



Happenings at NLC

September 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

September 5 - Labor Day (*office closed*)

October 2 - World Communion Day

October 11 - Blessing of Animals

October 14-15 - Trinkets & Treasures Sale

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

MARY JOY CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO: FIRST WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP, SEPTEMBER 7.

Time: 9:30AM coffee, 10:00AM presentation. Subject: "A Visit to the Holy Land", video and guest speaker. Plus learn about the WELCA Fall Gathering, November 11-13. Registration deadline is September 15. For more information, please call Jean Drach at 352-684-1632.

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 September 26, 2022, 10:00AM.**

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.

Come and join us on Wednesday's at 6:00pm to try it out. No singing experience necessary, just a willing heart to sing a joyful noise. We sing every other Sunday and we are now practicing our Christmas Cantata. Please join us! Singing is good for the body and soul. Any questions, call Donna Olsen at 352-220-2318.

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.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2. This 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).

A procession of national flags kicks off the celebration of World Communion Sunday. Volunteers will be needed to carry the flags in the procession. Please, let the office know if you are willing.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS - OCTOBER 11, 10:00AM. We will resume our annual service of Blessing of Animals which was suspended the last two years due to COVID. Bring your pets for a short service in our courtyard. All sizes and all species welcome!

COLUMBARIUM. There are only two niches left, #8 and #9. Contact Ernie Horeis for more information at 352-346-2333.

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. Remember, only one card per family is needed. Thank you!



Saint Francis: The Person Beyond the Legend

During this Season of Creation, please join us for a conversation about Saint Francis that takes us beyond the “saint of the pet blessing.” Saint Francis lived over 800 years ago, and has set an example for followers of Christ through the ages—especially today. Please join us Monday, September 12, 26, and October 3 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for a discussion about the lives of St Francis and Saint Clare and how their example of living with a deep love of creation, and in relationship and care for those marginalized by society is an inspiration and path for all of us to follow today. We will discuss the life of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, their stories, and how they today inspire a much needed conversation about creation, living simply, peace-making, contemplation, and caring for the poor. This conversation will be led by Sr Mary Delasin, novice in the Order of Lutheran Franciscans, and spiritual director. We look forward to our time together. **To sign up to receive the Zoom link and also if you have any questions, please email Mary at mzdelasin@gmail.com.** We look forward to seeing you on September 12!

NATIVITY RINGERS

The summer workshop ended on August 8th with a performance for family and friends, followed by a reception. A big thank you to our Bell Choir Directors, Janet & Todd Holly, for putting together a wonderful workshop.



NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - Access our website, nlcww.org, to live stream (or play on demand) our service beginning at 9:25am Sunday mornings. **ALSO**, Sunday night at 6pm, tune in to WZEU-FM 102.9 on your radio for a rebroadcast of our previous weeks' Sunday Service. If you are Interested in sponsoring one of the services broadcast on WZEU in memory or honor of someone, cost is \$25 and place your donation in a green envelope and mark it WZEU and place in the offering basket.

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.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Discipleship)

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS

Please look for more information in the future about a spirituality of the psalms class in the fall.

OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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 Lutherienne 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 MEMBERS - Here are some action team projects you can apply for: 1) Food Pantry, 2) Lighthouse for the Blind, 3) Girl Scout Troop, 4) People Helping People, 5) N.A.M.I., 6) Golden Rainbow Ranch. Call Ernie Horeis (352-346-2333) or Tim Cotter (352-797-9682) for any questions or help submitted a project.

FREE HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES COMING TO NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN OCTOBER. There will be two “free” in-person classes coming to Nativity:

1. Diabetes Empowerment Education Program Classes
2. Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls

Further details about these classes coming soon! Watch announcements for details.

The Women of Nativity (WON) have been participating in the Hernando County Adult Drug Court Program for at least 6 years by providing a celebration of all that the graduates have accomplished. This program is a court-supervised intensive and highly structured program consisting of comprehensive out-patient treatment and case management supervision for non-violent offenders. The program normally takes 15 to 24 months to complete. Upon completion and payment of court costs by the participants, they are graduated and all charges against them are dismissed. Someone from our Nativity family stands up to congratulate and thank each graduate for what they have accomplished in turning their lives around and gives them a beautiful handmade quilt or blanket made by our members, a congratulatory card, and an individually packaged cupcake. If you or anyone you know, whether or not a member of Nativity, is talented in making quilts or blankets, we are asking for help with this mission. Quilts and blankets are made in your own homes, at your convenience. This is highly rewarding and you will be blessed, especially if you are able to attend a graduation. For further information, contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

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.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - will be traveling a little north, to Homosassa, on Saturday, September 3, to kick off Labor Day weekend. We'll visit the Pepper Creek Pottery art gallery, 10849 W. Yulee Dr. 34448 at about 11:00. The gallery is a half hour drive from Nativity. Then it's a quick trip to Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Rd., for devotions, lunch, and short meeting on their patio deck overlooking the Halls River. To carpool, meet at Nativity at 10:15. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - our next meeting will be **September 8 and 22 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 15th**. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.

CRAFTY LADIES - **Fridays, 9:00AM - 12:00PM**. 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.

