



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

James, Apostle. Sunday, July 25, 2021 - James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians. Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany. Thursday, July 29, 2021 - Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030. Thursday, July 29, 2021 - Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

LAST PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: Is there a prayer need on your heart? Are you seeking peace for yourself, your family, your country? Are you worried about someone's health? Job security? Are you concerned about the violence in our country and around the world? If there is anything that weighs you down, come and bring it to the Lord in prayer. 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.

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.

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.

MIGRANT WORKERS' CHILDREN'S SHOES PROJECT - JULY 30. Our annual shopping day for the Migrant Workers' Children's Shoes Project is July 30, 5:00PM at the Wal-Mart in Zephyrhills (7631 Gall Blvd). 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.

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.

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.

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 mid-August.

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for July 21 & 22:
Total Shoppers 28; Total Served 64**

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 26

Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Harmonizers	6:00PM

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, July 28

Food Pantry	9:30AM
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Thursday, July 29

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

Friday, July 30

TOPS (Winemiller)	8:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Children's Shoe Shopping (Zephyrhills)	5:00PM

Saturday, July 31

Sunday, August 1

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

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