

THE NATIVITY

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

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

Good People,

Exactly twenty-eight days ago I hiked for 6 days and 60 miles with my daughter Laurel on the Appalachian Trail in southwest Virginia. Up and down mountains with 40lbs. each of life's necessities upon our backs, food, water, shelter and clothing. For roughly eight hours a day we trudged over uneven mountain terrain. Our quads quarreled with our minds - *Why are you doing this to us?!* Our shoulders shouted at us - *Did you pack bricks in this pack?* And our stomachs sniped at us - *The protein bars are getting old.* Despite that, I hadn't felt that physically alive and fit since before Laurel was born! She is now 19.

Two days ago, twenty-six days out from the hike I did a handful of hours of yard work. I repotted a few plants, planted some new ones, and put together a couple patio loveseats. Nothing too strenuous. At least it didn't seem so at the time. As I sit here writing these thoughts for you, I am super sore. My legs feel like they have been subjected to six days of nonstop mountain hiking! Sheesh...I must have lived a very sedentary life these last 26 days. I guess the old adage is true - *move it or lose it.*

Both up and downhill hiking are demanding. Quads burn uphill and knees ache down. What the mountain hiker really relishes is stretches of ridge walking. Ridge walking is swift and relatively easier. Figuratively speaking, I've been "ridge walking" the last twenty-six days. I best *move it, or lose it.*

The last year or so, Nativity has been all about *moving it.* We have powered through ups and downs. We have *lost* little. Nativity is getting fit for its current and future ministries. Which got me thinking, *how fit are we? As a community and individuals centered in Christ, how spiritually, educationally, emotionally, and missionally healthy are we?*

This fall it is my pastoral goal to lead Nativity in assessing, and then begin addressing its

individual and congregational strengths and growing edges towards a more robust outwardly faced congregation. In the coming weeks I will communicate my vision in more detail.

Good People of Nativity, for the sake of Jesus, our community, and one another, let's not ridge walk, but seek to climb and descend where the Spirit leads us, and be as alive as ever, just as the Lord intends us to be.

As always...

Love God, Love God's People,

Pastor Steve

THRIVENT CAUSE KITS

Along with your two Thrivent Action Teams, there is another way to give back! You can have a "Thrivent Cause Kit" sent to your home, choosing a water filter or solar lamp kit to help others without access to clean water or electricity. The kits come with easy-to-follow assembly directions, tools needed and a return-address label/box. You can assemble these kits at home, or bring your kit to church so it can be assembled after service during fellowship time. You are able to order one Cause Kit each year. If you need help ordering your kit, please see Amy Winsor.

Steps to order your kit:

1. Log in to your personal Thrivent Account.
2. Choose the "Generosity" tab at the top of the screen.
3. Choose a water filtration kit or solar lamp kit.
4. Have the kit sent to your home.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY 8/10



During worship we will celebrate Nativity's 60th preschool year, install our preschool teachers and bless backpacks. This is a Sunday you won't want to miss!

ACT LOVE WALK MOBILE OUTREACH MINISTRY

Bagging groceries and delivery help needed for the food insecure in our community.

- Saturday 8/16, 8:30AM. Meet at the church to pack bags at and/or deliver to the motel. We can carpool.
- Sunday 8/17, 10:45AM (following service). Delivery to the motel. We can carpool.

All are invited to come help with this event. Bring the kids too!

Regular weekly meetings for Act Love Walk are Tuesdays at 6PM. All are welcome.

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!



ACT LOVE WALK

MOBILE MINISTRY

HELP US DELIVER FOOD & ICE CREAM TREATS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH 8:30 AM

SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH 10:45 AM

**MEET AT NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4075 HOLLY DRIVE, PALM BEACH GARDENS**



ACT LOVE WALK IS A MOBILE MINISTRY OUTREACH OF NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

NATIVITY *News*

BIBLE, BITES AND BREW BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays 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.

