

Tidings

The Season
of Pentecost



HOLY NATIVITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Helping All Know God's Love

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CELEBRATING 60+ YEARS!

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30am & 10:30am
Education hour/ Fellowship:
9:30am

*Communion Celebrated
First and Third Sunday
of each month*

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

**NOVEMBER
MISSION OFFERING
is designated to
ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

As members of the ELCA, working with and through our congregations, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans- water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.



Saturday, November 23rd 9:30-11:30am

WE NEED MORE HELPERS FOR:

*Day of sale and to set up Friday evening
Demonstrators for: Sanbakels, Pizzelles,
Krumkake, Aebleskiver, Rosettes
Contact Dianne Ranke (763-433-8128) or
Deb Campion (763-545-8114) if you can help!*

Donated baked items, especially holiday cookies, breads, candy, pies, cakes and canned jellies are needed. The items should be baked fresh because many people do freeze them once they get home. Be sure to label the item(s). Please leave the unwrapped items at church on Friday, November 22nd, 5:00-8:00pm or on Saturday, November 23rd before 9:00am.

Arrangements can be made if you cannot deliver the baked goods.

Thank you!



Christmas Season Kick-Off!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 17th from 1:00-4:00pm to make Christmas Crafts! We'll have four different craft-making stations and watch the movie "The Grinch!" What a great way to kick off the Christmas season! Great event for all ages! Bring a snack to share!



#LookUp: A Parenting Guide to Screen Use Sunday, November 10 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends every parent works with their pediatrician to develop a family media plan. How many of you have plans in place for your own children? We need to be just as diligent with our parental involvement in our children's virtual environment as we do their real environment.

Come and learn about the physical, mental, and societal impacts of screen use, and hear about a variety of solutions you and your family can implement for the well-being of your whole household.

Judy Stoffel is a mother, an expert on parenting in the digital world, and the author of #LookUp: A Parenting Guide to Screen Use. **The first 15 attendees will receive a copy of her book!**

Movie Night For All

When: Thursday, November 14th

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Annex

Bring: Snacks to share

Movie: "Witness"

Join us in the Annex!

BINGO!!

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm for our next Bingo outing at Outtakes Bar and Grill in the Midland Shopping Center (next to the Cinema Grill at 27th and Winnetka)

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 1st
J.O.Y. Lunch and Bingo

Thursday, November 7th
Blood Drive

Saturday, November 9th
8th Grade Retreat
Communion Class

Sunday, November 10th
Equipping Parents - Screen Time

Sunday, November 17th
Fun for All Advent Event

Tuesday, November 19
Cookie Making
Rosette Making

Saturday, November 23rd
Bake Sale
Kannani Concert

Wednesday, November 27th
Worship and Pie Social at
First Lutheran Church of Crystal

Sunday, December 8th
Treble Tones Concert

Friday, December 13th
Holiday Lights Tour

Saturday, December 14th
Sunday School Program

The Pastor's Word

A year ago, we embarked on a new stewardship campaign in a new way. We introduced to you our theme, "Helping All Know God's Love," and we told you what we could do with an increase in giving for 2019. You responded by increasing your intents for 2019 and we have been doing some great new things with that increase. (Please make sure to keep it up and meet your intent for 2019 by the end of the year!)

Here are some of the new things we've done:

We have expanded our role as a resource for the community. Our monthly senior ministry events have attracted people from both within and outside the congregation to educational presentations targeted to seniors. Our new "Equipping Parents: Navigating Tough Terrain" series has begun as a resource for parents in our community to come together and discuss the difficulties and joys of being parents. We have strengthened support and connection to partner organizations such as PRISM and the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We have begun participating with some of our Wildfire partners in Families Moving Forward, a program that houses families experiencing homelessness. We have begun to envision what true intergenerational relationships and connection might look like in our congregation. We have created a new logo that better represents who we are as a congregation.

We have done a lot!

And it is all thanks to you and your support of the ministry of this congregation. So thank you!

