



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

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Friday, July 23, 2021

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

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

July 18th - Pastor Peter Stiller (retired ELCA pastor) will be our presiding minister. Lets give him and his wife Anne a warm Nativity welcome.

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.

LAST PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: Please, mark your calendar, plan to attend, and invite a friend to the following event:

- **August 18** - A Prayer of Intercession for the country, 6:00 PM

For your planning, the service will last between 30 and 45 minutes.

COMMUNITY LIFE

UPDATE: ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AT THE CHURCH ON AUGUST 14TH AT 9:00AM (LUNCH AVAILABLE).

The name of our bible study is Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone) by Angela T. Ikhaber.

Please reserve by calling Mary McDowall (352-503-7215) or the church office (352-597-1456). This Bible Study is also published in "Gather" magazine: June, July and August issues.

CARDS R US, AUGUST 4 - we will gather to create greeting cards made from your donated, used greeting cards on Wednesday, August 4, 12:30-3:00pm. We are looking for new crafters to join us in this fun endeavor and help us provide funds for Pastor Mattei's Discretionary Fund through donations at our card kiosks in the narthex and in the admin bldg. hallway (larger kiosk). For further info, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

COFFEE HOUR

THANK YOU for all of the volunteers who have signed up to make or buy treats for coffee time. Thank you also for the donations which are used to buy coffee, cream and related supplies. Please continue to make note on the sign up sheet kept on the snack table of any open Sundays needing volunteers. Volunteers to help with the coffee vs. snacks is also appreciated. Call Janet Jones at 352-684-0174 for further information.

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 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.

Our annual shopping day for the **MIGRANT WORKERS' CHILDREN'S SHOES PROJECT** is **July 30 in Zephyrhills**. It is always a joy to see children shopping for this essential item before the start of the new school year. This mission project is in collaboration with Resurrection (Rez) House Lutheran Church in Dade City. Those who go shopping with the children enjoy a common meal together if time allows. Carpooling available.

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**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - We will begin again the end of August and classes will be in person. More information to follow in August.

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for July 14 & 15:
Total Shoppers 30; Total Served 76**

JULY/AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH - FOOD PANTRY

Nativity Lutheran Church operates a food pantry to help feed those in our community who are in need. Our food pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed and can be dropped off during church office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Money donations are also accepted. You can use the green envelope in the church pew and make sure to note "Food Pantry" on the envelope. For more information, please contact Bonnie Kuester at 352-596-8548.

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.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, July 19

Harmonizers 6:00PM

Tuesday, July 20

Men's Breakfast (Perkins) 8:30AM

Wednesday, July 21

Food Pantry 9:30AM

Thursday, July 22

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

Friday, July 23

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

Saturday, July 24

Sunday, July 25

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

- July 30 - Migrant Workers' Children Shoes Project
- August 14 - WON Bible Study
- August 16 - Council Meeting
- August 18 - A Prayer of Intercession for the Country

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

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