

THE NATIVITY

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

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Phases of Renovation Lead to Resurrection

On Sunday April 27th, the voting membership of Nativity approved a multi-faceted three phase plan for Nativity that is already in progress. The first phase is cosmetic upgrades to the Family Room/Loggia, kitchen and bathrooms. These improvements begin Monday May 5th. The second phase includes the remodeling of existing space for expansion of our preschool to include diapered two year old's for the fall 2025, in this it's sixtieth year! There is a huge demand for this demographic of toddler. Along with these "already in progress" improvements are deferred maintenance projects, including the repaving of the church parking lot.

These changes are part of a larger initiative to invest in Nativity's future, which includes strengthening our preschool program to better serve young families and support early childhood development. These improvements ensure our church remains a vibrant place for all generations and a home we can all be proud of! As these projects progress we will keep you updated via email blasts, Sunday announcements, and the newsletter.

The blessing behind this work "already in progress", is the story of a preschool family moved by the love affirming culture of Nativity, and the sharing of their financial blessings in a time of deep need, and, the countless hours of church leadership discerning options for stewarding Nativity both financially, and faithfully forward.

On Sunday April 27th as a congregation we faithfully and thoroughly discerned through both personal and communal, needs and wants for the future of Nativity. At the heart of our decision was this question, *What is the best stewardship of the land/property entrusted to us by God since December 23rd of 1962?* Sell, or don't sell, a portion of our land?

With the information we had at the time of the April 27th meeting, I believe we have made a decision that will give way to a faithful vision for Nativity's future. By investing in the preschool, we are honoring and building upon what God has had us do very well for 60 years, and at the same time serve an immediate need in our community. By not selling a significant portion of our land for profit, we are signaling our intention to join God's work "already in progress".

In time, phase three will come to be. As we continue to experience God's work "already in progress", it is faithfully incumbent upon us to join God's work "already in progress". We heard some of that work on April 23rd and 27th when hearts and voices, new and old, contributed to the conversation leading up to the vote. I look forward to hearing, and seeing more of your faith lived out in the days to come!

Every single day at Nativity, I witness God's work, "already in progress". But I must say, there is something about these last few weeks that have really shined with hope for what more of God's work we will eventually progress forward in.

Standing before the empty tomb, "...two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'" (Luke 24:4-5)

Dear Nativity, we are moving forward in hope. The Spirit of God in Christ Jesus moves before us. When the women arrived at the tomb, the stone was already moved. The work of God was "already in progress." Together, let's live in a phase three heart and mind set, that God is out in front of us creating opportunities of renovation in the name of resurrection. We cannot not physically see what God is building ahead of us, but might our hearts grow eyes for a vision that nurtures God's people, our city, our neighborhood, and us. Phase three is already in progress, the Spirit of God in Christ Jesus has risen, and because of that truth, we know nothing but life. Amen.

Pastor Steve Winsor

PARDON OUR DUST!

Nativity is undergoing exciting updates that reflect our commitment to growth and community. Upon arriving at church you will first notice orange fencing. Those areas need special attention prior to a total repaving of our parking lot in the near future. On Monday May 5th renovations to the Family Room will create a more welcoming and functional space for fellowship and connection. These upgrades are part of a larger initiative to invest in Nativity's future, which also includes strengthening our preschool program to better serve young families and support early childhood development. Together, these improvements ensure our church remains a vibrant place for all generations and a home we can all be proud of! As these projects progress we will keep you updated via this email blast, Sunday announcements, and the newsletter. In the meantime, pardon our dust, while in God we trust our future!

Corrina Camero, Nativity member, Nativity preschool mom and Nativity Children's Church teacher.

DIRECTOR FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION OF SOUTH FLORIDA VISITS NATIVITY

DEM Carlos Ham visited Nativity on a recent morning. Carlos took in our morning preschool drop off, Wednesday morning Quickie Chapel with the preschoolers and listened to Pastor Steve and Preschool Director Pia Heiser share the ministries of Nativity.



NATIVITY *News*

BIBLE, BITES AND BREW BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on Tuesday from 9:30-10:30. A time of faith, fellowship and the preaching text for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children 4th grade and under are invited to children's church for biblical instruction and fun Sunday mornings. Drop your child off in the last classroom on the right before the breezeway as early as 8:50. Join us for worship at 9am and then please pick your child up following worship.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you are a Thrivent member and have not used your Action Team cards, please contact Kari in the church office. You have two a year that can be used for both sandwich making ministries or for a fundraiser of your choosing.

