



Happenings at NLC

November 2024

“With the birth of Jesus in our hearts,
we carry light and love to the world.”

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30am

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

November 26, 2024

Thanksgiving Service, 11:00AM

Nativity Lutheran Church

Happy Thanksgiving

November 28, 2024

Thanks be to God



Upcoming Events

November 3 - All Saints Day

November 5 - Election Day

November 16 - Movie/Pizza Night

November 28 - Office Closed

Please visit our website at www.nlcww.org to view the NLC calendar, submit requests for dates/events, download sermons, among other things.



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SPIRITUAL LIFE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ALL SAINTS DAY - We will remember those who have passed away this past year. Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3. The Rev. Dr. Derek Hoven will deliver the sermon on Sunday, November 3. Pr. Derek is the new Assistant to the Bishop and Director for the Evangelical Mission (North Region).

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 26, 11:00AM. This is a good time to come out in gratitude and give thanks to God for all the blessings received. Service will take place at Nativity Lutheran Church. Our siblings in Christ from Holy Cross will be with us. Pr. Teresa Stewart will deliver the sermon. Please, stay for a light lunch following the worship service.

UPCOMING INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:



There will be 2 informational meetings held in November. These dates are **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024** in the Sanctuary immediately following the morning service and **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024** at 3pm in Winemiller Hall. This will be your opportunity to hear about the changes that the Congregational Council is proposing and to ask questions. Both meetings will contain the same information so there is no need to attend both.

ALTAR GUILD. Our next meeting is November 25, 2024, 10:00AM. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings which is held on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:00AM, to find out what we do and how we do it. If you have any questions you would like answered before that please, call Suzanne Chelf at 352-684-7329.

ALTAR FLOWERS. If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one or event, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the kiosk. You can also call the office at 352-597-1456. Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. For those people who have purchased bouquets, the Altar Guild will have them ready for you to pick up after the 9:30AM service. PLEASE, do not remove flowers from the altar. Members from the Altar Guild will remove them for you.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - We have received our copies of the Oct/Nov/Dec issue of *Christ in Our Home*. If you would like a copy they are available in the narthex, or stop by the office between 9:00AM and 12PM. A small donation would be appreciated to offset the costs of the devotionals. You can use a green pew card and mark it "devotionals". If you have any questions, or want to make sure copies are still available, please call the office at 352-597-1456.







NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - If you are traveling or unable to attend in person but have internet access, you may follow the service by clicking on the link made available on our web site (nlcww.org) or via email on Saturday, or watch a recording of the service during the week. Conversely, you may listen to Nativity Lutheran's Sunday Worship Service every Sunday night at 6pm. Tune in to WZEU-FM 102.9 on your radio for a broadcast of this week's Sunday Service.



Christmas Poinsettias

Order your Poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service for \$10.00 each. The poinsettias are large 3 stem red plants FRESH from Knox Nursery of Winter Garden, FL. With proper care they will last weeks after Christmas.

Send your check to the office or use the order envelopes located in the Narthex and identify your memorial. You may pick up your poinsettia following the Christmas Eve service or beginning Thursday, Dec. 26.



We will start taking orders on Sunday, December 1. Special envelopes will be available in the narthex by the poinsettia display.

We also have available 6 large white poinsettias with red foil. They will cost \$25.00 each, and are on a first-come first-serve basis. You may purchase these through Linda at the church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Every Sunday, children will start the worship service with their guardians, and will be dismissed at 9:45AM until communion time. New children can join Sunday School at any time. Register by calling the church office (352-597-1456). Any questions please call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY SUNDAY - at 11:00 AM. Age 12 and up. Themes of the Old Testament (Creation stories, God's Promises, God's faithfulness) not just for personal knowledge and curiosity but for spiritual growth and transformation.

OUTREACH

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE.

This mission is to restore those affected by crime and incarceration. They believe that all are created in God's image and that no life is beyond God's reach.

We at Nativity will receive names of 35 children from our community whose parent(s) are incarcerated. On December 14th we will host a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers. Each child will receive a gift from their mom or dad with a personal note. Please, join us for the fun. Any questions, contact Linda Russo at 352-596-0673 or 352-428-7764.

FOOD PANTRY TIDBITS

SHOPPING CART DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS:

Cans of condensed chicken soup and men's deodorant

While we will gladly accept any and all donations, we are going to highlight a couple of items each month that could help out.

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE -

Applications for 2025 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2024. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement “worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church” and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. The guideline rankings used for determining a grant include meeting human needs for food, water, and shelter; alleviating human trauma; religious education; and enriching the quality of life. Applications may be picked up in the church office or requested to be sent by mail by calling the office at 352-597-1456.

For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE

ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 5. Please note that Nativity Lutheran Church is a voting site. Be mindful that if you are coming to the office on this day it may be a little more busier in the parking lot than usual. Winemiller Hall will not be available on this day.

WOMEN OF NATIVITY. All women members of Nativity Lutheran Church are automatically members of W.O.N. and are welcome to participate in all sponsored activities of W.O.N.

