



Happenings at NLC

December 2019

Monthly Newsletter

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

Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 8, 2019
9:45am in Winemiller Hall

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Members hope you will be able to attend this very important meeting.

Upcoming Events

December 7 - WON Christmas Luncheon

December 8 - Congregational Meeting

December 14 - Angel Tree Party

December 15 - Christmas Cantata

December 18 - Longest Night Service

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

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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LETTER FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We have reached the last month of 2019 and we are entering the new liturgical year of our church. We are starting the season of Advent and looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ! What a joyful time of the year and at the same time what a very busy time of the year. Suddenly our calendars are full of parties and events when we celebrate the holiday season.

The council has been busy working with other committees as we prepare for the month of December. We have worked with the Finance Committee to develop a realistic budget for our coming fiscal year. Much of this work was done over the past few months. The Finance Committee began the process with a review of the past year's income and expenses. They met with several committee chairs to review prior expenses and projected expenses and reviewed many ways of tightening our belts. This year as you review the proposed budget, you will see that we have tried to project our income from our offerings in a very realistic manner. And this year we are adding a line to show the amount of income needed to meet our budget that isn't associated with our typical sources of income. In other words, we are trying to show you the amount we need to raise in other creative ways just to meet a very tight budget. This will be presented to you on December 8th at our Annual Meeting that will take place between the two morning worship services.

Council has also coordinated with the Lay Leadership Development Committee as they worked to identify and recruit individuals to serve on the new Congregation Council, Mission Endowment Committee, and as representatives to the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly that will take place in June of 2020. The council was responsible for identifying two candidates to serve on the Lay Leadership Development Committee. Identifying and recruiting talented people is not an easy task and I want to commend Vicki Page and her committee for finding good candidates for all the positions. These candidates will be presented at the December 8th meeting for your approval. Our congregation is responsible for electing people to serve in these very important positions.

So please, put the Annual Meeting on your calendar for December 8, 2019 at 9:45. We will need to ensure we have a quorum so we can conduct the important business of adopting a budget and electing several individuals to serve our church for 2020.

And most importantly, let us each take some time to relax during this busy season. Let's pause and reflect on the reason for our celebration during this month. May we look forward with anticipation to the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The babe in the manger is worthy of our worship. Let us join the heavenly hosts and sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:14)

Blessings in Christ and Merry Christmas,

Ed Lewis

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Join Us at
Advent Worship



While most of the world rushes to celebrate Christmas, the church observes the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation and anticipation beginning Sunday, December 1st. We are waiting not only for our celebration of Christ's birth but also for his second coming. Each week in Advent we will light the Advent wreath. Join us in worship as we journey through Advent toward the joy of the Christmas season.

***THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS CANTATA* - Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the 11:00AM Worship Service.**

"The Heart of Christmas" by the prolific Christian composer, Pepper Choplin, tells the timeless story that we remember each year in a creative, profound way--by probing the hearts of those most directly involved in St. Luke's account of that first Christmas. This cantata features a variety of musical styles from blues and bluegrass to the warmly melodic and chorally traditional. We invite you to embrace the courage, faithfulness, joy, and love of those who experienced the birth of our Savior, and to receive the message of "The Heart of Christmas" in your hearts. This cantata is about 35 minutes in length. The service will also include communion.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - December 24, 2019, at 4:00PM and at 10:00PM.

The 4:00PM worship service will include the Children's Program. The 10:00PM worship service is a traditional Candlelight service with Holy Communion.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE - Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - 6:00PM

Have you experienced loss of a loved one this year, loss of a job, loss of a dream, loss of what might have been?

Do the thoughts of Christmas bring anxiety, hopelessness, doubt, emptiness, loneliness? You are welcome and invited to our longest night service. As we recognize that the Christmas season is not a joyous time for all we must be open to the possibility and the working of the Spirit to offer healing to those who have feelings of sadness, loss, or brokenness. Our longest night service is for you.

Refreshments to follow. ALL Welcome!

Questions? Please call Michelle Mehan-Conklin at 727-267-1047.

SOUL SEEKERS - December 9, 7:00PM. We would like to welcome you to be a part of a Spirituality Group at Nativity Lutheran Church. This group is designed to support and encourage our relationships with God as we face the challenges and joys together. We will meet the second Monday of the month from 7:00PM to 9:00PM, in the Sanctuary. This group is open to all.... young, not so young, male, female, community members, members, friends, anyone who is seeking and has a willingness to explore their relationship with God is welcome! Questions please contact Michelle Mehan-Conklin at 727-267-1047 or email at shelltbf@hotmai.com.

