



Happenings at NLC

June 2025

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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30am

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Sunday, June 8 - Day of Pentecost



Sunday, June 15 - Father's Day

Upcoming Events

June 12-14 - Synod Assembly

June 15 - Special Service to Honor Our Oldest Members



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SPIRITUAL LIFE

Do We Honor the Saints in the Lutheran Church? If So, In Which Way?

Martin Luther was a “fan” of the saints. During his early years, he had been taught not only the names of countless saints, but their life stories as well. Reading books on the lives of the saints became a significant part of his personal devotional life. In a revealing comment, Luther stated that “next to the Holy Scripture there certainly is no more useful book for Christendom than that of the lives of the saints.”

Luther made certain that each of the children born to him and his wife, Katherine, were named for one of the great saints of the past. His own name, *Martin*, had come to him directly from the saint’s day on which he had been baptized, Nov. 11, when St. Martin of Tours, a fourth-century French bishop, was remembered by the Church. His affection for the saints is reflected in a sermon he delivered in 1537, when he said: “Thus I praise and laud the true saints, people graced and gifted with an understanding of Holy Scripture and with many fine, splendid endowments of the Holy Spirit, gifts which they also use for the improvement and encouragement of Christendom.”

There are many Lutheran parishes that commemorate the names of saints (St. Laurence, St. Ambrose, and St. Athanasius. Yet, extensive celebrations of the lives and deeds of the saints in Lutheran congregations are not very common in 21st-century America. Are we in some way “shorting” ourselves by not remembering the saints as fully as we might?

Going back to the basics in learning about the saints may help us recover some of the faith-uplifting power that the stories of these devoted people supplied to previous generations.

A fundamental Lutheran document, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1530), clearly states the following: “We do not deny in our Confession that the saints should be honored. This may be done in three ways: first, by thanking God for showing us examples of his grace in the lives of the saints, and for supplying the church with teachers and other gifts. Now as these gifts are great, we should highly esteem them and praise the saints who made good use of them, as Christ in the Gospel praised the faithful servants, Matt. 25:21,23.

The second mode of honoring the saints is to strengthen our faith by their example. Thus, for instance, when we see that through the rich grace of God Peter's sin was forgiven, when he had denied Christ, our hearts receive strength to believe that grace abounds much more than sin, Rom. 5:20.

In the third place we honor the saints, by following, according to our several vocations, the example of their faith, love, and patience.” (Article XXI(4-9): Of the Invocation of Saints).

The Lutheran Church is certainly not “short on saints” for, in the wider sense, we are all saints together by God’s grace through the working of the Holy Spirit. In the *Apostles’ Creed* we confess to our belief in “the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.”

Saints are certainly not mediators. Lutheranism teaches that believers, through Jesus Christ, can approach God directly in confession and through prayers. Saints can be examples of holy life.

The Calendar of Saints in the Lutheran Church suggests commemoration almost on a daily basis.

Spiritual remembrances in June:

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165. Sunday, June 1, 2025 - Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886. Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963. Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754. Thursday, June 5, 2025 - Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866. Saturday, June 7, 2025 - Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church. Monday, June 9, 2025 - These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle. Wednesday, June 11, 2025 - Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379. Saturday, June 14, 2025 - The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015. Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931. Saturday, June 21, 2025 - Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist. Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530. Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560. Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444. Friday, June 27, 2025 - Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202. Saturday, June 28, 2025 - This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles. Sunday, June 29, 2025 - These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

PENTECOST—SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025. 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.

June 8, **Celebration of Holy Baptism** for Darwin, son of Ericka and Jordan Emrick Driskhouse.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO HONOR OUR OLDEST MEMBERS. On June 15th (Father's Day) we will honor the oldest members of our congregation with a special sermon, and we will recognize by name those who are 90 years old and older. Plan now to attend this special recognition service for those who have been faithful to Nativity for so many years!

