



Happenings at NLC

October 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



Upcoming Events

October 3 & 4 - Trinkets & Treasures Sale

October 5 - World Communion Day

October 7 - Blessing of Animals

October 18 - Trunk or Treat

October 19 - Weeki Wachee Winds Concert

October 25 - New Member Class



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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

Spiritual remembrances in October:

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536. Monday, October 6, 2025 - Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787. Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF). Friday, October 10, 2025 - A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582. Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115. Friday, October 17, 2025 - Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist. Saturday, October 18, 2025 - Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62. Thursday, October 23, 2025 - One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters. Sunday, October 26, 2025 - These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles. Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day. Friday, October 31, 2025 - By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 5. 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. See weekly sheet for more information.**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS - OCTOBER 7, at 11:00AM at the Humane Society of the Nature Coast 7200 Mobley Road, Brooksville, FL.

9:30AM: Blessing of the Animals

10AM - 12PM: Adopt-A-Pet

Bring your pet for a blessing. Invite your friends.

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - Reformation Day, the anniversary of the day Martin Luther is said to have posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany (October 31, 1517), is later identified by Protestants as the beginning of the Reformation. The European Lutheran territorial churches first commemorated the Reformation on various days, among them the anniversary of Luther's birth (November 10), his death (February 18), and presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25). The centennial celebrations of 1617 focused attention on October 31. The liturgical color for the celebration is red. **Please wear RED on this day.**

ALTAR GUILD – OCTOBER 27. 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.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SAINTS' DAY - Let the office know if you have had a loved one pass away during the last year (we have noted our members, so we are asking for non-members). Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

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 October/November/December 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home*, and summer issue of *Living Lutheran*. 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

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE.

This mission is to bring Jesus into the lives of children affected by crime and that they may have a blessed Christmas.

We at Nativity will receive names of 50 children from our community whose parent(s) are incarcerated. On December 13th we will host a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers. Each child will receive a gift that reminds them that they are valued and loved. Please join us for the fun. Any questions, contact Linda Russo at 352-596-0673 or 352-428-7764.

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE -

Applications for 2026 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, 2025. 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 Ed Lewis of the Mission Endowment Committee at edelweis21@verizon.net.

THRIVENT NEWS

Thank you Thrivent Members! Mission & Outreach projects approved for October-November-December:

1. Trunk or Treat - 10/18/25
2. Goat Program - 11/18/25
3. Angel Tree - 12/06/25

Lets Make A Deal - if you have an Action Team Project left to do, you can select and submit your project and let Ernst Horeis or Tim Cotter be on your team, and we will do the necessary work with the seed money, and bring you project to a successful completion.

Projects you may wish to consider:

1. Lighthouse for the Blind
2. Food Pantry
3. Homeless Shelters
4. Humane Society
5. Individual or Family Expenses
6. Days for Girls
7. Cards R Us
8. Crafty Ladies

To become an Associate of Thrivent, donate \$19.95 a year and receive back \$250 seed money (credit card) for one action team project you select.

Contact Ernie Hories (352-600-5906) or Tim Cotter (352-797-9682) for any help you might need in filling out paperwork for your project, or bringing it to a successful completion.

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 OCTOBER IS:

**Shampoo and/or Toothpaste
Dollar Tree has the best price for these.**

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

We would also appreciate it if you could donate bags of candy for Trunk or Treat which will be on Saturday, Oct. 18.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Every Sunday, children will start the worship service with their guardians, and will be dismissed at 9:45AM until communion time. Register by calling the church office (352-597-1456). Any questions please call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: OUR HOPE IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT. Could you use a little hope in your life right now? Come, join our fall Bible Study on the earliest epistles of the Apostle Paul (Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians) that speak to our hope in this life and the next. The 7-week study will be held **Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30p.m. in Winemiller Hall beginning October 8th** and will be led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you intend to participate. If you have any questions, you can talk to Carlan in church or email him at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION CLASS - OCTOBER 25, 8:45A - 12N. If you are interested in membership, please contact the office to register. You will receive a packet to fill out for class. New members will be received on November 9.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SAVE THE DATE - 40th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 1PM. We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Nativity Lutheran Church with a catered buffet luncheon featuring a mixed green salad, chicken marsala, carving station of roast pork, mini new potatoes, California vegetable medley, rolls & butter, dessert, wine, coffee and ice tea. Cost is \$10.00 per person. As this is being catered, it is necessary to RSVP and submit your payment no later November 1, 2025 (we must give caterer final count by November 2). We will be selling tickets in the narthex starting Sunday, October 5. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please call Janet Jones at 352-515-3931 or email her at j92403553@gmail.com. We hope you join us for this special celebration.