ALTAR GUILD – December 18, 2019, 10:00AM. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday 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 **Janet DeVico at 352-597-0150.**

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020: We rejoice as, Michelle Mehan, member of Nativity Lutheran Church, will be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Service in the ELCA on Sunday, January 12, 2020, 3:00PM at Nativity Lutheran Church. Bishop Pedro Suarez, Bishop of the Florida Bahamas Synod, will be presiding. More details to follow.

MIDDAY PRAYER - Weekdays at 12:30PM. The Midday Prayer is a brief break during the day to find rest and renewal in prayer. All are welcome. People may gather for a few moments together at **12:30PM every day** and then go about the rest of their day or if they would like, they can stay longer in prayer in the sanctuary. Please join us and help spread the word.

NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - Every service is easily accessible from Nativity's website. **ALSO**, Sunday night at 6pm, tune in to WZEU-FM 102.9 on your radio for a rebroadcast of our previous weeks' Sunday Service. If you are Interested in sponsoring one of the services broadcast on WZEU in memory or honor of someone, cost is \$25 and place your donation in a green envelope and mark it WZEU and place in the offering plate.



Christmas Poinsettias



Order your Poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary Christmas Eve for \$8.00 each. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex at the Poinsettia display table. The poinsettias are large 3 stem red plants FRESH from Knox Nursery of Winter Garden, FL. Place order envelopes in offering plate or leave them at the Church Office. Last chance to place an order is Tuesday, December 17.





We also have 6 Very Large WHITE poinsettias available for purchase for \$25.00 each. These plants will be used to highlight the altar Christmas Eve AND Sunday Dec 29th. You may purchase one of these plants by signing up at the kiosk in the Narthex (Altar Flowers).

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE is pleased to announce a new program to address the financial needs of our Church. As you know from our temple talks, there are three aspects to Stewardship -- volunteering our time, our talents, and our financial support. In this article, I would like to tell you about an exciting new program that will increase and enhance financial support of our Church. A member has established a \$100,000.00 fund (the "Fund") that will match on a dollar-for-dollar basis increases in giving to Nativity Lutheran Operating Fund, of up to \$20,000.00 per year. (The Operating Fund comprises all funds received that are not designated for a specific purpose. Operating Funds are used to run the church.)

"...a wonderful opportunity to magnify the impact of increased contributions"

A summary of the need for this program is given below. I strongly recommend that you read this message and prayerfully ask yourself how you can support this important initiative.

Background and Purpose

Giving to Nativity Lutheran Church of Weeki Wachee, Florida (“Nativity Lutheran”) has decreased steadily for the past few years as church attendance has declined. While many Nativity members have increased their giving year-over-year to help address this issue (thank you!), overall revenue to Nativity Lutheran has declined for several years.

The Church Council has done an excellent job of reducing the expenses of Nativity to align with this reduction in giving. Many contracts were re-negotiated and rigorous spending controls were put in place. This has also meant that funding for various important actions (such as a new Columbarium, a new sign and other marketing initiatives, and new audio/visual equipment) has been deferred. Funding for the maintenance reserve for contingencies such as a new roof has needed to be cut and, in fact, the maintenance reserve has been used to balance the budget in more than one year. Collectively, those actions have allowed us to survive financially for the past few years; but are not sustainable on a long-term basis.

While those actions have allowed Nativity Lutheran to survive in the short run, we are reaching a point where there is very little left to cut in expenses without a significant impact on the operations of our church. Certain expenses (such as utilities, benefits, and other operating costs) continue to rise despite rigorous management by the Church Council. Other expenses (such as a new roof, improvement/replacement of HVAC equipment, and other maintenance expenses) cannot be delayed forever and may require immediate action at unforeseen times when we can least afford them. Put simply, if giving fails to increase, there will be no choice but to cut ministries (such as music purchases or Vacation Bible Study) or personnel costs. These actions would ultimately threaten the very survival of Nativity Lutheran.

