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Words from Pastor Steve

Change, Calling, and the Future of Nativity

It seems like only yesterday that I walked through the front doors of Nativity Lutheran on Monday, August 6, 2018, as its seventh called pastor. The first people to greet me with hugs were preschool director Pia Heiser and office manager Kari Donnelly. This past August, after 25 years at Nativity, Pia began a new chapter as a preschool director closer to home. And as of November 1st, Kari will retire after 20 years of serving as Nativity's office manager.

A lot has changed since that first day. A majority of the people with whom I work, worship, visit, and do ministry are not the same people from 2018. Some have moved away. Others have departed over theological differences, experienced a shift in our mission, or simply followed a different path. Some we have said goodbye to in death. And perhaps some have moved on because of my leadership style. Whatever the reasons, Nativity is different.

Whether we consider it good or bad, change is inevitable. And right now, a lot of change is stirring at Nativity. Good change? Difficult change? Needed change? I'd say all the above.

So, where do we go from here?

In Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus challenges religious leaders who enjoy positions of honor but fail to practice what they preach. He reminds his followers that greatness isn't measured by titles, recognition, or authority. Instead, "The greatest among you will be your servant." Jesus turns our usual understanding of leadership upside down, inviting us to exchange our comfort for responsibility.

I feel that message speaks directly to this moment in the life of Nativity. The future of our Nativity cannot rest on the shoulders of the few. Nor can our vitality depend on recreating the church as it once was. Our future depends on how faithfully we respond to what God is calling us to become.

The church isn't a place we come to have our preferences satisfied. It is a community where we discover our gifts, shoulder shared responsibilities, and serve one another in Christ's name. Anything less than that misses the crux of the Gospel.

Yet we all know that change can leave us feeling uncertain about what comes next. But we all know that change can also open doors to possibilities we haven't imagined. Not unlike JFK's inauguration words in 1961 - what if instead of asking what Nativity can do for us, we asked what we can do for Christ's church through Nativity? Nativity has been entrusted to each of us for the sake of our congregation and our neighbors. What can we do for Nativity, for Christ's church?

Change reminds us that nothing lasts forever. We can choose to see change as good, bad, difficult, needed, or any combination thereof. Regardless of how we feel, think or believe, let us take comfort in the fact and truth that God's mission continues. The question before us isn't what will we do, it is how will we allow God's will to be done through us?

For the month of November the preaching series is *Entrusted: Accepting the responsibility for the work to which God calls us.* Together, we are entrusted with the future of Nativity. Let's meet it with courage, humility, and a willingness to serve.

Hugs in the name of Jesus,

Pastor Steve

Christ in Our Home

This small book is available for anyone to take home. Located either on the living room hutch or the office welcome center, each book covers three months of daily scripture readings and prayers. Get yours today!

Bible, Bites and Brew

Join us every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30AM. This study focuses on the coming Sunday's scripture readings. It is a time of good coffee, home baked goods, faith and fellowship. All are welcome!

Piano Lessons at Nativity



Saturday Mornings from 9-11AM
Lessons for children 4+ age, teens and adults.
Interested? Contact Nativity Music Director, Daniel Mattos at:
admattos88@gmail.com, by text 561-232-0960, or talk with him after Worship on Sunday.

Men's Group

Fellas, have you ever wondered what the will of God is for your life? If so, you are not alone. Men's Group is starting a new six week study on our God given gifts and the Spirit's call to live them out. Join us in building friendships, faith, and wherever else the Spirit moves us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. For men of all ages and stages of life. Snacks/light dinner provided. Hope you can join us! Just show up! Questions? Email pastor Steve at pastor@pbnativity.com. Hope you can join us October 8th!

Act Love Walk Mobile Food Pantry

Act Love Walk is Nativity's mobile outreach ministry that delivers groceries to motels in our community that have been identified as having food insecure guests.

Upcoming Delivery Dates, Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th 10:30am—1pm. Please sign up on the table by side ramp door if you are able to help.

How to Shop:

1. Pick up a dinner kit shopping list (or two) from the display in the Family Room. Each dinner kit includes a meal specific shopping list for you to complete.
2. Shop using the list in Sunday's bulletin or on the bulletin board.

Please bring meal kits and store bought non-perishable food items to church between 9 and 5PM M-F or Sunday mornings to the grocery cart in the Family Room.

Be on the lookout to help with the next delivery date!

Contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com to get involved.

Donations to Act Love Walk by using the QR code are appreciated as well. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need, and Mara's project!

"Gardens Green" Fire Truck Visit

The firetruck came to visit us and we got to hold the hose! We also got to check out all the neat things on the truck and the ladder. Thank you Palm Beach Gardens Fire Department for the cool hats. The firefighters told us that the color of the truck is specific to Palm Beach Gardens and is studied to be easier to see than red trucks.















PAINTING A PUMPKIN

Ms. Theresa's 3 year old class had fun painting their big pumpkin last month.





The VPK class had a beautiful October day to be outside decorating their paper pumpkins.

"Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?"

This iconic children's book written by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle was the inspiration for Nativity's staff for the preschool's costume parade on October 30th.

Characters are: Brown Bear– Pastor Steve, Red Bird– Ms. Judy, Yellow Duck– Ms. Sandra, Blue Horse– Ms. Theresa, Green Frog– Julie Winsor (Steve's sister), Purple Cat– Ms. Caitlyn, White Dog– Ms. Kari, Black Sheep– Eden (Sandra's daughter).



Thank you to the parents and grandparents for decorating their trunks. We had 12 cars and the children had fun!











Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

Remember to set your clock back one hour on Saturday, October 31.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1 during worship, Pastor Steve will read a list of loved ones that have passed within the past 12 months.

Congregational Budget Meeting

After worship November 1, we will gather in the sanctuary for our annual budget meeting. All voting members are asked to attend.

November Women of Worth Evening

WOW will meet Thursday, November 5th at 6pm for fellowship and we will be making a Fall home decoration. All materials will be provided. All you need to bring is your imagination and one roll of toilet paper (5" diameter works best).

If you want to bring your own scissors and glue gun, you may, but not necessary.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Also, we will be collecting our usual $5 donation for our WOW account used for church youth gifts, offerings and service opportunities. RSVP to Darlene Moore 561-906-5449 or just show up on Nov. 5 at 6pm.

Loss in the Nativity Family

Long time Nativity member, Audrey Laven passed away Sunday, October 18th, 2026 at the age of 90. Don and Audrey had moved to Missouri a few years ago to live with their daughter and family. Don passed away earlier this year.

Help Wanted: Council Member

Wanted: One brave soul with a heart for God, a love of Nativity, and a willingness to attend monthly meetings that stir the soul. No hazing or great biblical knowledge required—just faith, ideas, and a desire to serve our God and community. Benefits include meaningful service, friendships, and the joy of helping shape Nativity's future. Apply within today! Call the church office or email pastor@pbnativity.com.

More Preschool Fun







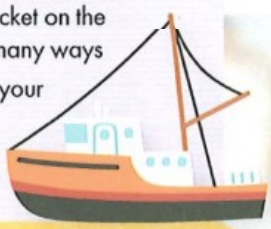
Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

On the Go

This month, your child will explore the exciting world of transportation. They will design a road, traffic signal and bridge. Your child will explore flight in an airplane, a hot air balloon and a helicopter. Then they'll make a boat and test it in water. They'll count dollars and buy a ticket on the ferry. There are so many ways to go; which one is your family's favorite?



Learning Through Play

The value of play for children

What is your child's favorite way to play? Whether they're building with blocks, pretending to drive a bus or racing toy cars across the floor, every playful moment helps them learn and grow. Through play, children build friendships, solve problems, express their ideas and discover more about the world around them. Here are just a few of the many ways play supports your child's development:

- Play helps children practice sharing, taking turns and working together.
- As children talk, pretend and imagine, they build language and communication skills.
- Play encourages children to solve problems, think creatively and try new ideas.
- Active play, like climbing, running and jumping, helps children build strength, coordination and confidence.
- Free play gives children opportunities to make choices, follow their interests and explore their creativity.

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





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Topics your child will explore this month.

