

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.
Psalm 121:7-8

The Herald

September 2024



From the Senior Warden ...

Greetings Nativity Family,

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I hope you all are having a great summer. As fall approaches, our regular hours and Ministries will be returning (week of September 8th).



Simple Elegance

I want to thank the Altar Guild (who does not have an opportunity to take the summer off as our Worship Services are year-round) for your faithful dedication to our Worship Services throughout the year.

We are in the early stages of our Search process, and I am looking forward to our Town Hall meeting on September 21st. The 11 questions we will answer as a Family are on page 2 of the newsletter and attached separately. Please review the questions, pray about your answers, and write your answers or notes to bring with you to our meeting. I hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend, please share your answers so that I can capture your feedback.

I wanted to share by pictures some of the unsung Hero's here at Nativity. They give of their time and talents to ensure Nativity's daily needs are met. I am so blessed by my Nativity family and the willingness to volunteer to help; I will continue to share pictures as our journey continues.

Blessings,

Deborah



Our Acolytes:
Will, Pat, and Charles

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

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or

Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

From Your Search Committee

The second search committee meeting was held on August 15, 2024. The committee is dedicated to finding a respected leader who will be a good fit for our congregation, which means we need your help! We want to hear each of your voices. On Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. in Wolfe Hall, we will be holding a town hall meeting, which will include light refreshments, to discuss several important questions that will help us understand as a congregation what we are looking for in our next Priest. These questions will give us a sharp vision of what we want our worship life to consist of in the future.

The questions are below this article, will be placed in the bulletin before the town hall meeting, and will also be sent via email on August 30, 2024. Feel free to respond via email to senior-warden@nativitypsl.com or bring your responses to the church office if you cannot join the meeting. We hope to see you there!

Keep an eye on our website as enhancements will be coming shortly!

Katie Dempsey

Diocese of Central Florida Eleven Questions

For the Congregation:

1. Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.
2. How are you preparing yourself for the Church of the future?
3. Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.
4. How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?
5. As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?
6. How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?
7. Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider church or geographic region.
8. Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?
9. What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?
10. What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?
11. What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?
12. Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

Parents Night Out ...



We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer break. *Parents Night Out resumes on*

Friday, September 6, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to drop off their children ages 4 – 12 where they will be cared for by trusted adults in a safe environment.

Please contact Elaine Clem (eg_clem@bellsouth.net) or the church office with any questions.

Daughters of the King



Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will be led by Nadine Craig, President, DOK Diocesan

Assembly of Central Florida, and will focus on spiritual discussions, prayer and service. Susan Montgomery will be moving to Rochester, NY, this month and she will be missed. She served as Chapter Secretary for several years, was back up on the DOK Prayer Lists and has been doing this since Joan Garman has been unable to do it. We wish her and John much happiness.

Blessings,

Dotti Johnson



Halloween Fest 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Our annual Halloween Fest
Saturday, October 26
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.



This is a free community event with a bounce house, games & prizes, popcorn machine; and Trunk or Treat.

Lots of volunteers are needed to ensure a successful event. Stay tuned for the October Herald for additional details. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Elaine Clem via email at eg_clem@bellsouth.net or call the church office at 772.343.0401.

School Supplies Update

Many thanks for your generous donations of school supplies. Lakewood Park Elementary School and Dan McCarty Middle School are very appreciative of the long standing partnership with Nativity. Each school received four bags full of goodies and send along a big "THANK YOU" to our congregation. More photos on page 8 ...



Memorial Garden Update

Since the last update, our revised site plan was finally submitted back to the City for approval on July 15th. Unfortunately, we have not yet received approval as of this Herald but expect it to come through any time. In the meantime, I will update you on the landscaping plan/changes going forward.

- We completed re-mulching of the North side after a full day of work on Monday, August 5th. They went over the entire site to further grind all the previously mulched areas. They also removed multiple invasive Schefflera trees from the preserve area. The site looked great now we must keep it maintained!
- The additional mulching and tree removal was very effective and much of the land can be mowed going forward. We had budgeted increased maintenance in the budget for 2024 but were unable to mow it until now. Following mulching round two, we were able to negotiate the following with our current landscape contractor: mowing and trimming of the entire site, including garden and preserve areas, every two weeks on Saturday; all garden debris pickup/removal; and hedge trimming as needed for a total of \$525 per month. We will monitor to gauge performance. As Deborah reported, the City mows the grass between the sidewalks and Del Rio Blvd – she put in a call because they had fallen behind due to rain.
- The Scouts are interested in taking on regular maintenance/gardening activities on site to include upkeep of the Flag Garden. We will be developing a work plan with Scout Leaders in the next month.

