



Nativity

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Weekend Newsletter
Jan. 21 & 22, 2012

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Nativity's Mission Statement: Nativity is a hospitable congregation sent by Jesus Christ to be disciples who will make a difference by bringing God's love, hope, joy and peace to the world.

Nativity Lutheran Church Game Feed Pot-Luck

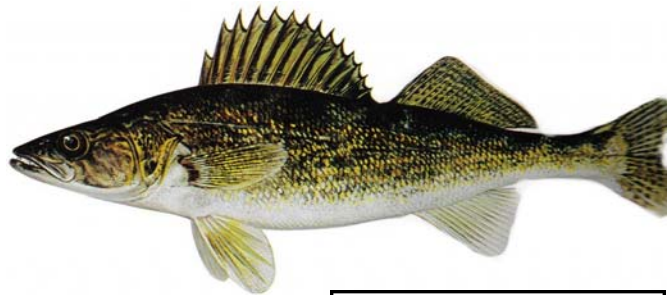
Game Feed Pot-Luck, to celebrate our love of hunting and fishing, and introduce outdoor recreation to children and families.



**Sat. Jan. 28th
Nativity Church
at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Participate in one of two ways: Bring a dish of game or fish to share, or a side-dish (salad, dessert, condiment or other).

Contact Pastor Dan Doerrer to register: 612-781-2766 ext. 1008 or email at: ddoerrer@nativitychurch.org



A free-will offering will provide financial assistance to youth involved in Nativity's summer youth mission trip.

Make sure to bring recipes to share!

Are You Flying Away For the Winter? Snowbirds: We Need Your Winter Address Changes With Start and Stop Dates.

Please complete a *Change of Contact Info* form at the Welcome Desk, email Sharon at sdamsgard@nativitychurch.org or call Sharon at 612.781.2766 ex. 1012 with this information. Thank you!





Thanks for worshipping at Nativity.
The events at Nativity throughout the year are open to anyone who would like to participate.



January 22 thru January 28

Sunday, January 22

8am..... Communion Worship Service
9 & 10:30am Worship Services
9 & 10:30amNursery birth to 3
9 & 10:30am Faith Formation
9am..... Annual Meeting & Brunch
10:30am..... Annual Meeting & Brunch
10:30am..... Beginning Families of Faith
10:30am..... Single Women's Bible Study
10:30am..... Liturgy Class
11:45am..... Club 56
5:30pm.....Gobbledybook Club

Monday, January 23

5pm..... Music Lessons
7:15pm..... Adult Handbells

Tuesday, January 24

6:30am..... Tues Breakfast Bible Study
7:15pm.....AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

9:30am.....Wednesday AM Bible Study
3:00pm..... Wood Wind Studio
5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday, January 25 (cont.)

6pm..... Nativity Singers (Kind.-2nd gr.)
6:15pm..... Voices of Women
6:15pm..... Financial Peace U
6:30pm.....Lutheran Yoga
7pm.....Pop Tops Planning
7pm..... Music Mix (3rd-6th gr.)
7pm..... Confirmation (7-9 grade)
7pm..... Growing Together
7pm..... Choir
8:30pm..... Voices of Men

Thursday, January 26

9am..... Day of Caring—Quilters
9am..... Word to the Wise Bible Study
12pm.....Prime Tymers Potluck & Program
6:30pm..... Prayer Shawl Ministry
7pm..... Stephen Ministry
7pm..... Global Folk
8pm.....Instrumental Ensembles

Saturday, January 28

10am Game Dinner Preparation
2pmAffirm
5:15pm..... Nursery birth-3
5:30pm..... Worship Svc.
5:30pm..... Faith Formation for Children
6:30pm..... Wild Game Potluck Dinner

This Sunday is the last day that Nativity will accept your old Christmas lights for recycling. If you have questions go to: <http://www.recycleminnesota.org>.



☞ **If you're registered, don't forget to attend the Annual Meeting and meal in the fellowship hall.**

Wednesday Night Community Meals—Dinner is Served!

Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:15pm
Suggested donation: \$5/person



Menu Schedule:
Jan. 25-Chili
Feb. 1-Pizza Buffet

Filling Our Substitute List

Nativity Child and Family Center (NCFC) is looking for certified or title 3 certified teachers that would like to be on our sub-list at the daycare center. Contact Cheryl at 612.781.1537 or c.jechorek@nativitychurch.org

Prime Tymers Potluck and Program Thursday, Jan. 26 - 12noon-2pm

Bring a delicious dish to share and enjoy Pastor Justin's presentation: "Worship music: the old made new."

Nativity Men's Ski Group Announces February Trip

The Nativity Men's Ski Group invites you to join us on this year's ski trip on the slopes of Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We've made arrangements for two nights lodging and two day's lift tickets the week-end of **Friday, Feb. 3 thru Sunday, Feb. 5** for

\$220/person! **[PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED DATES, FEB. 3-5]**

If you have questions or would like to reserve your spot please contact Dave Osteraas (osteraasdave@gmail.com), Don Sevre (donsevre@aol.com), or Mark Benedict (benedictmd@hotmail.com).

Feed My Starving Children

Our next packing event will be Thur., Feb. 9 at 8pm at the Coon Rapids packing site. Contact Dave Odde, oddex002@umn.edu for more information or to sign up.

Songs of Love and Heartbreak

The Cradle Band presents a special concert on Feb. 11 from 6:30-9pm. Love and heartbreak is something that both humans and God know all about. It should be no surprise that both topics make for good music. This Valentine season The Cradle Band will be showcasing music that displays both the "joys" and "sorrows" involved in love. The evening begins with Pastor Justin, Laura Schmitt, and friends; they will be followed by the whole Cradle Band. The night will include original music and popular songs with our typical Cradle flavor. It will be a "cozy, coffee house feel" with music to match. A free will offering will be taken. Contact Pastor Justin, 612.781.2766 jdittrich@nativitychurch.org.

Men's Recreational Slow Pitch Softball team.

The games are on Wednesday nights in New Brighton from April to August. Players of all skill levels are invited to participate and there is a nominal fee. For more information, or to join the Nativity team, contact Brian Pearce, 651.303.6832.



worship

Scripture this weekend is from
Mark 5:1-20
From enterthebible.org

Summary

Jesus teaches by performing four miraculous deeds.

Analysis

The stilling of the storm on the Sea of Galilee (4:35-41) dramatically inaugurates Jesus' teaching in this collection of miracle stories. When his disciples cry out, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (4:38), he responds by calling into the waves and wind, and there is a great calm. The second story, the healing of the Gerasene demoniac who identifies Jesus as the "Son of the Most High God" (5:7), is likewise dramatic in its impact as the healed man proclaims Jesus in the Decapolis and the people of the Gerasenes urge Jesus to leave (5:1-20). The third and fourth miracles are dramatically interwoven. The account of the raising of Jairus's twelve-year-old daughter (5:21-24, 35-43) encloses the healing of the woman with a twelve-year issue of blood (5:25-34). In these two miracles, two people called "daughter" are healed.

serve

"You are God's hands & feet."

Women In Action

February project: Women In Action invite you to attend our meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. We will meet at the church at 6:30pm and car pool to the *Alexander House For Battered Women*, in Blaine. We will play games with kids, make Valentine Day crafts, and bring a gift for the moms. Please contact Megan MacLeod at 612.239.5442 if you have any questions.

The Gathering

Use your cooking talents to prepare and serve a meal for 12-15 people with memory loss and their caregivers. You will be reimbursed for the cost. The following dates still need a cook: Thursday, March 1, April 6, May 3. Sign up on the yellow sheet.

Looking For Links! Interested in Being a Part of Nativity's Prayer Chain?

Join this dedicated group of people who are contacted by the church office when a prayer is requested. This group provides an important ministry to families and individuals who simply ask for prayer. No experience necessary; on the job training provided. For More Information: meet with Pastor Dan & prayer chain members, near the fireplace in the commons, **after all Weekend Services on Jan. 28 & 29.**



learn - adults

PopTops

Sunday mornings - 9am—All Are Welcome!

Jan. 22 - NO POPTOPS

Jan. 29 - "1+1+1=1—God's Math"

Presenter: Pastor Justin Dittrich
A conversation on the doctrine of the Trinity.

Feb. 5 - "Grief, Gratitude & Grace"

Presenter: Ruth Halvorson
Ruth, co-founder of the ARC Retreat center near Cambridge, shares the powerful story of her journey with her husband, Loren, through his terminal illness.



