

SPIRITUAL LIFE

HOLY COMMUNION-*All baptized are invited to receive the body and blood of our Lord, who is present with us in this sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you. We commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). If you prefer grape juice, indicate this to your communion server. Gluten free wafer available upon request. Non-communing children and others are invited to come forward, crossing their arms across their chest, to receive a blessing.*

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH-If you are aware of anyone in our congregation that is hospitalized, in need of home communion, or may need a pastoral call, please inform Darlene in the office at **352-597-1456**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Pastor Kris Wee will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church on **Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 am**. Visitation with the family, will precede the service by an hour, and a luncheon in Winemiller fellowship hall will follow the service.

HOSPITALITY We need food items or monetary donations for the reception following Pastor Wee's memorial service. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex, as well as envelopes for monetary donations, or you may use a green pew envelope and mark it Pastor Wee's Reception. Bread and Butter pickles and dill pickles have been offered by an anonymous donor, paper goods drinks and decorations will be provided by the Hospitality Committee and a sheet cake is being ordered. Fellowship is providing Pasta Salad and if you wish to contribute an item for the Fruit Salad, **please bring a one-gallon bag of cut up fruit to Al Lien Hall by 10:00 am on Saturday, January 13, the morning of the service.**

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP SUAREZ SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 12:00 Noon at St Mark Catholic Church 9724 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa

THANKOFFERING SERVICE with SPECIAL COLLECTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, at both services. We decorate the church with all the quilts we have made this past year. The women host the entire worship service and collect our Thankofferings. This service coordinates with the sending of the quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

NATIVITY GOLF OUTING Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 pm
World Woods Golf Course 17590 Ponce De Leon Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34614. Golf and cart \$35.00 plus tax/Pasta and salad bar dinner \$12.00 plus tax.
Hosted by Scott and Jane Henkel. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up to join us. Signup sheet is on the kiosk in the narthex **If you have any questions, please call Scott or Jane at 651-402-1473.**

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH DEACON (*Jack Page*)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 8:30 am.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am. Classes for children **3 and up!**

BIBLE STUDY (*7 Habits of Jesus*) **Tuesday, January 9,** meets in the library.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets **Sunday, January 21,** 9:45 am in the library.

COMMUNITY LIFE

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS Sunday,
January 7, 2018, at both services.

Al Wright, President
Ed Lewis, Vice President
Jane Henkel, Treasurer
Janet Jones, Secretary
Jack Page, Financial Secretary

Dan Derenski
Evelyn Wischnewski-Galli
Buddy Kristoferson
Susan Lee
Pastor Giuseppe Mattei

CARDS R US meets **Wednesday January 10, at 12:30 pm in Winemiller Hall**. Come prepared to enjoy creating something and chatting with us. We were able to give our 2017 profit of approximately **\$800**, with help from the Trompeter Fund, to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which he utilized to help people in financial distress. A big thank you to all who support this ministry with your donated used greeting cards, your shopping our kiosks and of course, your wonderful card making. **Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-596-8271 if you have any questions.**

CRAFTY LADIES meet every **Friday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church in Al Lien Hall**. Join us for coffee at 10:30 am. All women are welcome. **Call Lilo Horeis 352-666-7584 with questions.**

MARY JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, January 11, 12:30 pm at the church.** Refreshments will be served by Louise Weyen and Diane Zabel. Bible Study will be from: "Gather Magazine". Facilitator will be Rosie Rosten. Join us for the beginning of a new Bible Study and the beginning of a New Year, 2018.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY,
JANUARY 14, 9:45-10:45 am in Winemiller Hall.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST meets **Tuesday, January 16, 8:30 am** at **Perkins on Commercial Way.** Start your New Year off right. **Call Jim Christensen at 352-683-9141** for more information on this group.

DAYS FOR GIRLS Thursday, January 18, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Nativity. **DAYS FOR GIRLS *Health. Education. Dignity. Ensuring she has what she needs to succeed.*** These are the words found on the home page of the website for Days for Girls, a non-profit organization formed to help girls in developing countries stay in school. How can an organization help girls stay in school you may ask? Consider this: When a girl has her monthly period, she stays in her room and sits on a piece of cardboard! She cannot go to school and falls behind in her studies, eventually dropping out altogether. Days for Girls has come up with a solution: washable, reusable menstrual pads which are kept in a drawstring bag. Along with receiving these kits the girls are taught about health and personal hygiene. They are taught how to care for their pads so that they will last up to 3 years.

Through the Trompeter Fund and Thrivent Financial, Women of Nativity have been able to participate in this mission.

Please consider joining us on this valuable mission project. **Contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367 for more information or if you have any questions.**

WOMEN OF NATIVITY ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK will be on **Friday, January 19, 11:30 am following the Crafty Ladies' Circle meeting.** This annual meeting and potluck is usually held after the annual Thankoffering Service, but this year, due to scheduling, these two are being held separate. Business meeting and election of officers will follow our potluck. **PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH AND ENJOY!!! START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!!!**



As we enter 2018, we say let's go and have some Fellowship Fun. Here is what we have coming up:

STONE SALAD Sunday, January 21st, after the 11:00 am worship service in Winemiller Hall. Please bring any ingredient to add to the buffet. Fellowship will have the greens, dressing, crispy bread. Just bring it in before you go to the late service. A free will offering will be taken.

If you wish to attend, please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex. We will take a free will offering. **If you need more information call Patti Cotter at 352-797-9682.**

CHINSEGUT HILL MANOR & MUSEUM Thursday, February 22 Lunch and Tour 11:30 am.

