

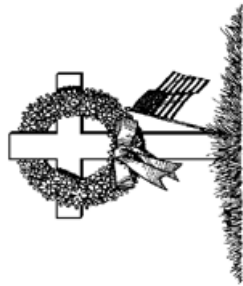
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NEWSLETTER OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Remember when we... That is a line we are sure to make in regards to the times we live in now. Change has been forced upon us. We are doing life radically different than we did two months ago. Words between us are filtered by a layer of fabric. Physical contact with those outside of our immediate households is curtailed tremendously. Questions abound about how to get back to "normal", when to get back to normal, and will the "normal" of two months ago be the normal of tomorrow? And to confuse matters all the more, who do we listen to?! Questions abound for sure.

In the coming weeks our scripture will come from the book of Acts. In Acts we get a look at how God gave direction to the fledgling Christian church. Normal was Jesus being with them. Normal was Jesus giving direction. Normal was Jesus being the authority. But then, all changed within a very revealing three days. The "new normal" for the apostles was now much different. God's mission to the world in Jesus Christ was now driven by the Holy Spirit's presence. The Apostles and converts to Christianity were spiritually feeling, praying and experiencing their way into all that Jesus was. The early church had more than its fair share of difficulties, and yet it prevailed. Why? Because they believed the love of God in Jesus was much bigger than just them. The Gospel of Jesus Christ could not be contained within them. Therefore, anything that sought to disrupt their momentum in Jesus was overcome. And thus, we have the ready and willing church alive today!

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Good people, I am encouraged and hopeful by what I have heard and have seen about you in these unfamiliar times. You are communicating with one another and lending hands when in need. You are attending worship online. You are attending Bible study on-line, and studying on your own. You are making much needed masks and feeding the homeless. To the Holy Spirit's credit, in the midst of all this, your financial giving has been better than anticipated due to the financial climate we are in. Also to the Holy Spirit's credit, you are engaging in conversation about a possible church facilities project with open hearts and minds. Sisters and brothers in Christ, you are not unlike the Acts church of the 1st century. Keep being a congregation that has bravely stepped into this new normal. Continue to be in the Word, pray for the Spirit's guidance and loving God's people. Whatever is ahead of us will be what it will be. And having traversed it together in faith, we will sit, stand, play, sing and pray with one another, and say, *Remember when God...*

Till we are face to face, Love God and Love God's people.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Steve Winsor

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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:

5/1 Ron Bloor
5/3 Helmut Jagels
5/3 Lauren Oliveri
5/3 Tom Weber
5/4 Karen Joyce
5/9 JaiMi Joseph
5/23 Steven Karlik
5/24 Breanne Johnsen
5/28 Pat Barnes
5/28 Sharon Glazener

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRESCHOOL FRIEND

5/16 Connor Grishaber

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

5/5 Frank & Diane Lynch
5/21 Kevin Ford & Diana Johnson Ford
5/23 Jerry & Ceil Thomas
5/27 Roger & Mary Beth Casty
5/31 Rodney & Audra Bryson

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, May 3, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #652 "Built on a Rock"

1. Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
3. Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.

Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

Mark 13:9-11 (Responsive)

- P: ⁹As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them.
- C: ¹⁰**And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations.**
- P: ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Acts 17:1-9

Hymn #782 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

1. My Shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name.
In pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death,
 your presence is my stay;
 one word of your supporting breath
 drives all my fears away.
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
 does still my table spread;
 my cup with blessings overflows,
 your oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God
 attend me all my days;
 oh, may your house be my abode
 and all my work be praise.
 Here would I find a settled rest,
 while others go and come;
 no more a stranger or a guest,
 but like a child at home.

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 #668 "O Zion, Haste"

1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
 to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that he who made all nations is not willing
 one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
 tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

3. He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
 make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
 let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
 through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO

Serve

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Chereck, Donovan | US Navy-S. Carolina, Nephew of Osbornes |
| Dodt, 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 |

Thank you to all that have served our country!

