



# Happenings at NLC

September 2021

Monthly Newsletter

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

Worship Service: 9:30AM

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei



## Upcoming Events

- September 2 - Days for Girls
- September 6 - Labor Day (*office closed*)
- September 19 - Nativity Golf Outing
- October 3 - World Communion Day  
Congregational Meeting
- October 22-23 - Trinkets & Treasures Sale

Please visit our website at [www.nlcww.org](http://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.

So to that avail we will still offer three opportunities to gather and explore where God is in our lives.

Two of the opportunities will be zoom groups. The third will be a stand alone presentation.

**Zoom replacing in person:** This zoom group will meet the third Mondays of the month, 7pm to 8:30 pm. The first in person meeting will be, Monday, September 20.

**Zoom:** The second zoom opportunity will meet the second Saturday from 10am to 11:30 am. The first zoom session will be Saturday, October 9. The freedom of zoom is you can join from wherever you are.

**Prerecorded:** The third opportunity will be the ability to access a prerecorded presentation available on the first Friday of the month. The first prerecorded presentation will be Friday, September 10. It will be a 30 minute presentation.

A link with the zoom information will be available soon. For questions or more information please reach out to Michelle Mehan at 727-267-1047, [shelltbfb@hotmail.com](mailto:shelltbfb@hotmail.com), or Kim Mehan at 727-207-0071 or [kmehan57@gmail.com](mailto:kmehan57@gmail.com).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940 the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. (This text has been taken from [www.cute-calendar.com](http://www.cute-calendar.com)). Before the pandemic a procession of national flags has kicked off the celebration of World Communion Sunday. Now that we are worshiping in person again, volunteers will be needed to carry the flags in the procession. Please, let the office know if you are willing.

**GLOBAL MISSION** is also the first Sunday in October. We remember our common bond with the churches our missionaries have helped start globally and the ones with which we have been in accompaniment for sometimes. Paul writes, *“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.”* Colossians 2:6–7a.

Rooted and built in Jesus! This is the core of our work as the ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope. Our living, daring confidence in God’s grace propels us, along with our companions, to say “yes” to a world searching for renewal and wholeness. As part of a global Lutheran community, we gratefully receive the witness of global brothers and sisters whose faith, hospitality, resilience, and zeal energize us and our own congregations. In response, we share our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

The companion churches connected with our Florida-Bahamas Synod are Haiti, Guyana, Suriname, and Cuba.

Throughout the month of October we will hear faith stories from around the world and pray for local and global needs.



## Choir Rehearsals Resume

**CHOIR NEWS** - With the COVID positive cases climbing, we need to be watchful and diligent in not fueling the spread of the virus. Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, in the Sanctuary, where we can easily stay at a safe distance. The purpose is to keep our singing skills in preparation to the time we can safely sing in church again. We would be thrilled to welcome **NEW MEMBERS**. Please feel free to contact Donna Olsen (dolsen@tampabay.rr.com or 352-220-2318) if you have any questions about joining our awesome choir.

**ALTAR FLOWERS.** If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one or event, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the kiosk. You can also call the office at 352-597-1456. Cost is \$25.00. For those people who have purchased bouquets, the Altar Guild will have them ready for you to pick up after the 9:30AM service. PLEASE, do not remove flowers from the altar. Members from the Altar Guild will remove them for you.

**WHITE PEW CARDS** - Please take the time to fill out the white pew cards which are located on the back of the pews. Filling out the cards helps with our attendance records. Thank you!

**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.

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Confirmands in-person class resumes on Sunday, September 5th at 10:45AM, and will be held every other Sunday.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will start September 5th at 10:45AM following the 9:30AM worship service. Children will be asked to wear a mask during class.

## **OUTREACH**

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH — GLOBAL MISSIONS**

The Global Mission Committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod is involved with three Lutheran Churches abroad for mutual spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Our Companion Synods are the Eglise Luthérienne d'Haiti (ELH), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG), and the Iglesia Evangelic Unita-Sinodo Luterano (IEU-SL) in Cuba.

The funds collected during this period will go toward the support of our Lutheran congregations in Haiti. Please use a green envelope, mark it for Global Missions, and make the check out to Nativity Lutheran Church.