This is a short-term crisis for our Church. Our mortgage is currently \$5,074 per month and will likely increase somewhat with the impending refinancing requirement. However, it will be paid in full in just 7 ½ years. If we can find a way to meet the operating costs of Nativity for those 7 ½ years, our annual operating costs will drop by over \$60,000 per year thereafter. This should then

help Nativity Lutheran to not only survive; but to thrive in new and dynamic ways once we eliminate the financial burden of ongoing mortgage payments. The challenge, therefore, is to find a way to address the financial needs of Nativity Lutheran until we finish paying off the mortgage on our Church.

Note: Many members believe that the Trompeter Fund could be the solution to this issue. That is not the case. The Trompeter Fund cannot be used for the Operating Funds of Nativity Lutheran. It is intended only for outreach, education, and other activities not funded by the Operating Fund. While the Trompeter Fund is an important source of funds for the mission outreach programs that are supported by Nativity Lutheran, it cannot be used to solve this problem.

Summary of Nativity Matching Fund

An anonymous member of our congregation has donated \$100,000.00 to a donor advised fund (the “Nativity Matching Fund”) as a challenge vehicle to increase giving to the operating fund of Nativity Lutheran (the “Operating Fund”). The Nativity Matching Fund will match, on a dollar-per-dollar basis, increases in giving to the Operating Fund up to a maximum matching donation of \$20,000.00 per year. This includes the following:

- Increases in offerings in December 2019 compared to offerings in December 2018;
- Year-over-year increases in donations from existing members to the Operating Fund;
- Donations by new members to the Operating Fund;
- Increases in “plate giving” allocated to the Operating Fund;
- Wills or other bequests to the Operating Fund that are funded after 2019;
- Increases in revenue received to the Operating Fund from special events (such as Junktique or other fund-raising events); and/or
- Any other increases in revenue for the Operating Fund (such as facilities rental).

While the objective of the Nativity Matching Fund is to allow Nativity to survive until the mortgage is paid in full, this should not be seen as a mortgage reduction initiative. Rather than reduce the size of the mortgage, this simply gives the funds needed to pay the expenses of the Operating Fund (including paying the normal mortgage payments) until that is paid in full.

The goal of the Nativity Matching Fund is therefore to increase revenue to the Operating Fund; not other important missions of Nativity Lutheran such as the food pantry, sister churches, or the mission of the month. The Trompeter Fund can frequently be used to support those missions. The focus of the Nativity Matching Fund is therefore on those vital functions of our Church that are not covered by the Trompeter Fund; yet must be supported if Nativity Lutheran is to survive.

Bob Schneider

OUTREACH

MISSION OF THE MONTH - FOOD PANTRY

The Nativity Lutheran Church food pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, to help those in need. Between 200-250 people are served each week. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed and can be dropped off during the food pantry hours or at our Sunday church services.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us in this ministry. For more information, please contact Bonnie Kuester at 352-596-8548.

ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS - you may still have action team projects available before the new year starts. Benefit Members - 2 a year; and Associate Members - 1 a year. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and ask. Nativity's Mission Outreach Committee has projects for you to apply for and help our community. Call Ernie Horeis or Tim Cotter if you need help.

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE

Applications for 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, 2019. The 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. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson or any member of the Mission Endowment Fund.

ANGEL TREE PARTY -

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1PM - 4PM.

We will be hosting a Christmas party for children whose parents may be incarcerated or who are deemed economically disadvantaged. Last year the participation we received from the Nativity family was wonderful. The party will be on December 14th in Al Lien Hall from 1:00PM - 4:00PM. We hope you can join us.



The Angel Tree will be located in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation to this ministry, please take an envelope off the tree and place it in the offering plate.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group meets Thursday evenings at 6:00PM for devotion and fellowship. Meetings are held at Nativity in the Youth Room.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On Saturday, December 14 at 9:30AM, the youth and any member of the congregation, will be participating in Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery. If you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony with Nativity Lutheran Youth Group, please email Frank DeFrancesco at fdefran151@gmail.com Feel free to invite family and friends to join us. All ages are welcome!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - every Sunday, **9:45AM-10:45AM**. Classes for children **3 and up!**

CONFIRMATION CLASS - We have 2 groups this year. Group 1 meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and Group 2 meets the 2nd and 4th. At 9:45AM we will start out in Al Lien Hall for music practice, then proceed to the Library. Months with a 5th week we do not meet.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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.

