

THE NATIVITY

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

WORDS FROM

Pastor Steve

What Disciples Do...

Fact: Followers of Jesus are known not as much by what they believe, as what they do.

What do we do with the four weeks between Reformation Sunday, when we stress God's grace and action, and the season of Advent when we are hopefully expectant of the Christ child? Well, might we think about *what we are to do*? For the month of November we will explore the fact that Jesus was mainly concerned with what his followers did.

We begin with All Saints Sunday on 11/2 wherein we will ponder what the actions of Saints living and dead look like. What did, and do they do? In short, followers of Jesus affirm the hope of the resurrection, and are active in making what exists in heaven, realities here on earth. Disciples/Followers of Jesus don't just say and think good things, they do good things. Kind of brings the lyrics to the song "They will know we are Christians by our love", front and center.

On Sunday 11/9 we hear scripture that reminds us of what it looks like to practice faith in difficult times. What actions do followers of Jesus take when the circumstances of life stack up against them?

On Sunday 11/16 the women of Nativity will lead a Thankoffering Service. Women played an essential role in the early Christian church. The faith of some Nativity women of all ages and stages of life might become more public than private that Sunday. It is important for us to remember that our shared faith impacts both the personal and public realms of life.

Sunday 11/23 is Christ the King Sunday. What does it look like for us to proclaim allegiance to Christ? What does it look like for Christ to be at the center of everything we do?

It is no easy task to follow Jesus, and do as he asked. His closest followers were at best marginal in their efforts to live out their trust in Jesus. And, despite them, and the many things the church has done wrong, God still makes good come to be. Living on this side of the resurrection, imagine for a moment how much more this world could experience the love of God in Jesus Christ if we *did* much more in his name, than we don't?

Doing it All for Him,

Pastor Steve Winsor

ALL WOMEN OF NATIVITY

Calling all women of Nativity! WOW is organizing to do a Thankoffering service on Sunday November 16. We need all of you to help us make this happen. We will be leading service, ushering, reading, fellowshiping, liturgist/assisting with communion and even sharing the message! Speaking and non-speaking roles available for any of our women to participate. Please contact Breanne Johnsen (breannek.ot@gmail.com) or Abby Moore (abigailbmoore@gmail.com) to join in not just serving, but leading service that Sunday!

FALL BACK

Remember to change your clocks back one hour Saturday, November 1 before you go to bed for Daylight Saving Time.

GOOD NEWS!

Living Lutheran's print magazine is back. If you are interested in receiving this magazine, subscribe at livinglutheran.org/subscribe.

CALL FOR MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY WOW EVENT

In January, the Women of Worth (WoW) will be creating vision boards. This is still a couple of months away, but our preparation starts now. Abby Moore invites all WoW members—and any congregation members willing to help—to save and donate magazines or other printed materials with words and images that can be cut out and used for our boards. Donations may be dropped off in the church office in the red bin next to Kari's desk.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Steve, Preschool Director Pia Heiser and Office Manager Kari Donnelly extend our heartfelt gratitude for the money collected in appreciation of our hard work, love and dedication to Nativity. We truly appreciate your recognition for our efforts. Thank you and God bless!

THANK YOU

Dear Congregation and Friends,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous appreciation shown to me as the preschool director over the past 25 years. It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve this community and I am deeply touched by your kindness and support.

Thank you once again for everything.

Sincerely,

Pia Heiser

Director

Quality Early Childhood Development

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE

Grace is a core principle of Lutheran theology, and is a gift that seeks to free us from shame, guilt, and sin. All of which are alive and well in our world. Let's gather together following worship for a time of biblical study, faith formation, prayer and fellowship around the life-giving grace of Jesus Christ. Begins on 11/16 following worship. Meets in the last classroom before the breezeway. Study materials will be made available on Sunday 11/2. All are welcome!

MEN'S GROUP START UP SURVEY

Calling men of all ages and stages of life. If you have an interest in being a part of a men's group that meets at Nativity, please take the quick four question by using the QR code below. Your response will help to identify the best time slot, and format. Thank you – Pastor Steve



ACT LOVE WALK

Read more to learn how to support this ministry...

