

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WEEKI WACHEE

"With the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we carry light and love to the world."

Worship Service: 9:30AM

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Please silence your cell phone during the service.



Welcome! We pray this time will be a blessing and a source of spiritual strength for you. Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

SPIRITUAL LIFE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - NOVEMBER 24

Nativity will have a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30PM. There will be no Communion, and reservations will not be required.

CHURCH RESERVATIONS: If you would like to reserve your spot for next Sunday's service, please call the church office at 352-597-1456 to make a reservation. Reservations are taken Monday - Thursday, 9A to 12N.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 13 - This important meeting will take place after the 9:30AM service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new church council and the approval of the 2021 budget. Zoom and dial-in options will be available for those who cannot attend in person. More details to follow.

WON NEWS - The WON annual Christmas luncheon will not take place this year due to Covid concerns.

POINSETTIA ORDERS - We will have **50** 6.5" potted plants (red with gold foil) **\$8.00 each**, and **6** 10" potted plants (white with gold foil) **\$20.00 each**. The 6 white plants will be on the altar through Sunday, January 3, 2021. Envelopes will be in next Sunday's bulletin. The plants are on a first come first served basis. You can also call the office (352-597-1456) to reserve your poinsettia.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS: We've been notified by The Show Palace that "Mama Mia" will return in March (barring any issues with the virus). The Palace has reserved Friday, March 26th, for our group. There will be seating at every other table (we have 2 tables), and the buffet will be served by staff. Tables will be called by number to reduce the exposure to other clients. The other option is to return your ticket for a gift card (which never expires) to be used for another show. If you want a gift card, you need to contact The Show Palace directly. Please contact Pat Runyan (609-335-6427) with your preference.

Please wear your **name tag** as a courtesy to our visitors and to offer hospitality as a good host.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to honor someone special or commemorate a special event, please call the church office (352-597-1456) to order altar flowers. Donation is \$25.00.

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WORLD-FAMOUS PASSION PLAY

The world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play, held every ten years, was postponed this past summer because of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. Its once-every-decade performance has been rescheduled for 2022. Dr. Carlan Helgeson is hosting a ten-day tour to experience this dramatic portrayal of Jesus' life and death and to visit many European capital cities. The tour dates are June 29 through July 8, 2022. Cities to be visited include Munich, Innsbruck, Regensburg, Prague, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin. Air travel to and from gateway cities, first-class lodging, two buffet meals per day, and local transportation are all included as well as the hard-to-get Passion Play tickets. We have people in our group leaving from airports around the country. If you are interested in a brochure or more information, please contact Carlan at cdhelgeson@gmail.com or 352-686-3367. Brochures are also available in the church office.

MASK WEARING UPDATE

PLEASE remember to wear a mask when coming to the church campus. We will gladly hand you one if you forget to bring yours. The CDC recommends face masks under the face shields for increased safety. They also favor the use of face masks over the use of face shields. If you need to wear a face shield for medical reasons, please make sure to maintain the six feet guideline.

In a time when we see the numbers of infections rising again, we need to be extra mindful of one another's safety. Let us all respect a safe distance for love of neighbor.

Please check out our website at: www.nlcww.org



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Confirmands are finishing up their study on Luther's Small Catechism. At the present time we are studying the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry Stats for Thursday, November 19:
Shoppers: 39; Total Served: 124

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE

Applications for 2021 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available. The applications must be returned to the church office by December 31, 2020. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. The guideline rankings used for determining a grant include meeting human needs for food, water, and shelter; alleviating human trauma; religious education; and enriching the quality of life. Applications may be picked up in the church office or requested to be sent by mail by calling the office at 352-597-1456. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE

It starts with a gift and leads to lives transformed through Jesus Christ!! And that is what it is all about, one small gift, one story of Jesus, and one loving smile. Makes one small child feel loved. The year 2020 has been a difficult one for many. Just think of the child who has one or maybe both of his or her parents in jail. No visits, no good night kisses. We have applied for the 35 children again this year. Our plan is to have a Christmas party on December 12 with all the fixings and to make this year their best. Please be so kind to take an envelope off the Angel Tree in the narthex, and place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support for Prison Fellowship. ~Linda Russo

THRIVENT MEMBER NEWS

Dear Thrivent Members, just a reminder about choice dollars. You may be eligible to donate these dollars towards any organization of your choice, but Nativity will be happy to be a recipient. Call Thrivent to ask if you have choice dollars to donate at 1-800-847-4836.

If you have an action team project still available, you can use it for Nativity's Food Pantry to fill a bag of food for a family at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Any questions, please call Bonnie Kuester at 352-596-8548 or Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584.

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH – If you know anyone in our congregation that is hospitalized, in need of home communion or a pastoral call, please call the office at **352-597-1456**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Service (NLC) 6:30PM

Wednesday, November 25

Membership Team Meeting (Library) 3:00PM
Deacon's Meeting (Zoom) 7:00PM

Thursday, November 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Office and Pantry Closed

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28

Girl Scout Troop #4427 (Al Lien) 10:00AM

Sunday, November 29 - FIRST DAY OF ADVENT

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM
Confirmation Class (Zoom) 11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

November 24 - Thanksgiving Service (NLC)
November 26 - Thanksgiving (Office & Food Pantry Closed)
December 13 - Congregational Meeting