FREE HALLOWEEN SPookTacular Concert October 26th at 2:00 P.M.

Nativity Lutheran will be transformed into a haunted Cathedral in a concert of Spooky Organ Music, including Disney’s “The Twisted Scarols” from “Haunted Mansion Holiday” and Highlights from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s soaring musical masterpiece; “Phantom of the Opera.”

The Concert will feature organist Dennis Jon Wolfgang, Soprano Susan Platt, Tenor Rev. Gus Barnes and Pianist Gary Hanson. Mr. Hanson will join Mr. Wolfgang at the organ console for Dennis Janzer’s very popular four handed organ duet “Ghouls and Gremlins”.

You can (if the “spirit” moves you) pull your best ideas out of the closet and wear them to win a prize for best costume! So come and join in the fun! Reception to follow!

Special event parking will be allowed on both sides of Bluemound by the Wauwatosa Police Department. The concert is free but donations will be received for Nativity’s Organ Fund. Nativity has a wheelchair ramp to the front door, and as always Nativity is pet friendly so your service or companion pet is always welcome.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS and VENDORS!

First Lutheran Church is hosting their 2nd annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2nd 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you’re interested in reserving a table, contact the church office (contact info. on back page) for information or an application.

Last year’s fair was very well attended, so we’re increasing the number of booths this year.

If you’re not a vendor or crafter, mark your calendars for a day of fun. Bake Sale, Raffle and Hot Dog/Chili Dog Lunch, too! Come Join the Fun!

We hope to see you there!
As a community we pray for those with immediate needs of healing and strength:

Joe D’Amico, Jackie Bayer, Donna Behringer, Cheryl Brautigam, Shannon Irvine, James Larson, Teri Miller, Edward Nolinski, James Ribnek III, Patt Temke and Susan Winter

Please remember in your prayers the family of Donald Brauch who died on Sept. 7th.

Join Our Bible Study Group

This Fall we’ve begun a study of the book “BIBLE WOMEN: All Their Words and Why They Matter”. The book has short chapters covering every woman mentioned in the Bible. It’s not too late to join the group as every chapter stands on its own. We will also be occasionally watching a movie or having an outside speaker. Please consider coming and checking it out. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in First Lutheran’s Fireside Room.

Join Us at Sunday School!

Our Fall/Spring theme this year is “Builders in the Bible”. On Rally Sunday we did a review of the lessons we did last year with Bible Hangman implemented by Linda, and practiced the “Lord’s Prayer” action song. Greta did a science lesson based on trust. During the month of September the children learned about Jesus in the Temple, Tower of Babel and the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Enjoy Some Music In Our Synod

Sounds of the Centuries
Sunday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m.
Incarnation Lutheran Church
3509 N. 15th St., Milwaukee
Organ

Music of Dan Forrest
and Vaughn Williams
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m.
W156N8185 Pilgrim Rd.
Menomonee Falls

Nativity joined with Redeemer Church for their annual church picnic. This is fellowship!
Happenings at Nativity Lutheran

Nativity Pet Blessing Thanks You!
A big Thank You to everyone who thought of their pets Saturday, September 7, 2019, at Nativity Lutheran’s Annual Blessing of the Pets, to all those who corralled that critter or schlepped that picture, to everyone who donated bakery and cookies and bars and beverages. But special thanks go out to Pastor John Allen for presiding over the service.

Nativity Annual Parish Picnic Thanks You!
Close to 60 members of Nativity Lutheran and Redemption Churches gathered together to enjoy great food, good company and fun at Nativity’s annual church picnic, Sunday, September 8, 2019. Many thanks are due to all the folks who brought that dish to pass, organized those games on the lawn, and all those who toted and lifted all those tables and chairs for the setup and teardown – THANK YOU!
**Mark Your Calendars!**

Nativity’s WELCA, Women of the ELCA, will meet on Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 10:15 a.m. in the “Upper Room”. All women are welcome!

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**Meet Joe-Ann, Susan Platt’s tremendous grand-daughter, on her first day of school in K5! Have a great year, Joe-Ann!**

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**HEADS UP!**

The Nativity fall rummage sale has been cancelled for this year, but will return next year in the spring. This helps us all here at Nativity focus on the future direction and plans for our church. But please feel free to drop off that extra pot or curtain rod to help lighten your load and put a little green in Nativity’s pocket in the spring of next year!