Trees have been trimmed, parking lot is finished and now we need to plant new trees as per the city code corrections. So far \$15,250 in donations has been received. 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. Next event is August 7 & 8. 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



WOW! WOMEN OF WORTH

The WOW ladies went to see Superman on Thursday 7/10. We enjoyed the luxury theater at Cinepolis in Jupiter. All women are welcome. Please join us for our August event, see below.



W.O.W! AUGUST MEETING



Nativity's *Women of Worth* will be having a *FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN* "*BRAINSTORMING*" session to tentatively plan out the upcoming year for monthly activities, retreats & service opportunities.

We will start with a devotion and enjoy a meal while brainstorming.

Bring your *IDEAS, CALENDAR* & anything else you'd like to share.

We want **YOUR** input on what our time will look like this upcoming year!

Please bring a "dish to share" for our meal!



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025
6:30 PM
NATIVITY'S LIVING ROOM**

**PLEASE RSVP!
TEXT AMY WINSOR:
727-542-0367**

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026

Our preschool is expanding! This summer our fellowship hall space was remodeled. This remodeling provides us with the opportunity to accept diapered two-year olds. Of which there is a proven need. Contact us to enroll all 2 to 5 year olds! 561-622-4998 or pia@pbnativity.com. Share with friends!



HOW WE START OUR DAY!

Every morning, our preschoolers start in the sanctuary with this routine before they go to their classrooms.

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

July 14, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome and thank you for enrolling your child/children at **Nativity Lutheran Church & Preschool**. We are excited to start the 2025/2026 school-year together. If you have not already, you will be receiving a "Brightwheel invitation" and we are asking you to download the App to your phone. Through the app you can stay in touch with the teachers and securely check your child in and out of the preschool. All billing is done through the App as well.

Your child's first day of Preschool is Monday, August 11th, 2025.

**Our Parent Orientation / Teacher "Meet and Greet" will be held on:
Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 9 AM**

Bring your child's backpack for a blessing, as we begin the orientation with the installation of our Teachers, during a special intro to our "quickie chapel". Then-You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and see the classrooms. This year we are not requesting supplies to be purchased by you. A \$300 supply fee will be added to your account with the August tuition. The supply fee can be paid in 2 payments and has to be paid by October 10th. Your back to school shopping made easy. Your child will be more at ease when participating on this morning as we celebrate the beginning of our preschool year. Bring your Backpack!!

**Uniforms are mandatory at Nativity. Please refer to Harris Uniform:
4152 Blue Heron Blvd., Suite 118, Riviera Beach, FL 33404
Phone 561-881-8689 for all your uniform needs.**

As a reminder, for your child's safety and in accordance with licensing standards, Please have your child wear closed toe shoes. Sneakers or other comfortable shoes are great.

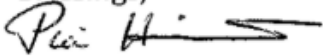
All children need to have a current Physical (3040) and Immunization Form (680) on file to attend school.

Nativity charges an annual tuition. For your convenience, it is payable in ten monthly installments. Tuition is due on the first of each month – **starting August 1st** and ending May 1st. A delinquency fee will be added on the 10th of the month for any remaining balance. Your child/children can return to school upon the reconciliation of your account. We accept payments in the form of cash, check, ACH (preferred), and credit cards through the App.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 561-622-4998 or e-mail me anytime at pia@pbnativity.com, if you have any questions.

Thank you again for entrusting your child/children into our care. It is an honor to guide them in the light of Christ.

Blessings,



Pia Heiser

Preschool Director

AUGUST PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAY

8/9 LINCOLN KEO



Smooth Morning Drop-offs

Tips for Parents



Help your child feel safe, confident, and ready for a great day.

1. Talk about what's coming.

Young children thrive on predictability. In the days leading up to school, gently introduce what their day might look like.

- Read picture books about going to school.
- Drive by or walk past the school.
- Talk about drop-off in simple, positive terms: "You'll get to play with blocks and meet your teacher Ms. Ashley!"

