



Happenings at NLC

July 2020

Monthly Newsletter

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

Worship Services online: nlcww.org

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Be Well, Stay Safe



Upcoming Events

July 3 - Office Closed

July 8 - Cards R Us

July 20 - Friendship Circle Outing

Most church activities are canceled until further notice. Please watch for weekly announcements sent by the church office.

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

The following meetings/gatherings are canceled for the month of July. While most meetings are canceled, there may be a request to meet by the ministry leader.

- Soul Seekers, Choir, Handbell Choir, Midday Prayer, Bulletin Folders, Stewardship Committee, Altar Guild

PRAYER TIME WITH PASTOR MATTEI (ZOOM MEETING PLUS DIAL-IN)

Join Pastor Mattei for Prayer Time every Thursday in July at 10:30AM.

Join the Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82274908805>

Meeting ID: 822 7490 8805

If you want, you may call in every Thursday at 10:30 AM by dialing 1-929-205-6099, and when prompted for the meeting ID, enter in 82274908805#. During that time we sing, read a Bible passage and a Psalm, and then offer our prayers to God.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND LIVING LUTHERAN - We have received our copies of the July/Aug/Sept issue of Christ in Our Home and July issue of Living Lutheran. If you would like a copy, please stop by the office between 9:00AM and 12PM and pick up a copy. If you have any questions, or want to make sure copies are still available, please call the office at 352-597-1456.



OPTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION - The Worship and Music Committee is implementing an additional option for Holy Communion. We would like to offer elements that are blessed by Pastor Giuseppe on the altar as he records that portion of the service each week. If you wish to obtain elements in this manner, please send an email to the church at nativitylutheran63@gmail.com with the word Communion in the subject line, or call the church office at 352-597-1456. All requests must be received before 11:00 AM each Wednesday for pick-up at the drive through circle in front of the church on Fridays from 10:00 AM until noon.

LUTHERANS AND NETFLIX - The ELCA has found itself in the Netflix spotlight recently. The Netflix series [Sweet Magnolias](#), written by ELCA member Sheryl Anderson, began streaming May 19 and features a fictional ELCA congregation. The main characters turn to their church for the community, grace, and support that Lutherans can count on. Meanwhile, the Rev. Noah Hepler of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement appeared on season 5 of *Queer Eye*, with his congregation and his mindset getting a makeover from the Fab Five. Give these great Lutheran-featuring shows a watch!

NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 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.

OUTREACH

MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ HOUSE

Rez House (Resurrection House) is July's Mission of the Month. During this pandemic, many of the Rez House clients who work at the lower end of the economy have been drastically and negatively affected by COVID. Now these same individuals find themselves unemployed and struggling to meet basic survival needs. Margarita Romo, Rez House executive director, has indicated that their greatest need is financial to help Rez House clients attain basic necessities. This month's drive is to raise funds to help in this endeavor. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line.

Blessings to All, JoAnne Boggus
for the Mission and Outreach Committee

COVID-19 SPECIAL APPEAL

The Florida-Bahamas Synod is committed to helping our congregations and communities respond to the need created by the COVID-19 pandemic. We know our churches are eager to help those in need, and our ministers are dedicated to offering worship online. If you wish to donate, make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and make sure to mark it "COVID-19 Special Appeal". Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

The following meetings/gatherings are canceled for the month of July:

- Youth Group Activities and Sunday School.
- Confirmation Class will not meet during July and August.

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.

While most meetings are canceled, there may be a request to meet by the ministry leader.

- The July 25th WON Bible Study has been canceled. A new date has not yet been identified.
- Days for Girls will not meet during the month of July.

CARDS R US - WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

The Cards R Us Circle will return to making cards on Wednesday, July 8, 12:30-3:00pm, in Winemiller Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this mission for Pastor's Discretionary Fund by your donations of used greeting cards and your cash donations for our upcycled greeting cards, which are available on kiosks in the narthex and in the Administration building hallway. We will be keeping a safe distance from each other, running ceiling fans, and using hand sanitizer. This is a fun afternoon, everyone is welcome to try their hand at making cards with us. For safety's sake, the cards will be held for a few days prior to being made available on the kiosks. For more information, please call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE members have missed each other these last few months due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are planning an outdoor activity that we feel will be relatively safe. **Let's picnic at Hunter Springs Park in Crystal River on Monday, July 20.** There is usually a sea breeze. We'll meet at the park at 4:00pm and try to nab tables under the pavilion for shade. Pavilion or not, we will social distance. Park address is 18 NE 2nd St., Crystal River 34429, which is about 37 minutes north of Nativity on U.S. 19. Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic lunch. Parking fee is \$1/hour or \$5/day; you will need a credit card and your vehicle tag number at the pay stations. Some of us will not be carpooling due to safety concerns. If anyone wants to carpool, please make your own arrangements. The park features easy access to a beautiful freshwater beach, outdoor showers, a boardwalk from which manatees may be seen, and a kayak launch area. If anyone other than a member of Friendship Circle would like to join us, please call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

CRAFTY LADIES - FRIDAYS, 9:00AM - 11:00AM.