CHURCH BUILDING REPAIRS AND GROUNDS UPDATE.

Tree work around the property is completed, and looks great! Fascia board and gutter repairs are in progress, and the repaving of the parking lot is pending. So far \$9,250 in donations has been received. That almost pays for all of the tree work. The estimated cost for all repairs as required by the city is \$100,000.

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



TAKE HOME SANDWICH MAKING

We supply the ingredients. You make the sandwiches at home and return them to church. We deliver them to the food insecure of our community. Questions? Contact Linda Roehl at 561-493-8873. Use QR code to sign up online.

Pickup is going to be between 11am-4pm the Thursday before a second Saturday. Drop off will be the next day, Friday, between 9am-3:30pm.

GIVING TO NATIVITY

To explore and give to a specific ministry of Nativity, us the QR codes below to navigate to our webpage where you can learn about us and through PayPal. Thank you, and God bless!

Church Operations



Preschool



Community Service & Outreach



FIRST COMMUNION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

Part of first communion instruction with Pastor Steve for Graham and Adalynn Miller was preparing the bread for Maundy Thursday's worship service. They also helped Kari Donnelly and others strip the altar at the end of service for preparation of Good Friday.



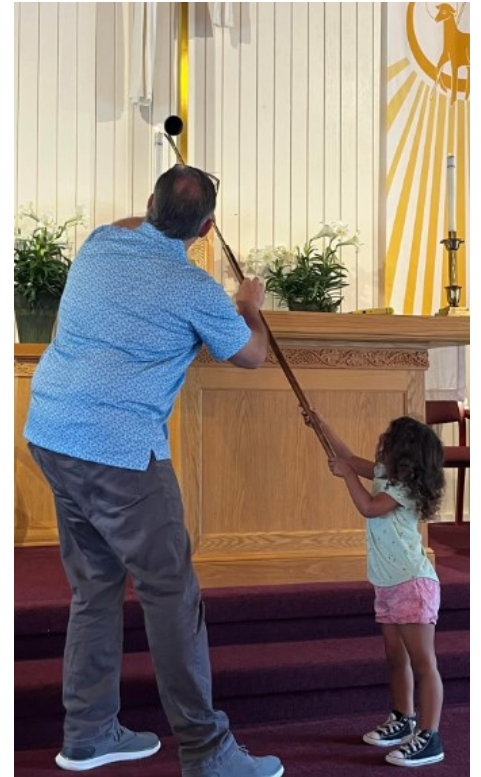
A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM NATIVITY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR PIA HEISER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nativity for the kind words of sympathy expressed as well as the beautiful tree planted in memory of my Dad. It meant a lot to me to be able to travel "home" and take the steps together with my sister to his final resting place. He was a forester by trade and nothing connects me more to him than the ever changing nature of trees. With much appreciation to the congregation, staff and families of Nativity.

Pia Heiser



PRESCHOOL KIDS CELEBRATED PALM SUNDAY



Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Bubbles, Boats & Floats

This month, your child will go on a wild water adventure. They will begin by exploring the river. They will make a beaver puppet and make friends with an alligator. Your child will spend a week at the lake. They will fish, design a sailboat and experiment with things that sink and float. Water is everywhere and is used for many different purposes. Your child will make soapy bubbles to wash pets and set up a squeaky-clean car wash. At the end the month, they will appreciate

the wonder of water by exploring the water cycle, rainbows, melting ice and how to preserve clean drinking water.



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

Today I built a sailboat.

Sailboats can travel long distances but must rely on the wind to power them. I created a sailboat with various colors and shapes in various colors and background. I like using color and making my own.



Today I caught a fish.

I used my fine motor skills to skewer my fish, then attach it to a stick. It is important for me to use my fingers and practice small movements. Now I can pretend to cast my fishing pole and catch my fish.



What is something special about your fish? Have you ever gone fishing?

preschool

Encouraging Wonder

Learning is more than counting to 10 or memorizing colors, shapes and letters. Help your child find wonder and explore the learning process with these five tips:

- **Help only enough to get your child past their frustration.** If you see them struggling with a concept or action, lend an encouraging hand without completing the task or providing the answer. This will help your child feel successful while continuing to challenge their thinking and perseverance.

- **Encourage your child to think and wonder about anything and everything!**

Ask open-ended questions to avoid simple "yes/no" answers. Ask yourself questions aloud: "I wonder what would happen if...?"

