



Happenings at NLC

February 2022

Monthly Newsletter

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

Worship Services 9:30AM

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei



**Hernando Harmonizers
Concert
February 5, 2022
2:00PM
@ Nativity Lutheran
Church**

Upcoming Events

February 18 - Movie Night (NLC)

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

Lent Services to be announced

April 1&2 - Trinkets and Treasures Sale

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 15 - Good Friday Service

April 17 - Easter Sunday Service

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 6:00PM.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. We are invited to gather for a worship service at 6:00PM, and start this period of prayer that leads to the events of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion during "Holy Week". Due to COVID-19 there will be no marking of ashes on the forehead, but ashes will be used as a symbol of the season in front of the altar.

ALTAR GUILD – February 28, 2022, 10:00AM. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings 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 honor someone special or commemorate a special event, please call the church office (352-597-1456) to order altar flowers. Donation is \$25.00. Flowers can be picked up after the 9:30AM Sunday service, or you can schedule a pick-up time with the office if you are not attending service.

WELCOME OUR NEW 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS



Pictured left to right: Todd Holly, Evelyn Galli (Treasurer), Pat Squires (Financial Secretary), Pastor Mattei, Ed Lewis (President), Lyn Derenski, Dan Derenski, and Linda Russo. Missing from picture: Clarence Crawford and Linda Hengesh (Vice President).

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.

OUTREACH

MISSION OF THE MONTH - FOOD PANTRY. Nativity Lutheran Church operates a food pantry to help feed those in our community who are in need. Our food pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed and can be dropped off during church hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Money donations are also accepted. You can use the green envelope in the church pew and make sure to note "Food Pantry" on the envelope. For more information, please contact Bonnie Kuester at 352-596-8548.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: "CHOICE DOLLARS". Remember to verify if you have any choice dollars remaining from 2021. You have until March of this year to make your donation (Nativity). For verification call 1-800-847-4836. **"Action Team Projects"** - volunteers are needed to submit three projects and use Thrivent's credit card to purchase music for Weeki Wachee Band, Nativity Choir, or Nativity Bell Choir. Any questions, contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

CONFIRMATION CLASS is every Sunday alternating between in-person and online meetings. The Confirmands are studying the Christian (new) Testament.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - will be held every Sunday at 10:45AM following the 9:30AM worship service. Class will be in Al Lien Hall. Masks required.

COMMUNITY LIFE

WOMEN OF NATIVITY

All women of Nativity Lutheran Church are automatically members of W.O.N. (Women of Nativity), and are welcome to participate in all sponsored activities of W.O.N.

CARDS R US - Cards R Us friends will meet on first and second Wednesdays in **February, on the 2nd and 9th**, from 12:30pm-3:00pm. We would love to welcome new friends in this ministry, which is to turn over all donations for the cards to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for further information.

MARY JOY CIRCLE - FEBRUARY 10th at 12:30PM. All women of Nativity Lutheran Church are invited to the Mary Joy Circle bible study. For questions about this ministry you can call Jean Drach at 352-428-0834.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10 & 24, 2022, 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.

SARAH CIRCLE - Crocheters and knitters, cash donations for yarn, or yarn itself. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, please join Sarah Circle on the third Thursday of the month in the Youth Room at 10:00AM. **Our meeting is February 17th.** Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - will deliver teddy bears and other stuffed little critters to the Hernando County Fire & Rescue Headquarters at 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604, at 11:30am on Wednesday, February 23. To carpool, please meet at Nativity at 11:00a.m.. A big "thank you" to all who have donated these stuffed animals, including Margret Raeder who applied for a Thrivent Action Team \$250 Visa gift card. And thanks to Ernie Horeis for facilitating the Thrivent card. These cute and snugly little stuffed animals will provide comfort to children whom our Fire & Rescue employees encounter during traumatic events. We will then enjoy lunch outside at Glory Days, 14037 Cortez Blvd. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 4 - We are accepting items for donations on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am-12pm (sale dates are Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2). Volunteers are needed for sorting, setting up the week of March 28 as well as on the sale days. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. For more information on the sale, please pick up the flyer in the narthex. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, you can contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.



Hernando Harmonizers Present

"Music through the Years"

Saturday, February 5, 2022

2:00PM

at Nativity Lutheran Church

Admission is free. Tickets are required.
A love offering will be collected.