On the Go

Down the Road

1. Road
2. Traffic Signs
3. Map
4. Bridge
5. Service Station

On Land

6. Car
7. Truck
8. Bike
9. Foot
10. Animal

Public Transportation

16. Train
17. Bus
18. Taxi
19. Subway
20. Ferry

By Air & Water

11. Airplane
12. Hot Air Balloon
13. Helicopter
14. Tugboat
15. Canoe



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Rosie's Walk
by Pat Hutchins

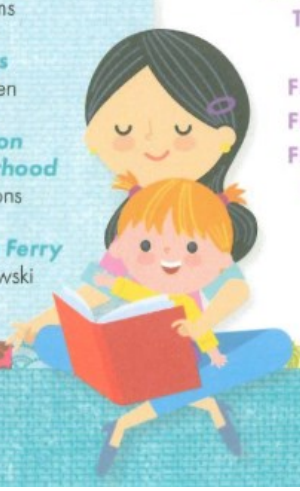
Inventors Who Changed the World
by Heidi Poelman

I Went Walking
by Sue Williams

Canoe Days
by Gary Paulsen

Transportation in My Neighborhood
by Shelley Lypons

Mabel Takes the Ferry
by Emily Chetkowski



Driving Along

(Sing to the tune of "Skip to My Lou")

Create more verses together by replacing the action word and type of transportation, then let your child decide where it is going.

Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
To the supermarket.

Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly across the sky.



Family Activities

Go! Go! Go!

Take a ride around your community together. Find a local map and drive (or ride) down roads that you haven't yet explored. Talk about how it is similar to and different from the roads you use every day. Look for traffic signs and hunt for the letters of the alphabet.



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Act Love Walk



Act Love Walk is based on the biblical principles of Micah 6:8 ALW is the mission outreach of Nativity. From this truck we bring the love of God to the food insecure, support justice initiatives, and create community around ice cream! ! Interested in Act Love Walk? You are encouraged to join us at 5:45PM on Tuesdays to plan, strategize and to organize the pantry. Contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or Pastor Steve at pastor@pbnativity.comfor more information. Food items can be dropped off between 9 and 5PM M-F in the designated space by the church office. A list of groceries needed are on page 11.

Help Wanted! Sunday Servers Needed for November!

On Sunday morning there are a number of ways in which you can serve your fellow Nativity family, and more importantly our guests. Some of the serving positions are, Greeter, Fellowship, Children's Church Teacher or Assistant, and Assisting Minister to the pastor. We are in need of help in all areas for August and in the future months. Please sign up! Use this Evite Qr code to sign up:

Thrivent Members

All Thrivent members, even those with insurance policies only, are able to direct Choice Dollars to Nativity or your charity of choice. Since the start of Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2010, over $660 million in grant funding has been sent to enrolled organizations. You as a Thrivent member chooses who gets this money. If you don't, it goes back to Thrivent. Members can direct their Choice Dollars anytime through December 31.

Thrivent members are also able to support two Action Teams a year. An Action Team can be raising money for a deserving family or cause or supporting our current sandwich making teams. Please talk to Nancy Steffen or Linda Roehl if you are able to apply for support from Thrivent.

Thrivent Cause Kits



If you have utilized your 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.

Good Gift Catalog

Throughout the year, you can support any number of ministries for God's people through the ELCA's Good Gifts Catalog. From farm animals, to health care, or a motorbike for a pastor in a developing country, you can make a positive impact in someone's life. One Nativity family recently bought a family farm ($715), a goat and flock of chicks ($60), and a vegetable garden with a honey bee colony! Gifts as small as $10 for ten baby chicks! Use this QR code to check out the online catalog.

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 classroom off the kitchen as early as 8:50. Join us for worship at 9am and then please pick your child up following worship. If you would like to sign up to lead or assist a children's church, please use the code here.

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. Also remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars.
In 2025, Nativity Lutheran Church received $1,039 through Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Loan Repayment for Capital Improvements

Nativity's building and grounds are 63 years old and in constant state of needed fixes and updates. We are currently getting quotes on our roof and you can see numerous areas around the living room and sanctuary that leak when it rains.

DONATE THROUGH THE LINK TO THE RIGHT. 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. Pickup this month is Thursday, November 12th and drop off is Friday, November 13th.

Third Monday onsite Sandwich Making

Join us Monday, November 16th at 9:30am as we gather in Nativity's living room to assemble sandwiches for the hungry and homeless. Plastic gloves and all supplies are provided. We just need an hour of your time!

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**

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 inside the office doors. Thank you and God Bless! Would you like to help, and or give to Act Love Walk? Join us on Tuesdays at 5:45pm or contact Mike Moore at mtmoore1313@gmail.com, or talk to him at church! God is good!