- **Work together to learn more about a topic when your child shows an interest.**

Take a trip to the library, search for child-safe internet sites or take a field trip to a person or place that may provide more information.

- **Show your own excitement about learning.** Share topics that interest you. Model the steps you take to learn more about what you love and the things that make you curious.

- **Encourage creative thinking and exploration of topics** you think might interest your child, especially things they may not come across naturally.

Show happiness and pride about new things your child has learned, express pride in your own learning, and pass on the joy of learning to your child.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Vv & Yy

Shape Diamond

Numbers 17 & 18

Color Brown

Character Trait Responsible

Letter Vv violin, volcano & vacuum

Letter Yy yam, yak & yo-yo

Topics your child
will explore this month:

Down the River

- River 1
- Beaver 2
- Boat 3
- Alligator 4
- Waterfall 5

On the Lake

- 6 Fishing
- 7 Sailboat
- 8 Swimming
- 9 Duck
- 10 Rocks

Bubbles, Boats & Floats

Wonderful Water

- Water Cycle 16
- Rainbow 17
- States of Water 18
- Drinking Water 19
- Water Conservation 20

Soapy Water

- 11 Bath Time
- 12 Washing Dishes
- 13 Car Wash
- 14 Laundry
- 15 Bubbles



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Nature Hide & Seek: Rivers & Lakes
by John Norris Wood and Kevin Dean

River Friendly, River Wild
by Jane Kurtz

Rivers and Lakes
by Simon Holland

River
by Debby Atwell

The Boats on the River
by Marjorie Flack

Rivers and Streams
by Cassie Mayer



Family Activities

Water Works

AT HOME

Invite your child to help clean around the house. Sort, fold and count the laundry or do the dishes together. Make homemade bubbles with mild dish soap.

OUT AND ABOUT

Visit a local body of water and search for signs of life in and around the water.



Popping Bubbles

(To the tune of "Row Your Boat")

Invite your child to pretend to pop bubbles.

Make up more verses together such as:

"...Squat and pop them low,

...Popping is fun, you know!"

**Pop, pop, pop the bubbles,
Jump and pop them high,
Pop, pop, pop the bubbles,
But don't get them in your eye!**

MAY PRESCHOOL SPECIAL DAYS

5/28 9:30am VPK Graduation and End of Year Ceremony

5/30 Last Day of School

MAY & JUNE PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

5/15 Evie Camero

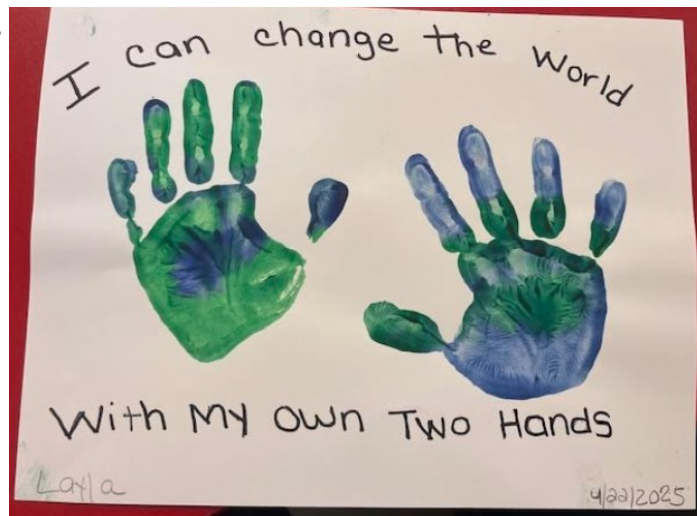
6/1 Makoa Elgin

6/7 Carson Scheets

6/25 Gianna Batz

PRE K-2 AND PRE K-3 FUN

Ms. Judy helped her class of two and three year olds make these beautiful pictures. What a special project to take home and share with their families.



Nativity Lutheran Church & School

2025

Summer Camp Guide



Fun in the Sun ...All Summer Long!

June 2 – August 1

8 weekly sessions

LET US HELP TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER

Nativity offers a fun filled and educational Summer
Camp for children Ages 2-5
(Older siblings welcome)

Our focus at Nativity is on early literacy and reading
readiness. This is a great time to bridge the transition
from Preschool to Kindergarten.

