



Happenings at NLC

November 2021

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

November 23, 2021
Holy Cross Thanksgiving Service, 7:00PM

Happy Thanksgiving
November 25, 2021

Thanks be to God



Upcoming Events

November 25 - office and food pantry closed

December 12 - Congregational Meeting

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

SOUL SEEKERS 2021 – 2022. Where is God in your life?
Where do you see God in your life?

Soul Seekers allows for time for you to connect with God. In this hectic world it can be hard to find that time. This group allows for that time to be nurtured. There are many resources and items used in this time. One of our main resources for this year will be the book *When the Heart Speaks Listen* by Lerita Coleman Brown. Her writing is profound, challenging, and also comforting. She shares her story openly. I (Michelle) have had the privilege and opportunity to work with and learn from Lerita on different occasions. The time together at Soul Seekers is a gift you give yourself. In this time, you get to share, explore, support, and encourage others on each person's faith journey. As we continue to face challenges with COVID, out of an abundance of caution we will **not** meet in person September or October. We will revisit the safety of gathering in person each month.

Zoom replacing in person: This zoom group will meet the third Mondays of the month, 7pm to 8:00pm. The first in person meeting will be, Monday, November 15.

The zoom link is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5189508096?
pwd=WWM2MkgzQ0ZVN0g5ZXI3LzFncGVYQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5189508096?pwd=WWM2MkgzQ0ZVN0g5ZXI3LzFncGVYQT09)

Meeting ID: 518 950 8096

Passcode: 255413

For questions or more information please reach out to Michelle Mehan at 727-267-1047, shelltbf@hotmai.com or Kim Mehan at 727-207-00071 or kmehan57@gmail.com.

FROM EDEN TO EGYPT: 6 STUDIES IN GENESIS.

After such a long pandemic, are you ready to get back to learning and growing? The Bible studies led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson are on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The November dates are: 3, 10 & 17.** The studies will be held in Winemiller Hall and social distancing will be observed. No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed. If you need a ride, please talk to Carlan or call him at 352-686-3367.

ALL SAINTS DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th. On this day we remember all our dearly departed family and friends. Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

ALTAR GUILD – NOVEMBER . 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). Our next meeting is November 22. If you have any questions you would like answered before that, please call Suzanne Chelf at 352-684-7329.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 23, 7:00PM. With COVID-19 numbers down we can safely resume our tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving with our brothers and sisters at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (6193 Spring Hill Drive). The service will be held on November 23 at 7:00PM, followed by fellowship time.

OUTREACH

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE

It starts with a gift and leads to lives transformed through Jesus Christ!! And that is what it is all about, one small gift, one story of Jesus, and one loving smile. Makes one small child feel loved. The year 2021 has been a difficult one for many. Just think of the child who has one or maybe both of his or her parents in jail. No visits, no good night kisses. We have applied for the 35 children again this year. Our plan is to have a Christmas party on December 11 with all the fixings and to make this year their best. Please be so kind to take an envelope off the Angel Tree in the narthex, and place your donation in the offering plate.

Thank you for your continued support for Prison Fellowship.

Linda Russo

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE

Applications for 2022 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, 2021. 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. Applications may be picked up in the church office or requested to be sent by mail by calling the office at 352-597-1456.

For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Completed

1. Sarah Circle - material for shawls for the I'll/needy
2. Girl Scout Troop - cookies for military
3. Trinket & Treasures (April) - food for volunteers
4. Rez House Migrant Children - school supplies
5. Autistic Children - clothing, snacks, other needs

Approved

1. Trinkets & Treasures - food for volunteers
2. Food Pantry - Thanksgiving bag of food
3. School Supplies - food pantry children
4. Angel Tree - xmas gifts, food, quilts for inmates children
5. Crafty Ladies - shelving for closet to store material and sewing machines
6. Lighthouse for the Blind - food shopping to prepare a meal for independent living
7. Girl Scout Troop #24407 - nuts & fruit for the military
8. Mission Endowment - dinner
9. Weeki Wachee Winds - purchase music, stands, old instruments

Open Projects

1. Nativity - healing after loss reading material
2. Friday TOPS - matching funds for Food Pantry
3. Rez House - Food Pantry
4. Police & Fire Department - stuffed animals
5. Hygiene Kit - nursing home
6. N.A.M.I. - educational material

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Confirmation students are still meeting on zoom every Sunday through mid-November, then meeting in-person every other week. They are finishing up the Hebrew Scriptures.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place at 10:45AM following the 9:30AM worship service. Children will be asked to wear a mask during 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.

