



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

PRESIDING OVER TODAY'S SERVICE: Pastor Peter Stiller (retired ELCA pastor). Let's give him and his wife Anne a warm Nativity welcome.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS - Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF). Monday, September 20, 2021 - A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity. **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Tuesday, September 21, 2021 -** Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

AN INVITATION TO ALL!

The Nativity Congregational Church Council invites you to an informal gathering to provide updates or clarification on any items of interest you may have, along with discussing your visions and concerns for our church. **Please plan to join us after worship on Sunday, October 3rd in Winemiller Hall.** Refreshments will be served. This is a first step to fulfill the desire expressed at our last congregational meeting to have a more relaxed setting and an open exchange for questions, concerns, and input from the congregation. Please prayerfully consider attending and helping us to develop and improve the communication within our church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE - The confirmation class will return to an on-line only session for the near future to respond to the recent health needs of some of our children. The hope is to start in person next month. **Our first on-line class will be on September 26 at 11:00 AM.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held every Sunday at 10:45AM following the 9:30AM worship service. Class will be in Al Lien Hall. Children will be asked to wear a mask during class.

THANK YOU! Asta Lundh would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and communion that she has received.

COMMUNITY LIFE

HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA: The morning of Sunday, August 29, Hurricane Ida made landfall twice on the coast of Louisiana as a Category 4 hurricane. Louisiana has faced the brunt of Ida's impacts, seeing similar destruction to 2004's Hurricane Katrina. States along the gulf experienced impacts of Ida, with part of the Panhandle facing flooding, storm surge, and tornados. Hurricane Ida is another reminder that a natural disaster can hit at any moment. Please use a green envelope and earmark it for Hurricane Ida, and make your check out to Nativity Lutheran Church.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 3 - Our next sale will be on Friday, October 22 from 9AM-2PM and Saturday, October 23 from 9AM-1PM. To make this event a success, volunteers are needed both prior to the sale as well as during and after the sale. We need people to help sort the donations as they come in, help with set up and break down as well as during the two sale dates. If you are willing to help out, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex or you can call Evelyn Galli at 352-556-2820 or 516-909-3119. Donations will be accepted on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12PM (if no one is at the container, we will be in Al Lien Hall). Donated items accepted include: dishes, glassware, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, small appliances, holiday decorations, frames, knick knacks, linens and small tools. When dropping off donations, appreciate any fragile items be packed with newspaper and boxed so that they do not break (we've had several items dropped off and have either broken or gotten chipped). We also need newspaper for wrapping items. Donations will be **NOT** be accepted Wednesdays through Fridays. Any questions regarding donations, please call Evelyn at one of the numbers listed above.

Please check out our website at: www.nlcww.org



MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 7:00PM. The Fellowship Committee is excited to offer a night at the movies. We can accommodate 50 people safely. The cost will be \$1.00 and free for kids. This will include popcorn and drinks. The movie is IN THE HEIGHTS. Lin-Manuel the creator of Hamilton, the musical, offers a cinematic event where the streets are made of music and little dreams become big. Patti and Tim saw it and loved it. A sign-up sheet will be on the board in the narthex, and will go up October 3rd. If you are interested sign up early, and if you do and find out you can't attend please remove your names.

OUTREACH

MISSION OUTREACH UPDATE: Thanks to the generosity of many, Nativity has collected \$2,540. The Florida-Bahamas Synod has already sent over \$10,000 and will be sending more soon including our special donation. Nativity has always had a special heart for Haiti who seems to be the most derelict of the hemisphere. Social conflicts and natural disasters seem to be relentless. The Lutheran Church in Haiti, along with many other denominations, have taken on the job of organizing the immediate relief, especially in hard-to-reach areas. Again, thank you for your generosity.

**Food Pantry Stats for September 15 & 16:
Total Shoppers 38; Total Served 109**

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS - OPEN PROJECTS

1. Brownie Troop - goodies for military
2. School Supplies - food pantry children
3. Angel Tree - xmas gifts, food, quilts for inmates children
4. N.L.C. - healing after loss reading material
5. Friday Tops - food pantry items
6. Rez House - food pantry
7. Police & Fire Department - stuffed animals
8. Hygiene Kits - nursing homes

Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584, or Tim Cotter at 352-797-9682 for more information, and if you need help submitting one of these projects.

HOME COMMUNION - If you or anyone you know have just gone through surgery and are rehabilitating at home, or for any other health reason, please let us know and we will make sure you get on our list of home visitation. Call the office at 352-597-1456.

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**.

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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL MISSIONS

The Global Mission Committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod is involved with three Lutheran Churches abroad for mutual spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Our Companion Synods are the Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti (ELH), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG), and the Iglesia Evangelic Unita-Sinodo Luterano (IEU-SL) in Cuba. The funds collected during this period will go toward the support of our Lutheran congregations in Haiti. Please use a green envelope, mark it for Global Missions, and make the check out to Nativity Lutheran Church.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 20

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	4:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Soul Seekers (Zoom)	7:00PM

Tuesday, September 21

Wednesday, September 22

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Membership Team (Library)	3:00PM
Choir Practice (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Thursday, September 23

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS 461 (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Lay Leadership (Winemiller)	11:15AM
Weeki Wachee Band Rehearsal (Winemiller)	7:00PM

Friday, September 24

TOPS (Winemiller)	8:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Book Club (Zoom)	2:00PM

Saturday, September 25

Sunday, September 26

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	10:45AM
Confirmation Class (Zoom)	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

October 3 -	World Communion Day
	Congregational Meeting
October 15 -	Movie Night
October 22 & 23 -	Trinkets & Treasures

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

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