COUNCIL UPDATE AT A GLANCE...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Nativity,

Fall is now in the air and many of the stores are beginning to display the decorations of the Holiday Seasons. Why so early? Remains a question only retailers can answer. I rather suspect however corporate revenues push the Holidays earlier every year or so it seems. That being said NLC is ready to generate some revenue of our own with Trinkets and Treasures scheduled in earlier October. As Evelyn Galli has made us aware, help is always needed and the dollars realized benefit NLC on many levels. This year as in the past there are some great deals so grab your purses and friends to help support this awesome event. Then comes our annual Trunk or Treat which is a delightful event for everyone and wrapped candy donations are needed desperately. Linda Russo and team are handling this fun evening.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for NLC 40th year Anniversary Luncheon which is quickly approaching. The committee has been working diligently planning this event, one which is most important in the life and ministry of Nativity Lutheran Church. Next on the list of events is Crafty Christmas, help is always needed and this year promises to have additional vendors and some lovely crafts, great for Christmas gifts and a wonderful way to evangelize with our community. Vicki Page and her team are handling this event. NLC has many opportunities for sharing our skills and talents. The Synods slogan "God's Work Our Hands".

A reminder to the Congregation, all general Council Meetings are open meetings to our members and we encourage you to attend. The meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month at 10am. Please know you are always welcome.

Our “Long Term Planning Committee” here at NLC continues moving forward in determining what NLC enhancements may be required as our Congregation moves forward in this ever changing world. The Council also created a committee within the Council to review specific areas of NLC Employee and Contractor Handbook, making updates where necessary. I’m pleased to announce with a great deal of gratitude to the committee that work has been completed.

Another committee has been created within the council comprised of two council members and two congregational members to review potential security issues here at NLC. This is an Ad Hoc committee with a duration of 3-4 months providing recommendations to the council if any based on findings and need.

The Food Pantry starting September 1, is now co-chaired by Gwen Mahon and Noel Prettyman and a committee of eight individuals committed to this ministry. Please know as with any of the Committees here at NLC, all are welcome to help where you have an interest, join us and enjoy the fellowship and blessings.

Blessings,

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.

DAYS FOR GIRLS, OCTOBER 7 & 21. 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.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 — 4:30PM. Friendship Circle will gather for a salad potluck on the beach at Pine Island on Saturday, October 11, at 4:30pm. Please bring your special salad--protein, vegetable, fruit--to share. Also, this is a BYOB. If you have a favorite game you'd like to play, bring it! To carpool, meet a Nativity by 4:10. Parking is \$5. Everyone is welcome. Call Susan Nordstrom for further information at 352-428-1918.

NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE, OCTOBER 13 & 27. The Cards R Us Circle will be making new cards out of your used, donated greeting cards on Mondays, October 13 in Winemiller Hall and October 27 in Al Lien Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm. We especially need your donated kids' cards, Halloween cards, and friends' cards. We appreciate your support, Nativity family, as this allows us to donate proceeds to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in financial need. We have some new and exciting cards on our kiosks, due to some new and gifted card makers. Join us in the fun of making these cards! We'll show you how. And please shop for your birthday, sympathy, get well, anniversary, wedding, congratulations, and Halloween cards on our kiosks. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for information.

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

CLUB 75 LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 28, 12:00pm, location to be determined. 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.