ALTAR GUILD – NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. 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, starting in September, 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.**

ALTAR FLOWERS. If you would like to purchase flowers 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 per arrangement. 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.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - We have received our copies of the July/August/September 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home*. If you would like a copy they are available in the narthex, or stop by the office between 9:00AM and 12PM. A small donation would be appreciated to offset the costs of the devotionals. You can use a green pew card and mark it "devotionals". If you have any questions, or want to make sure copies are still available, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

NLC'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - If you are traveling or unable to attend in person but have internet access, you may follow the service by clicking on the link made available on our web site (nlcww.org) or via email on Saturday, or watch a recording of the service during the week. Conversely, you may 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.

OUTREACH

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH - ELCA WORLD HUNGER. Did you know that 1 in 4 people around the globe are moderately or severely food insecure? 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*

2025 THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECTS

1. NLC Food Pantry, food (2024) - Gene Kortier
2. Lighthouse for the Blind, meal (2024) - Judy Kortier
3. Trinket & Treasures, food - Joan Phoel
4. Hamarama, food - Phil Phoel
5. Trinket & Treasures, supplies - Judie Brayman
6. Remembering the 50's, food - Mary Krol
7. Autistic Children, clothing/snacks
8. NLC Choir, music
9. NLC Bell Choir, music
10. Fellowship, Lenten soup and sandwich
11. Altar Guild, wafers/wine
12. NLC Sunday School, material/bibles
13. W.O.N., meal
14. Cards R Us, card making materials
15. Days for Girls, hygiene kits
16. Crafty Ladies, material for quilts
17. Friendship Circle, goats/chickens, etc - Ernst Horeis
18. Sarah Circle, prayer shawls
19. Homeless, food/clothing/misc.
20. Fellowship, memorial cookout

Looking for Thrivent Members to sign up for these projects.
Contact Tim Cotter (352-797-9682) or Ernie Horeis (352-613-0589) for assistance.

DRUG, MENTAL HEALTH AND VETERANS COURT GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS.

Women of Nativity (WON), has been representing Nativity at the Hernando County Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Court graduations for at least 9 years. At graduation ceremonies, someone from Nativity talks to the graduates and acknowledges their accomplishments, congratulates and thanks them, and gives them a handmade quilt or afghan and an individually packaged cupcake and congratulations card in a gift bag. Funding for these gifts is provided from a WON account.

These graduates have successfully completed a 15-24 month court-supervised, intensive and highly structured program for non-violent offenders. In addition, they have paid their court costs. When they graduate, all charges against them are dismissed!

We are looking for someone to represent Nativity. Volunteers are needed at graduations, which are held no more than once each month on a Thursday afternoon at the courthouse in Brooksville. This can be a couple, a man, or a woman.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918).

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS, CIRCLES, CHOIR, WOMAN OF NATIVITY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. If you are planning an event to help our congregation or community, both local or worldwide, think about submitting an Action Team Project and receive back seed money from Thrivent to help fund your outreach. Example: Rachel's Day we missed submitting an Action Team Project which could have brought in seed money, a donation from Thrivent of \$250.00. Contact Ernie Horeis @ 352-600-5906 or Tim Cotter @ 352-797-9682.

FOOD PANTRY TIDBITS

SHOPPING CART DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE IS:

Shampoo (not trial size)

Best price and selection is at Dollar Tree.

While we will gladly accept any and all donations, we are going to highlight a couple of items each month that could help out.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Class will start up again after Labor Day. If you wish to register your child for the upcoming school year, please call the church office at 352-597-1456, or call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

COMMUNITY LIFE

COUNCIL UPDATE AT A GLANCE...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Nativity, summer is here and many of our congregational family are preparing their travel plans. That being said, the Council wishes everyone a blessed summer and traveling mercies. The Council will continue to meet regularly and work collectively managing the various needs and issues of Nativity. As said before the Council and various Committees remain extremely busy doing God's work year round and encourage those wishing to help to step forward.

