, Kristen	USAF-Salt Lake City, UT, Friend of Glazeners
Duncan, Tyler	USAF-Salt Lake City, UT, Friend of Glazeners
Fredericks, Barry Jr.	US Navy-Japan, Nephew of Denise Varlik-Joseph
Gaines, Drew	US Army-Germany, Son of Shirley Manko
Glazener, Matt	US Army-Missouri, Brother of Mark Glazener
Griffin, Joseph	US Air Force-Azores, Nephew of Ralph & Teri Henning
Malloy, Brian	US Navy-Washington, Cousin of Matt Flynn
Malloy, Christina	US Army-Hawaii, Cousin of Matt Flynn
Malloy, Jason	USAF-Turkey, Cousin of Matt Flynn
Malloy, Tom	USMC-N. Carolina, Cousin of Matt Flynn
Olson III, Robert A.	Army-Colorado Springs, CO, Friend of the school
Pittman, Mercedes	US Army-Ft. Carson, CO, Daughter of Harold & Debra Pittman
Scalise, Frank IV	USMC-Yuma, AZ, Grandson of Dale & Sue Long
Sioson, Ernie	US Air Force, Salt Lake City, UT, Brother of Ernadel Sioson

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent members please remember to direct your Choice Dollars. They can be directed towards a charity or church of your choice.

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

FOUR MONTH RECAP--JANUARY-APRIL 2020

CHURCH	APRIL ACTUAL	APRIL BUDGET	APRIL VARIANCE	YTD JAN-APRIL 4 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-APRIL BUDGET	YTD JAN-APRIL VARIANCE
REVENUES						
Tithes & Offerings	22,032	18,500	3,532	78,809	74,000	4,809
Building Use	1,750	2,750	(1,000)	7,516	11,000	(3,484)
Other Revenues	4,802	682	4,120	6,691	2,026	4,665
	<u>28,684</u>	<u>21,932</u>	<u>6,652</u>	<u>93,016</u>	<u>87,026</u>	<u>5,990</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(10,552)	(13,514)	2,962	(47,627)	(53,611)	5,984
Other Expenses	(4,671)	(8,128)	3,457	(26,457)	(32,510)	7,053
	<u>(15,223)</u>	<u>(21,642)</u>	<u>6,419</u>	<u>(73,084)</u>	<u>(86,121)</u>	<u>13,037</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>13,361</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>13,071</u>	<u>19,932</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>19,027</u>

SCHOOL	APRIL ACTUAL	APRIL BUDGET	APRIL VARIANCE	YTD JAN-APRIL 4 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-APRIL BUDGET	YTD JAN-APRIL VARIANCE
REVENUES						
Tuition Revenue	8,468	12,500	(4,032)	57,997	50,000	7,997
Other Revenues	300	250	50	3,373	1,000	2,373
	<u>8,768</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>(3,982)</u>	<u>61,370</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>10,370</u>
EXPENSES						
Payroll Costs	(6,847)	(10,188)	3,341	(36,336)	(40,754)	4,418
Other Expenses	(967)	(1,857)	889	(10,800)	(7,125)	(3,675)
	<u>(7,815)</u>	<u>(12,045)</u>	<u>4,230</u>	<u>(47,136)</u>	<u>(47,879)</u>	<u>743</u>
NET REV (EXP)	<u>953</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>14,234</u>	<u>3,121</u>	<u>11,113</u>

COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL

	APRIL ACTUAL	APRIL BUDGET	APRIL VARIANCE	YTD JAN-APRIL 4 MONTH ACTUAL	YTD JAN-APRIL BUDGET	YTD JAN-APRIL VARIANCE
REVENUES	37,352	34,682	2,670	154,386	138,026	16,360
EXPENSES	(23,038)	(33,688)	10,650	(120,220)	(134,000)	13,780
NET REV (EXP)	<u>14,314</u>	<u>994</u>	<u>13,320</u>	<u>34,166</u>	<u>4,026</u>	<u>30,140</u>

COMMENTS:

At our January 2020 Congregational Meeting, a resolution to change Nativity's fiscal year to a calendar year was approved. To prepare for that transition, I am presenting January through April 2020 financials against that portion of the 2019/2020 Budget that Nativity has been and will be operating under through May 2020.

