

## GETTING CONNECTED

August 19th & 20th

### Planning the Popular Topics

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- ☐ b - I will attend the meeting
- ☐ c - I would like more information

### Prayer Requests

- ☐ Private Pastoral Prayer
- ☐ Public Prayer (Prayer Sheet)

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Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Planning the Popular Topics Sunday Forum – “Transitions”

Wednesday, September 6 - 6:30pm in Room 215

Are you willing to help plan the topics for the Popular Topics Sunday Forum? Your ideas for possible speakers and topics are welcome. This year's theme will be “Transitions” – of all sorts in our life experience. The Popular Topics Sunday Forum (9:00am in the Fellowship Hall) is a time when you have the opportunity learn about, discuss and share a wide variety of topics. Bring your ideas to a planning meeting on Weds. Sept. 6.

For more information, contact Karen Weiberg 612 900-6485.

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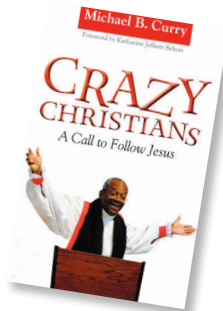
### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 5 and Tuesdays following

We will be discussing CRAZY CHRISTIANS: A CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS by Michael Curry. The book is available in the Nativity bookstore for \$18.

Michael Curry is the energetic and inspiring Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. From the very first page, Bishop Curry's fresh, robust take on religion is unafraid to ask the tough questions. It is an upfront, unflinching call to boldly follow Christ. Bishop Curry proclaims, “What the Church needs, what this world needs, are some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God— like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world.”

Pastor Jerry Hoffman and others will lead the conversations. For more information, contact him at 612788-1300 or jerjohoffman@msn.com.



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Saturday, August 19th - 5:30pm  
Sunday, August 20th - 8, 9, & 10:30am; Worship 10:40am (Fellowship Hall)

## Nativity Lutheran Church

### NEWS TO NOTE

2017

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### Welcome To Nativity Church!

If you would like to know more about Nativity, you are invited to visit the Welcome Center located near the Welcome Desk or speak with the person there. Please enjoy the free coffee and cookies.

#### What's Happening This Sunday:

Nursery for Birth to Age 3—9 & 10:30am in Nursery

Faith Formation for Age 4 - Grade 4.

Plus Club 56, 9 & 10:30am in Rm 117

The Haiti Immersion Team Share Their Stories, all worship times

### Haiti Immersion Team Share Their Stories

August 19 & 20, all worship times

On July 23, Nativity commissioned 12 high school/college students and 4 adults who traveled to Haiti on a cultural immersion experience. Heather Anderson, Immersion Trip Coordinator from Nativity, describes her experience as “shattering.” The team witnessed the overwhelming poverty, the great joy and resilience of Haitians in the poor areas of Port-au-Prince. They worshiped with Haitians; delivered a truck of fresh drinking water to a slum and helped children carry buckets of water back to their homes; played with children from several orphanages; learned about the complexity of poverty; saw hope in job creation by touring different start-up businesses; prayed with and delivered meals to elders; and appreciated the beauty in the Haitian people and landscape.

During this experience the participants have been forever changed and have come to a new understanding of the ways that God is moving through each of us. Thank you, Nativity, for your generous giving! Without your support this experience would not have been possible.

Our team: Eli Forsline, John Ackerman, Sophie Anderson, Elena Forsline, Paige DuCharme, Zoie Wakefield, Jacqueline Tomas, Emily Edwards, Emily Hergenrader, Makayla Anderson, Sophie Van Patter, and Julia Lease. Adults Leaders: Heather Anderson, Kristin Pechman, John Tomas and Lisa Hoelscher.





## UPCOMING EVENTS: HERE/NEAR

### Families of Faith: Kindergarten Backpack Blessing Milestone

Sept 9-10th 2017

Saturday, 5:30pm; Sunday, 9; 10:30 & 10:40am

Kindergarteners are invited to bring their backpack to worship to be recognized during the "Time with Children" for a big milestone in their life- starting school! All other children are welcome to bring backpacks (or a stuffed animal for toddlers) to their Faith Formation classes to be blessed. We will give each child a tag to put on their backpack to remind them that God is with them in their daily life and that their church family will be praying for them throughout the year. For more information, contact: Kelly Sherman-Conroy [kelly@nativitychurch.org](mailto:kelly@nativitychurch.org)

### What Does Kindergarten Readiness Mean?

Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00pm

- Kindergarten teachers from Wilshire Park Elementary will share information and answer questions about what kindergarten readiness really looks like.
- Please RSVP for free childcare by contacting Kelly Sherman-Conroy: [kelly@nativitychurch.org](mailto:kelly@nativitychurch.org), before August 21.
- FREE – Everyone is welcome!
- Sponsored by NCFC (Nativity Child and Family Center) and Nativity Church

For more information, contact: Sue Marusic, NCFC Director: [director@nativitychurch.org](mailto:director@nativitychurch.org)

### Say Goodbye & God Bless to Pastor Dan

All worship times August 26 & 27

Pastor Dan Doerrer has received a call to Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale and will begin his ministry there in September. Join us as we celebrate Dan's ministry at Nativity and wish him well in the future.