But this is truly only the beginning. We plan to continue these things that we have just begun. But as we continue the things that we are doing well, we will also do some

new things. Which brings me to our new stewardship campaign for 2020 – **Committed to Sharing God's Love.** We are asking the congregation for an increase in giving of \$25,000 for 2020. With that increase, we can continue these new programs we've begun, but also do some exciting new things. Make sure to read the bulletin inserts in your bulletin during the weeks of the campaign. Also, watch your mailbox the week of November 3 for important information about our campaign for 2020. Then, return your intent card during worship on November 10. We will be asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving or 2020. Please do consider it. We are excited about what we can accomplish in 2020 as Christ's church here in New Hope!

In God's amazing grace,
Pastor Jason

Thanksgiving
Worship

Wednesday,
November 27th
7:00pm

This year we will celebrate at First Lutheran Church of Crystal, 7708 - 62nd Avenue N, Crystal, where we join the Wildfire churches in a Thanksgiving celebration, with our combined choirs, and pie social (bring a pie to share).

Family Communion Class

November 9th

Holy Nativity families may decide for themselves when their children are ready to take communion. Therefore, we offer a Family Communion class a few times each year. There will be Family Communion class on Saturday, November 9th, at 10:00am. Please sign up on the kiosk or call the office if you're interested in attending so we can plan (parents must accompany children 2nd grade and younger).

Book Look

CUSTODIAN'S CORNER FELLOWSHIP HALL TRAFFIC REDESIGN!

Many thanks to our hospitality team of Tina Haugstad and Deb Campion for helping to transform our Fellowship Hall into a more traffic friendly and self-serve model for Pastor Ashley and Aaron's wedding, as well as future events at HNLC. Many positive comments were made on the ease of access to the center serving area and movement around the tables. Rather than have a long line waiting for coffee, donuts or food, we now have another serving option model available. Also, thanks to all who helped with the Fall Clean Up and other cleaning activities at HNLC. Be sure to wear snow grips/treads for upcoming icy walkways this winter.

SENIOR FITNESS MOTION IS LOTION!

According to Alice Evans' PT advisor, any motion of the body works like lotion for soothing or healing minor muscle aches and pains. Yoga also provides a good activity to increase flexibility, muscle strength and tone, respiration, energy and vitality. It also helps maintain a balanced metabolism, weight reduction and protection from injury of sprains and strains, as well as reduce stress. Add an aerobic activity like walking, biking, swimming, raking leaves or shoveling snow for a more complete exercise program.

~ ~ Tom Wiblishauser



Erin Hart is a Minnesota author who includes a wonderful Irish atmosphere in her novel, *Haunted Ground*. As the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel says, "The setting, the humanity of the characters, and the sympathetic portrayal of Irish history, landscape, and music all come together in a well-written mystery".

When farmers cutting turf in an Irish peat bog make a grisly discovery—the perfectly preserved head of a young woman with long red hair—Irish archaeologist Cormac Maguire and American pathologist Nora Gavin must use cutting-edge techniques to preserve ancient evidence. Because the bog's watery, acidic environment prevents decay, it's difficult to tell how long the red-haired girl has been buried—two years, two centuries, or even much longer. Who is she? The extraordinary find leads to even more disturbing puzzles. The red-haired girl is not the only enigma in this remote corner of Galway. Two years earlier, Mina Osborne, the wife of a local landowner, went for a walk with her young son and vanished without a trace. Could they, too, be hidden in the bog's treacherous depths, only to be discovered centuries from now? Or did Hugh Osborne murder his family, as some villagers suspect? Bracklyn House, Osborne's stately home, holds many secrets, and Nora and Cormac's inquiries threaten to expose them all.

MEMBERS WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES (MMC) GOES ONLINE FOR WINTER MONTHS



MMC is a Christian-Based Support Group for living positively with challenges ambulating. Members exchange information, feelings, hopes, joy, grief, concerns, and encouragement.