Sunday, May 10, 9:30 AM Online

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

BALANCE SHEET RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTS

| <u>Assets:</u> | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 79,854 | Operating Cash |
| 678 | MIF (Loan Acct) |
| 80,532 | Total Bank Accounts |
| <u>Liability:</u> | |
| \$ (20,104) | Mission Investment Fund Loan |
| <u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u> | |
| \$ 4,271 | Capital Fund |
| 312 | Here, Near, Far Children |
| 1,863 | Memorial Fund |
| 550 | MIF Principal Paydown |
| 379 | Morrissey Fund |
| 2,300 | Preschool-Continuing Ed |
| 1,950 | Youth Fund |
| \$ 11,625 | |

2019/2020 CASH ANALYSIS

| <u>INCOME & EXP STMT</u> | <u>MIF LOAN</u> | <u>CASH ACTIVITY</u> | <u>OPERATING</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------|
| CHURCH & SCHOOL REV LESS (EXP) | PRINCIPAL PAYMENT * & Other Assets | 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 | 59,491 10/31/2019 |
| NOV | (9,714) | (423) | (10,138) | 49,353 11/30/2019 |
| DEC | 13,654 | (438) | 13,216 | 62,570 12/31/2019 |
| JAN | 20,351 | (438) | 19,913 | 82,483 1/31/2020 |
| FEB | (312) | (901) | (1,213) | 81,270 2/29/2020 |
| MAR | (186) | (1,230) | (1,416) | 79,854 3/31/2020 |
| APR | | | 996 | 80,850 Projected |
| MAY | | | (8,594) | 72,256 Projected |
| TOTALS | 25,296 | (5,527) | | |

* MIF Principal Payment is shown separately because the Principal Payment is a Balance Sheet only entry.
The monthly MIF "Interest" portion of MIF Loan Pyt is recorded as an expense, and is included in Rev less (Exp).
The purchase of a refrigerator is also a Balance Sheet only transaction and is included for March

Hymn #558 "Lord God, We Praise You"

1. Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,
active and watchful, standing here before you;
singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
thus we adore you.
3. All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.

Mark 9:34-35 (Responsive)

- P: ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- C: ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Acts 18:1-4

Hymn #720 "We Are Called"

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

Hymn #793 "Be Thou My Vision"

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sunday, May 17, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #641 "All Are Welcome"

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEN MONTH RECAP--JUNE 2019-MARCH 2020

CHURCH

| | MARCH ACTUAL | MARCH BUDGET | MARCH VARIANCE | YTD JUNE-MARCH 10 MTH ACTUAL | YTD JUNE-MARCH BUDGET | YTD JUNE-MARCH VARIANCE |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Tithes & Offerings | 16,395 | 18,500 | (2,105) | 189,800 | 193,500 | (3,700) |
| Building Use | 2,066 | 2,750 | (684) | 22,154 | 23,500 | (1,346) |
| Other Revenues | (237) | 357 | (594) | 9,721 | 3,842 | 5,879 |
| | <u>18,224</u> | <u>21,607</u> | <u>(3,383)</u> | <u>221,675</u> | <u>220,842</u> | <u>833</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Payroll Costs | (12,430) | (13,366) | 936 | (127,661) | (133,415) | 5,753 |
| Other Expenses | (8,651) | (8,127) | (524) | (79,842) | (82,675) | 2,833 |
| | <u>(21,081)</u> | <u>(21,493)</u> | <u>412</u> | <u>(207,503)</u> | <u>(216,090)</u> | <u>8,586</u> |
| NET REV (EXP) | <u>(2,857)</u> | <u>114</u> | <u>(2,971)</u> | <u>14,171</u> | <u>4,752</u> | <u>9,419</u> |

SCHOOL

| | MARCH ACTUAL | MARCH BUDGET | MARCH VARIANCE | YTD JUNE-MARCH 10 MTH ACTUAL | YTD JUNE-MARCH BUDGET | YTD JUNE-MARCH VARIANCE |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Tuition Revenue | 14,870 | 12,500 | 2,370 | 117,797 | 93,000 | 24,797 |
| Golf Outing | - | - | - | 11,570 | 10,000 | 1,570 |
| Other Revenues | 1,955 | 250 | 1,705 | 10,697 | 2,500 | 8,197 |
| | <u>16,825</u> | <u>12,750</u> | <u>4,075</u> | <u>140,064</u> | <u>105,500</u> | <u>34,564</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Payroll Costs | (10,163) | (10,188) | 25 | (97,753) | (95,679) | (2,074) |
| Other Expenses | (3,991) | (1,857) | (2,134) | (31,188) | (19,162) | (12,026) |
| | <u>(14,154)</u> | <u>(12,045)</u> | <u>(2,109)</u> | <u>(128,941)</u> | <u>(114,841)</u> | <u>(14,100)</u> |
| NET REV (EXP) | <u>2,671</u> | <u>705</u> | <u>1,966</u> | <u>11,123</u> | <u>(9,341)</u> | <u>20,465</u> |