SARAH CIRCLE. The women of Sarah Circle crochet/knit prayer shawls that are readily available to all members. If you have a family member or friend that is in need (undergoing/recovering from a medical procedure or is ill, suffering from a recent loss, or in need of prayer) you are welcome to come to church and request a prayer shawl so that you can give to them, or mail out to them. We have shawls for both women and men. When someone receives a prayer shawl, the women of Sarah Circle ministry also pray for that recipient. We are always looking for people to help with crocheting or knitting of the prayer shawls. Sarah Circle meets 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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Fellowship will be hosting a Halloween Trivia Night on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 5:00PM in Winemiller Hall.

We will be serving your favorite slice(s) of pizza. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex starting October 5-19, 2025. The cost is \$5.00 a person. If you would like to come in costume, there will be a prize for the BEST costume.

So, brush up on your Halloween knowledge, bring your appetite, and let's have a fun time.

Carol Anderson
630-564-7135

TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 18, 4:00p-5:30p.

Volunteers needed, please sign up in the narthex.

Appreciate donations of bags of candy for this event. You can drop your candy in the box in the narthex or bring to church office Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm. If you have

any questions, please contact Linda Russo at 352-428-7764. Please come and join us. It's a fun event for the community and for our church family.



WEEKI WACHEE WINDS FALL CONCERT. They will be performing at Nativity Lutheran Church, Sunday, October 19 @ 2:00PM.

MEMBER UPDATES

Dearly Departed: Iris Brunner

Condolence cards: Monika Brennan (daughter)
12352 Woodette Court
Spring Hill, FL 34609

NATIVITY 2025 PHOTO DIRECTORY. They are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings as well as in the office Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm. In addition, if you would like to have it sent to you electronically, please send an email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com and we will send a PDF copy to you.



TRINKETS & TREASURES

**Sale Dates: Friday, Oct. 3rd
and Saturday, Oct. 4th
9AM-2PM.**

We will need many volunteers to make it a success as follows:

1. Empty containers with donations on Monday, Sept. 29 (8:30am).
2. To help set up and price items Monday, Sept. 29-Thursday, Oct. 2 (generally from 9am-1pm).
3. To work on the 2 sale dates (we need a few people to come at 7am on Friday, Oct. 3 to empty items from the container that we will be selling outside).
4. Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1:30pm - to help with packing up items and getting the church ready for Sunday worship service.
5. Monday, Oct. 6 - 9am - to help finish packing and storing the remainder to the items from the sale.

BAKE SALE: As we are having a bake sale both days, we would appreciate donations of cakes/cookies/brownies/cupcakes for Friday and Saturday. Please see Maryann Stewart or call Janet Jones at 352-515-3931 for more details.

TABLES/POP-UP CANOPIES: If you have a folding table and/or card table that we could borrow for the T&T sale, please call Evelyn at 516-909-3119 to arrange a drop off day/time. Make sure your name/phone number is clearly indicated on bottom of table so we can make sure it gets returned to you. Also, if you have a pop-up canopy we can borrow for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. It can be dropped off between 9am-12pm Monday, Sept. 29-Wednesday, Oct. 2.

We hope you can help us make this event a great successful event.

Crafty Christmas

Over the coming months, you'll hear from friends in our congregation who participated in last year's Crafty Christmas. During select Sunday Temple Talks, they'll share their personal stories of how this experience touched their lives. These testimonies will offer inspiration and encouragement as we continue living out Nativity Lutheran Church's mission of carrying light and love to the world – this time through participation in Crafty Christmas 25. Please sign up in the narthex, talk or text with June Kristoferson at 352-650-0036 or Vicki Page at 352-210-8407.

Read the transcript of the testimony given by Al Wright on July 20, 2025

**"Behold how good and how plentiful it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity"**

Psalm 133:1

When Crafty Christmas reached out last year for members to join the team, I graciously accepted the invitation and was designated an Ambassador.

My task was to greet visitors and patrons, hand out fliers with information, direct them to the location of vendors and displays, and to give an overview of the premises making them feel much at home.

"To dwell together in unity" we must first remember that all good things come from God, the first is LOVE, and secondly, we must be at peace with ourselves and with each other.