What Your Giving Has Done Now...

Anna Burckhardt has been a youth assistant with Sunday Faith Formation at 9am since she was in 5th grade. She is now in 10th grade and was confirmed this past October. She likes the kids and says, "It keeps my faith up, to keep volunteering, and it's fun." Anna also said her commitment to

the Faith

Formation students "makes sure I come every Sunday instead of sleeping in."

Anna makes a difference in kids lives, sharing her faith with them, being an active youth in our faith community, thanks Anna!!!

Your giving is instrumental in making these relationships happen and spreading the word of God to these youth and children. How? You help provide the donations that support faith formation for children and confirmation for youth. Faith formation, confirmation and other groups help our kids understand their gifts and what they can share with the world and each other. We are blessed to worship in this building, in this community every day. We are preparing our kids for the future and the affect they will have on others as they grow and go out into the world. Thank you!



← **Anna in action at 9am on Sunday Mornings!**

Thank you....

To the many people who made Advent, Christmas and New Year's Eve so meaningful!

Between Service Cleaners	Money Deliverers/Counters
Birch Tree Setters	Nativity Outreach-LSS Donors – LSS Circle
Bulletin Stuffers	N.E.E.D. Food Shelf Donors/Deliverers
Child Care Providers – Nursery	Pew Rack Arrangers
Children's Christmas Worship Service (musical)	Refreshment Organizers, Servers & Providers
Actors, Singers, Musicians, Parents and	Sanctuary, Narthex & Outside Decorators
Prop Makers	Scripture Readers
Choirs, Soloists and Musicians	Shut-in Visitors
Communion Servers	Snow Shovelers
Communion Set up	Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family
Cookie Tin Donors and Those Delivering	Phone Card Donors
Tins-Marthas and Marys Circle	Those inviting others to the services
Drivers who Brought People to Church	Those Involved in Children's Christmas Eve
East Side Thrift Store Donors and Deliverers	Service (3 & 5 pm)
Greeters	Treat Tray Assemblers
Hat, Mitten, Scarf Providers for LSS	Tree Cutters
Inside/Outside Light Stringers	Ushers
	Welcome Desk Workers

pray ■

Below are the names of those we pray for today. If you have a prayer request, please list the request on the yellow welcome sheet, Nativity's Web Page or call 612-781-2766.



The following names were correct as of January 12th, 2012:

Prayers of Healing for:

Ellinor Porter, Jenna Privette, Marge Kilber, Tyler Johnson, Deb Gunnerson, Jack Jablonski, Nicole Nice, Richard Biessener, Sherri, Sam & Jean, Gary Sommervold, Jackie & Steve Carter, Earl Marriner Jr., Dean Kern, Richard Solboe, Karen Karschnik, Dale Skoog, Joyce Kelley, Peter May, Steve Burrill, Sandy Almlie, Pat McKenzie, Lois Naegele, Joann Peterson, Max Lind, Merrie Beamen, Joel Baumgard, Allison Toso, Jacqueline Geisler, Arvid Myhrwold, Abi Christopherson, Bob Moreland, Lucy & Keith Messer, Gladys Wychor.

Prayers of Comfort for Those Who Grieve:

For the family and friends of Connie Larson, Kathleen Bennek, Michael Collins, Pearl Horen, Lori Baker and for the family and friends of those who have died during the coming week in years past: Norman Brekke, Jean Sheldon Bryant, John Calguire, Art Corsie, John Forsberg, Frank Gerlach, Edward Johnson, Bill Lackey, Milton Lane, Bernice Lenox, Doris Lindberg, Doris Lohse, Jo Nordquist, Beverly Raymond, Michael Rossin, Irene Schoneman, Ray Seiler, Sister Hulda Simenson, Bud Skiff, Larry Smith, Robert Solboe, Paula Sorenson, Mabel Sutter, C. Albert Swanson, Dale Thomas.