- Continue to bring in non-perishable foods for the food pantry. See shopping list page 15.
- Mark your calendars for 11/1 at 8:30a.m. and/or 11/2 at 10:30a.m. to help serve the food insecure guests of our local motel communities.

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.com for more information.

Food items can be dropped off between 9 and 5PM M-F in the designated space by the church office.

FALL CLEAN UP

Save the date. Sunday 11/9 following worship we are doing some housekeeping. There will be jobs for persons of all ages and stages. Thank you!

HELP WANTED! SUNDAY SERVERS NEEDED!

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. Use this Evite Qr code to sign up:



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.



PRESCHOOL CONTINUES ENROLLMENT

Our preschool has expanded! This expansion and rejuvenation provides us with the opportunity to accept diapered two-year olds. Tell a friend! Call 561-622-4998 or contact pia@pbnativity.com for information.

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. 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.

CHURCH BUILDING REPAIRS

The code corrections mandated by the city have all been done. Nativity's building and grounds are almost 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 PAYPAL 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. 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



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.



Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

Community Helpers

Your child will take on new roles as they wear a sheriff's headband, fight fires and drive a bus this month. They will explore who keeps us safe and who helps us learn and grow. We are thankful for all the jobs people do in our communities. Dream big, play hard and learn together in this community helper theme.

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

Today I searched for letter U.

U is for umbrella! It is a curved letter that I can practice writing on paper or in sand. Who can practice writing the sound of U? I began to read sight words.

Today I made a police headband.

Police carry their badges to show who they are. I used my fine motor skills to create my own police headband. I can pretend I'm a police officer, show my badge and help people in emergencies.

ASK ME: When did you help or show on your police badge? Would you like to be a police officer?

The Importance of Play

Play is a child's work. It is through play that children learn about themselves and the world around them. They learn to understand their environment, practice what they have observed and explore objects and activities safely and thoroughly.

Your child learns many important skills through play. Here are just a few:

1. How to solve problems
2. How to make a plan and follow through
3. How to get along with other children
4. How to express their creative ideas
5. How to take care of their own needs
6. How to share and be kind

To help your child get the most out of their play, be sure to provide a safe, clean environment with a variety of experiences. Rotate toys according to appropriate times of day. For instance, keep active toys out for daytime and replace them with quiet activities before bedtime or nap times. Provide household items that can be used in a safe way (e.g., pots, pans, lids) to mimic adult behaviors and begin to develop life skills.

Your child loves when you watch them play. Express interest in what your child is doing or playing with. Help extend their play by asking open-ended questions (questions that encourage them to talk in their own words). For example, if a child is playing with the dishes, ask "What are you cooking in this pot?"

**Most importantly,
have fun and play together!**





RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

On My Street
by Eve Merriam

Jobs People Do
by DK Publishing

I Got Community
by Melrose Cooper

Me on the Map
by Joan Sweeney

When I Grow Up
by P.K. Hallinan

Career Day
by Anne Rockwell



Be a Firefighter

(Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb.")

Extra fun: Fill a spray bottle with water and squirt at toys in the sink or bathtub as you sing the song together.

Sara saw a little fire, little fire,
little fire.

Sara saw a little fire,
And called for some help.

The firefighters came today,
Came today, came today.

The firefighters came today,
And sprayed the fire away.
(Children make water-spraying sound.)

Family Activities

Right outside the door.

Community helpers are everywhere. The mail carrier, the bus driver and the crossing guard are all helping in our communities. The next time you go to the grocery store, library or just down the street, make a list of jobs where people are helping others.

Children can help others too. Together, brainstorm ways to help in your community. You could pick up litter in the park, plant curbside flowers or visit a nursing home. Together we can build a better community every day.

CONGRATULATIONS MS. PIA

Pia Heiser celebrated her 25th work anniversary October 21, 2025 as Preschool Director at Nativity. She was given gifts and notes from the families and staff throughout the week. The staff went to dinner on Friday evening and the congregation celebrated after worship on the 26th. The school is celebrating their 60th anniversary later this year.