### Summer Conversations: Living the Questions

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, 7:00-8:15pm, room 218

Summer Conversations: "Blessed are the poor in spirit... the peacekeepers..." The Beatitudes for Today Those who have studied the Beatitudes claim that they reflect the core of Jesus' teaching and the way we are to live as Christians. We'll consider and discuss: What is the meaning of "a blessing?" How are these blessings especially important for us in today's culture? How would we write Beatitudes for today?

All are welcome! Child care available with prior notice.  
Pat Hendricks [bppat127@gmail.com](mailto:bppat127@gmail.com) 763-221-8149



### Be Still... and sense how we can be the Aroma of Christ - Guided Silent Retreat

September 8-10, 2017

Luther Park Bible Camp - Danbury, WI

Register by emailing Kathy King @ [kking913@gmail.com](mailto:kking913@gmail.com)  
Payment due by August 22, 2017; drop off at Nativity (attn.: Beth) and code: fall silent retreat.

Space is limited to 10, so register as soon as you can.  
Cost is \$100. If you would like to stay an additional night(s) Thursday or Sunday, the add \$16 per night

For more info call or email Kathy King or call 612-968-1855

### 10th Grade Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday August 23, 7pm, Nativity Worship Space.

For questions please contact Pastor Glenn at [gseefeldt@nativitychurch.org](mailto:gseefeldt@nativitychurch.org) or 612-781-2766 ext. 1009.

## HERE/NEAR

### Fresh Produce for Food Shelves

Through August 26

Nativity supports the Little Kitchen and NEED food shelves, where clients appreciate fresh produce. Please consider donating fresh produce from your garden, CSA box, or fresh produce you might pick up at the grocery store. Donations in the basket marked "Fresh Produce for Food Shelves" at the Welcome Desk will be picked up multiple times a week to keep produce fresh. For more information, contact: Grace Gee 218-348-3381 [gracegee50@gmail.com](mailto:gracegee50@gmail.com).



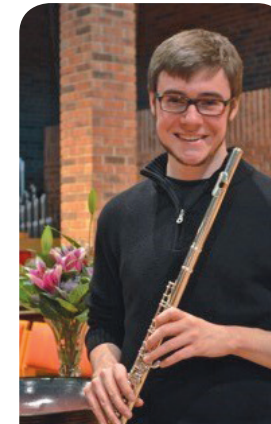
### Summerfest-Coffee-Encores

After worship, get your coffee, grab your treats and return to the sanctuary for another musical treat!

**Aug. 19** – after the 5:30 service Noah Livingston (flute) accompanied by John Jensen

**Aug. 20** – after the 10:30 service Noah Livingston (flute) accompanied by Asako Hirabayashi  
Performing "Introduction and Capriccioso" by Camille Saint-Saens.

**Aug. 26-27** Noah Livingston will be joined by two St. Olaf colleagues for more "Coffee-Encores!"



### Fall Children's & Youth Programs Sign-up Online!

The general family registration form is available online to sign-up children/youth from age 2 - Grade 10.

Faith Formation age 2 - Grade 4 begins Sept. 9/10, Club 56 begins Sept. 24/27.

Go to the Nativity homepage: <http://www.nativitychurch.org>.

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- ☐ **I'm new to Nativity**  
We'd like to hear about you and your experience. Please provide contact information in the shaded box below.
- ☐ **I have new contact information**  
If you have a new email, phone number, or address, please provide updated contact information below.

### First & Last Names of those attending:

Adults (print clearly):

Children:

Email address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Address:

City, state, zip:

### Worship Service Attended:

- ☐ Sat. 5:30 p.m.
- ☐ Sun. 8 a.m.
- ☐ Sun. 9 a.m.
- ☐ Sun. 10:30 a.m.
- ☐ Sun. Worship, 10:40 a.m.

### Interested in:

- ☐ Membership at Nativity
- ☐ Speaking with a Pastor or staff member
- ☐ Events and opportunities
- ☐ Prayer support
- ☐ Email devotions

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