Crafty Ladies will meet on Fridays, 9:00AM-11:00AM. Coffee hour will not take place during this time. CDC guidelines will be followed. Questions? Call Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES - We are still hoping to have this fundraising event on Saturday, October 17, and we will be looking for donations of various items. Right now we are working on making room at church to store the donated items. Things we will accept are as follows: dishes, glassware, kitchen items, pictures, books, toys, CDs, DVDs, DVD players, computers, speakers, small appliances, holiday decorations, tools, knick knacks in good condition. Items that we will NOT accept include: clothes, large appliances, TVs, Christmas string lights, furniture. We will be putting together a schedule on when items can be dropped off (probably not until August when we have a better idea on the COVID-19 situation and if this event can proceed). In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to call Evelyn Galli at 352-684-2261 or 516-909-3119.

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MAY 2020

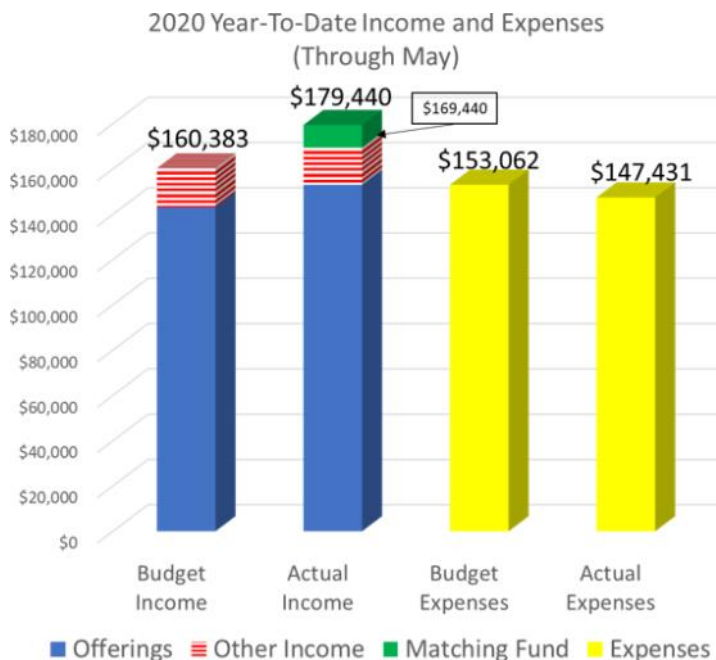
Attendance: Attendance, now counted as on-line views on YouTube, has fallen in May. This is not totally unexpected as this has been the case in previous years while counting in-person attendance. In previous years it was because of snowbirds returning up north or summer vacations. This year, we cannot count out “quarantine fatigue” as a contributing factor.

Income: With steady giving from our congregation our income is on-budget. A big thank you to our givers who have kept up with their pledges.

Expenses: Nativity is ~\$5600 below budget due mainly to COVID shutdown. While there were some unexpected maintenance expenses in May, our expenses are lower than budget due to no in-person worship.

Questions: jane.henkel@nlcww.org

--Jane Henkel, 2020 Financial Secretary



REMINDERS

Temporary Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - noon

ZOOM ACCOUNT. Nativity now has a Zoom account which can be used by any groups wanting to meet virtually. Even if someone in your group does not have a computer, they can still participate by dialing in (phone numbers are provided in the meeting details). If you wish to try a Zoom meeting, please contact the office (352-597-1456), and Linda will be more than happy to assist in setting it up.

LOCK BOX INSTALLED. For your convenience, we have installed a lock box outside Al Lien Hall door (next to the playground). This will make it more convenient if you wish to drop off your donation, or any mail for the church, in the secured lock box, which is checked daily.

DOOR BELL. Also for your convenience, so you don't have to go through the courtyard gates, a door bell has been installed on the Al Lien Hall door.

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 **August** newsletter, please submit it to the office by **July 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. You can also include that info on the white communion cards.

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

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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)

July Birthdays

Bonnie Kuester	7/1		
Marion Attaviano	7/3		
Kathy Olson	7/7		
Harold Reber	7/7		
Carl Roa	7/7		
Christopher Wright	7/7		
Tom Schneider	7/8	Bob Schneider	7/23
Douglas Beals Jr.	7/9	James Glessner	7/24
Darlene Christensen	7/9	Tim Noe	7/24
Joan Rasper	7/10	Nina Vaznelis	7/24
Paul Chipko	7/12	Gilbert Herr	7/25
Rhonda Nelson	7/14	Lynn Cawley	7/26
Christina Roa	7/15	Barbara Strohl	7/26
Irmgard Timm	7/15	Richard Posewitz	7/27
Carol Fleschner	7/16	John Gauthier	7/29
Anna Hupp	7/16	Mary Reber	7/30
Harry Elliott	7/17	Arthur Alt	7/31
Jessica Stephan	7/19	Elmer Heupel	7/31
Jessica Miller	7/20	Janet Jones	7/31
Elizabeth Capell	7/22	Jacob Sandals	7/31



July Wedding Anniversaries

Cindy and Bernie Rogers	7/2
Ruth Ann and Don Hoy	7/6
Jane and Scott Henkel	7/11
Michelle and Kim Mehan-Conklin	7/18
Asta and Carl Lundh	7/20
Darla and Kenneth Strey	7/23
Marilyn and Thomas Schneider	7/27
Nancy and Carl Fish	7/29
Lynne and Chestley Merritt	7/29