The Council has developed a "Long Range Planning Committee" designed to look at where we are today as a thriving family of believers doing God's work and prayerfully discerning what the needs and concerns for our family of believers should look like moving forward in a changing world. A BIG TASK indeed and keeping us in your prayers is greatly appreciated. Work and coordination continue on NLC new electronic sign tentatively scheduled for installation late Fall barring any unforeseen issues.

As many of you know, David VanHorn one of our Congregational and Council members has moved back to Michigan and we wish him safe travels and many thanks for serving on Council and Choir. The remaining time of David's position on Council has been filled by Donna Olsen.

As an alert to members of NLC please be vigilant against potential scammers not only do they prey on us as individuals, but also on businesses and yes churches! In recent weeks several scam attempts have occurred against NLC. Fortunately the scams didn't work due to being alert. If a situation doesn't sound or smell right then generally it's not right. Trouble has no boundaries so please be alert.

For the newer members of NLC there are plenty of opportunities to become involved in the life of our congregation as you are able and there are many forms of evangelism. The Florida-Bahamas Synod which our congregation and others are a part of has a wonderful quote as it relates to our serving as Christians "God's work our hands" and there is never a shortage of God's work.

Did you know the Florida-Bahamas Synod, which NLC is part of, has been an RIC Synod for some years now? That being said, NLC recently voted to become an RIC Congregation following the guidelines of Reconciling Works National Organization and received confirmation of acceptance by Reconciling Works as an RIC Congregation. Congratulations to NLC Congregation and thank you to the RIC Committee who worked prayerfully and diligently for over a year on this commitment.

Steve Miller
NLC Council President

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.

W.O.N. MEETING - JUNE 3, 5:30PM. All circle leaders are asked to come. All are welcome. The topic is Summer Bible Study.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN! You are invited to the June Social Luncheon, Wednesday June 18 at 12:00N, to try the new Olive Garden near Brookridge! 14415 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613.

Save the date and bring a friend :-)

We will put a signup sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. Any questions, please see Kathy Drach.

CARDS R US, JUNE 2nd and 9th. Cards R Us will be making cards from used, donated greeting cards on the first two Mondays in June, on the 2nd and 9th, at 9:30am-12:30pm. We really need more card makers to join us in this addictive and fun mission. We'll show you how, so come give it a try. Monetary donations for the cards we make are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in financial crisis. Shoppers, you will find a nice selection of Father's Day cards on our kiosks--Father's Day is June 15th. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - We are off for June, July and August! Watch announcements for when we start up again in September. 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. For more information, contact Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226.

CRAFTY LADIES - Fridays, 9:00AM - 11:00AM. We are a group of approximately 12 women, who meet every Friday morning at Nativity from 9:00AM until 12:00 noon, in Al Lien Hall. 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 352-410-0226.

SARAH CIRCLE, JUNE 19 @ 10:00AM. 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. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, join Sarah Circle on the third Thursday of the month in the Youth Room at 10:00AM. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH.

Friendship Circle will visit the Hernando Historic Museum Association's Countryman Family One Room Schoolhouse Museum in Brooksville. This will be a fun, factual and interactive 1-hour talk, beginning at noon, plus a display of artifacts and photos from the 19th century. The emphasis of the talk--as it was in these schools--will be God, country, family, morals and manners. Charge is \$5. Unlike in the 19th century, this schoolhouse has A/C and lights! Address: 66 Russell St., Brooksville 34601. From there, we will enjoy lunch at the Lazy Maid Creperie, 419 Howell Ave., Brooksville 34601. To carpool, meet at Nativity at 11:15a. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918) if you plan to attend.

CLUB 75 LUNCHEON - JUNE (date and location TBD).

The only criteria to be part of this fellowship group is that you must be 75 years old or older! More details coming. You can also call Vicki Page with any questions (352-210-8407). A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

NATIVITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY will be this November and we are hoping to plan a special celebration. We are looking for a few people to join our 40th anniversary committee. If you are interested please let Janet Jones know at 352-515-3931.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FROM CAROL ANDERSON

The Fellowship Committee will be off during June, July, and August. We are wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer. The Fellowship Committee will start up again in September. Anyone wishing information or would like to join this ministry, please call Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135.

