



# Happenings at NLC

August 2022

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

August 13 - WON Bible Study

August 16 - Council Meeting

August 23 - Primary Election  
(NLC is a voting location)

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

## NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Did you know you may stream our worship service live? Go to our webpage ([nlcww.org](http://nlcww.org)) at 9:30AM on Sunday morning and you will find the link to follow the service as it happens in the sanctuary. It will not be the same as being there in person, but it is the second best way. Not ready at 9:30AM? No problem. You may watch a recording of the service any time on Sunday or during the week.

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.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER



Taizé is a monastic community located in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s by a Swiss named Roger Louis Schütz-Marsauche, familiarly called Brother Roger. The “brothers” of Taizé have taken a vow of celibacy and are committed to a lifetime of simplicity, service, and community. There is an ecumenical emphasis at Taizé, as expressed in their official website (<https://www.taize.fr/en>),

which says the community “wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.” Brother Roger was especially eager to bring Catholics and Protestants together.

At a Taizé worship service one is invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection. It is a time to "come away and rest for awhile" through the experience of the simplicity and depth of the Word of God.

Watch for more information on a Taizé service at Nativity soon.

**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.

## **OUTREACH**

### **JULY/AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE**

Weekend Blessings is a program designed to feed preschool, elementary, and middle school children whose families qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Price Meal program. On the last day of every school week kids participating in the Weekend Blessings program get bags filled with sufficient food for the weekend. If you would like to donate to this mission, make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate People Helping People(PHP)/Weekend Blessings on the memo line. If you would like further information regarding this ministry, please call Sue and Frank Margagliotti at 352-442-6177.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - AUGUST

<b>MEN'S DEODORANT – speed stick 1.8 oz</b>	<b>WOMEN'S DEODORANT – secret 1.5 oz</b>
<b>SHAMPOO – vo5 15 oz.</b>	<b>TOOTHPASTE – ultrabrite 6 oz.</b>
<b>TOOTHBRUSH – must be individually wrapped</b>	<b>SOAP – must be individually wrapped</b>
<b>TOILET PAPER – 1000 sheet rolls</b>	<b>HAND SANITIZER – 8 oz.</b>

**\*\*PLEASE NO TRAVEL SIZES OF TOILETRIES\*\*    \*\*DOLLAR STORES ARE PERFECT FOR THESE\*\***

**INSTANT COFFEE – REGULAR OR DECAF** - we cannot use coffee that has to be brewed or things like K-cups. Many of our clients do not have coffee makers

**BLACK TEA BAGS – BOXES OF 100**

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHES** – we have plenty of clothes for our adult clients, but many have children, and we really have nothing for them

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – packs of pens, packs of pencils, small boxes of crayons, marble notebooks, 1 subject spiral notebook, glue sticks

**DOLLAR TREE HAS \$1.25 Backpacks  
that would be great as well**

Copies of the above are also available in the narthex.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

**WOMEN OF NATIVITY BIBLE STUDY.** The annual WON summer bible study will be on **Saturday, August 13 from 9am to 12pm**, followed by lunch. The theme this year is "Crafted in Christ" and will be presented by Carlan Helgeson, Michelle Mehan-Conklin, and Phil Schroeder. If you have any questions, please call Jean Drach, 352-684-1632.

# 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.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS** - no meeting in August.

**CARDS R US - AUGUST 3rd & 10th.** The Cards R Us Circle will be meeting on the first and second Wednesdays in August from 12:30pm-3:00pm, in Winemiller Hall. This is lots of fun and lets us indulge our creative sides, as we make greeting cards from used, donated greeting cards. Everyone is invited to join us. Pastor's Discretionary Fund receives 100% of your donations for our cards. So please remember to shop the card kiosks in the narthex and in the administration bldg. hallway; you are helping those in need when you do so. Contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for further information.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - AUGUST 6.** Friendship Circle will gather for a beach salad potluck at 5:30pm on Saturday, August 6, at Pine Island Beach. Rain is not forecast for the 6th. Please bring your special salad--protein, vegetable, fruit--to share. Also, this is BYOB. Games were so much fun at our June beach picnic that we are bringing them back by popular demand, so bring your favorite games. All are welcome. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for further information.

**CRAFTY LADIES - Fridays, 9:00AM - 11:00AM.**

**CRAFTY LADIES NEED PEOPLE TO SEW!** Do you want to learn to sew (a straight line) to create the beautiful quilts we send to Lutheran World Relief? We are offering sewing lessons at 9:30AM on August 5 & 12. Any questions, please 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 August 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.

**COMING SOON - GAME DAY!** Back by popular demand! Every third Tuesday of each month (starting in September) from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. with lunch available at the low cost of \$4. Play cards, dominos, bridge, or your favorite game with friends old and new. All are welcome. Join us for fun and fellowship and stay for a delicious lunch. Consider staying for the remainder of the afternoon making cards for Cards R Us. For more information, call Vivian Deon at 352-345-7634.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, AUGUST 23, AT NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Please take note that on this day Winemiller Hall will not be available to use.

**TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 5** - Our next sale is scheduled for Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15. We will start collecting donations Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9am-12pm beginning August 8. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 30, at 10am in Winemiller Hall to discuss this fundraising opportunity. If you have any questions regarding donations and/or the meeting, please call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119.



## **PATTER FROM PATTI**

We hope you are having a great summer. As September returns we will start our Fellowship activities for the season. We are planning a Mystery Dinner the last week of September. The details are not finalized yet but they will be in the September Newsletter. We will start selling tickets on September 11th.

We also welcome anyone who would like to join our committee, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30am. We have activities once per month through spring. We also have parties just for our committee. So our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th. We would love to have you join us. We welcome, ladies, gentlemen ,and couples. If you have any questions, give me a call at 352-797-9682.

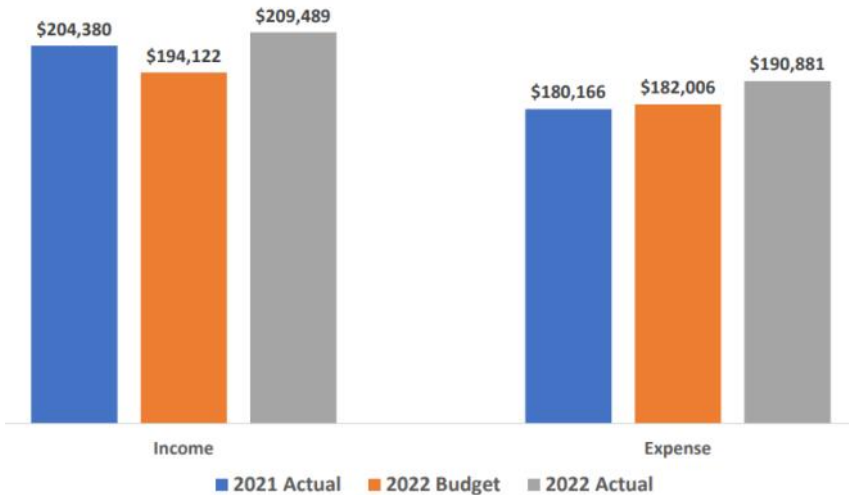
~Patti Cotter

**COMPASSIONATE DRIVERS NEEDED.** Quite a few people have wondered if there were anyone willing to give them a ride to church on Sunday morning. The request comes from people living in Timber Pines and the Spring Hill area. If you are willing and able to pick up people on your way to church that would be most appreciated. Let's create a database of drivers and riders. Please, sign up in the narthex or call the church office (352-597-1456).

**COMPASSIONATE CALLERS NEEDED.** Quite a few people are feeling increasingly lonely and isolated due to the changed worship schedule, illness, or limited transportation. One way to keep our community together would be to contact by phone once or twice a month or as often as possible those who used to sit together in church. If anyone is willing to invest some time in this important ministry, please contact Pr. Giuseppe (352-597-1456) for names and telephone numbers to call.

**FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
JUNE 2022**

**2022 YTD Income and Expenses**





Copies are available in the narthex and administration building. Pick up your today!

## Hernando County, Florida All-Hazards Disaster Planning Guide

**Hurricane and Disaster Supplies**



Are you ready?



YOUR NEW HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP INSIDE

Hurricane Season is June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

Do you know your Evacuation Level? Check the map or visit: [floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone](http://floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone).



Prepare today! [tampabayprepares.org](http://tampabayprepares.org)

## 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 **September** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to [nativitylutheran63@gmail.com](mailto:nativitylutheran63@gmail.com) by **August 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.

## August Birthdays

Timothy Cotter	8/2
Connie Wendrzycki	8/2
Jared Gould	8/3
Peggy Sanders	8/3
Michael Brennan	8/5
Joan Herr	8/6
Hailey Patterson	8/6
Linda Thelan	8/6
Candice Kochounian	8/9
Mary Smart	8/9
Zachery Burchhardt	8/11
Jane Castro	8/12
Victoria Page	8/13
Jane Henkel	8/14
Ellen Lapinski	8/14
Nancy Salzbach	8/14
Claude Major	8/16
Jean Drach	8/18



Ian MacLean	8/20
Cheryl Wolfe	8/20
Elizabeth Deon	8/22
Kristine Kopitzke	8/22
Robert Oliver Sr.	8/22
Karin Glessner	8/25
Gregory Massey	8/25
Giuseppe Mattei	8/25
Patti Cotter	8/27
Donald Taylor	8/28

## August Wedding Anniversaries

Frani & Larry Barnes	8/2
Kathleen & Arthur Olsen	8/6
Michele & Robert Oliver Sr.	8/8
Julie & Gary Hopkins	8/15
Judith & James Nelson	8/18
Margaret & Stephen King	8/19
Gloria & Al Wright	8/19
Carol & Kendall White	8/21



Karen & Clarence Crawford	8/22
Eleanor & William Hockings	8/22
Diane & Art Alt	8/24
Sandy & Guy Peeters	8/24
Susan & Donald Taylor	8/31
Ann and Richard Wright	8/31

## **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)