One must maintain that inner peace and spirit because, when we share our positive message with others, be it verbally or by telepathy, we usually get similar feedback as they return that welcoming smile or comforting word.

Bearing that in mind, my obligation was to welcome everyone with love, at times using a little humor as they arrived at Nativity. When they were leaving, I also took time to thank them for their support on behalf of Nativity Lutheran and the vendors.

For me, it was not only welcoming patrons but an opportunity to see the creative talents of the vendors which I greatly appreciated.

The refrain of one of the hymns we sing is.

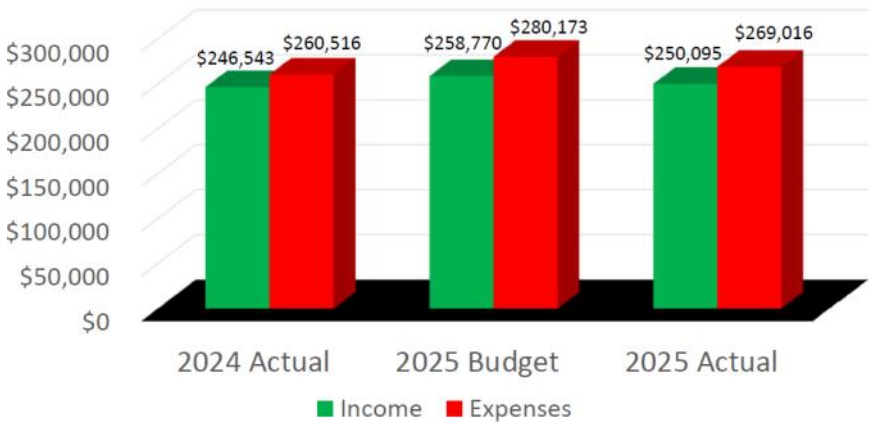
"We are called to act for justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve on another
To walk humbly with God"



Many hands lighten the load,
and you are invited to be a member of the Crafty Christmas **T E A M** because,
Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**iracles.

FROM NATIVITY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY
AUGUST 2025

2025 Income and Expenses (Thru August)



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.



REPORT ON MATCHING FUNDS

Pastor made an appeal earlier in the year to qualify for “matching funds” in which every dollar of increase in the income to the General Fund of our Church is matched by an anonymous donor. Thanks to the generosity of our members, I am pleased to announce that we have received more than \$12,000 in “matching funds” thus far this year. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Your generosity is so appreciated!

I would also like to inform you of the opportunity to achieve roughly another \$8,000 in “matching funds” this year. How can we do that? Every dollar of income that we can generate for the General Fund of the Church that is more than the income from 2023 will qualify for a dollar-for-dollar donation of “matching funds”. My plea to everyone is to prayerfully consider whether you can help us to meet this goal in order to qualify for these “matching funds”. This is measured at the end of each quarter each year. Therefore, anything that you can do to help us with this goal by the end of September would be greatly appreciated.

I need to again thank all of you for your generous support of our Church. God has truly blessed us with such a generous congregation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 612-868-9512.

Scott Henkel
Financial Secretary

October Birthdays

William Hockings	10/1
Barbara Crisanti	10/4
Darinka Lienau	10/8
Judith Brayman	10/9
Richard Wright	10/9
Wally Wahlay	10/11
Nancy Vangilder	10/12
Mary Krol	10/12
Nancy Johnson	10/13
Germaine Major	10/15
Michael Capellupo	10/16
Dottie Haney	10/16
Mark Hengesh	10/18
Sharon Schroeder	10/18
Agnes Burkart	10/19
Pat Squires	10/22
Donna Colombo	10/26



Nancy Trott	10/27
Edward Lewis	10/28
Evelyn Galli	10/28
Nick Hassis	10/28
Laura Nelson	10/30
Kathy Hackemer	10/31
David VanHorn	10/31

October Wedding Anniversaries

Tamara & Wally Wahlay	10/2
Germaine & Claude Major	10/8
Jena & Joe Kleiber	10/25



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 **NOVEMBER** newsletter, please submit it to the office or via email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com by **OCTOBER 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.nlcwww.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)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