## **THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

### **Completed**

1. Sarah Circle - material for shawls and the ill/needly
2. Girl Scout Troop - cookies for the military
3. Trinkets & Treasures (April) - food for volunteers
4. Rez House Migrant Children - school supplies

### **Approved**

1. Autistic Children - clothing, snacks, other needs
2. Trinkets & Treasures (October) - food for volunteers
3. Food Pantry - Thanksgiving bag of food

### **Open Projects**

1. Brownie Troop - goodies for military
2. School Supplies - food pantry children
3. Angel Tree - xmas gifts, food, quilts for inmates children
4. N.L.C. - healing after loss reading material
5. Friday Tops - food pantry items
6. Rez House - food pantry
7. Police & Fire Department - stuffed animals
8. Hygiene Kits - nursing homes

Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584, or Tim Cotter at 352-797-9682 for more information, and if you need help submitting one of these projects.

## **REZ HOUSE MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS**

A group of members from our congregation, Elva & Dick Posewitz, Ernie & Lilo Horeis, Tim Noe, Susan Nordstrom, Raina McDannold, and Pastor Mattei, met at the Dade City Walmart on Friday, July 30th at 5:00PM. Pr. Margarita Romo (from Rez House) and the migrant children she selected from her community met us there as well. The children picked their own shoes and Pr. Margarita's assistant, Isabelli, had a list of children's names to place on the shoes. Once they were paid for (54 pairs) the helpers gave them out along with underwear and socks. Pastor Mattei also submitted a Thrivent Action Team Project and received a "free" \$250.00 credit card which was used to purchase school supplies: pencils, pencil sharpeners, scissors, erasers, crayons and glue sticks for all the children. Having participated in this mission outreach once again it is always a great feeling when we see the children walking away with a smile and saying thank you. Let us thank God for giving us the opportunity to help in such a wonderful way. Donations received: \$1,090; shoes and underwear cost \$958.71.

Thank you, Nativity, for caring. *Ernie Horeis*

## **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.



**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.



**DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be September 2 at 9:00AM in Al Lien Hall.**

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.

**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 September is on the 16th. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.



**CARDS R US - Wednesday, September 1st, 12:30PM-3PM, Winemiller Hall.**

We will be making greeting cards only on one Wednesday in September. You can help us provide money for Pastor's Discretionary Fund by shopping for greeting cards on either of our two kiosks, one in the narthex, and the larger one in the administration building hallway. We thank you for helping us with this mission. Consider this your invitation to join us in making cards on September 1st from 12:30pm-3:00pm in Winemiller Hall. For information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.



**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** - Libby and John Capell are hosting a potluck pool party for Friendship Circle and Nativity friends in their Talavera community on Monday, September 13, 11:00AM-2:00PM. Talavera is off US 41, south of County Line Rd., and nearly to SR 52. Going south on US 41, turn right onto Talavera Parkway; then take the first right, which takes you directly to the pool parking lot. The Capells will provide pulled pork sandwiches. Please RSVP to Libby at 817-266-4372 by Friday, September 10.

**THE NATIVITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENTS will resume on September 19, 2021, at Timber Pines.**

We will be playing either the Lakes or Hills course. We will know which course on September 15. 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.



## PATTER FROM PATTI

We sadly cancelled the Mystery Dinner we had planned for September 23rd. We felt it would not be able to be safe enough. We are meeting at our regular time on September 14th at 10:30AM to try to work out some events in the future. If you would like to join us or have any ideas just let us know. Thank you to those who helped put our new tablecloths together. We ordered and paid for the material ages ago and thought we would never get all of it, but thanks to Pat Runyon we now have it. Groups are welcome to use them, though we are still keeping the old ones for occasions when the new ones might get damaged. Hard to believe it cost us \$1,100, so please treasure them. The money came from the Fellowship Committee account and not Nativity's. Danny is making us a holder to store them. So thanks to all. Here is hoping you all are doing well and we will try to figure something out for the upcoming future.

*Patti Cotter*

**SHERIFF'S CARE LINE OFFERS A VITAL SAFETY NET TO HELP KEEP SENIORS SAFE.** The Hernando County Sheriff's Office has established a program for the security and well-being of those people living alone who would like daily contact with someone who cares. **How the Care Line Works:** You call them everyday at the designated time to let them know you are ok. If they do not receive a call from you, a Care Line representative will attempt to call you. If they do not make contact they will call the person(s) you listed on your application. If this fails, a Law Enforcement Officer will go to your home.

