

**2017**

**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WEEKI WACHEE**  
**6363 COMMERCIAL WAY, WEEKI WACHEE, FL 34613**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT STUDIES 9:45-10:45**  
**AM 352-597-1456**  
**WEBSITE: NLCWW.ORG**  
***'WITH THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR HEARTS WE CARRY LIGHT AND LOVE TO THE WORLD'***

In case of a Pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Giuseppe at 978-956-4304.

**CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS**  
**DUE TO DARLENE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017.**

All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office. The report should include a look back at the accomplishments of the past year as well as a look forward to hopes and dreams for the new year of ministry.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>,**  
**and**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**  
**9:45 -10:45 am**  
**in Winemiller Hall**



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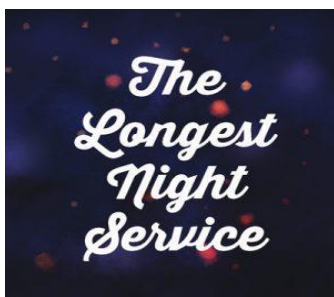
Join Us at  
Advent Worship



Advent marks the beginning of the church year. While most of the world rushes to celebrate Christmas, the church observes the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation and anticipation beginning Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are waiting not only for our celebration of Christ's birth but also for his second coming. Each week in Advent we will light the Advent wreath. Join us in worship as we journey through Advent toward the joy of the Christmas season.



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA December 17<sup>th</sup>, at both services.**  
This year's cantata is: **Hope!** A Gospel Christmas Celebration



**LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP – Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm**

Do you feel the Christmas season stresses you out, fills you with loneliness,  
and leaves you feeling empty?

Join us for the healing of our losses, hurts and unmet needs as we gather in prayer to hear the  
Hope of Christ. We celebrate and find healing in the Hope that comes in the form of a  
newborn baby.

Refreshments and social time after the service.



This year Christmas falls on a Monday. **Our Christmas Eve worship services are on Sunday, December 24, at 4:00 pm and at 10:00 pm.** Please note: there are **NO morning services on Sunday, December 24.**

The **4:00 pm worship service** will include the **Children's Program** and a **Family Blessing**, including **Candlelight** during Holy Communion.

The **10:00 pm worship service** is a traditional **Candlelight service** with Holy Communion.

If anyone can offer rides or needs a ride, please call the church office at **352-597-1456.**



Our **Angel Tree Party** will take place on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm** in Al Lien Hall.



Join us as we prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Jesus' birth on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.**

During the regular monthly Altar Guild meeting we will decorate the sanctuary and invite all those that would like to help to join us!

**The more the merrier.**





Order your Poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary Christmas Eve for **\$8.00 each**.  
Order envelopes are available in the Narthex at the Poinsettia display table.

The poinsettias are **large 5 stem red plants FRESH** from Knox Nursery  
of Winter Garden, FL.

Place order envelopes in offering plate or leave them at the Church Office.

**Last chance to place an order is Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### OUR BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY 2017





## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2016



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2016





## *FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT*

December 2017 News Letter,

This being my final letter for this year, there are no words to describe the joy I had serving this Nativity Lutheran congregational on Council and a member of the choir.

December being the month when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, how wonderful to have our church named 'NATIVITY'. Even our new logo bearing the Christ child in a manger the nativity scene tells it all.

As we sailed through this year, we had the unfortunate but ever anticipated cause to celebrate the life of some of our member by them relocating or being called to their heavenly home. We are also giving thanks to God for those new members who have joined us, and we welcome them with open arms. The light we are asked to shine as a beacon to lead souls to Nativity has been doing its job. Let us continue to keep that flame burning to lead many more to seek God at Nativity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who served on council this year, and thanks to those who have completed their terms. Thanks also to all members and leaders of the many organizations and ministries here at Nativity. Every one of you have kept your oars in the water and pulled with all the strength God gave you.

To this congregation, you have kept your promise to contribute to the life and welfare of Nativity and the community, stands the reason our church has done so well this year. Taking the time to sit in some meetings and activities with you warmed my heart seeing the dedication exhibited by the team members.

On behalf of Gloria and myself, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best of health and happiness in the coming year. May God guide and protect you each day.

*Al Wright*



Many members have been asking for Pastor Kris' address to send her a Christmas card:

**Kris Wee**

**13945 Upper 58<sup>th</sup> Street N. Apt. 223**

**Stillwater, MN 55082**



## **SUNDAY ADULT FORUM**

9:45-10:45 in Winemiller Hall

Coffee available

### **Join us for our yearlong discipleship study**

Some of you have already signed up and received the manual we will be using but there is room for more people. This is what is said about the book by one of our pastors:

*"The 7 Habits of Jesus provides a comprehensive and accessible way for churches to actually get (back) into the business of making disciples. A particular strength of The 7 Habits of Jesus is the method of combining the three dimensions of engagement: self-study, fellowship groups, and partnerships. If you want real and enduring change in your relationship with Jesus for the sake of God's mission in the world, use the tool The 7 Habits of Jesus." Rev. Dr. Johan Bergh, Coordinator for Coaching, ELCA*

You may sign up to be part of one of the five groups (four Sunday groups and one weekday group.) The four Sunday groups will meet in our Winemiller Hall once a month (every Sunday one group) and the weekday group will use the library once a month. There will be study, personal prayer and conversations in between meeting times. If you still need to sign up, check in with Pr. Giuseppe. The cost of the book is \$25 but do not let money be an issue: God provides.