WON LUNCHEON - **Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:30AM**. All women of Nativity are invited to the annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 7th at 11:30AM in Winemiller Hall. Tickets are \$7.00. For more information please contact Jean Drach at 352-684-1632 or Cam Martin at 352-600-7075.

CARDS R US - Wednesday, December 4 & 11, 2019 - 12:30PM-3PM. Cards R Us will meet at Nativity, December 4 and December 11, 12:30PM - 3:00PM, to turn your donated, used greeting cards into new greeting cards which are offered for a suggested 75 cent donation. All profits from these cards are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to help people who are experiencing one-time emergencies. We welcome anyone who would like to craft cards in their home or to cut out embellishments to decorate the insides of our cards, which can be done at home, also. All are welcome to join us -- it's lots of fun, a chance to make friends, and an opportunity to help in a Nativity mission. For more information, you can contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

PAINTING CLASS - Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18, 2019 - 10AM-12PM. We meet every Wednesday in Al Lien Hall. For more information, contact Germaine Major at 352-686-0416, or Penny Morman at 352-888-1829.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Libby and John Capell have again invited Friendship Circle to celebrate a potluck Christmas dinner at their (way south) Spring Hill home on Friday, December 6, at 5:00PM. Attendees are asked to RSVP and to coordinate their dish with Libby. Please bring about 2 dozen cookies for dinner and the exchange. The Circle will take up a goodwill offering to purchase goats and other items for Haiti from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog in support of ELCA's World Hunger sustainable development projects. Any questions, please call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

MARY JOY CIRCLE - Thursday, December 12, 2019- 12:30PM Our monthly Bible study continues on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 12:30PM in Al Lien Hall. All women of Nativity are invited to join us for fellowship and bible study (led by Cam Martin). We look forward to welcoming you. For more information, please contact Evelyn Lawlor at 352-835-7784.

SARAH CIRCLE - Sarah Circle will not meet in November or December. Meetings will start up again in January 2020 (which typically are the 4th Thursday of the month.) If you have any questions about this ministry, please call Peg Sanders at 352-382-1781.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 8:30AM. Please join us at **PERKINS RESTAURANT**, 4685 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, for fellowship and breakfast. For more info on this group, please call Jim Christensen at 352-683-9141.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 9:00AM. 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) have been able to participate in this life changing mission. Please consider joining us. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

Need a Christmas gift idea? The Days for Girls mission has one! They are offering a set of 4 wine glass slippers for a donation of \$5.00. The slippers are a water-proof coaster and glass marker in one. The money raised goes to purchase more fabric for the Days for Girls kits. You may see the wine glass slippers displayed in the narthex following worship services on December 1, 8 & 15. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

CRAFTY LADIES - Fridays, 9:00AM - 11:00AM. We are a group of approximately 17 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 352-686-3367.

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Yikes it is December, how did this happen so quickly? We know many of you will be traveling during the holidays, we wish you God's blessings and a safe journey. Here is what we have coming up:

Sunday December 15th Nativity Christmas Brunch, following the 11:00AM service and Cantata.

The Fellowship Committee and our Choir invite you as our guests to our brunch. A wonderful way to be with our Nativity family before many leave to head out. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. Please sign up so that we can insure we have enough food.

Last week of January, we are in the planning stages of a Mystery Dinner, watch for details next month.

Saturday, February 22nd, we will have a spaghetti dinner/ game night. The last time we had one it was loads of fun and some got quite complete. All in good fun of course because we are mellow Lutherans.

We continue to plan activities through April. We always welcome new members and ideas. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30AM. Come on and give us a try. We wish you all a wonderful New Year and look forward to having you join us for our events.

-- *Patti Cotter, 352-797-9682*

THE NATIVITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT will take a break during the month of December, and start up again in January 2020. Watch for details after the holidays!

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

October Attendance: Nativity's average attendance has returned to numbers seen in October 2018. That indicates that our "snowbirds" have returned. With the holiday season upon us, I expect those numbers to climb.

October Income: With the return of our membership, income has returned to exactly where expected this month. While we did not give enough to make up for the \$21K giving deficit we accumulated in the prior nine months, we did not add to the amount. This is truly a blessing!

October Expenses: Expenses were a bit higher than income for the month. No unusual expenses were paid. But, with the start up of committees and preparation for the holiday season, expenses increase during the fourth quarter.

2020 Stewardship: Data collected has indicated a true increase in the number of pledges from 2019 and an additional increase in pledge amounts of approximately \$23K. Once these monies are given, the Matching Donor Fund will match quarterly.