CARDS R US - Wednesday, November 3 - 12:30PM-3PM. Thanks, Nativity family, for supporting our Cards R Us October BOGO sale. Your donations for cards provide funds for Pastor Mattei's Discretionary Fund, helping those with one-time emergencies. Browse our kiosks in the Narthex and Administration Bldg. hallway for your Thanksgiving, birthday, sympathy, etc. cards. To help with this mission, and have fun at the same time, join us November 3 and/or November 10, 12:30-3:00, in Winemiller Hall to make greeting cards from your used, donated cards. For information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.





FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Friendship Circle will take in a movie and have dinner together on Sunday afternoon, November 7. Movie choice will direct which theater and restaurant. A follow-up e-mail with details will go out on Thursday, November 4, to circle members. If other than circle members wish to join us, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be Thursday, November 11th 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) has been able to participate in this life changing mission. Please consider joining us. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.



MARY JOY CIRCLE - Thursday, November 11, 2021 - 12:30PM Our bible study will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 12:30PM in Winemiller 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 Jean Drach at 352-684-1632.



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.

SARAH CIRCLE - is looking for help!

Crocheters and knitters, cash donations for yarn, or yarn itself. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, and would like to help with Nativity's prayer shawl mission, join Sarah Circle on the third Thursday of the month in the Youth Room at 10:00AM. Our meeting in November is on the 18th. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.



THE NATIVITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT - NOVEMBER 21, 2021, will be held at Silverthorn Country Club (4550 Golf Club Ln #0303, Spring Hill, FL 34609).

Tee time is 2:00PM, but please be at the course by 1:30PM. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex a few weeks prior to each event. Information can be obtained from Jim Runyan at 609-385-6679. We encourage all to sign up as we have a lot of fun both with the golf & the dinners afterward. Skill in golf is not needed.

Thank You

DEAR NATIVITY FAMILY, THANK YOU for the sympathy cards you sent expressing your thoughts, support & prayers during this difficult time in my life. Lilo was a very special woman. Her christian love and service to others will be her legacy. After 61 years of marriage, I have many memories that will bring me comfort to continue on in servicing others also.

Sincerely,
Ernie Horeis



**CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS
DUE DECEMBER 1ST:** All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office by December 1. As this was an

unusual year, we realize most reports will be very short. Any questions, please call the church office at 352-597-1456.

TRINKETS & TREASURES - OCTOBER 22 & 23

Our Trinkets & Treasures sale was a huge success. Many thanks to those who donated items. Total sales were approximately \$3,500. My sincere gratitude goes out to the more than 45 volunteers who worked prior to, during and after the sale. Total hours worked for everyone involved was over 1,000. Without our wonderful church family this event would not have been possible.

God Bless all of you,

Evelyn Galli





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It was so nice to be back to our normal Fellowship Committee meeting, of course my members teased me when they told a new member how bossy and particular I am. I loved it. Here's what we have coming up:

Saturday November 6th we are helping the Endowment Committee with their dinner. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00. It sounds yummy.