COMBINED CHURCH & SCHOOL

| | MARCH ACTUAL | MARCH BUDGET | MARCH VARIANCE | YTD JUNE-MARCH 10 MTH ACTUAL | YTD JUNE-MARCH BUDGET | YTD JUNE-MARCH VARIANCE |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| | 35,049 | 34,357 | 692 | 361,740 | 326,342 | 35,397 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| | <u>(35,235)</u> | <u>(33,538)</u> | <u>(1,697)</u> | <u>(336,444)</u> | <u>(330,931)</u> | <u>(5,513)</u> |
| NET REV (EXP) | <u>(186)</u> | <u>819</u> | <u>(1,005)</u> | <u>25,296</u> | <u>(4,589)</u> | <u>29,884</u> |

COMMENTS:

Finances through March were satisfactory. However, now we face uncertain times. April results will certainly be significantly under budget. We rely on the continued commitment of the congregation to mail in their weekly pledge or loose offering contributions. Pastor Winsor has met the challenge to deliver an inspired weekly message which gives us hope that this time of Virus is soon behind us.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn New, Treasurer

Staff Reports

Office Manager: Written report submitted by Kari Donnelly.

As of June 1, members will not have offering envelopes- 2 options:
1: Reorder as usual and use for a full year. Cost is \$560.

2. New company mails envelopes to members bimonthly and includes return envelopes to church. Cost is \$1000, started at any time. Automatic renewal, Cancellation 90 days in advance via writing.

Ordered a dehumidifier to put in the large classroom while AC is out. Does anyone have one they aren't using?

Preschool Report: Written report submitted by Pia Heiser.

Enrollment as of 4/13/2020: 29. Accounts receivable at the end of March \$970.

Open house on 4/1/2020 cancelled due to COVID-19, as well as Spring Exploration Camp.

Since school shutdown on 3/13/2020, Pia has been in contact daily with the staff and school families. They are doing live chapel, daily posts, videos. They have a curbside exchange bin loaded with curriculum bags, Easter surprise bags (Thanks to Shonda Staudt).

Opening in May? Unknown. Opening for Summer Camp? Also, unknown, but hoped for. Adding to the situation is that the A/C went out in the classrooms. Pia is concerned about the risk of mold.

Committee Reports

Community Ministry Report: Julius optimistically hopes for Sept 1 when we can resume group gathering and carrying out community ministry.

Julius got approval from Thrivent to redirect a balance on a card from Palm Sunday Brunch to St. George's and was able to purchase 3 cases of bleach for disinfections.

Growing Together Garden-one man project for Grandpa Straw Hat.

Strategic Planning Committee: No report

Other Business

Next Council Meeting Monday April 20 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Adjourned 8:07 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanne Johnsen, Council Secretary

Mark 12:28-31 (Responsive)

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹**Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;**

³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹**The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn #644 "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

1. Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain
as clanging gong or blaring brass.
4. The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Hymn #804 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

1. Come down, O Love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 AM Online

Hymn #389 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
3. In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every
age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love,
and praise.

Mark 12:26-27a (Responsive)

²⁶And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

²⁷**He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."**

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Hymn #629 "Abide with Me"

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Hymn #856 "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

committee recommends sending a letter to congregation focusing on 3 key points: LOI is non binding, no purchase agreement will be executed without congregational approval, focus on how this impacts the church, preschool and Alzheimer's.

Earl was able to secure a Payroll Protection Program loan through a bank that he worked for in Ohio, as Wells Fargo (the church's bank) ran out of their allotment of the money on the same day the program opened, and our application was not processed in that time. The bank in Ohio secured Nativity the loan of \$58,100 to allow us to continue to pay our staff during the pandemic. This is a government backed loan that will not have to be repaid.