MARY JOY BIBLE STUDY - NOVEMBER 6TH. All Women of Nativity are invited to join our bible study on November 6th at 9:45AM. For more information, please call Elva Posewitz at 352-584-9362.

2024 WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING – November 8-10, 2024 at Warren Willis Conference Center in Fruitland Park. Theme is “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.” For more information, please contact Ellen Lapinski at 773-556-4466.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - our next meeting will be TUESDAY, November 5th and 19th at 9:00AM in Al Lien Hall. Days for Girls is a non-profit organization formed to help girls in developing countries stay in school. Through the Trompeter Fund and Thrivent Financial, WON (Women of Nativity) has been able to participate in this life changing mission. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226.

CRAFTY LADIES - Fridays, 9:00AM - 11:00AM. We are a group of approximately 12 women, who meet every Friday morning at Nativity from 9:00AM until 12:00 noon. These dedicated ladies, iron, cut squares, pin and sew the quilts together, and tie a knot in every square. Please come and join us. Questions? Call Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226.

CARDS R US - Cards R Us will be plying our craft on second and third Mondays in **November, the 11th and 18th**, from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Come and try this with us, everyone. It's so fun and satisfying, plus we enjoy talking with each other. Nativity family, please shop our kiosks for your Thanksgiving cards. Your donations are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to help those in financial crises. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - NOVEMBER 2. We will see the movie entitled *HERE*, a comedy-drama-romance that tells the story of multiple families and the special place they inhabit. The film stars Tom Hanks and Robin Wright. It's a generational story that captures the human experience through love, loss, laughter, and life. The technology used to make the film is intriguing: The camera remains at a fixed angle for the entire 104-minute duration of the film. The movie uses a new generative artificial intelligence technology called *Metaphysic Live* to de-age the actors in real-time as they perform. The movie time, theater, and the restaurant will be chosen once schedules are released, a few days prior. Circle members and any others who have indicated they wish to join us will be notified by email, phone, or text. If anyone other than a member of Friendship Circle wishes to join us, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - NOVEMBER 17. The congregation is invited to a brunch coffee hour following service on November 17 to kick off Friendship Circle's Christmas Goat Project. The brunch will be provided by Thrivent. Rather than exchanging Christmas gifts with each other, Friendship Circle members have purchased goats from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog for many years. Goats can thrive in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Their milk provides daily nutrition to children and their families. Last Christmas, Nativity's donations allowed us to purchase 30 goats and 4 children's clinic visits for people all over the world, including the United States. We invite you to join us in this mission project and enjoy brunch with your Nativity family on November 17!

CLUB 75 LUNCHEON - NOVEMBER 19. The only criteria to be part of this fellowship group is that you must be 75 years old or older! Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. You can also call Vicki Page with any questions (352-210-8407). Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

SARAH CIRCLE, NOVEMBER 21 @ 10:00AM. Do you know someone who is undergoing a medical procedure, in need of comfort after a loss, desiring to increase their time of prayer or meditation, preparing for marriage, in the midst of an illness, recovering from surgery, or otherwise in need of prayer? ***Prayer shawls are always available. All you need to do is ask!*** When someone receives a prayer shawl, Sarah Circle (the women who sponsor the ministry and make the shawls) also prays for that recipient. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, join Sarah Circle on the third Thursday of the month in the Youth Room at 10:00AM. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.

MEMBER UPDATES:

New address: Maggie & Tom Kull
3065 Appleblossom Trail
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Irma Haig
7030 Evergreen Woods Trail #115
Spring Hill, FL 34608

Mary McDowall is now in Unit #411,
and still at Evergreen Woods

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Fellowship,

Hard to believe that the holidays are soon here.

Saturday, November 16th @ 5:00 - Pizza Movie Night

I keep on getting teased that I pick the food because I am Italian, last was pasta and this is Pizza. Welcome to the evening you will enjoy pizza, popcorn and a good movie, we are still picking out the movie, just trust us. Tickets will be 5:00, such a deal sold in the narthex.

Sunday, December 15th after service - Cantata Christmas Brunch

We will start taking sign ups in December, the brunch is free, but we have to know how many people to expect. It will be a great morning, so come to the Cantata and stay for brunch.

You will get more info later, but in January is a Mystery Dinner fairly local, also coming will be a Hamarama Talent show, so if you want to perform let me know. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I want to thank all of you who have given your concern and affection about my fall.

~Patti Cotter

REMINDER

Sunday, November 3



Crafty Christmas is our Christmas gift to the community and our opportunity to demonstrate “light and love” to those who will visit our facilities as vendors and attendees on Saturday, November 23, 2024. **Please SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 – to participate in Crafty Christmas. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex and be a part of Crafty Christmas.**

SAVE THE DATE

Special Events Coming in December

- Sunday, December 1** - Congregational Meeting
- Saturday, December 7** - W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon
- Sunday, December 8** - Weeki Wachee Winds Concert
- Saturday, December 14** - Angel Tree Party
- Sunday, December 15** - Christmas Cantata and Brunch
- Tuesday, December 24** - 6:00PM Christmas Eve Service