Church revenues in April were impressive given the challenges of social distancing and online services only. School revenues were understandably down with the government mandates for closing school.

We expect May to be a difficult one financially, but through the first four months of 2020, both the church and school performed favorably against budget YTD.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn New, Treasurer

Hymn #336 "Lamb of God"

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ,

the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Hymn #537 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. *Refrain*

Sunday, June 21, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #398 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

5 Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

1 John 4:1-6

John 14:15-17

Hymn #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Hymn #397 "Loving Spirit"

- 1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
- 4 Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.
- 5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be—
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Sunday, June 28, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT - APRIL 2020

BALANCE SHEET RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets:</u>	
94,171	Operating Cash
58,100	PPP Loan Proceeds
679	MIF (Checking Acct)
<u>152,950</u>	<u>Total Bank Accounts</u>
<u>Liability:</u>	
\$ (58,100)	Park National PPP Loan
(20,108)	Mission Investment Fund Loan
<u>(78,208)</u>	
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>	
\$ 4,322	Capital Fund
312	Here, Near, Far Children
1,963	Memorial Fund
750	MIF Principal Paydown
379	Morrissey Fund
2,300	Preschool-Continuing Ed
1,950	Youth Fund
<u>\$ 11,975</u>	

2020 CASH ANALYSIS

	<u>INCOME & EXP STMT</u>	<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	<u>CASH ACTIVITY</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	
	CHURCH	MIF LOAN	ACTUAL OR	CASH BALANCE	
	& SCHOOL	PRINC PYTS,	PROJECTED	ACTUAL OR	
	REV LESS (EXP)	& Other Asset	REV LESS (EXP)	PROJECTED	
				\$ 62,571	1/1/2020
JAN	20,351	(438)	19,913	82,483	1/31/2020
FEB	(312)	(901)	(1,213)	81,270	2/29/2020
MAR	(186)	(1,227)	(1,413)	79,857	3/31/2020
APR	14,314	-	14,314	94,171	4/30/2020
MAY			(8,594)	85,577	Projected
TOTAL	34,166	(2,566)			

- Maintain social distancing
- Group Size
- Space sanitation
- Release of liability for the church.

Offering envelopes have arrived. June 2020-May 2021. If members aren't able to come pickup, Kari will make sure they get them.

Golf tournament has been scheduled for 11/7/2020. Unsure if the prices will stay the same under the new owners. They got a head start on their renovations due to COVID closures.

Preschool Report: Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

April revenues \$8772. Accounts receivable \$6050.

6 Zoom meetings, posted videos, chapel, story times and children's response on FB and website. Distributed curriculum bags, Easter bags and received many cards from the children.

Currently surveying the preschool families re: summer camp interest.

Council voted to open for summer camp. Kari to followup on A/C quotes to restore A/C to the preschool building.

Other Business

Next Council Meeting Monday May 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen

Council Secretary

- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:9-11

Hymn #620 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.
- 4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain, and I am owned a child.

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.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your boxed set of offering envelopes for June 2020 through May 2021 are in the church office. Please call the office before stopping by to pick yours up to be sure someone is here at that time. If you are not able to pick yours up, please contact Kari at 622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.

Thank you to all for your continued support!

WORDS FROM *Preschool Director*

Turn Lemons into Lemonade?

When the coronavirus struck our nation, we were moving forward, had had a successful preschool year so far, were full of ideas and plans to teach through April and May...and we were well on our way to an exciting graduation for our VPK children and a great summer camp. We had registered for a great spring break camp filled with STEM activities... suddenly we had to halt. Our entire country had to halt. We knew that even if you were at home and couldn't go to preschool you still needed contact and a way to stay connected. We thought about what to do.