Hopefully, we will get final approval very soon and will begin planting Clusia shrubs before the next Herald newsletter. Before and after photos are found here and on the next page, if you haven't been out to see the work.

Thanks for your continued patience!

Pete Szelwach
Junior Warden



Memorial Garden Photo Update



Ladies' Lunch

Join the ladies of Nativity for lunch and fellowship on September Ladies' Lunch will be on September 9th at 12:00 p.m. at Miyuki Sushi & Thai Restaurant, 265 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. 772-888-1355.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 5: Maureen Wallace
- 6: Dennis Gallagher
- 7: Maisy Roberts
- 13: Tiffany Kryceski
- 14: Glen Pender
- 14: Mary Colinet
- 15: Paul Chang
- 17: Nazine Lindo
- 18: Barbara Zebosky
- 22: Verna Murray
- 22: Gene Salkey
- 23: Rose Skeete
- 28: Maxon Jaboin



- 5: Robert & Elinor Townsend
- 7: William & Kimberly Corners
- 23: Stanley & Elease Brimm

Outreach Ministry

Hello Nativity!

September already! As we know, the fall is busy. There will be holiday basket decorating for Thanksgiving Baskets, filling and delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas Bags, including gift bags with some fun and practical items, and of course, the Angel Tree gifts! More information will be forthcoming in the Sunday Bulletins and October Herald.

To help get ready for our Thanksgiving Baskets, food items needed will be yams or sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry jelly, gravy, boxed or dry milk, pasta and pasta sauce. Once again, we will be collaborating with Council on Aging, School Social Workers, and our Monthly Community Members.

Enjoyment Books will be sold again this fall for \$35.00. \$10 from the sale of each book goes directly to support Outreach programs. Look for information in next month's Herald.

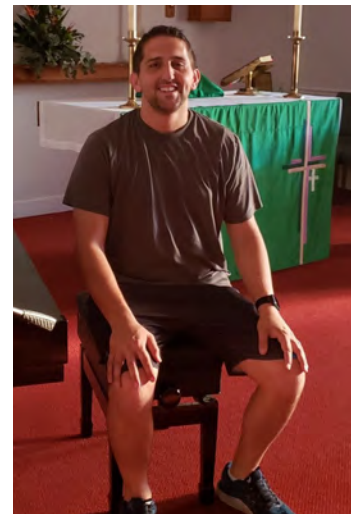
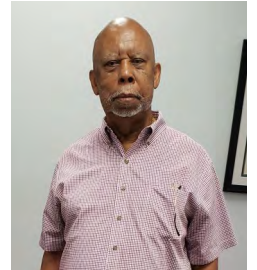
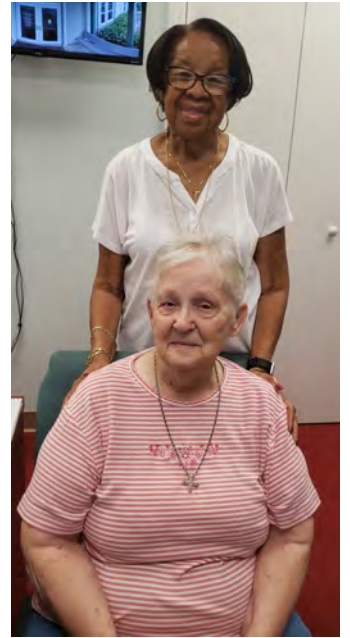
Thank you for your continuing donations to our Outreach Food Cupboard, but please do not donate rice. It does not store well.

Thank you for your help! Stay safe and healthy! God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry



Our Unsung Heroes ...



Thanksgiving Dinner at Nativity

November 28, 2024



We are nearing that wonderful time of the year in which we express our thanks and appreciation to God for all His blessings in our lives as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

More information will be available as we approach November!

Picture the School Supply Drive ...



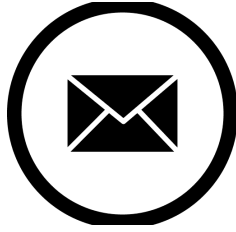
Acton Academy First Day of School



Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!*

*Please contact the church office at 772.343.0401
or office@nativitypsl.com*



OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach, and robust growth.



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