



Happenings at NLC

August 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



Upcoming Events

August 18 - Men's Breakfast (Perkins)
August 18 - Primary Voting (NLC)

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

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

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS

A weekly gathering for prayer and reflection on the psalms. The 30 minute sessions will run for 4 weeks: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 5:00 PM. Join Pr. Giuseppe on-line or over the phone.

Please call the church office (352-597-1456) for details.

***Registration is required by August 5th.**

R. DIANGELO'S WHITE FRAGILITY

According to the Rev. Peter Marty, "One of the unspoken privileges of being white in America is the privilege to assume that racism is not a pressing topic." To have a conversation about racism is uncomfortable. Yet, it is necessary especially for Christians. Racism is a sin to be denounced. DiAngelo's book may be a tool to help us move beyond shame and defensiveness. This book study will run every other week for 6 weeks from August 13 through October 22. Each one-hour session will start at 3:00 PM. Please, purchase your book if you plan to attend.

Please call the church office for details (352-597-1456).

***Registration is required by August 13th.**

BIBLE & BEER (OR WINE)

Come and explore together in Christian fellowship Bible themes as they intersect with everyday life. Faith builds slowly as we reflect, pray, meditate, integrate, and talk it over with other fellow Christians what we hear as the Word of God addresses us personally. This group meets on-line or over the phone every other week for approximately one hour starting on August 18 through September 29 at 7:00PM.

Please call the church office (352-597-1456) for details.
***Registration is required by August 17th.**



OPTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION - The Worship and Music Committee has implemented an 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 on Thursday or Friday between 9:00a - 12:00n at the church office.

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.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND LIVING LUTHERAN - We have received our copies of the July/Aug/Sept issue of *Christ in Our Home* and the August 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.

OUTREACH

MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHER SPRINGS/ LUTHER LEAGUE

Did you know that we have our very own retreat place just a couple hours away? Looking for spiritual inspiration with a touch of nature? Luther Springs is a place to experience. It is our featured mission of the month that includes fun, faith and friends. Luther Springs offers a place to stay in cabins or campsites for weekend or week retreats and is known for its beautiful scenery, outdoor prayer and meditation areas plus serene, peaceful walking paths to the lake. It is also a place to spend a day - just a nice drive away. Some ways to "get inspired" at Luther Springs are retreat offerings for men and women, a Grands Weekend for grandparents and grandkids, Quilting/Creating, Family Camps, Youth Lock-ins, and Confirmation Faith Formation; plus time to connect with your group. We challenge you to explore what Luther Springs has to offer and give to a local, spiritual retreat. For more information about specific offerings and dates, go to www.luthersprings.org to browse information about Luther Springs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

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

- Youth Group Activities, Sunday School and Confirmation Class.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 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.

PRIMARY VOTING will take place here at Nativity on Tuesday, August 18th, in Winemiller Hall; therefore, the hall will not be available for meetings.

CARDS R US - will not meet in August.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - will not meet in August.

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. 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, and knick knacks in good condition. Items that we will NOT accept include: clothes, large appliances, TVs, Christmas string lights, and furniture. If you would like to donate items (or have any questions), please call Evelyn Galli at 352-684-2261 or 516-909-3119 to arrange a drop off time.



Paul Lewis Winemiller, Jr
1930 - 2020

*Nativity Lutheran Church
6363 Commercial Way
Spring Hill, FL 43316*

To the Saints at Nativity....

We are writing to inform you that your founding pastor, Paul Winemiller, passed to the Church Triumphant on Sunday, July 19, 2020. We loved our years with you and rejoiced in the growth of Nativity that continues, especially your love for sharing through the Farmworker ministries and in Haiti. Pastor Paul lived to the age of 89 and went peacefully to heaven. May Our Lord continue to bless all your ministries!

*Kathie Winemiller
920 Tamiami Trail S., #356
Venice, FL 34285*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathie" with a long, sweeping underline.



UNITED AS ONE: COVID-19 SPECIAL APPEAL

WE THANK
YOU

To the members of Nativity.

Thank you for your faithfulness
as we walk together to address the
challenges of Covid-19. Your gift is
truly appreciated as it supports ministries
throughout the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

United As One.

*Your generosity has been a BLESSING
to those in NEED.*

*Tom O'Reilly
Synod Council*

Nativity receives many notes of thanks, complimenting the people who put together the services each week. We are happy to hear so many are enjoying our online services. Below are just a few.

