

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18-25, 2021. The global Church is invited to dedicate a week to pray for the unity of the Church. The theme for the week is "Abide in my love...you shall bear much fruit." (cf. John 15:1-17). We reminded ourselves about the importance of praying for the fruits of closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation. The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. Those dates were proposed by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA, founder of the Society of the Atonement, who initiated observance of the first "Church Unity Octave" in 1908, to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), and, therefore, have a symbolic significance. For a daily guide to prayer, please check out there website: [Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide - Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute \(geii.org\)](#).

COMMUNITY LIFE

PLEASE, KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Nativity parishioners known to be hospitalized or homebound and isolated: Judy Seidl (352-220-8720), Mike and Doreen Davis (352-263-4750), Judy Dietz (352-754-6307), Karl and Asta Lundh (352-345-8043). Calls of support are appreciated.

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 and has requested we give them a head count by the end of January. There will be seating at every other table 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 need to contact Sarah at The Show Palace at 727-863-7949 X 2. Please contact Pat Runyan (609-335-6427) with any questions or if you misplaced your tickets.

DAYS FOR GIRLS/CRAFTY LADIES - Please note that both Days for Girls and Crafty Ladies will not be meeting in January. We will keep you informed on when we will resume. Any questions, please contact Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - The 2021 Offering envelopes are now available. Please check your mailbox in Winemiller Hall. If you know someone who cannot get to church and you can bring them their offering envelope, it would be greatly appreciated.

NEW INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE - We have switched over from AT&T to Spectrum. If you would like to connect to our internet look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY December 2020

As 2020 comes to an end, please remember to complete your pledge to Nativity. You may continue to drop it off at the outside lockbox or in the office or at worship on Sundays. Other ways to give are on Facebook or our website [nlcww.org](#).

In addition, I am looking for pledge/promise cards for 2021 to be completed and turned in for budgeting purposes. To date, our pledging numbers are down almost 20% from last year. For those that haven't pledged, please consider doing so as your commitment to God through the present and future ministry of Nativity.

2021 giving envelopes for next year have been received. Envelope boxes will be placed in the mailboxes in Winemiller Hall. Please let the church office know if you cannot pick up your envelopes; other arrangements will be made.

Matching Funds Update: During 2020, the Matching Funds yearly maximum of \$20K was completed in April thanks to those who added to their pledges and giving from 2019!!! That money remains in savings for future use.

Again, in 2021, Matching Funds will be available up to \$20,000. In order for Nativity to receive them, we as individuals need to give beyond what was given in 2020. Please contact myself Jane Henkel at jetgal55@gmail.com; or the Treasurer Ev Galli at evgalli@bcany.com for details.

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



DEVOTIONALS - We have the current *Living Lutheran* and *Christ in Our Home* devotionals available in the narthex and admin building. You can stop by during business hours to pick up a copy.

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.

THE NATIVITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT will resume on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at Glen Lakes Country Club (10485 Glen Lakes Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34613.) Please be at the course by 1:30PM. You Tee time is 2:00PM sharp. To register please contact Jim Runyan at 609-385-6679, or email jimrunyan49@yahoo.com. You can also call the church office at 352-597-1456.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Class will resume January 24, 2021, at 11:00AM, and will be held via Zoom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for January 6 & 7:
Total Shoppers 26; Total Served 72**

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

As you may know, our Food Pantry has been open on Thursdays only. We follow CDC guidelines. The number of people coming to benefit from our Food Pantry has increased to the point that we are considering adding a second day. Starting Wednesday, January 6, we hope to be able to offer two days a week, Wednesday and Thursday, to accommodate the higher demand. In order to do so, we need enough committed people willing to offer one or more Wednesdays a month. If you are so inclined and want to commit your time, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH - PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Weekend Blessings is a program designed to feed preschool, elementary, and middle school children whose families qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Price Meal program. On the last day of every school week kids participating in the Weekend Blessings program get backpacks filled with sufficient food for the weekend. If you would like further information regarding this ministry please call Nancy Fish at 352-556-2375.

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, January 11

Communication Team (Zoom)	3:00PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien + Zoom)	6:00PM
Executive Committee (Al Lien)	7:00PM

Tuesday, January 12

Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:30PM
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Wednesday, January 13

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Worship & Music (Zoom)	5:00PM

Thursday, January 14

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (Al Lien)	7:00PM

Friday, January 15

Backpack Ministry (Winemiller)	7:30AM
TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM

Saturday, January 16

Sunday, January 17

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

January 17 - Installation of Council Members
(NLC 9:30A Worship Service)
January 18 - Council Meeting 7:00PM (NLC)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9A - 12N

FOOD PANTRY: Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30A - 1P