**Our first meeting will be Sunday, December 17 at 9:45 a.m. in Winemiller Hall.** The reading assignment by then is the introduction (the first 40 pages.) Groups will start their meetings in January.





# COMMUNITY LIFE



We provide nursery care during the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services.

Cindy Rogers will be happy to assist you and your children.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday morning from **9:45-10:45 am**

Classes for children **3 and up!**



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There will be a confirmation class on

**Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00 am –12:30 pm**

If you are interested in your child attending these classes, please call the office at **352-597-1456**.

We need of **READERS, GREETERS**



and **USHERS**.

If you feel a call to serve in any of those ministry areas, please call the office at **352-597-1456**. Training is available.



You are cordially invited to join the Altar Guild. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am**, (to find out what we do and how we do it), or if you have any questions you would like answered before that **call Janet DeVico at 352- 597-0150**.





**Women of Nativity**- As a community of women created in the image of God called by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm one another in our callings, and engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and justice, the society and the world.



You are cordially invited to

**The Women of Nativity's  
Christmas Luncheon  
Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 am**

Join us in Winemiller Hall  
**Tickets are \$10**  
 Reservations for the luncheon are required

Call Louise Weyen at 352-684-6855  
with questions or for more information





**CRAFTY LADIES** meet every **Friday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church in Al Lien Hall.** Join us for coffee at 10:30 am. All women are welcome. **Call Lilo Horeis 352-666-7584 with questions.**

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** members are being invited to Libby and John Capell's home, 6460 River Run Blvd, Weeki Wachee 34607, for a Christmas dinner on **Saturday, December 16, at 5:00pm.** Those who can attend are asked to RSVP to **817-266-4372**, bring a side dish to share (please coordinate with Libby), and 2 dozen cookies (half for a dessert tray and half for a cookie exchange). Please park in any non-carport space. In lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, we will take an offering toward an ELCA Good Gift to purchase a goat or other animal(s); Good Gifts transform lives, fight hunger and grow the church in 83 countries.

**MARYJOY CIRCLE** December meeting **Thursday, December 14, 12:30 at the church.** Come join us - Bible Study from the December **GATHER MAGAZINE.** Call Louise Weyen 352-684-6855 for more information

**CARDS R US** will meet on **1st and 2nd Wednesdays in December, 12:30-3:00pm**, to make greeting cards out of your donated, used cards. We are recycling for a cause, as 100 percent of the profit is given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help people in need. The dates are **December 6 and 13**; join us for a fun afternoon. A huge "thank you" to those of you who are donating \$ for our finished cards, those of you who make the cards, and those who donate their used greeting cards.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS** *Health. Education. Dignity. Ensure she has what she needs to succeed.* These are the words found on the home page of the website for Days for Girls, a non-profit organization formed to help girls in developing countries stay in school. How can an organization help girls stay in school you may ask? Consider this: When a girl has her monthly period, she stays in her room and sits on a piece of cardboard! She cannot go to school and falls behind in her studies, eventually dropping out altogether.

Days for Girls has come up with a solution: washable, reusable menstrual pads which are kept in a drawstring bag. Along with receiving these kits the girls are taught about health and personal hygiene. They are taught how to care for their pads so that they will last up to 3 years.

Through the Trompeter Fund and Thrivent Financial, Women of Nativity have been able to participate in this mission.

WON continues to have workshops to make the kits. The next one will be on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Nativity.** Please consider joining us on this valuable mission project. **Contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367 for more information or if you have any questions.**

**THANKOFFERING SERVICE** is at the end of January...we decorate the church with all the quilts we have made this past year. The women host the entire worship service and collect our Thankofferings which are sent to churchwide. This service coordinates with the sending of the quilts to Lutheran World Relief. There are changes in the shipping company this year-we will have a date from them soon!



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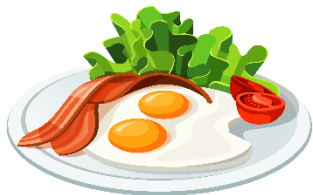
**Winners from October's Golf Outing**  
**Left to Right: Don & Suzanne Chelf, Paul Hunt, Scott Henkel**



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**NATIVITY GOLF OUTING on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Glen Lakes. Meet at pro shop 2:00 pm. Join us for dinner after at the Glen Lakes Clubhouse. 9-hole tournament. Signup sheet is on the kiosk in narthex.**





### **MEN'S CHRISTMAS GALA BREAKFAST PARTY**

**LADIES**, don't forget to remind your guys that on **Tuesday, December 19th, 8:30 AM at Perkins**, the guys are hosting their annual Christmas breakfast. Door prizes and gifts for all ladies, plus great food, but not cooked by us guys. Please put this on your calendar. See you there.



## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **PATTER FROM PATTI**

At this wonderful time of the year it is so exciting to be part of our Nativity Family and for us this year to be able to return up North to be with our kids and grands. I will miss seeing and being part of the Cantata, but our love will be with you all. Here is what we have coming up:

### **SHOW PALACE**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 11:30 am.**  
If you have purchased tickets we will see you there.

### **STONE SALAD**

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 11:00 am worship service.**

A relaxing healthy lunch after the holidays; for those unfamiliar with the story, the fable is about Stone Soup. Each person in the village donated one item for the soup and thus a yummy pot was created. We do Stone Salad. We ask all participants to bring one item you might find on a salad bar, such as; cheese, eggs, croutons, beans, etc. In the past I take a lot of abuse about my view of **BEETS**, do as you will, just don't put it by me. Bring your item ready to go into the Fellowship Hall before the service and it all will be ready for you afterwards. Fellowship will have the greens, dressing, crusty bread and beverage. If you wish to attend, please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex. We will take a free will offering.

We are looking to finalize arrangements for activities for the rest of our season. You can look forward to an outing at **Chinsegut Manor, 22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd, Brooksville**, and a rip-roaring St Patty's Day Party. Watch your newsletter and bulletins for info. We are excited that our committee is flourishing so much. We welcome new members and you will feel like one of the gang right away. **We meet at church the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Come on give us a try. If you have any questions give me a call at [352-797-9682](tel:352-797-9682) or [pattiwithani@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pattiwithani@tampabay.rr.com).**

# OUTREACH



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

## NATIVITY'S FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry at Nativity is always in need of non-perishable items, and that is never truer than at the holiday season.** Toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, women's sanitary pads, shampoos, shaving cream, disposable razors, etc. are needed items that Bonnie does not purchase. Other items are pet food, diapers, and baby wipes.

We thank you in advance for your contribution of these items for our pantry.



## DOROTHY TROMPETER TRUST FUND

**DOROTHY TROMPETER TRUST FUND**-Dorothy Trompeter's Trust Fund has two requirements: **Keep the principal invested and use the income for worthwhile ministries.**

Last year, \$65,629.00 in Trompeter Fund income was distributed. The Endowment Committee Requests that all Nativity members help us identify those ministries, charities and outreach projects that you believe deserve consideration for 2017. Grant applications are available in the church office.

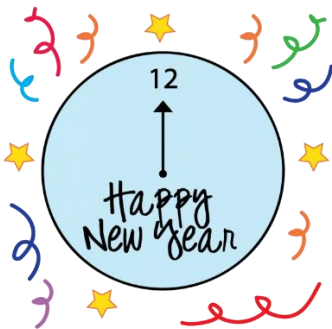
**Completed applications must be returned by December 31. Please spread the word.**

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Tom & Royale Pugh 12/6  
Gil & Joan Herr  
12/21  
Beury & Ellie Simons  
12/21  
Zell & JoAnne Boggus  
12/22  
Charles & Sue Deeg  
12/23  
Michael & Janet Jones  
12/26  
John & Libby Capell  
12/27

Ruth Carlson  
12/1  
Terri Breida  
12/2  
Will Schantl  
12/3  
John Ahlquist, Lyn Derenski  
12/4  
Asta Lundh, Allison Sannuto  
12/5  
Dan Derenski, Scott Henkel  
12/8  
Ann Kopp, Nancy Siegert  
12/9  
Suzanne Chelf, Lois Miller  
12/12  
Charlotte Hamm, Bernice Sheehan  
12/15  
Alfred Korndorfer  
12/16  
Janet DeVico  
12/21  
Karen Napoli  
12/23  
Scott LaFranca  
12/24  
Jack Page  
12/27  
Norma Diedrich  
12/30



Welcome  
2018



**Nativity Lutheran Church  
2018 Proposed Budget**

**INCOME**

**OPERATING RECEIPTS**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (Pledges, Plate)	\$334,890.00
OTHER ENVELOPE GIVING (Lent, Thanksgiving, Christmas)	13,000.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS (Flowers, Thrivent Choice)	5,200.00
OTHER (Facilities Use, Bequests)	13,300.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS (Advertising, Sound System)	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>366,690.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

**OPERATING EXPENSE**

OUTREACH (ELCA, Synod)	\$12,000.00
PROFESSIONAL (Salaries and Benefits)	200,692.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC (Supplies, Music, Altar Flowers)	6,350.00
WITNESS (Stewardship, Advertising)	4,500.00
GROWTH IN FAITH (Christian Education)	3,950.00
MORTGAGE PAYMENT (Principal, Interest)	62,388.00
OPERATION EXPENSE (Maintenance, Administration)	76,810.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>366,690.00</b>

<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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