



# Happenings at NLC

November 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

**November 22, 2022**  
**Thanksgiving Service, 11:00AM**

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
**November 24, 2022**

Thanks be to God



## Upcoming Events

November 24 - Office and food pantry closed

December 10 - W.O.N. Christmas Lunch

December 11 - Congregational Meeting

December 18 - Cantata and brunch

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.** On this day we remember all our dearly departed family and friends. Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 22, 11:00AM.** A daylight service will help those who don't feel comfortable driving at night. Holy Cross Lutheran Church members will join us and their new pastor, the Reverend Teresa Stewart, will deliver the sermon. Refreshments in Winemiller Hall will follow the service.

We will need 2 ushers for this service. If you can assist, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex.

**ALTAR GUILD – NOVEMBER .** 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 November 28, 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.

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

**NAME TAGS** - Please remember to wear your name tag at church. Doing so is of great help to one another and good ministry of hospitality toward visitors.

**NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** - Access our website, [nlcww.org](http://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.

# World Communion Sunday October 2, 2022

**OUR THANKS** to Jill Helgeson, Suzanne Chelf, and Linda Russo for ironing the 101 flags for World Communion Sunday; to Evelyn Galli, Janet Jones, Clarence Crawford, Pat Squires, Manfred Squires, and Reshmi Gauchan for



helping to set up the stands, poles and flags; to Robert Rios, Pat Squires, Silvia Glomski, and Al Wright for their parts in the World Litany; and to all those who carried flags for our processional. Once again our sanctuary beautifully demonstrates our unity with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

## Blessing of Animals October 11, 2022

Five dogs and their owners participated in the Animal Blessing this year. It's nice to bless the creatures God blesses us with. There is a proposal to do the blessing at a local animal shelter next year, and volunteers are welcome to join in.



# OUTREACH

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE** - This mission is to restore those affected by crime and incarceration. They believe that all are created in God's image and that no life is beyond God's reach.

We at Nativity will receive names of 35 children from our community whose parent(s) are incarcerated. On December 3rd we will host a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers. Each child will receive a gift from their mom or dad with a personal note.

If you would like to donate to this mission, please take an envelope from the tree in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support. Please call me to join the fun.

Linda Russo  
352-596-0673 or 352-428-7764

**TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE** - Applications for 2023 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2022. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. The guideline rankings used for determining a grant include meeting human needs for food, water, and shelter; alleviating human trauma; religious education; and enriching the quality of life. Applications may be picked up in the church office or requested to be sent by mail by calling the office at 352-597-1456.

For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at [cdhelgeson@gmail.com](mailto:cdhelgeson@gmail.com).

## **MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 10TH AT 1:00PM.**

The M&O committee will discuss the recent growth of our Nativity outreach through the Food Pantry and all the needs that are being addressed. The committee will also schedule the mission appeals for 2023.

## **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.

**SAVE THE DATE: W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon - Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 11:30AM.** All women of Nativity are invited to the annual Christmas luncheon. Tickets are \$8.00 each and can be purchased in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 13. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jean Drach at 352-684-1632 or Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

**CARDS R US** - The Cards R Us Circle will be making greeting cards from your used, donated greeting cards, 12:30pm-3:00pm, on Wednesday, November 2nd, and the 9th. Everyone is invited to join in on this fun and creative time. Pastor's Discretionary Fund receives all proceeds from donations received for the cards, which you'll find on kiosks in the narthex and in the admin building hallway.