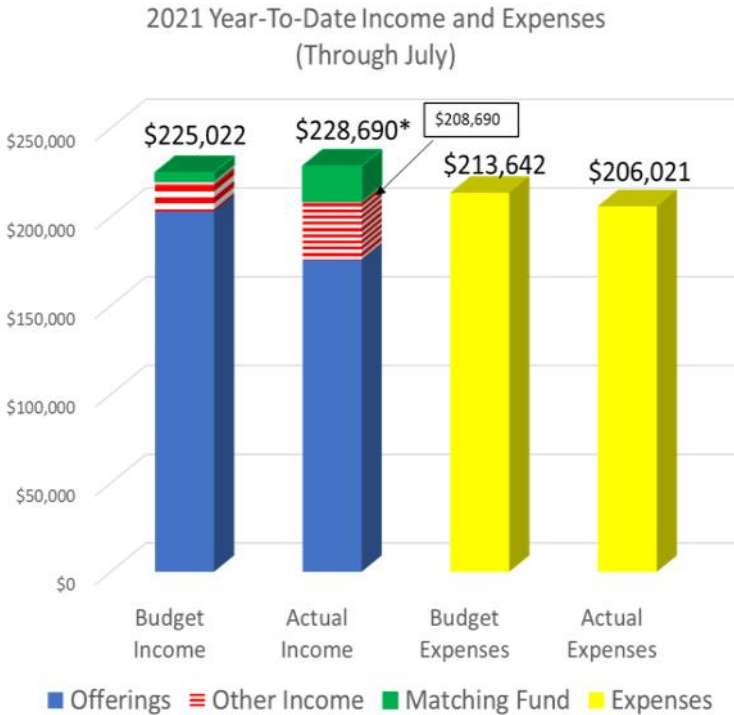
To participate in this program you can call 352-754-6830 ext. 53600, or visit the website at [www.hernandosheriff.org/careline.aspx](http://www.hernandosheriff.org/careline.aspx). Applications are also available in the narthex on our kiosk.



**TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 3-** Our next sale will be on Friday, October 22 from 9AM-2PM and Saturday, October 23 from 9AM-1PM. To make this event a success, volunteers are needed both prior to the sale as well as during and after the sale. We need people to help sort the donations as they come in, help with set up and break down as well as during the two sale dates. If you are willing to help out, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex or you can call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119.

Also donations will be accepted on Sunday, August 29 after the 9:30AM church service as well as on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12PM (if no one is at the container, we will be in Al Lien Hall). Donated items accepted include: dishes, glassware, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, small appliances, holiday decorations, frames, knick knacks, linens and small tools. When dropping off donations, appreciate any fragile items be packed with newspaper and boxed so that they do not break (we've had several items dropped off and have either broken or gotten chipped). We also need newspaper for wrapping items. Donations will be **NOT** be accepted Wednesdays through Fridays. Any questions regarding donations, please call Evelyn at one of the numbers listed above.

# FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY



\* 2021 income includes \$20,000 Matching Fund. Actual without Matching Fund = \$208,690.

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## 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 **October** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to [nativitylutheran63@gmail.com](mailto:nativitylutheran63@gmail.com) by **September 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](http://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](mailto:nativitylutheran63@gmail.com) or via the form on the website. This will help resolve any conflicts that may arise.

## September Birthdays

Dennis Rogers	9/4
Kayla Patterson	9/5
Anninette Wingrove	9/5
Lorrie DeFrancesco	9/8
Cheryl Zybell	9/8
Ruth Ann Hoy	9/9
Guy Peeters	9/12
Wayne Rasper	9/12
Madison Gould	9/13
Angeline Milot	9/16
Glenna Schantl	9/17
Joanne Manos	9/18
Nelly Herrera-Velez	9/20
Alice Wells	9/20
Mary McDowall	9/21
Heidi Maclean	9/22



Larry Barnes	9/24
Kathleen Olsen	9/24
Gertrude Korndoefer	9/25
Margret Raeder	9/26
Beryl Clements	9/27
Kendall White	9/27
Philip Bruden	9/29
Jayson Martin	9/30
Raina McDannold	9/30

## September Wedding Anniversaries

Gertrude & Alfred Korndoefer	9/2
Debra & Joseph LaFranca	9/4
Anninette & Charles Wingrove	9/5
Gail & Charlie Zboray	9/5
Roselind & Clyde Rosten	9/9
Charlotte & William Hamm	9/12
Pam & Dennis Rogers	9/17
Darlene & Patrick Gould	9/18
Stephanie & Giuseppe Mattei	9/19
JoAnne & James Stuck	9/21
Dorothy & Leonard Outhouse	9/30



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts  
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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)