CARDS R US will be making cards on Friday, September 9, 12:30-3:00pm, and on Tuesday, September 13, 1:00-3:30pm, in Winemiller Hall. On the 7th, we'll be moving supplies into new bins on our new portable shelving, provided with a Thrivent Action Team Visa card; then we'll celebrate this mission with light refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us in this creative and fun activity. One hundred percent of the proceeds from donations for our cards is given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to help those in financial need. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918. If you've been wondering about making cards with us, don't be shy.

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Here we go again our season is starting, big fun and fellowship ahead. We only have one planned so far until our committee makes future plans. If you would be interested in coming to our committee meeting to help us plan we would warmly welcome you. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 13th at 10:30am. We have singles, couples and men so we welcome all. We plan one activity a month, so come ahead and bring any ideas you have.

Monday September 26th MYSTERY DINNER at church at 4:00pm. Yes it is MYSTERY DINNER TIME again. If you have not attended before here is how it works: We sell reservation tickets for \$10.00 per person in advance starting on Sunday, September 11th. When you come to church for the event you will get it returned to you. An easy way is to write a check that says Nativity Fellowship and we will give the check back to you. Then you will have appetizers and beverage before you leave for dinner, not knowing where you are going until you leave.

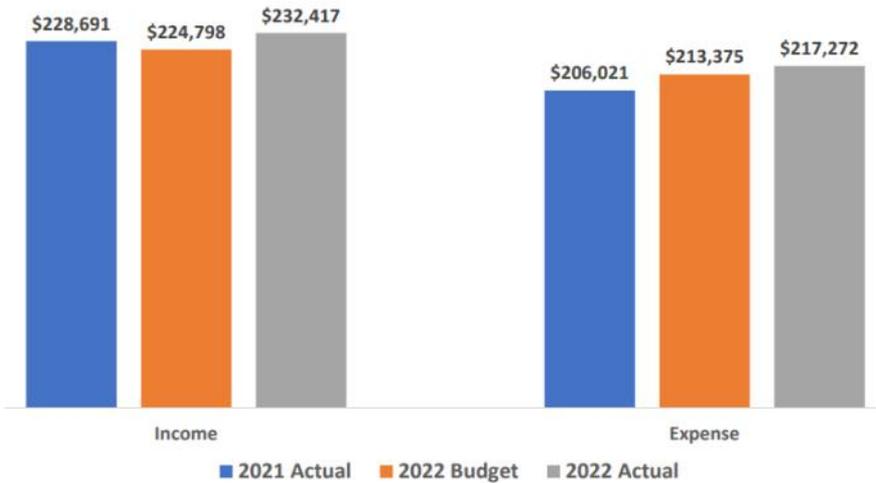
After many years of these events yes you will get the favorite Mystery Dinner Meatballs. You will drive to the restaurant and enjoy the meal receiving your personal check to pay. A fun time is had by all. Yes it's a rowdy group everyone is so excited to be together again, of course if they order cocktails then_____!!! So by all means join us if you can 40 people is all the restaurant can handle. any questions give me a call.

We look forward to planning the rest of the season, even if you can't attend the meeting and have an idea to offer, we'd love to hear it.

Patti Cotter
352-797-9682

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

2022 YTD Income and Expenses



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

MIGRANT CHILDREN'S SHOE SHOPPING PROJECT

We had 54 children this year. Their parents and Pastor Margarita met myself, Carlan and Jill Helgeson, and Elva and Dick Posewitz at the Zephyrhills Walmart on August 5th at 5:30pm. The children got to pick any pair of shoes that they wanted. They were so happy and grateful. We collected \$1,300.00 plus a \$250.00 Thrivent card that Elva applied for. After the shoes were paid for we had money left to purchase diapers for the pre-school class, something that they really needed.





TRINKETS & TREASURES PART 5 - Friday, October 14 from 9AM-2PM and Saturday, October 15 from 9AM-1PM. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and price items Monday, October 10-Thursday, October 13 from 9AM -1PM. In addition, we will need people to help on the sale days as well as to help break down. Any day(s)/time you can help would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119.

We also plan on having a bake sale so donations of cakes, cookies, cupcakes will be needed for both days. Please call Janet Jones at 352-232-1074 and let her know what you will donate.

Donations accepted Mondays and Tuesdays from 9AM-12PM in Al Lien Hall. No donations accepted after October 4. Donated items accepted include dishes, glasses, kitchen items, holiday decorations, linens. We also need newspaper and plastic bags. If you can help get the bags together at home (we put a piece of yarn on the handle) please contact Evelyn at one of the numbers above. This is a great fundraising event for our church and appreciate your help in making it a huge success.

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 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. 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.

September Birthdays



Dennis Rogers	9/4
Kayla Patterson	9/5
Anninette Wingrove	9/5
Mae Haines	9/5
Lorrie DeFrancesco	9/8
Cheryl Zybell	9/8
Julie Roa	9/8
Ruth Ann Hoy	9/9
Gwen Mahon	9/9
Guy Peeters	9/12
Wayne Rasper	9/12
Madison Gould	9/13
Gordon Lienau	9/14
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
Frani Barnes	9/24
Kathleen Olsen	9/24
Gertrude Korndorfer	9/25
Beryl Clements	9/27
Kendall White	9/27
Raina McDannold	9/30

September Wedding Anniversaries

Gertrude & Alfred Korndorfer	9/2
Debra & Joseph LaFranca	9/4
Anninette & Charles Wingrove	9/5
Gail & Charlie Zboray	9/5
Roselind & Clyde Rosten	9/9
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

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we carry light and love to the world.

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)