Remember to shop for Thanksgiving 🦃 cards on our kiosks; a larger selection is available in the admin hallway. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for info.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** - On Saturday, November 5, Friendship Circle will head north to Dunnellon, meeting at 12:15pm at The Blue Gator (restaurant), 12189 S. Williams St. 34432. We'll have devotions, a meeting, and lunch, before a short drive to Singing River Eco Tour (a covered 40' pontoon), 20750 River Dr. 34431. Reservations are for the 2:00pm tour, which costs \$20. Singing River Tours specializes in eco-tours, with the addition of original music, on the crystal clear, spring-fed Rainbow River, and the dark, swamp-fed Withlacoochee River. Our tour guide, Jon Semmes, is a professional boat captain and musician. To carpool, meet at Nativity at 11:10am. Circle reservations have been made; if anyone else would like to join us, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918. We can inquire if any seats are available.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS - next meeting will be Thursday, November 10th 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) has been able to participate in this life changing mission. Please consider joining us. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

**MARY JOY CIRCLE - Wednesday, November 2, 9:45AM** Our bible study will take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:45AM in Winemiller Hall. All Women of Nativity are welcome to our monthly bible study. For more information, please contact Jean Drach at 352-684-1632.

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

We are a group of approximately 9 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. The quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief to be dispersed around the world as needed. Please come and join us. Questions? Call Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

**SARAH CIRCLE** - Do you know someone who is undergoing a medical procedure, in need of comfort after a loss, desiring to increase their time of prayer or meditation, preparing for marriage, in the midst of an illness, recovering from surgery, or otherwise in need of prayer? ***Prayer shawls are always available. All you need to do is ask!***

When someone receives a prayer shawl, Sarah Circle (the women who sponsor the ministry and make the shawls) also prays for that recipient. We ask you to share only as you are comfortable why you want to give the recipient the gift of prayer so that we may include these requests in our prayers.

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 November is on the 17th. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home.

For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.





**CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 1ST:** All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office by December 1. Any questions, please call the church office at 352-597-1456.

**TRINKETS & TREASURES - OCTOBER 14 & 15** - Our sale was a huge success and we made \$5,237. The raffle proceeds of \$436 were split between the Food Pantry, Days for Girls and Crafty Ladies. The winners were: Cheryl Wolfe, J. Palmer, Janet Jones and Maria.

We want to thank everyone who participated, those who donated items, those who volunteered, and those who came out to support the sale. Without you, it would not have been possible. It was wonderful to have so many people make this sale a huge success. God bless each and everyone of you.

Again, our sincere thanks,  
Evelyn Galli and Janet Jones

### **TREE TRIMMING PARTY**

Please join us on Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00am to help decorate the 12 foot tree in Winemiller Hall. We know it will add some lovely decoration for the WON Luncheon and the Cantata Brunch. Refreshments will be served to the participants. If you have any questions about anything, please give me a call at 352-797-9682. ~PATTI COTTER

## **PATTER FROM PATTI**

Hard to believe we are almost in the Holiday Season again,  
Here is what we have coming up:

### **THURSDAY DECEMBER 1ST 5:30PM MOVIE PIZZA NIGHT.**

We will be seeing a new movie—DOLLY PARTON ON THE CHRISTMAS SQUARE. We love seeing movies now on the huge screen Art Alt donated to us. We will be serving pizza, popcorn and beverages. The pizza will be coming from Rocco's and delivered to us. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex, and there will be a small charge of \$2.00 per person at the door to help pay for the pizza. What a great way to get in the Christmas spirit.

