



Happenings at NLC

June 2022

Monthly Newsletter

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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30am

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

June 5: Pentecost Sunday

Ryan Alessio, Ella Wozniak, and Jesse Wright, will be confirmed through the Affirmation of Baptism ritual. Remember to wear RED!

June 19: Happy Father's Day

Upcoming Events

- June 3-5: Synod Assembly,
Orlando, FL
- June 19: Observation of
Juneteenth
- June 20: Council 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

OBSERVATION OF *JUNETEENTH*

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America. The enslavement of Africans was an economic choice supported by the pseudo-scientific belief that Africans were less than human. **Nativity Lutheran Church will commemorate Juneteenth on June 19.**

PENTECOST—Sunday, June 5, 2022. Pentecost is a Christian holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Sanctuary will be decorated in red and we ask all to wear **RED** that day. During the same service Ryan Alessio, Ella Wozniak, and Jesse Wright, will be confirmed through the Affirmation of Baptism ritual.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY: JUNE 3-5, ORLANDO, FL.

Attending the assembly from Nativity Lutheran Church will be Pastor Mattei, Kim and Michelle Mehan-Conklin, and Claude, Germaine, and Mark Major.

ALTAR GUILD. members beautify the worship space and prepare the altar for our Sunday celebration. They also set up the sanctuary for the celebration of weddings and for funeral/memorial services. It is always a joy to make the necessary preparations to support everybody's worship experience. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings which is held 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. Our next meeting is June 23, 2022, 10:00AM.**

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

High School Graduates

Kaitlynn Davis - Salem Central High School, Wisconsin (Doreen & Mike Davis' granddaughter).

Gabriel Diaz - Pembroke Pines HS, FL (Danny Diaz' grandson).

Gina Fell - Weeki Wachee HS (Noel Prettyman's daughter).

Justin Germann and Perry Langbein - Delaware Valley HS, Milford, PA (Agnes & Eugene Burkart's grandchildren).

Kyla Henry - Choctawhatchee HS (Ed Lewis' niece).

Lauren Wagner - Centennial HS, MD (Linda and Brian Wagner's granddaughter).

Graduates - College

Michael Capellupo - Pasco-Hernando State College with an Associates Degree (Ann and Richard Wright's son).

Erik Clancy - Boston College, BA major in economics and minor in psychology with honors (Charlotte Downing's grandson).

Christian Davis - Seton University, New Jersey, with 2 bachelors degrees. Finance and Analytics with a certification in sports management with a minor in entrepreneurship (Doreen and Mike Davis grandson).

Jodi Fell – University of Southern FL with a Masters Degree (Noel Prettyman's daughter).

Sarah Ellen Hengesh – graduated with a Master of Arts Degree from Concordia University Chicago in School Counseling (Linda and Mark Hengesh’s daughter).

Andrea G. Henkel - Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, with a Masters degree in Science (MS) in Epidemiology & Clinical Research (daughter of Scott and Jane Henkel and granddaughter of Marilyn Henkel).

Jessica Olson - University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy (Rosie Rosten’s grandniece).

Stephanie Phoenix - Franklin Pierce University, NH (Karin German’s granddaughter) .

Jennifer Wright – St. Leo with a BA in Education (mother of Jesse, Brandon, Dakota).

Ruth Ann Hoy – Luther Seminary Master's Degree in Christian Ministry.

Congratulations to Madison Briana Gould who graduated on Friday, May 6, 2022, from The College of the Florida Keys, with her Bachelor's Degree in Supervision and Management, accompanied by a minor in Professional Research Diving and Technology. Previously, she had earned her A.A. degree, along with an A.A.S. degree in Marine Environmental Technology. Madison is a Certified Professional Dive Instructor, and works in the dive industry in Key West. She attends Keys Vineyard Church in Big Pine Key. After graduating, Madison's goal is to obtain her boating captain's license, with plans on opening her own dive charter business.

Please keep Madison in your thoughts and prayers as she continues into the next chapter of her life's journey.

Yours In Christ,

Darlene, Patrick, and Jared Gould

OUTREACH

MAY/JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ HOUSE

Each year Nativity raises money to purchase “Back to School” shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line. THANK YOU.

Blessings to All, Linda Russo

US POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 14

A special thank you to the volunteers who picked up the food, and those who helped sort.



Grief Matters Community Forums Spring 2022

Presented by the Morton Plant Mease Spiritual Care Department

This online educational series addresses topics that are central to the experience of grief. Each one-hour presentation provides resources for those who are grieving and for those who want to be of support. This program is free and open to all, thanks to a grant from Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation.

Join us for an online educational series addressing topics central to the experience of grief.

The same program is offered with daytime and evening options. These programs are offered virtually using Microsoft Teams. Technical support and orientation provided. **You can attend a single event or the series.**

■ **Understanding Grief: An Introduction**

This forum will focus on types of grief, the grief timeline and the uniquely personal ways individuals experience grief.

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30–7:30pm

Wednesday, May 11, 12–1pm

■ **Love and Loss: Sorting Through the Feelings**

Grief is a whole range of emotions that have physical, emotional and spiritual consequences. Learn helpful strategies to cope with your grief.

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30–7:30pm

Wednesday, May 25, 12–1pm

■ **What Helps? Finding and Providing Support**

Learn from those who have experienced grief about what might be helpful and what might not be.

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30–7:30pm

Wednesday, June 8, 12–1pm

■ **The Ripple Effect: Exploring Secondary Losses**

Recognizing that many losses can follow a death including the loss of hopes, dreams, relationships, finances and more, is an important part of the grieving process.

Tuesday, June 21, 6:30–7:30pm

Wednesday, June 22, 12–1pm

This program is free and open to all.