Motion to authorize Earl to execute the PPP loan, seconded and carried on voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Winsor

Worship: Online worship via FB and uploaded to church website, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 Sunday services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Multiple devotional formats on MWF from Pastor Steve.

Confirmation scheduled for 5/17 has been postponed to fall. Parents have been notified.

Staff: Pastor Steve and staff are working from home as much as possible.

Preschool: Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday Night 4/14

Pia has sent a reminder to the preschool parents re: March tuition and requesting that they consider paying April tuition, explaining that our expenses have not come to a halt. Summer Camp info will be available by 4/17.

Synod Assembly June 5-7 Orlando: Encouraged to sign up, but will be able to cancel with full refund if necessary.

Youth: Meeting via Zoom.

Outreach: St. George sandwich making being done by one family at a time to avoid social gathering. Contact Nancy Steffen to volunteer to take on the project.

Members can make and donate sandwiches, prepackaged chips, snacks for the homeless, label individually bagged sammies with your contact info. Drop off at church MWF 9-12.

Bibles, Bagels and Brew, Zoom edition begins 4/14.

First Communion postponed until further notice.

Nativity Lutheran Online Carol facebook group established for members to connect.

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MINUTES FROM

Council

PENDING APPROVAL

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday April 13, 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 this meeting was held via the Zoom online platform) Also of note: Council has been using the Zoom online platform to meet weekly to continue the business of the church.

Absent and Excused: None

Council Meeting Minutes from March 2020 and March-April Zoom meetings reviewed by council. Motion to approve, seconded, approved on voice vote.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Steve Winsor

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Carolyne New. Carolyne reviewed financials, offerings and tithes continued through the first weeks of closure, continue to remind the congregation that while we cannot meet in person, we still have bills to pay.

Carolyne let us know that due to a technicality in Wells Fargo's online services, a past council member was granted online access to church accounts when access to their personal accounts was granted. She has blocked access temporarily and we will need to address this. Currently Carolyne has online/offline access, Breanne and Kelly have offline only. We'd like to have one more person have online access.

President's Report: Website views: 970 for Holy Week. Generally average 400/month. FB Live Easter Service- feedback is good from online services. Approximately 30-40 viewers on average which council believes can be doubled conservatively.

Kelly is updating the website daily.

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

Property Committee met via Zoom on March 28. Discussed LOI and LOI committee. Property committee recommended that we delay replacing preschool A/C until we have a better understanding of when the preschool might re-open.

LOI subcommittee met on Zoom on April 9th. Committee members are: Ernadel Sioson, Jim New, Eric Hoecker, Mike Moore and Earl Osborne, Pastor Steve and Kelly Rogers are advisory members. LOI

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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Hymn #396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
Refrain
3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Mark 1:4-8 (Responsive)

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵**And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.**

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷**He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.**

⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:1-4

Hymn #403 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.
2. To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

Hymn #800 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.



Nativity friend, David Anderson passed away on April 4. He will be missed by his wife Nancy, family and friends.

NATIVITY SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP VIA ZOOM

Join Pastor Steve, John and Amy every Sunday for fellowship approximately ten minutes after worship is finished on Zoom.

Download the free Zoom app either on your computer or phone and then click on the link Pastor send in an email form to connect.

Pastor Steve also has Bible, Bagels and Brew Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through Zoom. Again follow the link invitation you receive in an email from the church. This is a great tool for staying in touch with your friends and family during this social distancing time.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Congratulations to Caitlin and Dylan Morrissey as they graduate from Palm Beach Gardens High School and Suncoast Community High School. Caitlin will be attending Palm Beach State College and Dylan will be attending University of Florida.

Ethan Ford is graduating from Jupiter High where he was part of Information Technology and Engineering magnet program. He will be studying this fall at FL Polytechnic University for Computer Engineering.

Congratulations to Alex Gonzalez for graduating from Jupiter High School. Her plans are to attend MN State University Mankato to study nursing.

Kaitlyn Cirullo graduates from Jupiter High School and has plans to attend Central Florida.

Congratulations to you all! We are proud of you.