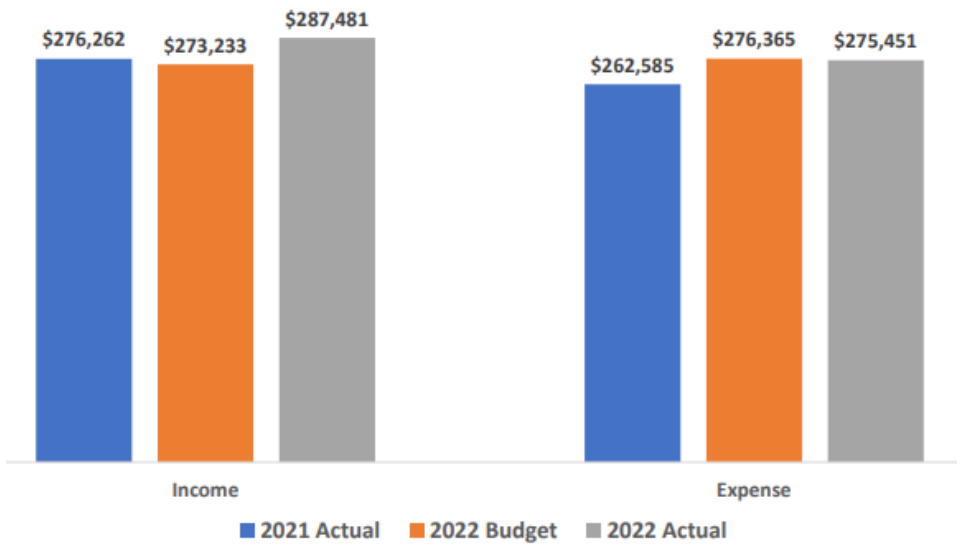
### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND BRUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.**

Nativity Choir will be offering a beautiful Christmas Cantata at the 9:30am service. It is so great to see the choir back again and offering this wonderful Cantata. After the service the Fellowship Committee will be hosting our Christmas Brunch. It is complimentary so all you have to do is make sure you sign up in the narthex. Look for the big poster and the sign up sheet will be there. If you sign up and find you can not attend please remove your name. Our committee is dedicated to making sure we have enough food for all. What a wonderful way for all of us to be together at this special time.

If you have any questions about anything, please give me a call at 352-797-9682. ~PATTI COTTER

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

**2022 YTD Income and Expenses**



If you have any questions, please contact Pat Squires at [patsquires63@gmail.com](mailto:patsquires63@gmail.com).

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DEMENTIA SPOTLIGHT FOUNDATION**

**Oak Hill**  
Senior Living Community

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

United Way of Hernando **United Way**

### JOIN US EVERY FIRST MONDAY

Come be with others who understand and receive knowledge to help you through your dementia caregiving.

**1st Monday of each month @ 1 pm**  
**Oak Hill Senior Living**  
**7411 Cortez Oaks Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613**



SCAN to RSVP

For more info contact Gary Joseph LeBlanc at [Gary@dementiaspotlightfoundation.org](mailto:Gary@dementiaspotlightfoundation.org) or call (352) 345-6270

# REMINDER

**Sunday, November 6**



# SAVE THE DATE

## *Special Events Coming in December*

**Saturday, December 3** - Angel Tree Party

**Sunday, December 4** - Weeki Wachee Winds Concert

**Saturday, December 10** - W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon

**Sunday, December 11** - Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, December 18** - Christmas Cantata and Brunch

**Saturday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00PM

**Sunday, December 25** - Christmas Day Service at 10:00AM

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

## November Birthdays

Sandra Sander	11/1
Annie Douglas	11/5
Diane Alt	11/7
Carole Schaefer	11/8
Michele Oliver	11/11
Marian Lyons	11/13
Eleanor Southey	11/13
William Binns	11/16
George Smith	11/16
Glenn Houdek	11/17
Elva Posewitz	11/17
Lucas Brennan	11/19
Cam Martin	11/20
Michael Jones	11/21



Walter Johnson	11/22
Angela Russell	11/23
Bob Benson	11/27
Arthur Olsen	11/27
Janet Schneider	11/28
Grace Signor	11/28
Margaret King	11/30
David Smith	11/30

## November Wedding Anniversaries

Monika & Michael Brennan	11/4
Agnes & Eugene Burkart	11/14
Nancy & Martin Salzbach	11/16
Leonore & Gary Kopitzke	11/18
Lynn & Carl Roa	11/20
Janet & William Schneider	11/21
Darinka & Gordon Lienau	11/21
Nancy & Andrew Trott	11/24
Daisy & Robert Rios	11/24



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts  
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)