Oakland, Maryland
July 20, 2020

Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brings us the worship service.

The opportunity to participate in communion and the full liturgy and to hear and sing the word is a blessing.

You don't see us but oh, how we appreciate seeing you.

Bill and Bonnie Fedde

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM
WILL AND GLENNA SCHANTL**

The Schantl's sent in a nice note to the church, hoping that everyone is doing well. They also want to say whomever is doing the flower arrangements for the online services is doing a wonderful job.

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

JUNE 2020

Attendance: June's attendance online was up from May 2020. This is surprising based on previous in-person attendance during the same month last year. However, the country's unrest and Florida's COVID-19 continued escalating status may have contributed to MORE online worship views. Our congregants and others may be looking for spiritual guidance during this unsettled time. And, maybe, our snowbirds and those that are traveling are watching faithfully, also.

Income: While attendance figures are up, the giving is down. June's giving was only 64% of what was expected. But, income in May was more than expected partially due to the 5-Sundays month and, perhaps, confusion by our givers about when the month of June began.

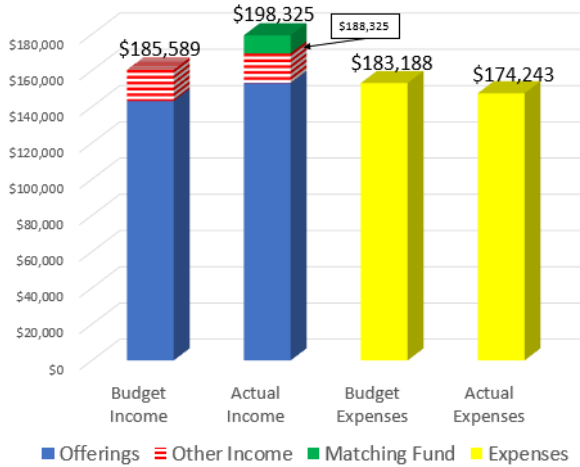
Other Income: Matching Funds from First Quarter 2020 have been received. That money was transferred to our Balance Sheet to count as future Designated Funds for the Operating Budget.

Expenses: Our expenses are down due to no in-person worship. There were a couple of unanticipated expenses in our building maintenance that were required to be paid to keep the building operational. See Ev Galli for information.

--Jane Henkel, 2020 Financial Secretary

Questions: Jane Henkel (651) 402-1473
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2020 Year-To-Date Income and Expenses
(Through June)



Questions: jane.henkel@nlcww.org

* 2020 income does not include \$20,000 in Matching Fund received in June. Total revenue = \$218,325

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 **September** newsletter, please submit it to the office by **August 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 people that have 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

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)

August Birthdays

Timothy Cotter	8/2
Connie Wendrzycki	8/2
Jared Gould	8/3
Peggy Sanders	8/3
Kenneth Strey	8/3
Michael Brennan	8/5
Joan Herr	8/6
Hailey Patterson	8/6
Linda Thelan	8/6
Candice Kochounian	8/9
Mary Smart	8/9
Caitlin Schaub	8/10
Zachery Burchhardt	8/11
Jane Castro	8/12
Glennyce Drenner	8/12
Victoria Page	8/13
Jane Henkel	8/14
Ellen Lapinski	8/14
Nancy Salzbach	8/14
Beury Simons	8/15
Claude Major	8/16
Jean Drach	8/18



Ian MacLean	8/20
Cheryl Wolfe	8/20
Elizabeth Deon	8/22
Kristine Kopitzke	8/22
Robert Oliver Sr.	8/22
Diane Dietz	8/23
David Ennes	8/24
Karin Glessner	8/25
Gregory Massey	8/25
Giuseppe Mattei	8/25
Patti Cotter	8/27
Donald Taylor	8/28

August Wedding Anniversaries

Kathleen & Arthur Olsen	8/6
Michele & Robert Oliver Sr.	8/8
Judith & John Seidl	8/12
Judith & Gilbert Dietz	8/14
Julie & Gary Hopkins	8/15
Judith & James Nelson	8/18
Margaret & Stephen King	8/19
Gloria & Al Wright	8/19
Carol & Kendall White	8/21



Karen & Clarence Crawford	8/22
Eleanor & William Hockings	8/22
Diane & Art Alt	8/24
Sandy & Guy Peeters	8/24
Susan & Donald Taylor	8/31