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**Worship at Nativity Lutheran Church**

The Nativity Lutheran Council has voted to affirm that on an on-going basis, Nativity Lutheran Church will use the traditional Lutheran worship service and music for honoring and giving our glory to God.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Here are upcoming Nativity concert dates, so mark your calendars now to keep those dates clear!

- **December 28, 2019 at 2 PM**
  A Nativity Christmas
  Just confirmed is the return of R. Stuart Mitchell!

- **March 14, 2020**
  Irish Benefit Concert
  Come celebrate St Patrick’s Day with traditional Irish music for Voice, Organ and Bagpipes!
  Special post concert event follows to benefit Nativity Lutheran Church.

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**Postponed**

You now have permission to brag! For more information, talk to Susan Platt.
First Lutheran Happenings

Outreach

We try in many ways to make an impact not only on the churches and organizations in our community, but also around the world.

Joy Dowd presented a check from the Endowment Fund to Sue Pacey, Pantry Coordinator at the Good Samaritan Outreach Center.

“On behalf of all of us at All Peoples Church thank you for your donation to our food pantry. You have made such a positive impact. Thank you for your commitment to our community. It is because of you that our ministries can flourish. God Bless, APC”

Thank you for your generous gift to our ongoing mission work! We continue working as associate members of the World Mission Prayer League. We are encouraged by what we hear from missionaries around the world that God is doing a mighty work in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. There are so many immigrants from around the world here in the Twin Cities and some are our neighbors here in the apartment complex that we live in as well. May Christ be glorified, Pastor Richard and Lois

“Thank you very much for your Partnership gift in August, 2019. Your very generous support of Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin, Inc. will allow seniors in our community to engage in meaningful experiences which help to improve the quality of their lives. Our gift will go to support SOA’s ongoing efforts to provide older adults with a safe place to go as well as provide them with the physical, intellectual and emotional nutrition they need to thrive as they age”...Cathy Wood, President

And We Give Thanks ....

We appreciate the generosity of St. Luke’s in Greendale, Lexington Village in Greenfield, Panera, Aggie’s Bakery and Parthenon Foods for their contributions to our food pantry.

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does. .......Martin Luther
COUNCIL AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS REPORT:

This months report will be short as time is mostly dedicated to the process of the new Pastoral calling. As I reported at the congregational meeting on Sunday, 9/8 the Council has been actively engaged in the process. To date the following has been completed as required by the Milwaukee Synod:

- The Synod and Nativity have been formally informed of the vote to separate from Nativity but has offered secretarial/office support for the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins until the next Annual Meeting.
- Decision made to utilize substitute Pastors vs an Interim Pastor at this time.
- At this time FLC is forming the Call Committee which 6 voting members as elected by the Council will serve until the term of office terminates upon the Installation of the newly called Pastor. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please inform any Council member.
- The Council will begin completing the Ministry Site Profile (Job Description) which is pivotal to the Call Committee in seeking the new Pastor. Please submit any issues, concerns, thoughts, ideas etc. in writing to any Council officer by October 15th so that our profile clearly notes what the expectations are for the new Pastor.

Welcome to our 2 new Worship Assistants Justin and Katie Kocan. We are pleased to have you with us and serving FLC and our Lord in this way.

The 2nd Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair is rapidly approaching on Saturday, November 2nd. It will include a Bake Sale, Raffle (need items for the raffle) and White Elephant Sale (need new or gently used items for this table as well). We’ll need volunteers to help in various ways to make this event successful. This is a fun way to meet our neighbors and support FLC.

As sisters and brothers in Christ we are going to need to face possible changes, decisions and challenges as we move forward in the process. Please pray for FLC so that the decisions made will be for the benefit of FLC and the Church as a whole. As always, your feedback and thought are welcomed and valued. Heidi Leiser-O’Neil, Council President.

See you in Church!!!!

THERE ARE A LOT OF AREAS THAT CAN USE ADDITIONAL HELP.....

