

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**

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589. Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community. **Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists. Tuesday, April 6, 2021** - These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945. Friday, April 9, 2021** - Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war. **Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557. Saturday, April 10, 2021** - Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

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

EASTER LILIES: If you ordered Easter lilies, you may pick them up after the Easter Sunday service.

ALTAR FLOWERS: starting April 11th, if you would like to order flowers in honor or in memory of someone please contact the office at 352-597-1456.

RESULTS OF THE AMENDMENT VOTES

At our Annual Congregational Meeting held Sunday, March 28, 2021, we cast ballots for two different constitutional and bylaw amendments (referred to as Amendment A and Amendment C). The third amendment (referred to as Amendment B) was tabled and will be brought back up at our next regular meeting, which will be held in December. The first amendment (Amendment A) was to make changes to the bylaws for the management of the Mission Endowment Committee. This amendment passes with a 87.3% approval vote: 55 votes in favor, 8 votes against, and 1 abstention. The other amendment for which ballots were cast (Amendment C) was to make changes to the constitution and bylaws concerning an ex-officio member of the Congregation Council from the Mission Endowment Committee. This amendment passes with a 76.2% approval vote: 48 votes in favor, 15 votes against, and 2 abstentions. Amendment A will be placed into our guiding documents immediately and Amendment C will be brought back at our December meeting for a ratification vote. In December, this amendment will require a 2/3 majority vote and will also require the approval of the Florida Bahamas Synod before it can be added to our guiding documents.

CARDS R US April 7th and 21st, 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.

THE NEXT NATIVITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on April 18 at World Woods Golf Club, 17590 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34614. Please be at the course by 1:30PM. You will get your team assignment at that time. Tee time is 2:00PM sharp. Any questions, please contact Jim Runyan at 609-385-6679. We always have a great time, and best of all you do not need to know how to golf. So think about joining us at our last tournament in April.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 2 - This fundraising event for Nativity is taking place at church on Saturday, April 17. Volunteers are needed to help set up the week of April 12 (Monday through Friday) from 9am to approximately 12-1pm. In addition, we need volunteers to work the day of the sale between 8am-4pm (as much time as you can give would be greatly appreciated). Please note that we will be following all the necessary guidelines to keep everyone safe. If you have any questions or you are willing to volunteer, email Evelyn Galli at evgalli@bcany.com or call her at 516-909-3119. Let's make this event a huge success!

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 31 & April 1:
Total Shoppers 14; Total Served 29

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

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

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

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, April 5 - OFFICE CLOSED

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 7

Days For Girls (Al Lien) 9:00AM
Food Pantry 9:30AM
Cards R Us (Winemiller) 12:30PM

Thursday, April 8

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

Friday, April 9

Backpack Ministry (Winemiller) 7:30AM
TOPS (Winemiller) 8:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) 9:00AM

Saturday, April 10

Girl Scout Troop #4427 (Al Lien) 10:00AM
AA/Unity (Winemiller) 5:30PM

Sunday, April 11

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 5 - Office is Closed

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

Hazel Zakel Memorial Service, 3:00PM