November needs for Act Love Walk:

Canned Carrots, Peas & Green Beans

Instant Mashed Potatoes & Stuffing

Mac & Cheese (w/ premade cheese sauce & microwavable cups)

Canned Meals & Soups (ravioli, stew, chili, hash)

Pasta, sauce, parmesan cheese

***Shelf-stable Milk

Applesauce & Yogurt pouches

Pancake Mix (just add water) & Syrup

Goldfish/Cheezits/Snacks

Feminine Sanitary Pads/Tampons

Canned Chicken & Ham

Canned Sweet Potatoes & Cranberry Sauce

Jars of gravy

Microwaveable rice/pasta dishes (Rice-a-roni, Pastaroni, Knorr rice)

Ramen (bags and microwavable cups)

***Cereal, Cereal, Cereal

Flavored Oatmeal Packets

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Honey

Fruit Snacks, Cereal Bars

Baby Food/Formula (big need)

Socks (These are a BIG hit!)

Sandwich Making

Once you sign up for a kit, you pick up a kit to make 50 sandwiches, take home and assemble and return the next day. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. If you have signed up for November, pick up day is Thursday, the 12th. Then return to Nativity Friday, the 13th 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 or the QR code here. Thank you to October sandwich makers, West and Max Roehl and friends, Barbara Shelley, Gloria Jackson and Theresa Saccone.

Sign up for December now!

Third Monday Sandwich Making

Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, November 16th 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 October sandwich makers: John and Nancy Steffen, Mary-Ann Spech, Pastor Steve and Kari Donnelly. Thank you to John and Nancy Steffen for shopping and delivering the finished sandwiches to St. George's. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our ministry and thank you to Publix for donating the bread.

Nativity Blanket Fundraiser

Feel the warmth, and support the ministry of Nativity Church & School by purchasing a blanket that features the stained glass above the altar in the sanctuary. The image depicts the manger (yellow) set in the midst of a Celtic Cross of Christ (blue), surrounded by four semi-circles (red), one each for the four Gospels. Blanket is 60"x70". Makes a great gift! Purchase through QR code below and pick up from Nativity office M-F between 10AM and 3PM. Or, purchase and pick up on Sunday morning at church. Thank you! Minimum suggested donation is $39.

Poinsettias coming in December

Use the order form below and return it to the church office by December 15th. Please make it clear if you want it listed in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

Christmas Flower Order Form

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary, please fill out this form. Order deadline: December 15. Return form & cash or check made out to Nativity, to the church office or place in the offering plate.

		Number desired:	Total Cost:
Red poinsettia	$ 15.00	_____	_____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In honor of _____

Or … In memory of _____

You may pick up your poinsettias after the last Christmas Eve service.

FEED THE FOOD INSECURE IN OUR COMMUNITY





1. GRAB A MONTHLY SHOPPING LIST

2. SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE

3. BRING FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH

4. PUT DONATIONS ON THE SHOPPING CART

BY THE CHURCH OFFICE DESK



LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nativity



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

Happy Birthday This Month To:

11/2 *John Steffen*

11/4 *Nancy Steffen*

11/7 *Mike Moore*

11/25 *Anthony Greenall*

11/25 *Richard Turner*

11/28 *Carole Rajan*

Preschool Birthdays to Celebrate:

11/2 *Angelo Acevedo*

11/6 *Haven Burkley*



Happy Anniversary This Month To:

11/8 *John & Breanne Johnsen*

11/10 *Paul & Pia Heiser*

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/

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!

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a Worship All Saints Day 10:15a Congregation Meeting Daylight Saving Time Ends	**2**	**3** 9:30-10:30a Bible Study 12p Tippi Toes 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	**4** 12p Ignite Sports	**5** 6p Women's Group	**6** 5:30pm pack grocery bags	**7** 10:30am load & deliver groceries
8 9a Worship 10:30am load & deliver groceries	**9**	**10** 9:30-10:30a Bible Study 12p Tippi Toes 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	**11** No School	**12** 11a-4p Pick up sandwich kits 6p Men's Group	**13** 9a-3p Drop off kits	**14**
15 9a Worship	**16** 9:30a Sandwich Making	**17** 9:30-10:30a Bible Study 12p Tippi Toes 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	**18** Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 12p Ignite Sports	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 9a Worship 3p Piano recital	**23**	**24** 9:30-10:30a Bible Study No School - Thanksgiving Break 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	**25** 12p Ignite Sports	**26** Thanksgiving Office Closed	**27**	**28**
29 9a Worship 1st Sunday of Advent	**30**					

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