- Have you considered helping with Altar Guild? It’s an old term, but one of the most necessary committees in the church. It’s not a hard job - come one Saturday a month and set up the communion for the weekend and check the candles behind the altar. Occasionally, the paraments (colored altar cloths) need to be changed with the season.
- Could you come in once a month and fill the envelope pockets in the pews?
- How about bringing a treat on Saturday or Sunday for Coffee And....?
Thanks to everyone who donated fresh vegetables from their garden. Our clients really enjoyed them!

Garden Overload?
Our food pantry visitors love fresh vegetables! If you have been blessed with an abundant end of the season garden, consider sharing your extras with the food pantry. Contact the office to arrange a drop-off time.

Sign at Just One More Ministries:
What you do today can improve your tomorrow

ASSISTING OLDER ADULTS...

Eras Senior Network, a community-based non-profit agency based in Waukesha, has taken over some of the functions previously provided by West Central Interfaith, such as rides to the doctor, pharmacy or grocery shopping. Eras is continuing a long tradition of matching compassionate volunteers to the needs of older adults.

The agency’s name of Eras shines a light on the different eras, or times, in the life of an older adult. There are eras to serve, to receive help, to be a caregiver, and more. Each year they touch the lives of more than 2,000 older adults in Waukesha County with a model of service that uses the same building blocks of the Milwaukee program: interfaith communities, caregiving services, volunteer caregivers, frail individuals in need, helping clients live independently.

If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, call (414) 488-6500. Be sure to ask about help with raking leaves and fall yard clean up in November. If you have questions, see Joy Dowd.

FREE FLU SHOTS “Shoo the Flu”

What: Free flu shot clinic sponsored by Aurora Healthcare
When: Friday, Nov 1, 2019, 10am - noon. No appointments required.
Who: Everyone is welcome. No income requirements, no insurance info required.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Save your quart jars as we will be using them next year (2020) as part of a Christmas gift to our food pantry visitors. For this year, we can still use Christmas coffee mugs and are still collecting the following items: For men and women, we need gloves, socks and deodorant. For the children we are focusing on coloring books/activity books, bubbles, play dough and match box cars. Bring donations to the church office.
**Pet Blessing**

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with our Pet Blessing Service on Sept 7th. Special thanks to Pr. Pres Hoffman, from St. John’s Lutheran in West Milwaukee, for providing the blessings and to Werner Bayer for leading us in “This Land is Your Land” on guitar. We had lot of “fur babies” and their human caretakers come for the special blessing. The next time you visit Eden Garden and Pets, located at 1439 S. 70 St, thank them for their kind donation of bags of pet treats.

Dear God,

You have given us care over all living things; protect and bless the animals who give us companionship and delight. Make us their true friends and worthy companions. Amen.

........Deborah Nicolet

**Holiday Craft Fair**

Join us at the Fair for some early Christmas shopping. There will be a large variety of crafters and other vendors. Chili and chili dogs will be available for purchase. There will be lots of benefit drawing baskets and a bake sale.

We can use lots of help to make this event a big success. Please check the sign-up sheet which will be in the narthex soon.
Justin Kocan was born and raised in Baltimore, and Katie was born and grew up in the Milwaukee area. Justin attended SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design), and met Katie through a mutual friend. While pregnant with Nora they moved to Baltimore to be near Justin’s family and 2 years later moved to Milwaukee to be near Katie’s family. Justin owns & operates a Construction company, J. R. Kocan Construction LLC. Katie left a retail management position shortly after Tybeigh was born and Justin’s company started to pick up. She picks up part time work in winter when business slows down. Tybeigh suffered from a concussion back in January and has complications recovering. This means little sleep and many doctors appointments. Nora is a member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra progressions program and is an avid reader. Katie is a member of the school’s PAC and hopes to soon become a regular assistant at the food pantry. Justin was raised Lutheran, however his mother comes from a Jewish family. He celebrated both sides of his background and we try to continue to educate our girls about their diverse backgrounds. Katie was raised Catholic for most of her childhood. The Kocans became close friends of the Marquez family who introduced them to First Lutheran. Nora is 8 and attends Honey Creek Continuous Progress school and Tybeigh will be 2 in November. They are an active family who does road trips often, mostly to visit family. There is not a zoo or animal sanctuary that they pass without visiting, and they LOVE football - so much that Katie and Justin actually got married at Lambeau Field last summer at the Packer vs Steelers preseason game. Justin is a Steeler fan and Katie is a Pack lady. They enjoy music and being outdoors, and are so grateful for being so welcomed and for the opportunity to get so involved with their church.