Tuesday December 7th 4:00 Mystery Dinner

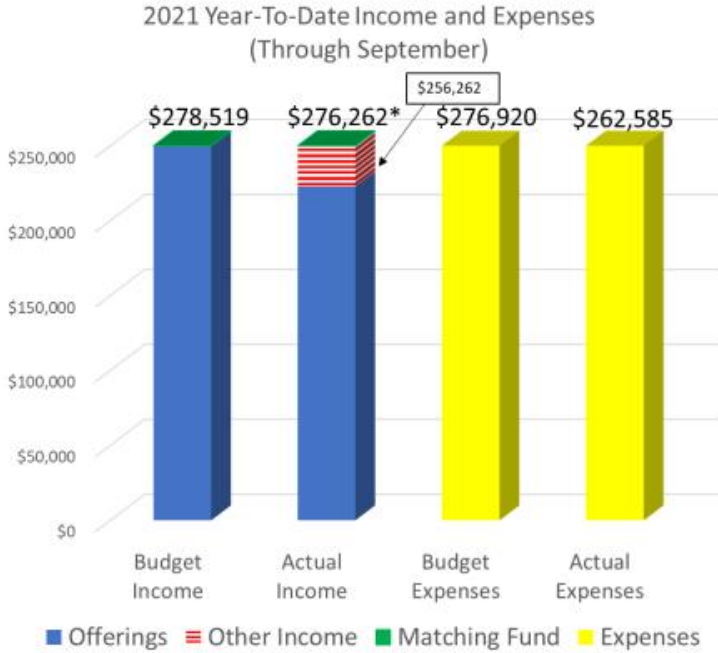
We are trying again to have our dinner. You can come to church at 4:00 for appetizers, yes there will be the famous meatballs. You then will be sent to a restaurant where we will be in our own room not in the general area. We will start taking deposits of \$10.00 per person which will be returned to you that night. An easy way is to just write a check and we will return it. We will start taking deposits on Sunday Nov 14th.

We are talking about having a spaghetti dinner/trivia night in January. Good food, low price, fun night

Our next Fellowship meeting is Tuesday November 9th at 10:30, we welcome anyone who wants to come and see what we are all about. It is always casual and lots of laughs. We would love to have you join us, then you could find out about our own Fellowship Christmas party. If you have any questions, give me a call at 352-797-9682.

~Patti Cotter

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY



* 2021 income includes \$20,000 Matching Fund. Actual without Matching Fund = \$256,262.

Questions: jane.henkel@nlcww.org

Welcome to all our new members! We are happy that you chose Nativity as your place of worship.

Judie & Bob Brayman



Karin German & Allen Yttri



Luetta Hassis



**Janet & Todd Holly,
and Bob Benson (Janet's father)**



Kristin Hope



Gordon Lienau



Gwen Mahon



Phan & Pat Squires



REMINDER

Sunday, November 7



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 week's Sunday Service. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the services broadcast on WZEU in memory or honor of someone, the cost is \$25. Place your donation in a green envelope and mark it WZEU and put it in the offering plate.

SAVE THE DATE

Special Events Coming in December

Saturday, December 11

Angel Tree Party

Sunday, December 12

Congregational Meeting
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00PM

REMINDERS

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

INTERNET SERVICE - If you would like to connect to our internet when on campus 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 **December** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **November 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 who hasn't been able to attend church for some time, you may be the only link between them and Nativity. We would appreciate it if you kept 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. Should you or anyone you know 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

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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)

November Birthdays

Sandra Sander	11/1
Janet Recenello	11/2
Annie Douglas	11/5
Diane Alt	11/7
Judith Keiser	11/8
Carole Schaefer	11/8
Michele Oliver	11/11
Marian Lyons	11/13
Eleanor Southey	11/13
William Binns	11/16
George Smith	11/16
Glenn Houdek	11/17
Elva Posewitz	11/17
Lucas Brennan	11/19



Cam Martin	11/20
Michael Jones	11/21
Angela Russell	11/23
Bob Benson	11/27
Arthur Olsen	11/27
Janet Schneider	11/28
Grace Signor	11/28
Margaret King	11/30
David Smith	11/30

November Wedding Anniversaries

Monika & Michael Brennan	11/4
Doreen & Michael Davis	11/8
Nancy & Martin Salzbach	11/16
Leonore & Gary Kopitzke	11/18
Mary & Harold Reber	11/21
Janet & William Schneider	11/21
Victoria & Jack Page	11/22
Nancy & Andrew Trott	11/24