FitLife Nordic Walking Trekking Poles are ultralight aluminum, collapsible, with antishock quicklock system from Amazon for \$23.98 per set. Some of the most common benefits are:

1. Stability to help re-balance you, 2. Balance to keep you upright, 3. Assistance Climbing to go up and down, 4. Reduce Strain as studies show reduction of compressive knee strain by up to 25%, and 5. Exercise by helping burn more calories with the added upper body yet you will experience less exertion. FitLife Trekking Poles come with a carry case, clips to hold poles together, mud baskets, snow baskets, ice tips, and rubber tips. Trekking Poles are an option to help address mobility challenges.

MMC Group meets the 1st Saturday of each month online 9:00 - 11:00am for the months of November and December 2019, as well as January, February, and March 2020.

For any questions:

Call or Text Karen Carlson at 612-308-2024,

Email: DRKJCARLSON@comcast.net

Save the date: We're having a mid-winter family retreat at Camp Wapo! Spend time resting, playing, and worshipping with your family and others from Holy Nativity! More information will be coming and sign-ups will be on the kiosk. The dates are Friday, February 28-Sunday, March 1. You'll be responsible for your own transportation, but lodging and meals are included in the cost, which is: \$75/adult, \$50/youth (ages 12-17), \$40/child (ages 3-11), and under 3 is free. Please note that there is a family max of \$250.00. All kinds of families are welcome! Stay tuned for more information!

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, October 15th, 2019

Call to Order: 7:07pm by Lori Cowman.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jason

Council Devotions: Connie Toavs

Secretary's Report:

Thank you received from LSS and PRISM for (Letters sent to Lori – left them with her).

Attendance:

September 2018 195

YTD 2018 177

September 2019 194

YTD 2019 175

Report M/S/Approved.

Financial Report: The financial report was received and entered into the record. No Summary at this time.

NOTES. The 2019 YTD operating surplus/(deficit) as of September 30 is roughly (\$21,400). When compared to the September 30, 2018 YTD operating surplus (deficit) of roughly (\$44,200), the financial picture this year is \$23,000 better than a year ago. In 2018, the deficit was reduced by roughly \$7,500 in the last three months of the year.

Positives: September income exceeded expenses by \$1,900; Worship Offerings are up roughly \$15,800 over the prior year; and Facilities Revenue is up roughly \$12,700.

OLD BUSINESS –

Personnel Update Farewell for Kari Johnson occurred on September 29. Kristen Chamberlain working as Sunday School Director is going well and Kari is available for any outstanding questions. 50 kids enrolled in Sunday School.

Renovation Update Cupola work was completed last week, 10-8-2019. Tina Haugstad and Mark Chamberlain received a bid from Church Interiors for the proposed work in the sanctuary. The bid

received covers most items in our plan. Costs are being reviewed and will look for alternate bids for work to be done next year, most likely starting in June 2020.

Lisa's computer is getting upgraded. Replacement of the childcare fence was completed for the outer sections. An interior fence still to replace. Many volunteers from Holy Nativity and Child Care parents were involved on 2 weekends, thanks to all who helped! A big THANK YOU to Verne and Dorothy Erickson for all their work involved in this project. For Daycare area looking at new Room divider and Carpet.

Mobility Challenges update Tina reached out to Karen Carlson to convey challenges and liability with Valet service. Asked Karen if possible, to lead any efforts in this area.

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery Still waiting for more information.

NEW BUSINESS –

Annual Report – Congregational meeting will be held on Jan 26, 2020. Have Ministry team reports to Church office by December Council meeting.

Budget preparations – Milton passed out hard copy planning sheets to each Ministry team last week. Contains previous 2 years of numbers.

PASTOR'S REPORTS

Pastor Jason

Pastor Ashley is on vacation through tomorrow.

The Child Care Center enrollment numbers and financial situation continue to be strong.

The council must approve the health care benefit level to offer in 2020.

We have offered Gold+ as long as there has been an option and this is the ELCA-recommended level.