The Sew and Sew Quilters held their annual Quilting Bee on Wed., Sept. 18th. While missing the huge Bayer clan, who couldn’t attend this year, they still managed to get quilts tied and displayed in the narthex for the Quilt Blessing the following weekend. Over $100 was donated that weekend to help offset the cost to Lutheran World Relief of shipping the quilts to areas in the United States and other countries.

WE SUPPORT Lutheran World Relief
**Clement Manor**

Center for Enrichment  
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

Keynote Speaker  
“A MESSAGE FROM JESSIE”  
Presented by Dr. Buck Blodgett  
Oct. 17, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

In July of 2013, Dr. Blodgett’s 19-year old daughter was sexually assaulted and strangled to death by a friend. From immense personal tragedy, Dr. Blodgett founded The LOVE˃hate Project. The mission: END violence against women and have all people choose love over hate. He introduces the audience to his beautiful, creative and talented daughter, Jessie, through pictures and videos, and shares the heart-wrenching details about her murder, and his life-changing call to action to transform culture and end violence against all women.

$3 for members, $5 for non-members.

**Lifelong Learning Book Club - 1st Tue. at 12 p.m.**

Oct. 1 - Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls  
Nov. 5 - The Escape Artist by Jeanete Walls

Call 546-7302 to register for above programs

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**Tosa Farmers Market**

Saturdays, 8AM - 12PM  
7720 Harwood Avenue  
Milwaukee (parking lot across from the Little Red Store)

**West Allis Farmers Market**

6501 W. National Ave.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-6p.m.  
Saturdays, 1-6p.m.

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**National Regency New Berlin**

13750 W. National Ave., New Berlin

**Meet Abraham Lincoln**

Oct. 7, 1:30 p.m.

**The Life of Martin Luther**

Oct. 18, 1:30 p.m.

Call 262-789-1699 for information.

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**Aurora West Allis Medical Ctr.**

Healthy Living With Diabetes  
Tuesdays, October 8 through November 12  
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Register at 888-863-5502

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**Downtown West Allis**

**Classic Car Show**

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10a-3p  
Greenfield Ave. between 70th & 76th St.

**Halloween Hunt**

Saturday, Oct. 26th, 10a-Noon  
Greenfield Ave. between 70tn & 76th

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**Hunger Task Force**

**Stock Box Delivery**

West Allis Senior Center  
7001 W. National Ave.

The next distributions at the Senior Center will be on Oct. 15., between 1-2 p.m.
October Anniversaries
10/6  William & Guyon Metzen (N)  57 yrs.
10/21 James & Sandra Larson (N)  47 yrs.
10/26 Daniel & Gail Sopa (F)  45 yrs.
10/27 Michael & Susan Nekich (N)  46 yrs.

October Birthdays
First Lutheran
10/1  Gail Sopa
10/3  Marie LePage
10/8  Odemaris Dixon
10/11 Linda Grukle
10/11 Donna Schwartz
10/13 Cindy Labadie
10/15 Samuel Guthrie
10/16 Carrie Pflugradt
10/17 Earl Casto
10/20 Elizabeth Gray
10/21 Myra Shields
10/22 Gloria Grassell

Nativity Lutheran
10/10 Dale Isotalo
10/17 Robert Saur II
10/26 Harriet Miller
10/28 Carol Garza

Bible Quiz
Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.
A. Saul, David, Solomon
B. Samuel, David, Saul
C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
D. Solomon, Jesse, David


If you are not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don’t want to go there.  ............Martin Luther

A Short Course in Human Relations
SIX Most Important Words:
“I Admit I made a Mistake”
FIVE most important Words:
“You did a good job”
FOUR most important Words:
“What is your opinion?”
THREE most important Words:
“If you please”
TWO most important Words:
“Thank you”
ONE most important Word:
“We”
The LEAST important Word “I”

Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Focus your life on things that please God.

Don’t Forget to notify the church office of any address, phone or email changes!

Need pastoral care?
Please remember to notify the church office if you are ill or hospitalized so that we can offer prayer and support directly to you. If you have a pastoral emergency (death in the family, hospitalization, etc.), contact Barb at (262)939-2728.
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Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity Lutheran
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