Registration Form

(Please print and check all applicable boxes and return with payment)

Childs Name: _____ DOB _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail _____

Allergies _____



Current physical and immunization forms must be on file

We open at 8 AM and close at 4 PM ... \$220 per week

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

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

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

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

No Camp during the 4th of July week

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

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

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

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

Subtotal \$ _____

Registration Fee \$ 100.00

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

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please bill me through Brightwheel ☐

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

FEEDING *Ministries*

ACT, LOVE, WALK (MOBILE FEEDING MINISTRY)

The food pantry shelves of ALW are in need of restocking. The pantry's needs can be found on the church website, a bulletin insert on Sunday morning, or on the wall in the family room. Items purchased for the pantry can be brought to church and put on the wire carts in the Family Room. Thank you and God Bless! Would you like to help, and or give to Act Love Walk? Contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or talk to him at church! God is good!

May needs for Act Love Walk:

Canned Meats (fish, chicken, ham, etc.)	Canned Vegetables, Beans, Fruit
Stuffing/Cornbread/Rice	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Microwaveable rice/pasta dishes	Canned Soups (pop tops, if possible)
Shelf stable milk	Instant Oatmeal/Cereal
Protein/Meal Replacement bars	Muffin/Quick Bread mixes ("just add water")
Sugar	Vegetable Oil
Baby Food/Formula	100% Juice boxes
Individually Wrapped snacks	Microwaveable popcorn
Nuts/Tail Mix/Dried Fruit	Adult/Infant Hygiene products
BOGO Sales	



SANDWICH MAKING

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

If you signed up for May, ***the kits may be picked up on the Thursday, May 8th between 11am and 3:30pm here at the church. You take them home to assemble and then bring the completed sandwiches back on the following day, Friday between 9:15am and 3:30pm.*** Please sign up today to help feed the homeless and hungry at Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A4A72BA7F94-46859274-2ndsaturday>

Thank you April sandwich makers: Gloria Jackson, Mia and Michael Burnham, Josfran De La Torre, Barbara Shelley and Theresa Saccone. Thank you to Thrivent for hosting this event and Linda Roehl for shopping, preparing and delivering.

THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, May 19th at 9:30am in the church reception area where we will prepare approximately 400 sandwiches to be delivered for the homeless and hungry. Please join us if you have an hour to spare. Plastic gloves will be provided.

Thank you to April sandwich makers: John and Nancy Steffen and granddaughter Charlotte, Hedy Rossmeissl, Tom Kuhn, Mary Ann Spech, Kari Donnelly and Donnelly cousins— Mark, Leslie and Reina Kulewicz. Thank you to the John and Nancy Steffen for shopping and delivering the finished sandwiches to St. George's. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:



5/1 Ron Bloor
5/4 Karen Joyce
5/8 Adalynn Miller
5/16 Darlene Moore
5/23 Steven Karlik
5/24 Breanne Johnsen
5/24 Michael Segal

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH TO:

5/5 Frank & Diane Lynch
5/15 Micah & Erin Miller
5/31 Rodney & Audra Bryson

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in our newsletter, please contact the church office with your information, 561-622-4998 or kari@pbnativity.com.

FOLLOWING LIFE AT NATIVITY

Keep up with what's going on at Nativity by following us on Facebook. Search *@PBNativity* within Facebook. Follow us on Instagram at *nativitylutheranpbg*.

Thank you to all for your continued support!

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve our ability to serve. Your generous donation will help fund our missions. Donate today on our website or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

Website: <https://nativitylutheranpbg.com/>



NEW! THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE GARDENS PODCAST

This is the audio of Sunday morning's scripture and message made available following Sunday's service.



LISTEN! CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Listen! Is an occasional series of conversations with members of Nativity Lutheran.

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

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9a Worship 10:15a New Member Orientation 5:30p Act Love Walk	5 5:45p 12-step-FH	6 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	7 8:45a Children's Chapel	8 11a-4p Sandwich Kit pick up	9 9a-3:30p Sandwich Kit drop off	10
11 Mother's Day 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk	12 5:45p 12-step-FH	13 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	14 8:45a Children's Chapel	15	16	17
18 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk	19 9:30a Sandwich Making 5:45p 12-step-FH	20 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	21 8:45a Children's Chapel	22	23	24
25 9a Worship 5:30p Act Love Walk	26 No School Office Closed Memorial Day 5:45p 12-step-FH	27 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12-12:45p Tippy Toes 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	28 9:30a VPK Graduation and End of year ceremony	29	30 Last Day of School	31

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God's work...

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