2. Show them who they'll meet.

Ask the school for a picture of the teacher(s) and classroom. Familiarity eases anxiety.

3. Walk through the day together.

Explain the routine using terms they understand:

"You'll play, have snack, listen to a story, then I'll pick you up after nap."

4. Practice the morning goodbye.

Establish a predictable routine:

- A warm hug
- A calm, confident goodbye
- A clear statement: "I'll be back after nap time. I love you."

5. Keep it short and sweet.

Lingering = more tears. Trust your child's teacher—they know how to support kids through tough goodbyes.

6. Consider a short stay (if allowed).

Some children benefit from a 5-10 minute transition time in the room. For others, quick separation works best. Know your child.

7. Be consistent.

Use the same routine every day. If something will change, prepare them:

"Today you'll go in a little later because of your doctor's appointment."

8. Make the goodbye meaningful.

Put down your phone. Make eye contact. Kneel to their level. Give a full, unrushed hug and a reassuring goodbye.

TUESDAYS 12-12:45PM AT NATIVITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

DANCE CLASS

PRESENTED BY:
Tippi Toes.

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PER
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\$ 55
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This dynamic class blends **Ballet, Tap, and Jazz** to introduce music, movement, rhythm, and coordination in a fun, friendly, and positive environment.

✨ Join the adventure today! ✨

QUESTIONS?
REACH US AT
561-803-0443

We can't wait to dance with you!



TECHIE KIDS CLUB is a weekly in-person technology and robotics enrichment class for ages 2-11.



Techie Teachers

Our Teachers are the best-trained in S.T.E.A.M learning.



Hands-On Learning

Teachers use a combination of devices and activities to teach coding concepts like algorithms, sequencing, and loops.



S.T.E.A.M Curriculum

Our curriculum focuses on incorporating science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics when teaching and working with children.



Downloadable Activities

In order for students to remain well facilitated, we provide downloadable activities that follow our take home activities.

JOIN THE CLUB!

Techie Kid Club Membership Includes:

- ⚙️ Weekly in-person robotics and technology enrichment classes at your child's school.
- ⚙️ Club t-shirt.
- ⚙️ Techie Kids Club's degreed teachers deliver weekly hands-on interactive sessions, including:
 - Coding concepts taught through playful games, engaging stories, and interactive activities
 - Robotics & programming with kid-friendly robots that bring technology to life
 - A dynamic mix of science experiments, sensory exploration, engineering crafts, math games, and story-based challenges.



ENROLL NOW: TechieKidsClub.com

Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Friends & Feelings

This month, your child will learn new ways to make friends, talk to friends, be respectful of differences and express their feelings. Watch for exciting art to come home throughout the week. Take time to ask why and how your child made the projects. Your child will also bring home games and books. Play and read together. The month is full of discovery, communication and friendship.



How was your day?

Start a conversation about your child's work

Each month, your child will be creating art, participating in classroom projects and sharing what they learned. Watch for exciting activities to come home and use them as communication tools to talk to your child about what they are learning.

Try asking these questions to learn more about your child's experiences:

1. Can you show me your favorite part of this project?
2. How did you make it?
3. Who else made a similar project? What else did you do with that friend?

It is often difficult for children to find the words to express their ideas or feelings. Use movement or visual aids to help your child show you their choices or feelings. Use this mini-theme poster and ask your child to point to the way they felt during different parts of their day. Ask, "How did you feel during circle time? Snack time? Nap time?"



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

Today I made friend puppets.

My puppets are special because I chose which puppets to use. I like to talk to my puppets. This helps me practice saying "hello" or "goodbye".



Today I created a self-portrait.

I can see myself when I look in a mirror. A mirror can help me remember what color eyes I have or how my hair looks. I drew my facial features to create a self-portrait.



A SKILL: What do you like about yourself? What is difficult to change yourself?

experience

If desired, capture the information on the back before cutting.