We will be attending a lunch and tour of Hernando County's own Chinsegut Hill Manor and Museum. If you want to learn more about this facility go to www.chinseguthillretreat.com.

The tour will be from the porch and for those who want to continue then on to the museum. **The cost of the afternoon is \$15.00 We will start selling tickets on Sunday, January 28th. Please make checks payable to Nativity Fellowship.** At the time of ticket sale, please let us know if you will need a ride. It is off 41 in Brooksville. We will have maps for those driving. It is about 1/2 hour from church. There are only **60 tickets available**, so don't procrastinate. **If you need more information call Patti Cotter at 352-797-9682.**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY Saturday March 17 5:00pm. We are starting to plan this event, keep your eye out for future information. It looks to be a good start for the year, if you have any other questions, **if you need more information call Patti Cotter at 352-797-9682.**

USHERS needed at 8:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex. **Thank you to Judy Seidl for her dedication to this ministry.** We are looking for a volunteer to take over scheduling. **Please call the office at 352-597-1456 if you would be interested in taking the lead on this ministry.**

ALTAR GUILD invites anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am**, (to find out what we do and how we do it). **If you have any questions you would like answered before that call Janet DeVico at 352- 597-0150.**

THANK YOU to all Head Counters and Data Entry persons for your dedication counting and entering all the donations from visitors and members last year. For using your Time and Talent looking up numbers (green pew envelopes) opening them, putting them in numerical order and proving a dollar amount for each category. Many Thanks, Ernie Horeis

HELP WANTED A person or persons who are good with figures and have time to volunteer their services once a month as a Head Counter. You will be responsible for the group of volunteers who count and prove donations from our Congregation. Training will be provided, and the job takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete this time and talent outreach. **Call Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584 to find out more.**

**OUTREACH
MISSION OF THE MONTH:
COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM**



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, there is a good chance you get Thrivent Choice Dollars allocated every year for you to donate to a charity of your choice. This is charitable grant money the Thrivent Financial puts aside on your behalf based on the monies you have invested or paid into Thrivent Financial. Many people are unaware of these monies that exist for them. Are you one of them? If you are not sure, **contact Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 or check online at www.thrivent.com. You have until March 31, 2018 to get these dollars allocated.**

ACTION TEAMS

Each benefit member of Thrivent is eligible to put in a request for Two Action Team applications for this year. Each request, once approved, will be sent a credit card (seed money) \$250.00 to fund your project.

Here are some of the projects that have been approved:

- Weekend Blessings: Peanut butter for the back packs.
- Cookies for the Military: Brownie Troop #4424 at Nativity.
- Care for the Homeless: blankets, hats, gloves and socks.
- Nativity Lutheran Youth Group: Funding for the Easter breakfast and Youth Gathering.

Here are some of the projects waiting for you to apply:

- Nativity Lutheran Church Food Pantry: Food for Pets.
- Nativity Lutheran Church Crafty Ladies: material for quilts/sewing machines.
- Nativity Lutheran Church Sarah Circle: material for Prayer Shawls.
- Nativity Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School: water slide, material, crafts and food items.
- Homeless Hernando/Pasco blankets, scarves and hats.
- Lighthouse for the Blind.
- N.A.M.I National Alliance on Mental Illness

There are many projects not listed, **contact Tim Cotter at 352-797-9682 or Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584.** We will help you submit your project.



Thanks to everyone who donated food, money, and their time to our little pantry. We were able to serve those less fortunate than us in 2017. We had 3,965 shoppers, and helped to feed 11,097 which included adults, children and seniors. Once again, thank you, thank you. With your help, we will keep this outreach going for another year. **Call Bonnie Kuester at 352-596-8548 if you would like more information or to volunteer for the food pantry.**

BOX TOPS The Women of Nativity Women have been collecting box tops for several years. We want to encourage everyone to save these box tops. They are given to Homosassa Elementary School where Donna Olsen teaches music. Boxes are provided in the narthex for your collection.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE JUNKTIQUE SALE:

**½ DISTRIBUTED TO FOOD PANTRY
\$4,969.17**
**½ NATIVITY LUTHERAN APPRECIATION ACCOUNT
\$4,969.17**
**TRANSFERRED TO NEW JUNKTIQUE ACCOUNT
\$400.00**

\$10,338.34



Frank & Lorrie DeFrancesco	2/11
Ed & Harriette Cochran	2/14
Lamar & Delores Semmel	2/15
Ted & Phyllis Simpson	2/16
Richard & Carol Fleschner	2/17
Brian & Linda Wagner	2/26
Barry & Nancy Crowe	2/27



Iris Brunner	2/2
Dorothy Newell, Charles Wingrove	2/6
Roger Wenzdrzycki	2/7
Simone Mattei	2/9
Margret Ahlquist	2/11
Gerald Flom, Bev Houdek, Joey Rogers	2/15
Art Diedrich	2/16
Zell Boggus, Bette Kosatko	2/17
Doreen Davis, Galina Maras-Kestleloot	2/19
Patrick Gould, Georgeann Scheidter	2/22
Lynne Merritt, Jim Runyan, Robert Sanders	
Dieter Steffens	2/24
Alyssa Oliver	2/25
Darlene Gould, Carol White	2/26
Sue Deeg, Lorraine Meyer	2/27
Matt Breida, Lilo Horeis, Trevor Massey	2/28



NEWSLETTER 2018





*Nativity Lutheran Church
of Weeki Wachee*

*6363 Commercial Way
Weeki Wachee, Fl. 34613
352-597-1456*

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

Worship Services: 8:30AM & 11AM Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Website: nlcww.org

**Our worship service is broadcast on
102.9 FM every Sunday at 6:00 pm**