We have always prided ourselves on having our preschool be lots of fun while you learn. The question is, how do we do that, when what "we are all about" is being... HANDS ON, TOUCH, FEEL, SMELL, TASTE, EMBRACE, SELF HELP SKILLS, HOLDING HANDS, SHARING, ETC.???

Over the past 10 weeks we have posted over 68 videos on Face Book and our website to connect to you through WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, and SERVICE...

We have produced Videos of Sunday Service Live, Chapel live, and Devotions, Zoom Bible study (Worship). We have had Story times, science activities, dances, as well as and heart felt "preschool Connection" posts of arts and crafts contributions by our children, Curriculum packages, Graduation pictures and videos, including Alumni stories. Along with Zoom meetings with Pre-K, VPK, and Teachers and Parents (Education). We had Zoom meetings for Bible study, children's get together and Sunday morning fellowship (Fellowship). We continued with sandwich making and collecting of nonperishable food items (Service).

Vice President's Report: Earl presented the budget for the remainder of 2020 to be presented at the May 2020 Congregation Meeting. Motion to approve the 2020 budget, seconded and approved on voice vote.

Earl also presented the retainer letter from the law firm to represent our interests in the transaction with FLF holdings. Motion to authorize Earl Osborne to sign retainer letter with Gary, Dytrych & Ryan, PA., seconded and approved on voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Winsor:

Pastor Steve and Kelly met to use synod guidelines for online worship attendance. April average attendance 74.5. May 3rd: 80, May 10: 76.

Staff meeting held 5/11/2020 to discuss operations/procedures/workflow amidst COVID-19.

Synod Assembly June 5-7 has been cancelled.

Pastor Steve has been advised that our constitution needs updated to reflect model constitution changes adopted by the ELCA at the tri-annual churchwide gathering in 2018.

Council will begin to review these changes in preparation for presentation to the congregation.

Congregation Meeting 5/31. FB Live worship, followed by a congregational meeting on Zoom instead of fellowship. Pastor Steve has checked with Kari and we need 32/33 present for quorum.

Community Ministry Report: Julius Roehl

Sandwich making will move to twice a month- first Saturday of the month will be a "cottage industry" with sandwiches made at home by individuals or families. Everything needed to make sandwiches will be in a kit to be picked up and returned to Nativity.

Third Saturday sandwich making will continue as in the past in the fellowship hall limited to 10 or less.

Staff Reports

Office Manager: Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

Kari reports that one of the 12 step groups has asked when they can resume meeting. Council put forth that they would like the group to submit a plan with the following:

MINUTES FROM

Council

PENDING APPROVAL

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday May 11, 2020

Called to order at 6:35 PM

Present: Pastor Steve Winsor, Kelly Rogers, Earl Osborne, Carolyne New, Breanne Johnsen, Julius Roehl, Shonda Staudt (Please note that this meeting was conducted via the Zoom platform).

Absent and Excused: None

Special Guests: Jim New

Council Meeting Minutes from April 2020 reviewed by council. Motion to approve, seconded, approved on voice vote.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Steve Winsor

Update on LOI: Pastor Steve and Jim met with Gardens Presbyterian Church re: renting space there for worship and offices. This would be a session (council) decision that could be made quickly. Re: selling us 1.75-2 acres for building our own facilities would require the approval of the Presbytery and this would take 3-6 months.

Purchase and Sale Agreement with the real estate attorneys-billing at \$425/hour and they estimate it will be ~\$25,000 for all the work involved. We will also have them draft the builder/contractor agreement.

Jim suggests that Pastor and Pia (as school director) begin to think about the space planning, get design ideas. Also, suggests that we start looking for contractor/builder resources with estimates from the ELCA/Synod.

Jim expects that we will have a site plan from FLF Holdings soon.

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Carolyne New-reviewed the April numbers budget vs. actual. Despite the unprecedented event of COVID-19, church revenues were online only. School revenues were down through the month of April 2020 due to school closure, understandably. The PPP funds have arrived and has been designated for payroll expenses as required to qualify for the program. Transferred \$50,000 to the MIF savings account due to the interest we earn on that account vs. Wells Fargo, plus the MIF's mission aligns with ours.