Prayers of Safety and Guidance for Those who are Serving in the Military and Prayers of Reassurance for Their Families:

Sten Nabhi, Jarus Polk, Jeffrey Fielder, Jeramiah Johnson, Mitch Meyer, Joe Gagner, Kayci Brill, Eric Ingvaldsen, Steven Lilja, Leif Anderson, Paul Tomas Jr, Justin Lehman, Rick Nystel, Andrew Lee, Dan Kaus, Chris Mendoza, Amanda Berg, Jesse Gorzynski, Vanessa Devora, Chris Bates, Michael Freeberg, Athena & Toni Layne, Ron Leath, Nick Holten, Brian Hunter, Jeremy Jones, Zach Beckman, Carl John Quam, Jon Bunker, Carl Nordstrom, Eric Nordstrom, Jennifer Sorsoleil, Jan Stafford Dalton, Richard Clinton, Feliz Lopez, Craig Lindstrom, Devon Miller, Monica Mitchell, Jason Simon.

Prayers for Those Expecting the Arrival of a Child:

Kay & Kevin Jensen, Kristian & Penny Hass, Brian & Paige Buck, Matt & Kathy Dixon, Brian & Aimee (Sorenson) McFarland, Michael & Megan Goodwin, Joe & Rachel Warner, Elena & Christopher Jensen, Jim & Leesa Olander, Nick & Sara Thomlinson, Reid and Sarah Sorenson, Dustin and Marie Morache, Kathy & Bill Klemet, Bart & Debbie Pirino, Michelle & Cameron Winter.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Arrival of a Child:

Jack Grant born to Grant & Tina Wyffels 1/10/12, Davin King born to Carla & Paul Peterson 11/23/11, Owen James born to Corrie & Eric Waa 11/24/11, Stella born to Meg & Joe Merrick 11/28/11.

Prayers for Those Recently Baptized and Those to be Baptized:

Maren Grace daughter of Britta Brown & Dave Van Schyndel 12/31/11, Cole Michael son of Paul & Jenny Severson 1/14/12, **Brynn Marie daughter of Tina & Joe Myers 1/22/12**, Avery Grace daughter of Dean & Jenny Pajerski 1/28/12, Davin King son of Carla & Paul Peterson 1/29/12, Braden James son of Katie & Sean Barron 2/4/12, Rylan Chunsoo son of Doug & Mina Rakoski 2/11/12, Jack Grant son of Grant & Tina Wyffels 2/12/12, Phillip Thomas son of Jenny & Nolan Patrek TBA, Hunter Charles & Hayden Charles sons of Lucas & Krista Laakso TBA, Elias Jacob son of Jacob & Katie Gunderson TBA, Jack William son of William & Carissa Timmins TBA, Henry David son of Elizabeth & Ryan Rettke TBA, Joseph (Joe) Michael son of Kim & Mike Caputa TBA, Jacob Douglas son of Cory & Sarah Starkweather TBA, Harper Marie daughter of Chris & Charlene Antolak TBA.

Prayers for Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

Chris & April Notsch—10 years.

Prayers for Those Recently Married:

Darlene Higgins & Dennis Olsen 12/30/11, Nora Kidd & Matt Wandzel 12/17/11.

Prayers for Those Who Will Be Married:

Shannon Kephart & Trevor Hoff 2/25/12, Rachel Biessener & Mitch Granholm 4/27/12, Tim Hoge & Shannon Kraemer 5/5/12, Aaron Horsager & Abigail Brown 5/13/12, Brian Roach & Anna Johnson 5/19/12, Vanessa Devora & Jesse Gorzynski 6/2/12, Kelly Wischnewski & Jacob Lemm 6/29/12, James Verlutz & Kate Billison 8/4/12, Kelly Gunderson & Craig Rush 8/4/12, Elizabeth Seefeldt & Mark Kimble 9/2/12, Brad Reasoner & Megan Low 9/29/11, Kevin Jensen Jr & Rachel Waldhoff 10/5/12, Stephanie Verlutz & Craig Mascetti 10/6/12, Joel Baumgard & Denise Chalupnik 10/20/12, Alex Schmitt & Michael DeGayner 11/10/12, Catherine Timm & Dan Semelhack 11/10/12, Andrew Peterson & Miranda Barron TBA, Tracy Christenson & Michael Forsberg TBA.

Please Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please inform the church office at 612-781-2766.

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Deadline for articles for Weekend Newsletter are due Thursday mornings (10 days prior to the weekend the article will appear). They should be submitted in electronic format, how you want them to appear and email to bthorvig@nativitychurch.org. We reserve the right to edit the article if it does not fit the layout. If you have questions contact the church office.