Increase in cost for 2020 is approximately 4 percent. Pastor Ashley is the only person currently covered by Portico for health insurance. Please vote to offer Gold+ for 2020. M/S/Approved Gold+ insurance level for 2020. The Minneapolis Area Synod has requested that each congregation have a racial justice liaison. Let me know if you are interested or know someone who may be interested! The group meets every other month to help congregations in the area of racial justice.

For the past few years, we have participated in the Wildfire combined Thanksgiving Eve worship, which rotates location. This year it is at First Lutheran Church of Crystal. Our participation in Wildfire is extremely important, in my opinion. However, there was some criticism last year that we didn't have our own Thanksgiving Eve worship. I would like to hear your input and then make a decision together for this year. Please discuss! Pros and cons were discussed and M/S/ Approved to continue participation in Wildfire Thanksgiving Eve worship for 2019. The fall stewardship campaign is beginning. An initial letter will go out this week and we will be introducing the theme and goals over the next three weeks. Intent cards should be returned on Sunday, November 10. Theme is "Committed to Sharing God's Love."

Pastor Ashley On Vacation

Closing Prayer. Pastor Jason

Adjourn. M/S/Approved at 8:26pm.

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th for cookie baking at 9:00am and rosette making at 6:00pm. The more the merrier!



A message From Hospitality

Recently you may have seen the Time and Attendance Forms in either the Tidings Newsletter, in the Narthex, or online. The Hospitality Team thanks you for the time you devote volunteering for Sunday service and throughout the week to help make Holy Nativity Church what it is today! If you have filled out your form, thank you for volunteering and your support. If you haven't yet filled out a form, please consider doing so or giving an update to the office.

There are still needs to be met. Currently there are several areas that need your time and talent. We have ministry teams that need more members to help fulfill several initiatives going on at Holy Nativity.

To help with one of the ministries at Holy Nativity, we have fellowship between services each Sunday. This is a very important mission and to keep this part going here at Holy Nativity, we are streamlining this process to help make it more efficient for our coffee volunteers. We will have further information soon in the kitchen for these new efficiencies. A couple of the changes at coffee hour will be a self-serve model and we will be using eco friendly disposable products. This will allow ease of clean up and allow time for fellowship & worship.

Please email the office at office@holynativity.net or call Lisa or Linda to let them know you can assist on Sunday morning coffee & fellowship. For streamlining ideas, please see Tina Haugstad, Deb Gartner, Rick Grimes or either one of the Pastors.

Ministry Teams

Inquire with one of the pastors or any ministry team contact to find out how you can join one of our amazing ministry teams.

Ministry Team	Ministry Team Contact
<i>Education</i>	<i>Connie Toavs</i>
<i>Endowment</i>	<i>Tina Haugstad</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>Milt Ferris</i>
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Tina Haugstad</i>
<i>Outreach</i>	<i>Bill Hartman</i>
<i>Parish Life</i>	<i>Marisa Lerum</i>
<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Joe Gartner</i>
<i>Property</i>	<i>Mark Chamberlain</i>
<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Deb Peterson</i>
<i>Worship, Arts & Music</i>	<i>Alan Sommervold</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Kristan Kohls</i>



~ ~ We are no longer collecting box tops, soup labels, used ink cartridges, eye glasses, cell phones or batteries.

~ ~ Any items in the Lost and Found box , and any left items in the Narthex (jackets, hats, mittens, books, water bottles, etc.) will be donated to PRISM on Sunday, November 17.

~ ~ We are looking for a volunteer or two to be a "Kitchen Kleaner." About one hour per week (can be split up between people so each person only has to come in every other week) to straighten and wipe down the kitchen.

~ ~ Kim Boursier has graciously taken on the volunteer role of Shut-In Visitor. She will work with the Pastors on making visits to the HNLC members who are hospitalized and shut-in.

~ ~ A New Hope Men's walking group has extended an open invitation to all men interested in walking the neighborhood every Saturday morning for 30 to 60 minutes. Meeting at Country Kitchen at 7:00 am, the group often walks by our church. For more information, contact Tom Wiblishauser at 763-656-8850.

