



Happenings at NLC

March 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



MARCH 2, 2022
Service - 6:00PM

Upcoming Events

- March 2 - Ash Wednesday
- March 13 - Weeki Wachee Band Concert
- March 19 - Pasta/Team Trivia
- April 1&2 - Trinkets and Treasures

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

LENT 2022 OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Lent is a time of renewal, prayer, sacrifice and preparation. Lent is 40 days before Easter, not including Sundays. It is meant to represent the time Jesus spent in the desert.

The season begins with Ash Wednesday Service, followed by 5 midweek services beginning at 6:00PM. Each service is designed around the gospel in the context of contemplative prayer, readings, silence, and song.

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

March 23 - Compassion

March 9 - Faithfulness

March 30 - Mercy

March 16 - Forgiveness

April 6 - Love

We look forward to having you join us on the Lenten Journey. Recordings of the above services will be sent out weekly. For questions or more information please contact the church office.

UPCOMING SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Mark your calendars:

April 10 - Palm Sunday Service, 9:30AM

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00PM

April 15 - Good Friday Service, 6:00PM

April 17 - Easter Sunday Service, 9:30AM

ALTAR GUILD – March 28, 2022, 10:00AM. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings which is held on the 4th Monday of each month 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.**

EASTER LILIES - we will be accepting orders for Easter lilies beginning Sunday, March 20th. Special envelopes will be available in the narthex. These lilies will adorn our sanctuary April 17th, Easter Sunday's Celebration of our risen Lord. Following the 9:30AM service, you may take your lily home to enjoy.

ABSENCE OF FLOWERS. There are no flowers displayed in the church during Lent to emphasize the somber tone of the season. If you would like to dedicate the bulletin to someone in place of flowers, the suggested donation is \$10.00. The bulletins would then be in honor or memory of that person. *Please call or stop by the office with your request, 352-597-1456.*

WEEKLY PRAYER DAY

Nativity Lutheran Church is very excited to announce that we will be having prayer days in the sanctuary for 4 consecutive Tuesdays from 7 am to 7 pm **starting on Tuesday, April 12th**. Everyone, both in our congregation and the community, is welcome to spend quiet time in prayer with their Lord and Savior. Anyone can come anytime for as little or as long as they wish. There will be someone available the whole day for security and to provide a handout which will include prayer needs for the world and our community. Background music will be softly played, and there will be candles available if anyone wishes to light a candle during their prayer time. Let's come and "shout to the Lord" our thanks, praise, and petitions.

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. Put your donation in a green envelope, mark it WZEU, and place it in the offering plate.

OUTREACH

MARCH/APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH WORLD HUNGER

Did you know that 811 million people around the globe are undernourished? ELCA World Hunger is our church ministry to end world hunger and poverty. ELCA walks alongside partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. So with your gift, ELCA can make a difference.

Please help! Your box of offering envelopes includes an envelope for ELCA World Hunger. You can also use the green offering envelopes in the pews and simply make a notation for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. Remember your donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your help.

May God's light shine through us.

Ellen Lapinski

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM UPDATE

Open Thrivent Action Team Projects:

- 1) Nativity Choir-music
- 2) Sarah Circle-material for prayer shawls
- 3) Crafty Ladies-material for quilts
- 4) NLC Food Pantry-food for animals
- 5) Autistic School Children Class for Donna Olsen-clothing/
snacks/other needs.

Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584, for any questions or assistance.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

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.

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

Please, pray for our three confirmands, Ryan Alessio, Jesse Wright, and Ella Wozniak. They will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost Day, June 5, during our worship service.

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.

WOMEN OF NATIVITY NEWS - Women of Nativity (W.O.N.) elected officers at its annual meeting on January 30th. They are Ursula Schramek, President; Judy Seidl, Vice President; Susan Lee, Secretary; and Jean Drach, Treasurer. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for their service – President Doreen Davis, Vice-President Cam Martin, and Secretary Evelyn Lawlor. Thankoffering contributions totaled \$930.00. Thank you to all who donated.

CARDS R US will be making cards out of your donated, used greeting cards on **Wednesday, March 2nd and 9th, 12:30pm-3:00pm**, in Winemiller Hall. Remember to shop for your St. Patrick's Day cards on our kiosks. Anyone is invited to join us in making the cards. Donations for the cards are turned over to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

MARY JOY CIRCLE - MARCH 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 352-684-1632.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be Wednesday, March 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 March 17th.** Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call the church office at 352-597-1456.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Friendship Circle will attend Hernando County Fine Arts Council's 37th annual Art in the Park on Saturday, March 12, in Tom Varn Park, 301 Darby Lane, Brooksville. This is a juried art show. There will be two stages for entertainment. And food vendors. Please bring a lawn chair, as we will place them together at a stage, which will serve as our gathering spot. Weather forecast is for a high of 81 degrees. **To carpool, meet at Nativity at 10:00am, otherwise be at the park at 10:45am.** For anyone other than Friendship Circle members who wishes to attend, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

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.



TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 4 - Donations are still being accepted Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am-12pm. Small furniture that 1 person can handle will be accepted Mar. 28-31. In addition to the sale, we will hold a raffle of two quilts and an Easter basket which have been donated. Tickets will be 3 for \$1.00, and proceeds will be distributed to Crafty Ladies, Days for Girls and the Food Pantry.

A meeting for volunteers will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 11am, in Winemiller Hall to discuss setting up for the sale, selling coffee/baked goods, sale dates, handling of raffle and packing up. Not only is this event a great fundraiser for the church, but it also is a terrific opportunity for fellowship. If you cannot attend the meeting and plan on volunteering, please can contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS - PATTTER FROM PATTI

Well, here we go we are trying to offer activities for the rest of our season.