**Register in advance: mpmbereavement@baycare.org
or (727) 462-7995**



Nativity Communication Team Call for Volunteers

The Communication Team has identified two areas of concentration this year to focus on.

Updating a brochure for
Nativity
&

Updating the Nativity
Website.

We invite any interested members who are willing to share their ideas/ talents to contact

Linda Hengesh



Contact
Linda Hengesh
at
legato.linda@yahoo.com
or call
630-244-5104

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THANK YOU

To the members of
Nativity Lutheran Church
Weeki Wachee
from the
Florida-Bahamas Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
In grateful appreciation for giving

\$9,600

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and
churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

CONFIRMATION CLASS. Any youth in 7th grade, and up, wanting to start the confirmation studies is invited to contact the church office at 352-597-1456.

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.

ALL WOMEN OF NATIVITY SOCIAL LUNCHEON. There will be a social luncheon for all W.O.N. on Wednesday, June 15, at 12:00pm, at the Timber Pines Country Club. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, or you can call Jean Drach at 352-684-1632 to reserve a spot.

ALL WOMEN OF NATIVITY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY. Keep an eye out for announcements on a summer bible study. Date and time still to be determined.

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 - Our next meeting will be in September. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer. Check the weekly announcements for upcoming dates and time. Please consider joining us. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

CARDS R US - Cards R Us will be gathering to talk, laugh, make greeting cards, and organize your donated cards. Everyone is invited to join us in Winemiller Hall on June 15 and 22, 12:30-3:00pm. Don't forget Dad on Father's Day, June 19. Selecting your cards from our kiosks will be a donation to those in need, since all proceeds are turned over to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. For further more information, please call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Friendship Circle will enjoy fellowship at Pine Island Beach, 10840 Pine Island Drive, Weeki Wachee 34607, at 5:30pm on Saturday evening, June 4. We will have Subway Sandwiches and chips. Please bring any game you would like to play. There is no parking fee after 5:00pm. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help with this very important mission. There are many tasks that need people to assist with - no amount of time is too small. Contact Janet and Todd Holly at 352-503-6215.

SUMMER BELLS ARE RINGING

Do you want to have some fun and learn how to play the bells? Do you want to rejoin the bell choir? Sign up for our summer bell workshop!!! RSVP to Todd or Janet at 352-503-6215.

When:

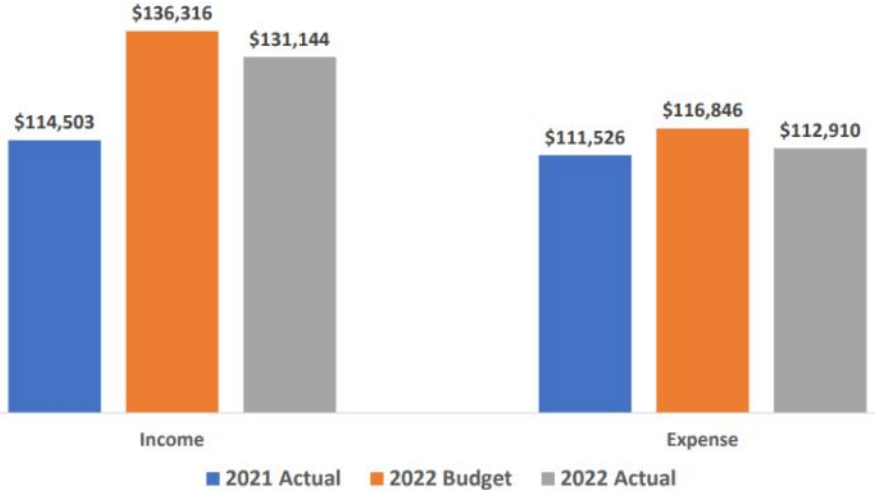
The following Mondays @ 5:00PM: June 20th & 27th; July 11th & 18th; and August 1st & 8th.

Where: Nativity Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary

** Following our last rehearsal, we would like to have a showcase FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. After the showcase everyone can celebrate IN THE Social Hall with a nice dessert table.

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2022 YTD Income and Expenses



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 **July** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **June 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.



June Birthdays

Kristin Hope	6/1	June Kristoferson	6/12
Judith Alessio	6/2	Bob Brayman	6/12
Michael Thelen	6/2	Frank Stephan	6/14
Kendall Wells	6/3	Carl Lundh	6/14
Karen Crawford	6/6	Sharon Johnson	6/15
Robert Oliver Jr.	6/6	Robert Rios	6/16
Royale Pugh	6/6	Pat Wilkins	6/17
Ruthie Ryan	6/6	Lynn Roa	6/18
Gail Zboray	6/8	Linda Borowski	6/19
Mary Sandvik	6/8	Butch Corbidge	6/20
Buddy Kristoferson	6/9	Madeline Johnson	6/22
Joe Ryan	6/10	Brian Wagner	6/27
Jill Helgeson	6/11	Joanne Schaub	6/28

June Wedding Anniversaries

Beverly & Glenn Houdek	6/1	Sharon & Philip Schroeder	6/11
Cheryl & Andreas Zybell	6/4	Karin & James Glessner	6/12
Lynda & Robert Bohn	6/8	Nancy & Douglas Siegert	6/12
Pat & Jim Runyan	6/8	Peggy & Robert Sanders	6/14
Carole & Howard Schaefer	6/8	Patti & Timothy Cotter	6/14
Meredith & Joshua Wozniak	6/8	Phan & Pat Squires	6/15
Ruthie & Joe Ryan	6/9	Marilyn & Philip Bruden	6/19
Alice & Kendall Wells	6/9	Connie & Roger Wendrzycki	6/19
Jill & Carlan Helgeson	6/11	Linda & Paul Rizzo	6/22

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)