Our Graduation video was posted to recognize our little ones who are moving on to Kindergarten. You are well prepared J. Our "drive by" celebration was on 5/27/2020 at 1PM.

Just like you -so did we at our preschool make changes. As we open for the summer I want to share these steps we are following. Below is the letter that went out to all enrolled children. We also pride ourselves in making the transition from home to preschool a smooth and reassuring process. That is the reason we do not open our camp for children who have not been to our preschool in the past. As an early childhood educator, I understand the physical connection needed for such smooth transitions. With the current guild lines (masks/ social distancing), I believe it could be difficult for a young child to enter such new surroundings. Feeling secure and safe is the foundation of learning at any age.

Our goal is to turn lemons into lemonade. That is what we do in our work with children. As some of you are returning to work (outside of your home) you also may have some difficult situations. You will have to make your modifications. But in the end, we will have turned the lemons that represent this challenging time in our history, to the most delicious lemonade through our hard work and our dedication.

PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

- 6/4 Cameron Bardey
- 6/5 Hudson Viravong
- 6/7 Miss Pia
- 6/14 Cristian Saraylian
- 6/24 Carter Echentile
- 6/25 Bryson Polo (Fall 2020/2021)
- 6/28 Taylor Bardey



Dear Nativity Preschool Parents,

We are so excited to open back up for the summer! We have missed all of you very much! I wanted to let you know the guidelines set forth by the CDC for childcare facilities that will be followed.

Our classrooms have been disinfected and the teachers will be continuing to disinfect them throughout the day. This involves the wiping down of tables, chairs, and countertops as well as disinfecting the toys and wiping down of books. Your teacher will be wearing a mask at all times and washing their hands continuously throughout the day and wearing gloves when required to do so. We ask that children wear a face mask with his or her first and last name printed on it to school. The teachers will be giving them tender loving care.

Drop off will be different in the mornings, we ask that you keep the safe six feet distance rule when dropping your child off in the morning at the front door.

We will be set up outside the school to take your child's temperature. If your child reads 100.4 or above or showing signs of difficulty in breathing or coughing they will not be allowed to be dropped off. You will be asked if your child has had any of these signs. Once your child is cleared to come into the school we will take your child and their belongings to their class. Absolutely no toys can be brought from home. A second temperature scan will be done daily around 11:30 AM. Results will be logged. We will follow CDC guidelines and have only nine children and one teacher to a class and they will not combine with any other classes. They will have outside time one class at a time. The playground will be disinfected before the next class can go out.

To keep with the CDC guidelines, we will not accept any drop off children in order to keep with the nine children to one teacher ratio.

We hope this clears up some questions that you had with the opening of the preschool. We are here to answer any other questions you might have. We look forward to seeing our "Preschool Family" back together.

Blessings;

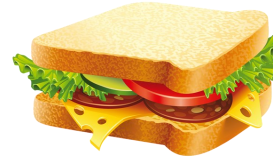
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Preschool Director

ST. GEORGE'S SANDWICH MAKING

Saturday, May 16 Nancy Steffen invited 8 Nativity Super Sandwich makers to help assemble 480 sandwiches that were donated to feed our underprivileged neighbors at St. George's Center in Riviera Beach. Thank you, Nancy & John, Julius & Linda Roehl, Hedy Rossmeissl, Pastor Steve & Mary, Lydia and Laurel.

Be on the lookout for our new sandwich program every 2nd Saturday of every month where you will have an opportunity to make sandwiches in your home kitchen. That will start 2nd Saturday June 13. Please contact Nancy Steffen if you are interested in helping.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pastor Steve, Amy and Mara Winsor for removing the large pile of debris from our property last month and taking it to the dump.



CANCELLATIONS

Synod Assembly that was scheduled for June 5-7 has been cancelled.

VBS which was planned for July 27 through the 31 has been cancelled.