PREK-2 AND 3



In October, the children learned all about apples. We peeled the apples to make apple sauce and we also did apple tasting with red, green and yellow apples.

NATIVITY PRESCHOOL

Last month all the students got to learn about planting seeds with Pastor Steve and Mr. Frank, Ms. Theresa's dad. They got their fingers dirty and pushed the seeds into the soil. Once the sprout, we will plant them in our garden and watch them grow.



NOVEMBER PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

11/7 Madelyn Mendez Perez

11/13 Layla Adkin

11/17 Giovanni Medolla

QUICKIE CHURCH PRESCHOOL CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. is our 20-25 minute long Quickie Chapel. At Quickie Chapel we take a story from the bible and interact with it in song, dance and video. Sing and dance as much or as little as you like. No judgement here! At chapel, we also learn the Five Respects (Respect God, Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Things and Respect Creation). All are welcome to join us!

NOW THAT'S A SHOW & TELL!

Lincoln Keo (pre-k 2) had his family bring some of their animal family to show all of the children. They got a visit from Minnie the cow, Badonk the donkey and Honey the horse.



SPOOKY FUN!

After the teachers carved our pumpkins, the 2 and 3 year old class got to paint them.



By late October, early learning classrooms are in full swing, and so are the challenges. Supplies have shifted, centers are buzzing with activity, and the excitement of the season can easily turn into overstimulation. Before the holidays “hit”, now is the perfect time for a quick midyear refresh ,that keeps your classroom calm, engaging and organized.

We know an organized classroom isn’t just about looks. It’s about creating spaces where children can thrive, and our teachers can teach with ease. Here are a few ways we to bring calm back to your classroom before the busy months ahead. We revisit our learning centers...

☐ We have grown and developed...so... Are your centers still supporting your learning goals?

☐ A quick reset such as shifting a shelf, adding a new rug or introducing fresh materials can spark new curiosity.

☐ We use clear visual cues like labels, color zones or low dividers to help children navigate the space with confidence and independence.

☐ We simplify and streamline as clutter builds fast. We spend a few minutes each day decluttering high-traffic areas and restocking essentials. Storage bins, caddies and picture labels make it easy for little hands to help with cleanup while building responsibility and routine.

☐ We create Calming Corners...The excitement of fall festivities can overwhelm even the most seasoned teachers. A calming corner can be beneficial to staff and children. Soft textures, breathing boards and fun sensory tools create a cozy space to pause, breathe and reset. Let us know if you would like to visit ☐

☐ We prep for the Season ahead with crafts, celebrations and extra movement. Join us anytime to be part of your child’s experiences...

Enjoy pictures of our different event on Facebook and Instagram...comment and share...and most of all ENJOY!

TRUNK OR TREAT FUN







Community Helpers

FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters & Sounds:



Shape & Color:



Character Trait:

Resourcefulness

Yoga Pose:

Piggy Toes



Number:



Sign Language:



We're so excited to kick off an action-packed month of learning all about Community Helpers—the everyday heroes who help make our neighborhoods safe, healthy and happy! Toddlers are beginning to notice the world around them, and this theme is a wonderful way to spark their curiosity and conversations at home. Together we'll discover the roles of firefighters, doctors, teachers, mail carriers and many more through songs, stories, pretend play and real-life connections. We encourage you to join in the fun—point out community helpers during walks, share your own job stories or talk about how your family helps others. Let's suit up, play pretend and cheer hooray—as we discover the everyday heroes who save the day!

Staying Safe: Explore how doctors, dentists, and firefighters care for our bodies and protect our communities, helping build trust and awareness around health and safety.

In the Neighborhood: Take a closer look at the everyday helpers who keep our neighborhoods running—like mail carriers, sanitation workers and teachers—and celebrate the important roles they play in our daily routines.

In the City: Explore the heart of the city and learn about the many community helpers who keep it thriving—from factory workers and chefs to bankers, hairdressers and shopkeepers, each contributing in meaningful ways.

Artists at Work: Shine a light on the creative people—actors, dancers, musicians, authors and illustrators—who inspire imagination, innovation and joy in the communities around us.

By exploring community helpers at home, you bring learning to life and help your child feel more connected to the people who support their world.



