

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****UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356. Sunday, January 17, 2021 - One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346. Sunday, January 17, 2021 - Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter. Monday, January 18, 2021 - Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156. Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes, martyr, died around 304. Thursday, January 21, 2021 - Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

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. For a daily guide to prayer, please check out there website: [Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide - Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute \(geii.org\)](http://DailyScriptureandPrayerGuide-GraymoorEcumenical&InterreligiousInstitute.geii.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We are invited to gather for a worship service at 6:00PM, and start this period of prayer that leads to the events of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion during "Holy Week". Due to Covid-19 there will be no marking of ashes on the forehead, but ashes will be used as a symbol of the season in front of the altar.

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.

ATTENTION: THRIVENT BENEFICIAL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. A new year has started. You might be eligible for 1 or 2 Action Team Projects. You can help our church and our community by submitting one of these projects listed below:

1. Nativity Crafty Ladies - material for quilts/maintenance for sewing machines
2. Nativity Food Pantry - animal food/health products
3. Brownies Troop #24433 - cookies for our military
4. Nativity Mental Health and Drug Graduation - gift cards
5. Nativity Sarah Circle - material for prayer scarfs
6. Nativity Days for Girls - material
7. Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584, with which one you have submitted for.



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**.

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. A small donation for the devotional would be greatly appreciated to offset the cost of NLC's subscription.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - next class will be January 31 at 11:00AM, and will be held via Zoom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry Stats for January 13 & 14:
Total Shoppers 41; Total Served 114

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We follow CDC guidelines. The number of people coming to benefit from our Food Pantry has increased to the point that we have added a second day to accommodate the higher demand. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, 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 18

Council Meeting (Al Lien + Zoom) 7:00PM

Tuesday, January 19

Men's Breakfast (Perkins) 8:30AM

Wednesday, January 20

Food Pantry 9:30AM

Thursday, January 21

Food Pantry 9:30AM

Friday, January 22

Backpack Ministry (Winemiller) 7:30AM

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

January 31 - Thankoffering Service, 9:30AM (NLC)
February 17 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00PM (NLC)

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

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