ExperienceCurriculum.com



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

My Friend Is Sad
by Mo Willems

Feelings
by Alike

What Is a Friend?
by Eran Boritzer

The Way I Feel
by Janan Cain

We Are Best Friends
by Alike

Being Friends
by Karen Beaumont



How do you feel?

(Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques")

Talk to your child about how things make him feel.
Sing this song together as you change your face to match the feeling.

Are you sad? Are you sad?
My dear friend, my dear friend.
Tell me what is wrong,
tell me what is wrong.
Are you sad? Are you sad?

Are you happy? Are you happy?
My dear friend, my dear friend.
We'll sing and dance together,
We'll be friends forever.
Are you happy? Are you happy?

Family Activities

Dear Friend

Write a letter to a family friend or neighbor and invite them to write back. Take a walk to the mailbox and mail the letter. Check the mail each day. Look at the mail and discuss where it came from.



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? Join us on Tuesdays at 6pm or contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or talk to him at church! God is good!

August needs for Act Love Walk:

Macaroni & Cheese (microwaveable cups or boxes)	Shelf-Stable/ Dry Milk
Pop-top soup or individual meals (i.e. spaghetti)	Granola/Snack Bars
Ramen	100% juice boxes
Canned tuna/chicken/meat	Paper plates & bowls
Mayonnaise & Mustard	Plastic utensils
Nut Butters/Jelly/Honey	Any other kid-friendly foods
Fruit Snacks	Gift cards
Crackers/Goldfish/Cheez-its	Cereal
Applesauce/Yogurt pouches	<i>No open packages/expired food items.</i>



SANDWICH MAKING

Please sign up if you would like to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches to help in August. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. Pick up is August 7 between 11a and 4p. Then return to Nativity Friday, August 8 between 10a and 3p. Please sign up today to help feed the homeless and hungry at Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A4A72BA7F94-46859274-2ndsaturday>

THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, August 18th at 9:30am in the church reception area where we will prepare approximately 400 sandwiches to be delivered for the homeless and hungry. Please join us if you have an hour to spare. Plastic gloves will be provided.

Thank you to July sandwich makers: John and Nancy Steffen, Stan and Mary Ann Spech, Tom Kuhn, Kari Donnelly, Pastor Steve, Amy, Laurel, Mara and sister-in-law Heather Winsor, Julia Saye and her children Teddy and Allie. 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:



8/4 Sandy McClellan
8/7 Brian Donnelly
8/8 Evelyn Bloor
8/10 Jim Guretzky
8/10 Mary Winsor
8/11 Charles Miller
8/12 Charlotte Johnsen
8/13 Max Roehl
8/14 Lois Erickson
8/25 Carolyn Schwartz
8/26 Shonda Staudt
8/30 Diane Lynch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH TO:

8/6 Mike & Abby Moore
8/11 Chuck & Sue Miller
8/13 Steven & Shonda Staudt
8/28 Anthony & Bea Greenall
8/30 Jim & Leigh Clark

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!

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9a Worship	4	5 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p Act Love Walk 6p Council 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	6	7 11a-3p Pick up sandwich kits	8 10a-3p Return sandwich kits	9
10 9a Worship Back to School Sunday Teacher Installation/ Blessing of Backpacks	11 1st Day of School	12 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p Act Love Walk 6p Council Mtg 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	13 8:45a Children's Chapel	14	15	16 8:30a Act Love Walk Bag & Delivery
17 9a Worship 10:45a Act Love Walk Bag & Delivery	18 9:30a Sandwich Making	19 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p Act Love Walk 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	20 8:45a Children's Chapel	21	22	23
24 9a Worship	25	26 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 6p Act Love Walk 6p 12-step FH 7:30p 12-step-FH	27 8:45a Children's Chapel	28 6:30p WOW mtg	29	30
31 9a Worship						

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God's work...

...Our hands



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