

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**

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160. Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330. Friday, May 21, 2021 - Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23 - During the 9:30AM service, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism for Haylee Jayde Newsome, daughter of Christina and James. During the same service Mark Major, Tyler Patterson, Zack Velez, and Emma Wozniak will be confirmed through the Affirmation of Baptism ritual. Please join us during this special day of celebration. The Sanctuary will be decorated in red and we ask all to wear **RED** on this day.

TRINITY SUNDAY – MAY 30, 2021. Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. While the word "trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in *Matthew 28:18-20* and *2 Corinthians 13:14* along with many other Bible passages. The concept of the Holy Trinity can never be completely understood. That is the mystery. Understanding this comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred. In order to better understand Trinity Sunday, you must first know Pentecost Sunday and why it is celebrated.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE: If you would like to order flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the office at 352-597-1456.

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.

COLUMBARIUM NEWS: You may have noticed more name plates are being placed on our Columbarium. We have only 2 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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SARAH CIRCLE - is looking for help! Crocheters and knitters, cash donations for yarn, or yarn itself. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, and would like to help with Nativity's prayer shawl mission, join Sarah Circle on the third Thursday of the month, starting in May, at 10:00am in the Youth Room. Or, if you prefer, the prayer shawls can be made in your home. For information, call Peggy Sanders at 352-382-1781.

CARDS R US - Wednesday, May 19th. Cards R Us will gather to make greeting cards from used cards on May 19th at 12:30-3:00pm in Winemiller Hall. We will maintain the 3-table distance between us to be on the safe side. Please join in this fun, creative, and worthwhile mission, with profits going to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

NEW ADDRESS? If you have recently moved, or are going up north for the summer months, please confirm your address with the church. This way we can update our records and make sure you receive any future correspondence that we may be sending out. You can either call the office at 352-597-1456, or email nativitylutheran63@gmail.com.

MASK WEARING UPDATE

The CDC has issued new guidelines for mask-wearing. Fully vaccinated people don't need to wear masks outdoors anymore unless they are in gatherings with unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people. The agency continues to recommend masks at indoor public places where the transmission is likely to occur. We will continue to wear our masks and keep a safe distance for our sitting arrangements in the church sanctuary. Small group indoor gatherings for meetings are still recommended to wear a mask unless all participants have been fully vaccinated and everybody agrees to remove the masks while still keeping safe distancing. We continue to encourage everyone to assume a caring and nonjudgmental attitude, respecting everyone's sensitivity and comfort level. No one should need to excuse themselves from a meeting for safety issues: the default is still mask-wearing. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - next class will be May 30 at 11:00AM, and will be held via Zoom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry Stats for May 12 & 13:
Total Shoppers 21; Total Served 55

MAY/JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH — REZ HOUSE

Each year Nativity raises money to purchase "Back to School" shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line.

Blessings to All, JoAnne Boggus
for the Mission and Outreach Committee

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, May 17

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	4:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, May 18

Men's Breakfast (Perkins)	8:30AM
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Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

TOPS 461 (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Sarah Circle (Youth Room)	10:00AM
Mission Endowment Committee (Library)	2:00PM

Friday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 22

Girl Scout Troop #4427 (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Girl Scout Recruitment Event (Winemiller)	11:00AM

Sunday, May 23

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

May 23 - Baptism and Confirmations during service
June 6 - Celebration for Ruth Ann Hoy

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**.