



CONNECTING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

**NATIVITY  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**

**CARE AND  
SUPPORT  
OUTREACH TEAM**

Nativity Lutheran Church is called by God to love courageously, give generously and proclaim the Gospel through our actions. We believe our personal journeys of faith are challenged and strengthened by responding to the world's needs and by committing ourselves to making a positive impact in the world.

The NATIVITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAMS engage members of the Nativity Community in justice, outreach, and service opportunities. We can make a bigger impact together!!

Nativity Lutheran Church has seven Outreach Teams made of Mission Partners, Outreach Ministries, and Social Justice groups with a common theme or social concern. All of our NATIVITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAMS are committed to:

- EDUCATION
- ENGAGEMENT
- TAKING ACTION
- ADVOCATING FOR THE ALIENATED AND DISADVANTAGED

To learn more about NATIVITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAMS contact Gail Bergsven, Director of Community Partnerships: **651-329-4446** or **ggantz1@aol.com**

## **CARE AND SUPPORT OUTREACH TEAM**

This team responds to the reality that people in our community are facing life challenges. They can benefit by our appropriate and timely help and care.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one lay caring ministry at Nativity whose members provide emotional and spiritual care and support for those persons experiencing challenging times. Stephen ministers are trained to listen, care and encourage those who may be experiencing loss, grief, illness, divorce, and a variety of other life difficulties. These relationships are maintained in strict confidentiality.

Training for Stephen Minister candidates is very thorough and this ministry requires a significant commitment.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Gary Kimball, kimballgj@gmail.com

### **THE DRAGONFLY PROJECT - [dragonflyproject.org](http://dragonflyproject.org)**

The Dragonfly Project is a mission partner of Nativity Lutheran Church and a nonprofit organization that sends condolence cards carrying a message of hope to people who are grieving. The organization consists of volunteers who look up names in obituaries and help pull together and mail packets out to people who are grieving usually 3-6 months after the death has occurred. Each packet contains a condolence card, a copy of the dragonfly story printed on the inside of the cover and a dragonfly key chain.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Peter Bonde, [execdirector@dragonflyproject.org](mailto:execdirector@dragonflyproject.org)
- Julie Bonde, [JulieB@dragonflyproject.org](mailto:JulieB@dragonflyproject.org)

### **WOMEN IN ACTION**

Women in Action engages women of all ages in reaching out to the community for a variety of service projects. Once per month the women work as a team sharing the love of God with others.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Sue Sorenson, [suesorenson@yahoo.com](mailto:suesorenson@yahoo.com)
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## **GROWING THROUGH LOSS**

The Twin Cities North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the “Growing Through Loss” series twice yearly providing an opportunity to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The Growing Through Loss Coalition is appropriate for anyone who has experienced loss (eg. the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, a divorce, job loss, pregnancy or infant loss, etc. ) and feels the need for support and interested in learning more about grief.

For further information, call the Growing Through Loss hotline at 763-755-5335

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Lynette Thompson, gardener772@comcast.net

## **NATIVITY MENTAL HEALTH CONNECT**

The purpose of the Nativity Mental Health Connect ministry is to promote mental health awareness education to the Nativity Community, to help reduce the stigma of mental health, and to provide Mental Health Connect referral information to people in need of services.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Gail Bergsven, ggantz1@aol.com
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## **VITAL AGING**

The Purpose of the Vital Aging Ministry is to provide enrichment and faith formation opportunities for those who are in their pre and post retirement years. Various volunteers with expertise in certain areas, will serve as the enrichment or faith formation presenters.

Persons from our Nativity Community will be participants and presenters. They will be asked to bring guests from inside and outside Nativity Lutheran Church to participate.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

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## **PROJECT LIFESAVER**

Using a proven, rapid response tracking system, Project Lifesaver is the world’s most reliable program for locating missing persons diagnosed with cognitive challenges such as Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia, Autism and/or Down Syndrome.

Project Lifesaver is a practical, affordable and successful solution for locating missing loved ones who wander, and giving peace of mind to their caregivers.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

- Bob Parrott bobparrott@nativitychurch.org

“  
Assuredly, I say to you,  
inasmuch as you did it  
to one of the least of  
these My brethren,  
you did it to Me.

—Matthew 25:40-45”



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