Saturday, March 19th PASTA/TEAM TRIVIA 5:00PM. We are offering pasta night again, Guy Peeters will be making his famous pasta sauce for the dinner. It will include pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and sundaes. We will also offer gluten free if you let us know when you purchase tickets. Following dinner we will all enjoy participating in team trivia led by Pat Runyan. The winning team will get "fantastic prizes." It feels so good to be able to offer a meal again. We will start to sell tickets on February 27th for \$5:00.

Tuesday, April 26th MYSTERY DINNER 4:00PM at Cotters. We are heading North for a Mystery Dinner so we will be having appetizers at Cotters at 4:00. We will start taking deposits on April 3rd. The deposits are \$10.00 per person which will be returned to you before the dinner. If you have never attended a Mystery Dinner, you come for snacks and then receive directions on how to get to the restaurant. You are able to join others for the drive. Everyone was so excited last one to be back together again. When you pay your deposit you will receive a map to Cotters. Come on and join us.

Tim has been asking for you to contact him if you are interested in attending a baseball game.

Sunday, May 29th planning a cook out for Memorial Day weekend. Details to come.

It is so pleasing to have our wonderful committee. They step up when needed and enjoy offering fun to our Nativity family. If you have any questions give me a call at 352-797-9682.

Patti Cotter

THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND, under the direction of NLC member Mark Hengesh, will be presenting their **Winter Concert** at Nativity on Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2 pm in the sanctuary.

Selections will include: Gaelic Rhapsody by del Borgo, West Side Story by Bernstein, American Riversongs by LaPlant, Valdres March by Hanssen, Seis Manuel by Hanson, Bond...James Bond arranged by Bulla, Cajun Folksongs 2 by Ticheli, Clair de Lune by Debussy, Themes from 'Green Bushes' by Grainger and the third movement Finale from Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony. Four of the pieces have already been sponsored by supporters. Should you wish to sponsor one of the selections please contact Mark Hengesh at hengesh.band@yahoo.com before March 6.

The concert is free, but in a change from past concerts, **tickets are not required**. Another big change is that this concert will be presented twice. The day before, on Saturday March 12 this exact concert will be presented at Spring Hill United Church of Christ at 4244 Mariner Blvd., also at 2 pm. The concert is free with no tickets required. **Donations at both concerts will be gratefully accepted.**

REMEMBERING NATIVITY IN YOUR WILL

You can invest in the Nativity Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund by giving:

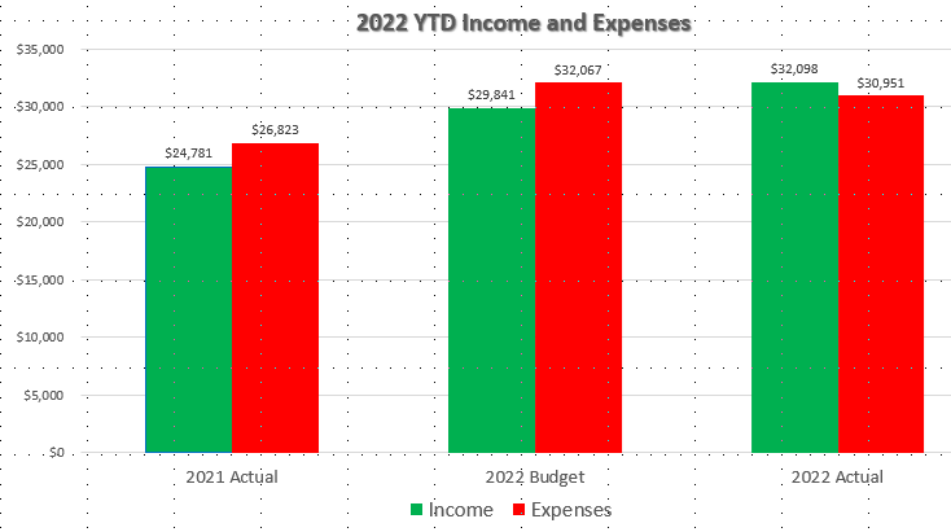
- Cash
- Gifts to honor family and friends
- Publicly-traded securities (i.e. stocks and bonds)
- Life insurance proceeds
- Real estate (land and buildings)
- Individual retirement accounts
- Collectibles or other assets
- Bequests through a will or trust

All gifts to the Nativity Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund are tax-deductible.*

**In all gifts you should consult your legal advisors about transferring property to the Fund.*

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022



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

REMINDERS

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

NEW INTERNET SERVICE - 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 **April** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **March 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.

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)

March Birthdays

Andreas Zybell	03/03
Barbara Hofving	03/04
Janet Holly	03/05
Charlene Massey	03/05
Ernie Horeis	03/08
Donna Olsen	03/08
Alexis Peterson	03/08
Judith Dietz	03/10
Gloria Wright	03/10
Joanne Johnson	03/11
Eileen Smith	03/11
Cheryl Colombo	03/15
Clarence Crawford	03/15
Doug Siegert	03/16
Dorothy Outhouse	03/17
Leonore Kopitzke	03/19
Janet Wilkens	03/20
Marilyn Henkel	03/22
Dana LaFranca	03/22



Kris Hyypio	03/23
David Ennes	03/24
Sean Patterson	03/24
Sandy Peeters	03/24
Diane Zabel	03/25
Amber Marie Oliver	03/26
Frank Alessio	03/29
Clyde Rosten	03/29
Pat Runyan	03/31

March Wedding Anniversaries

William & Windy Binns	03/05
Will & Glenna Schantl	03/09
Johnny & Brenda Mullins	03/18
Mark & Linda Hengesh	03/22

