

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

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Monday, June 21, 2021

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

Thursday, June 24, 2021

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Friday, June 25, 2021

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Friday, June 25, 2021

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE: If you would like to order flowers in honor or in memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call the office at 352-597-1456. Cost is \$25.00.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Please, mark your calendar, plan to attend, and invite a friend to the following events:

- **June 23** - Healing and Wholeness service, 6:00 PM

At this service, we will spend some time in centering prayer and then invite the Holy Spirit of God to bless us with the gift of healing.

- **July 14** - A Prayer service of Confession & Reconciliation, 6:00 PM
- **August 18** - A Prayer of Intercession for the country, 6:00 PM

For your planning, all services last between 30 and 45 minutes.

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING - We are looking for several people to welcome those coming to worship at 9:30am 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.

PASTOR'S VACATION - Pastor Mattei will be going on vacation July 4 - 20. He will be spending quality time with family in Italy.

COMMUNITY LIFE

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 3 - We are planning to have another sale on Saturday, October 23 (and possibly Friday, October 22). Volunteers will be needed to help make this event a success. I am hoping to schedule a meeting sometime in July or early August. Please stay tuned for more information on the meeting as well as when donations will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

We plan on having coffee hour every Sunday after the worship service and we are in need of volunteers. If you would like help out, please call Janet Jones at 352-684-0174 to sign up and/or if you have any questions.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP CHANGES. Based on CDC guidelines, the Congregation Council voted to modify in-person worship procedures. Thanks to the survey conducted by Scott Henkel over the past two weeks, we have some data that helps us each to assess our personal risk for in-person worship and the new procedures. Starting June 6, we will continue with prior changes and include the following:

- Communion cards will be available in the pews. Please fill one out and deposit your card in the offering basket. This will help us with attendance records and contact tracing.
- Those who have been fully vaccinated are able to attend without a mask if they are comfortable doing so. If you are not fully vaccinated, you are requested to still use a mask for your own protection.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - next class will be June 27 at 11:00AM, and will be held via Zoom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: canceled until further notice.

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for June 16 & 17:
Total Shoppers 13; Total Served 39**

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH

With worship services on Sunday and more groups meeting at church, please let us know if you need someone to pick you up for church activities and we will do our best to see if we can arrange a ride for you.

Also, If anyone can offer rides, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

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, Elva Posewitz
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, June 21

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

Tuesday, June 22

Wednesday, June 23

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Healing & Wholeness Service	6:00PM

Thursday, June 24

TOPS 461 (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM

Friday, June 25

TOPS (Winemiller)	8:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM

Saturday, June 26

Vital Congregations Review (zoom)	10:30AM
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Sunday, June 27

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

July 5 - Office closed in observance of July 4th holiday

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**.