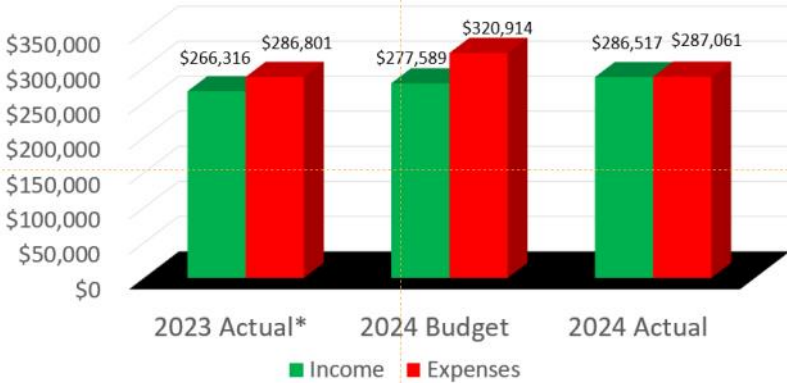
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1. Our annual Congregational Meeting for Budget and Elections will be held after Sunday service. The purpose is to propose and adopt a budget and a program of ministry for the following fiscal year, to hold annual elections, and transact any other business that may be necessary. Copies of the budget will be available in the narthex. You may also stop by the office (or call 352-597-1456) to request a copy.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 15th. All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office by December 15. Any questions, please call the church office at 352-597-1456.

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

2024 Income and Expenses (Through September)



* 2023 income and expenses do not include \$30,516.50 in storm damages.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Henkel at scott.henkel@capgemini.com.

WAYS TO DONATE TO NATIVITY. Nativity has a Venmo account. You can send a donation to: @Nativity-LutheranChurch. Also, if you prefer, Nativity has a Zelle account. Send to: nativitylutheran63@gmail.com. Also available is the QR code (see code on right) that is specifically for Nativity donations. Just point your phone's camera at it and a website address will pop up.





We are always looking for volunteers for various church duties. Volunteers are what help keep our church going and growing. If anything interests you please call the church office at 352-597-1456. THANK YOU!

USHERS NEEDED. We need 2 ushers for our 9:30AM service. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex listing the Sunday service dates. Please sign up for whatever date(s) fits your schedule. Your time is greatly appreciated.

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER NEEDED. We are seeking individuals who would like to light the candles and/or carry the cross during our Sunday service. Please contact the office (352-597-1456) if you are interested. A short training is all that is needed. Your time is greatly appreciated.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS. If you have signed up and are registered for helping out in the nursery, we need 2 people to monitor the nursery. Sign-up sheet is available in the nursery or you may call the office at 352-597-1456 to schedule day(s) you are willing to help out.

November Birthdays

Marylou Bonesteel	11/3
Annie Douglas	11/5
Diane Alt	11/7
Carole Schaefer	11/8
Michele Oliver	11/11
Marian Lyons	11/13
Eleanor Southey	11/13
William Binns	11/16
George Smith	11/16
Glenn Houdek	11/17
Elva Posewitz	11/17
Cam Martin	11/20
Michael Jones	11/21



Walter Johnson	11/22
Angela Russell	11/23
Bob Benson	11/27
Grace Signor	11/28
David Smith	11/30

November Wedding Anniversaries

Monika & Michael Brennan	11/4
Agnes & Eugene Burkart	11/14
Nancy & Martin Salzbach	11/16
Leonore & Gary Kopitzke	11/18
Lynn & Carl Roa	11/20
Mary & Harold Reber	11/21
Darinka & Gordon Lienau	11/21
Nancy & Andrew Trott	11/24
Daisy & Robert Rios	11/24



REMINDERS

OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday - 9AM-12N

INTERNET SERVICE - If you would like to connect to our internet when on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

MAILBOXES: When you come to church, please take a moment to check your mailbox in Winemiller Hall and see if anything was left for you.

NEWSLETTER: If you would like to have something included in the **December** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **November 15**.

WE WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU - We understand that not everybody is online and receives the church information through emails, Facebook, or our web-based calendar. If you know of anyone that has not been able to attend church for some time, you may be the only link between them and Nativity. We would appreciate it if you would keep them included in the happenings at Nativity so that they may not miss out on activities or schedule changes. In addition, please let us know as well so that we can work to keep them in the loop about things at NLC. In addition, should you have a change in your address, phone number and/or email address, please let the office know.

NLC CALENDAR: You can view it on the website, www.nlcww.org. If you do not have access to the website, please let us know, and we can arrange for you to receive a printed copy. In addition, on the website you can submit a request to schedule a meeting. We have many ministries scheduling meetings including non-NLC groups. If you need to reserve a room, please make sure you submit your request to the office. Submissions can be made using a form that can be obtained in the office, or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com or via the form on the website. This will help resolve any conflicts that may arise.

MISSION STATEMENT

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts
we carry light and love to the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Working as a supportive family of faith to extend God's gracious welcome through worship, community service, and spiritual growth opportunities.

OUR VALUES STATEMENT

We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

We recognize that God is making us, through grace, into a Fellowship that embodies and expresses the spirit of Christ. In this fellowship, there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28). We, therefore, welcome equally all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability or other distinctions. (Adopted 9/7/07)