For tickets, you can stop by the church office the week of January 31st between 9AM - 12PM. For more information, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

This event is a great fundraiser for Nativity and appreciate everyone coming out to hear the Harmonizers. **We are in need of a few volunteers to help greet people at the door as well as help with collecting the love offering.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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Here we are back again trying to figure out some fellowship activities to keep everyone safe, but have some fun too. Soooo here's what we have:

Friday, February 18th, 6:00pm - Movie Night.

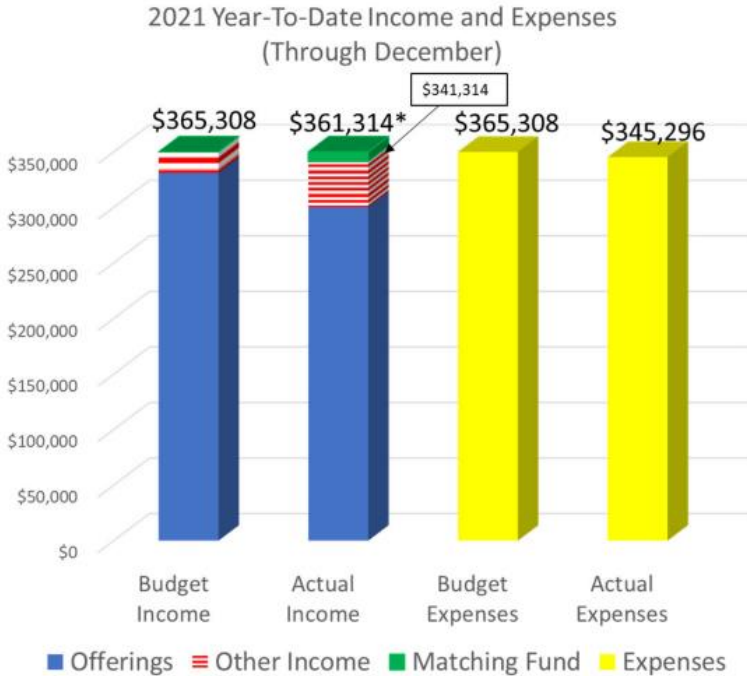
We are excited to use the huge screen Art Alt donated to us again. This time it will be: Hachi, a Dog's tale, starring Richard Gere as Professor Wilson a distinguished scholar who discovers a lost puppy on his way home from work. He grows to be his loyal companion embodying the true spirit of family and loyalty.

There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex, we will accept 50 people. If you sign up and find you can not attend, please remove your name. The cost is \$00.00, that's right FREE. We will also offer popcorn and beverages.

March 19 - We are hoping to offer Pasta/Team Trivia night again on Saturday March 19th. We will see how things are going by then and if we can move forward the info will be in the next newsletter.

April/May - We are considering a Mystery Dinner in April, and a cook out after church on Memorial weekend. Stay safe, and let's hope we can continue with our plans. If you have any questions give me a call at 352-797-9682. Patti Cotter

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY DECEMBER 2021



* 2021 income includes \$20,000 Matching Fund. Actual without Matching Fund = \$341,314

A heartfelt “Thank You” for being a part of the Nativity ministry. It wouldn’t happen with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Squires at patsquires63@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

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

INTERNET SERVICE - If you would like to connect to our internet 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 **March** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **February 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.

February Birthdays

Iris Brunner	2/2
Ivette Sanchez	2/6
Charles Wingrove	2/6
Roger Wendrzycki	2/7
Simone Mattei	2/9
Beverly Houdek	2/15
Valerie Mahon	2/16
Zell Boggus	2/17
Don Hoy	2/19
Doreen Davis	2/19
Galina Maras-Kesteloot	2/19
Patrick Gould	2/22
Debra LaFranca	2/23
Lynne Merritt	2/24
Jim Runyan	2/24
Robert Sanders	2/24



Dieter Steffens	2/24
Darlene Gould	2/26
Carol White	2/26
Philip Wolfe	2/26
Lorraine Meyer	2/27
Frank Margagliotti	2/28

February Weddings

Gwen & Thomas Mahon	2/04
Lorrie & Frank DeFrancesco	2/11
Carol & Richard Fleschner	2/17
Linda & Brian Wagner	2/26



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.