Any questions, please email me at jane.henkel@nlcww.org.
--Jane Henkel, 2019 Financial Secretary

2019 Year-To-Date Income and Expenses
(Through October)





HERNANDO COUNTY NEW RESIDENTS RECEPTION—
Friday, Dec. 6 from 5pm-8pm at Pasco Hernando College Spring Hill Campus. Nativity will have a table. If you can spare an hour and would like to help, please contact Evelyn Galli at 352-684-2261.

COUNTERS NEEDED — Every week donations are counted by a group of volunteers. For more information, please call Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584.

AV OPERATORS NEEDED. The audio operator makes sure the congregation can hear the spoken word and music. Please consider helping to take on this very important (yet simple) task. Call Art Alt at 352-596-1585 for more info.

COMMUNION MINISTRY HELP NEEDED. With so many of our members being temporarily (after surgeries and medical procedures) or permanently housebound, more people are needed to bring them Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Giuseppe. A short training is all that is needed.

HELP WANTED. THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY ORGANIZATION is looking for volunteers to represent Nativity at the Hernando County Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veteran Court graduations. If you would like to learn more about this program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

GARDEN HELP WANTED! We need your help to maintain the gardens at the entrance of the administration building. Any questions, contact Linda Wagner at 352-799-8577 or JoAnne Berg at 352-428-0156.

REMINDERS

OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday - 9AM-2PM

FROM THE TREASURER. As we come to the end of the year, we want to ensure that all invoices and expenses through December get paid from the 2019 budget. Therefore, please make sure any invoices/expenses for Nativity are given to Evelyn Galli, Treasurer by December 22. If you and/or a vendor cannot get the invoice by that time, please let Evelyn know of any invoice/expense that is expected to come in including name of vendor (person), amount and what it is for so that the money can be accrued. We appreciate your help in this as we do not want to pay any 2019 expenses from the 2020 budget. Thank you, Evelyn Galli

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 **January** newsletter, please submit it to the office by **December 15**.

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

We seek to become people who live the nativity by...

Giving Worship and Praise to our God: Presenting ourselves before God as adoring servants, who, in loving God, recognize that it is no longer we who are at the center of the universe, but the One to whom we are singing our praises.

Intentionally giving ourselves as Christ's servants: Participating in his mission in the world, helping those who need our help, both in our church family and in the world beyond: recognizing that there can never really be any peace or joy for us until there is peace and joy for others.

Opening our doors and our hearts to all people: Welcoming all to our fellowship, caring for all in Christian love, and reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Encouraging each other to grow in faith: Growing our understanding of the scripture and God's leading in our lives through study of the Word, meditation, and prayer; knowing that learning is not just a matter of the mind, but also of the heart, and that raising questions is sometimes of more value than finding answers.

Being responsible to God through the creative use of our income, possessions, time and talent; recognizing that loving our neighbor is not so much a feeling as it is an act of will, and that sharing what we have on behalf of the Kingdom of God is only giving back what was already God's to being with.

Celebrating the gift of life together: Loving our neighbor, losing ourselves and then finding ourselves, having discovered that the Good News means that it is impossible not to feel joy in the presence of the Savior.

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)

December Birthdays

Ruth Carlson	12/1
Terri Breida	12/2
Will Schantl	12/3
Lyn Derenski	12/4
Natalie Goff	12/4
Asta Lundh	12/5
Johnny Mullins	12/5
Brenda Mullins	12/5
Karen Ruzicka	12/7
Dan Derenski	12/8
Scott Henkel	12/8
Crystal Murchhardt	12/9
Ann Kopp	12/9
Nancy Siegert	12/9
Sara Moore	12/9
James Nelson	12/10
Suzanne Chelf	12/12



Charlotte Hamm	12/15
Alfred Korndorfer	12/16
Desiree Mattei	12/16
Janet DeVico	12/21
Karen Napoli	12/23
Scott LaFranca	12/24
Jack Page	12/27
Norma Diedrich	12/30

December Wedding Anniversaries

Gil & Joan Herr	12/21
Beury & Ellie Simons	12/21
Zell & JoAnne Boggus	12/22
Charles & Sue Deeg II	12/23
Michael & Janet Jones	12/26
John & Libby Capell	12/27
Ernest & Nelly Velez	12/31

