

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

LENT 2021 OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Lent is a time of renewal, prayer, sacrifice and preparation. Resources will include works from renowned author Henri J. M. Nouwen. Our last service is March 31 and the topic is Community.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00PM

**Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross, 3PM - 6PM
Good Friday Service, 6:00PM**

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Service, 9:30AM

TO MY NATIVITY FAMILY, I can't even begin to **THANK YOU** all for the love, care, support, and kindness you have shown me since John has passed. I feel so blessed to have you all in my life. I didn't realize just how many of you would attend John's memorial service, and sadly there were not enough little memory cards for everyone. I plan to order more of them as we will be having a service in Illinois in mid-summer. So please, if there is ANYONE here that would like to have one, let me know so I can make sure I have enough, You can either call at 352-382-9085, or email me at jseidl1@tampabay.rr.com. Again, **THANK YOU.** HUGS, Judy Seidl

ATTENTION THRIVENT BENEFIT MEMBERS: March 31st is the deadline to transfer any choice dollars for 2020. You can transfer to any organization you wish to donate these funds to. Verify with Thrivent if you have choice dollars available.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER STATIONS - April 2, 3:00PM - 6:00PM. On Good Friday, April 2, 2021, Experiential Prayer Stations will be offered from 3:00-6:00pm (prior to the Tenebrae Service). We hope that you will come and see a different way of participating in Good Friday. If you have question, please call Michelle Mehan at 727-267-1047.

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING - We are looking for several people to welcome those coming to worship at 9:30am and take attendance as people enter the narthex. If you would like to help out, call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820, or see her before or after the Sunday service.

COMMUNITY LIFE

REMINDER AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AT 10:45AM

Please join us after today's service for our annual congregational meeting. During this meeting we present the Annual Report, and our year-end financial reports from the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, three amendments to our Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions are scheduled for the agenda.

2021 TROMPETER FUND GRANTS AWARDED

The Mission Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded grants from the David and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund for 2021 in the amount of \$61,180. The following were recipients of this year's awards: People Helping People (Neighborhood Blessings), People Helping People (Senior Blessings), Lighthouse for the Blind, Village of Hope Haiti, Days for Girls, Crafty Ladies, NAMI, Crescent of Hernando, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Nativity Lutheran Food Pantry, Homosassa Elementary School PTO, Golden Rainbow Ranch, Nativity Lutheran radio ministry, Nativity Lutheran web streaming, Resurrection House, and Healthy Families Pasco. The details of the awards are listed on a sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Administrative Building. The Trompeter Endowment guidelines dictate that none of the fund or proceeds of the fund can be used for current expenses or building programs of the church. The Fund is completely separate from our church's budget.

GET YOUR ORDERS IN TODAY FOR EASTER LILIES - We are accepting orders for Easter lilies until March 29 (\$8.00 each). Special envelopes are available in the narthex. These lilies will adorn our sanctuary April 4th, Easter Sunday's Celebration of our risen Lord. Following the 9:30AM service, you may take your lily home to enjoy.



CARDS R US April 7th and 14th, from 12:30PM-3:00PM, in Winemiller Hall. We are gathering because at least some of us are now protected by having received vaccinations. It's a happy day! If anyone enjoys being creative and, at the same time, wants to help those in a financial crisis, this is the mission for you. All proceeds from donations for our cards are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Supplies and tools are provided. For information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

COLUMBARIUM NEWS: You may have noticed more name plates are being placed on our Columbarium. We have only 4 single niches left. The purchase price for each niche is \$500.00. Our Columbarium is maintained by a committee of three. Dennis Rogers (chair), Ernie Horeis, and Buddy Kristoferson. It is conveniently located for visitation by loved ones and friends to visit.

REMINDER FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY. For those givers who choose to give electronically without offering envelopes, the Lenten season provides more opportunities to give than just Sundays. There are opportunities to give every Wednesday during Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 17th, on Maundy Thursday, April 1st and, again, on Good Friday, April 2nd. Your additional giving during this time is always welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you from your 2021 Financial Secretary, Jane Henkel

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 2 MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 30 at 7pm. A brief meeting will be held in Winemiller Hall to discuss the sale taking place on April 17 as well as the set up the week of April 12. Also, no donations will be accepted after March 30. If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry Stats for March 24 & 25:
Total Shoppers 22; Total Served 53

NEW INTERNET. If you would like to connect to our internet when on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

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

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

MARCH/APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH —WORLD HUNGER. More than 800 million people, that's 11 percent of people in our world today are hungry. The ELCA has undertaken a huge responsibility to feed as many people as possible – especially thru the ELCA World Hunger program. This is our chance to help. Any giving, no matter what the amount, is taken in a big way. You can help by putting your contributions into one of the ELCA World Hunger envelopes in your envelope boxes or in a green envelopes and mark it World Hunger. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I thank you for being a part of this salvation. For additional information please contact me at 352-683-9141, or jchristensen26@tampabay.rr.com.

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, March 29

Altar Guild Meeting (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Communication Team (Zoom)	3:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, March 30

Trinkets & Treasures Meeting (Winemiller)	7:00PM
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Wednesday, March 31

Food Pantry	9:30AM
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Thursday, April 1

Backpack Ministry (Winemiller)	7:30AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Maundy Thursday Service	6:00PM

Friday, April 2

TOPS (Winemiller)	8:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Stations of the Cross	3:00PM
Good Friday Service	6:00PM
Deacons Meeting	7:00PM

Saturday, April 3

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)

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

April 4 - Easter Sunday Service, 9:30AM

April 5 - Office is Closed

April 17 - Trinkets and Treasures, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Hazel Zakel Memorial Service, 3:00PM