~ ~ Be sure to send all emails (unless they are personal) to: office@holynativity.net so that both Linda and Lisa get them. This assures a smooth and quick response or action.



~ ~ Sign up on the kiosk to see the Church Basement Ladies "Hark the Basement Ladies Sing!" on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00pm. Cost is \$28.25 per person and we can meet and carpool from the church. We have 12 tickets reserved but should be able to get more if the interest is there. Payment is due upon sign up.

~ WHO DOESN'T LOVE LOOKING AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS? Friday, December 13th we are going on a "3 hour tour." No Gilligan, but possibly Santa! A 28 passenger shuttle bus leaves HN at 7:00pm and returns at 10:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$35 for families of 4 or more. Payment is due when you sign up on the kiosk or you may lose your space. Fa la la la la, la la la la!!!



Christmas Choir

Have you always wanted to sing with the Nativity Choir but you just don't have the time to commit to the whole year? Or, have you always wondered if singing with the Nativity Choir is something you would enjoy? Then why not consider joining us on a trial basis for the Christmas Eve Choir?



Looking for singers of all voice parts to join the Nativity Choir on Christmas Eve. No auditions are required. The only requirements are that you can sing on Christmas Eve at the 3:00pm **and** 5:00pm services and that you attend Wednesday rehearsals at 7:00pm on November 20th, December 4th, 11th, 18th and 23rd. December 24th call time prior to the 3:00pm service is 1:30pm.

Please contact Iver Hubert with any questions. Hope to see you singing with us!

The Holy Nativity Senior Ministry team is proud to present:

*Senior Ministry Event
November 13th, 1:00 pm*

Medication Management

What is Medication Management? And how can we keep track of it all? Are you managing someone else's medication? Want to understand how to talk with your doctor about better managing what you take?

There is more to our medications and supplements that we take than we know. We will help with knowing when to take them, how to set them up and meeting health care goals.

We will hear from a pharmacist as to how they do things behind the scenes to assure your medications are working effectively for you! We will share tips and tricks that Long Term Communities/Nursing Homes use to watch for medication errors, medication interactions, and more.

Join us for an informative meeting to help you better manage your care and advocate for your health!

Part one of many more series on advocating better health management.



Lefse Baking!



Join us as we prepare lefse for the upcoming bake sale!

Saturday preparation dates:

November 2nd, 9th and 16th

Time: 8:30am- noon

Please sign up on the WELCA board.

Contact:

Ann Friedline 763-516-0898

Julie Weiser 763-544-0871

Deb Campion 763-545-8114



Spreading Joy & Changing Lives

"The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious" – Martin Luther

During this season of giving, please consider the Holy Nativity Endowment Fund for gifts. A percentage of the fund value is used each year to pay for items that enrich our lives at Holy Nativity and are separate from the annual budget. This year the Endowment Fund was able to award money for four scholarships to college-bound youth members, as well as several special requests benefiting church groups. Endowment memorials and tributes recognize someone special, mark special occasions, and remember a loved one. We give from our abundance and our thankfulness for God's goodness. (Be sure to note "Endowment Fund" on your check.)

FALL CONCERT



The trio Kannani are pleased to announce that they will be returning to Holy Nativity at 7:00pm,

Saturday, November 23rd for a special "Kannani and Friends" Autumnal Thanksgiving concert. This event will feature wonderful guest musicians, including several members of the church, such as classical guitarist Brian Hanson, Iver and Cresta Hubert, and pianist Lisa Baker.

Repertoire will include favorite vocal classics such as Simple Gifts, Wonderful World, and The Water is Wide as well as instrumental solos and duets.

Please contact Nancy Anderson with any questions you might have, but in the meantime, be sure to invite any and all that you think might enjoy a celebration of thanksgiving with music. There will be no ticket fee, although a good will donation to The Holy Nativity Music Department will be welcomed. A reception of treats and beverages will follow the concert.