TOGETHER TIME

Triangle Walk



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
Children loved finding the umbrella in <i>Bella and the Umbrella</i> and learning about triangles; go on your own triangle hunt as a family at home or outdoors!	Hunt for triangles in nature, on signs or even on a house. If possible, take photos of each triangle that your child finds and review them at home.	This activity helps your little one identify shapes in their natural environments, supporting future geometry, drawing and writing skills.



Squirt Out the Fire

WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In <i>Follow the Path: Community Helpers</i> , the children explored different community helpers. At home, encourage your child to play firefighter and put out pretend fires.	Draw shapes on a sidewalk with chalk. Give your child a small squirt bottle and invite them to give each shape a squirt.	This activity strengthens small finger muscles needed for writing, while introducing shapes and basic math.



Stick Path

WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In the book, <i>Raccoon Finds His Balance</i> , Raccoon learned to balance on a log using different tools. Create your own stick path at home!	Gather sticks with your child and work together to lay them in a long line. Walk along the stick path.	This activity nurtures resourcefulness as you look for sticks together, then decide how to make a path. Allow your child to problem-solve and support their ideas.



Yellow Hunt

WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In <i>This Little Piggy</i> , one piggy goes to market. At the grocery store, look for yellow foods or go on your own yellow hunt outside.	Show your child five play dollars (cut paper into rectangles) and ask them to find something yellow to earn a dollar.	This activity builds both color recognition and math skills. Find yellow and count to five while earning pretend money.

READ WITH ME

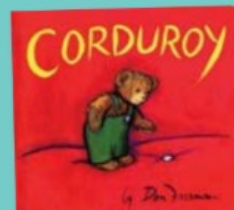
Leo Gets a Checkup
by Anna McQuinn



One Big Building
by Michael Dahl



Corduroy for Me
by Don Freeman



I Got the Rhythm
by Connie Schofield-Morrison



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 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 Vegetables	Fruit Cups/Canned Fruit (pop top)
Canned Beans (pop top)	Canned Soups (pop top)
Ramen/Pasta/Mac & Cheese	Canned tuna/chicken/meat
Applesauce/Yogurt Pouches	Peanut Butter/Jelly/Honey
Instant Rice/Stuffing/Potatoes	Crackers
Cereal	Oatmeal Variety Packs
Shelf-Stable/Dry Milk	Ensure/Pediasure
Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)	Body Wash/Soap (travel size)
Toothbrush/Flossers	Toothpaste (travel size)
Deodorant (travel size)	Socks/Comb/Small Brush

SANDWICH MAKING

November and December kits are all claimed. You may go online and sign up for next January to reserve a kit containing supplies to make 50 sandwiches to go to the homeless. Go online to the link below to sign up for one or more of the kits. Pick up for November is the 11th between 11a and 4p. Then return to Nativity Friday, the 12th 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 our October sandwich makers: Gloria Jackson, Barbara Shelley, Andrew Moss, Kelly Hoekstra and Julia, Allison & Teddy Saye. Thank you to Linda Roehl for shopping. Thank you to Thrivent for funding our event.

THIRD MONDAY SANDWICH MAKING



Our onsite sandwich making ministry will be Monday, November 17th 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, Tom Kuhn, Kari Donnelly, Pastor Steve, Kelly Rabbitt and Louise Browning. 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. 15

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

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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30a Act Love Walk Event
2 9a Worship 10:45a Act Love Walk Event 11a-1p Youth	3	4 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 12p Dance 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	5 8:45a Children's Chapel	6 11a-3p Pick up sandwich kits	7 10a-3p Return sandwich kits WELCA Gathering	8
9 9a Worship 10:30a Fall Clean Up	10	11 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew No School 5:45p Act Love Walk 6p Council 7:30p 12-step	12 8:45a Children's Chapel	13	14	15
16 9a Worship 11a-1p Youth	17 9:30a Sandwich Making	18 9:30-10:30a Bibles, Bites & Brew 5:45p Act Love Walk 7:30p 12-step	19 8:45a Children's Chapel Preschool Feast	20	21	22
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...Our hands



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