MEMBER UPDATES:

New Address: Mary McDowall
Family Extended Care of Spring Hill
11291 County Line Rd #127
Spring Hill, FL 34609

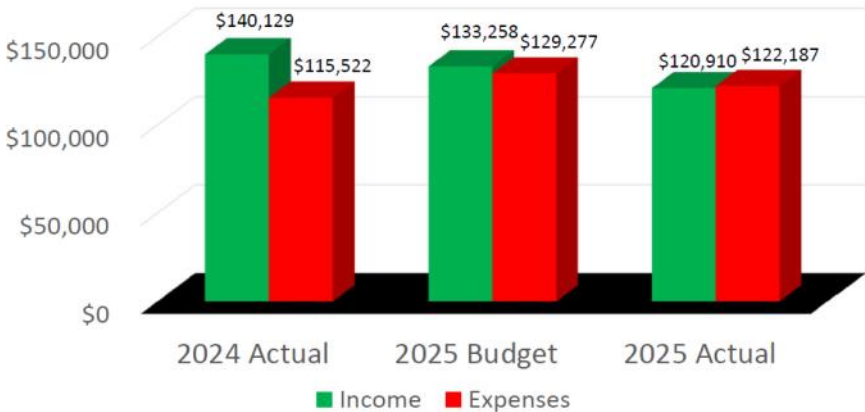
Ruth Ann Gosen
2329 Rockwell Drive, Apt 29
Midland, MI 48642

Dearly departed: Vivian Deon

Condolence cards: Laura Deon
16167 Brookridge Blvd.
Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY
APRIL 2025

2025 Income and Expenses (Thru April)



If you have any questions, please contact Scott Henkel at scott.henkel@capgemini.com.

WAYS TO DONATE TO NATIVITY. Nativity has a Venmo account. You can send a donation to: @Nativity-LutheranChurch. Also, if you prefer, Nativity has a Zelle account. Send to: nativitylutheran63@gmail.com. Also available is the QR code (see code on right) that is specifically for Nativity donations. Just point your phone's camera at it and a website address will pop up.





We are always looking for volunteers for various church duties. Volunteers are what help keep our church going and growing. If anything interests you please call the church office at 352-597-1456. THANK YOU!

USHERS NEEDED. We need 2 ushers for our 9:30AM service. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex listing the Sunday service dates. Please sign up for whatever date(s) fits your schedule. Your time is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Joe Kleiber at 608-860-1260.

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER NEEDED. We are seeking individuals who would like to light the candles and/or carry the cross during our Sunday service. Please contact the office (352-597-1456) if you are interested. A short training is all that is needed. Your time is greatly appreciated.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS. If you have signed up and are registered for helping out in the nursery, we need 2 people to monitor the nursery. Sign-up sheet is available in the nursery or you may call the office at 352-597-1456 to schedule day(s) you are willing to help out.



June Birthdays

Maggie Kull	6/1	Joan Phoel	6/12
Barbara Konrad	6/2	Judy Kortier	6/21
Kendall Wells	6/3	Madeline Johnson	6/22
Steve Miller	6/5	Brian Wagner	6/27
Karen Crawford	6/6		
Royale Pugh	6/6		
Mary Sandvik	6/8		
Jill Helgeson	6/11		
June Kristoferson	6/12		

June Wedding Anniversaries

Beverly & Glenn Houdek	6/1	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
Alice & Kendall Wells	6/9	Connie & Roger Wendrzycki	6/19
Jill & Carlan Helgeson	6/11	Linda & Paul Rizzo	6/22
Sharon & Philip Schroeder	6/11	Judy & Gene Kortier	6/25

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

Working as a supportive family of faith to extend God's gracious welcome through worship, community service, and spiritual growth opportunities.



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). Therefore, we welcome all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability or other distinctions; and work to promote anti-racism. (Adopted 4/6/25)



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