

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
The Lord does not faint or grow weary;  
The understanding of the Lord is unsearchable.  
The Lord gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

Matthew 25:14-29

“For it will be as if someone going on a journey called in servants and entrusted to them some money; giving to one five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability, and then went away. The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with the money, and made five more talents. So also the one who had the two talents made two more talents more. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the money. After a long time the servants’ master came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ The master said, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ The master said, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh master, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take back the talent, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

*This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!*



Our mission project for November and December will be Nativitas, a soup kitchen in downtown Brussels. This year because of the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions, Nativitas has different needs.

They are concentrating more specifically on the homeless. Currently Nativitas hands out free take-away packages consisting of fresh soup, a sandwich, and a drink, to approximately 90 people, five days a week.

What they most urgently need:

- **Ground coffee**
- **Sugar cubes**
- **Individual drinks (small juice boxes, cecemel, soda cans, etc.)**

**So this year, we will limit our collection to these 3 items only. Please do not bring fresh food or other non-perishable items. Also, please check the expiration dates!**

We realize that your time spent shopping should be kept to a minimum because of the current situation. However, if and when you do go grocery shopping, or if you order on-line, please consider purchasing a few of these items.

If church services resume by the end of November, you may bring your donations at that time. In either case, a drop-off session will also be organized at church on Sat. Nov.28 and Dec.12. More details on the time will follow.

**We are also collecting financial donations for Nativitas during these 2 months,** which will be used to help purchase the fresh food used to prepare soup and sandwiches. This is equally important. We thank you for your generosity, knowing that these are difficult times for all. God loves a cheerful giver, and no contribution is too small. Together we can make such a difference.

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