



CONNECTING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

**NATIVITY  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**

**LUTHERAN  
PARTNERSHIP  
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**

## **LUTHERAN PARTNERSHIP OUTREACH TEAM**

This team helps the Nativity Community remain supportive of our denomination's social service ministries.

### **KEY CONTACT**

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### **LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA - lssmn.org**

**MISSION:** Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community.

**VISION:** All people have the opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives.

LSS is a faith-based organization that maintains relationships and works in partnerships with congregations. Our Nativity Community is one of the key supporters of LSS in Minnesota. LSS service outcome goals are organized around children, youth and families, people with disabilities and older adults. The needs of these groups drive the shape of LSS planning and actions.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

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### **LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER - lutherpark.org**

Luther Park Camping and Retreat Center is a cooperative ministry of ELCA congregations with a mission to provide an environment in which the Christian faith can be strengthened and people of all ages may grow in their personal relationship with God.

Luther Park is celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2018. This center is more than a summer camp ..... it is also a year round retreat center hosting families, adults, confirmation groups and work gatherings.

Nativity Lutheran Church has been a member congregation for more than 30 years. Each year 30 of our children go to camp, 35 children attend Luther day camps at Nativity, and both youth and adults from Nativity participate in retreats at Luther Park's retreat center.

### **KEY CONTACTS**

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## **LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year Nativity Lutheran Church awards college scholarships to qualified Nativity students attending ELCA Lutheran colleges or Seminaries. The funds for these scholarships come from interest earned by education-related funds in the Church's Endowment Fund. Most Lutheran colleges have scholarship "Match Programs" which stretch our scholarship dollars.

Applications for the scholarships are completed by the end of April and awards are announced in late May.

### **KEY CONTACT**

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## **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

Lutheran Disaster Response recognizes that every disaster is local and has a major impact on the community it affects. The organization responds through affiliations in the US, partner organizations and companion churches such as Nativity Lutheran Church. The organization also accompanies communities affected by disaster as they navigate their way to renewal.

## **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA - [elca.org](http://elca.org)**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America is one church body organized in three expressions...congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. All three expressions share a common mission of doing God's work in the world proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and the confidence of God's Grace.

ELCA congregations, including Nativity Lutheran Church, are centers where people of faith celebrate, learn and connect with one another and others around the world through weekly worship and service.

### **KEY CONTACT**

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## **LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE CIRCLE**

The Lutheran Social Service Circle at Nativity Lutheran Church provides active support for Lutheran Social Service Programs including Camp Noah, Metro Homeless Youth, and Camp Knutson. Members enjoy the fellowship of women committed to care for each other as well as our neighbors.

### **KEY CONTACT**

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Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do  
so much.”

—Helen Keller



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