

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

SPECIAL ADVENT WORSHIP - December 8, 15, & 22, you are invited to join in an online worship service (an email will be sent out with the link). There will be music featuring Holden Evening prayer, a scripture passage and a message. We hope you will join us as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Please reach out to Michelle Mehan, ELCA Deacon with any questions, shelltbf@hotmail.com.

"THE LONGEST NIGHT" - Tuesday, December 21, 7:00pm at Nativity Lutheran Church. Have you experienced loss of a loved one this year, loss of a job, loss of a dream, loss of what might have been? Do the thoughts of Christmas bring anxiety, hopelessness, doubt, emptiness, loneliness? You are welcome and invited to our longest night service. Questions? Please call Michelle Mehan-Conklin at 727-267-1047.

COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US! Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 7:00PM.

POINSETTIA ORDERS - We will have 32 6.5" potted plants (red with gold foil) \$8.00 each, and 3 10" potted plants (white with gold foil) \$20.00 each. The white plants will be on the altar through Sunday, January 2, 2022. Envelopes are in available in the narthex on November 28th. The plants are on a first come first served basis. You can also call the office (352-597-1456) to reserve your poinsettia.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Our next class will be an on-line class on December 5 at 11 a.m

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held every Sunday at 10:45AM following the 9:30AM worship service. Class will be in Al Lien Hall. Masks required.

COMMUNITY LIFE

FELLOWSHIP - MYSTERY DINNER, DECEMBER 7. Today is the last day for tickets which are available before and after the 9:30AM service. See Patti Cotter in the narthex. You leave a deposit of \$10.00 per person which will be returned to you that night. We meet at church at 4:00PM for appetizers, and then you will receive directions to the restaurant.

MARY JOY CIRCLE - DECEMBER 9th at 12:30PM. All women of Nativity Lutheran Church are invited to the Mary Joy Circle meeting on December 9th at 12:30PM. We will use the devotions from Gather magazine on Mary and Elizabeth. A cookie exchange will follow the meeting. Each person is requested to bring 2 dozen cookies for the exchange. For questions about this ministry you can call Jean Drach at 352-428-0834.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - DECEMBER 14. Libby and John Capell have invited Friendship Circle to celebrate a Christmas potluck luncheon at their home in Pasco County on Tuesday, December 14, at 12:30pm. This will be an outdoor get-together, weather permitting. Attendees are asked to RSVP and to coordinate their dishes with Libby (817-266-4372). Libby and John will provide the entree, potatoes and vegetable. They are asking the rest of us to bring a cold appetizer or cold salad to share, plus 2 dozen cookies for dessert and for a cookie exchange. In lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, we will take a goodwill offering to purchase goats and other needed animals, seeds, etc. from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. These gifts will support ELCA'S World Hunger sustainable development project in Haiti. The Capells' address is 18775 Heneguen Lane, Spring Hill 34610.

TRINKETS & TREASURES - PART 4. We are hoping to have the next sale in early April. Please do NOT drop off any items without first checking with me as we have a limited amount of space available. (Please do not leave anything outside or in front of the containers.) A meeting is being planned for early January. Stay tuned for more info. Any questions, please call Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.



CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS ARE DUE. All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office, please do so as soon as possible. Any questions, please call the church office at 352-597-1456.

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.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - TEDDY BEAR PROJECT is again accepting your donations of new (with manufacturer's tag still attached) teddy bears and other stuffed animals. These little critters will be donated to the Hernando County Sheriff's Department for their deputies to give to children traumatized in an accident or involved in other scary events. Stuffed animals will be available at steep discounts after Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. They may be left with Linda in the office or coordinate with Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

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, December 6

Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Executive Committee (Al Lien)	7:30PM

Tuesday, December 7

Mystery Dinner (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Girl Scouts #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Girl Scouts #24433 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Wednesday, December 8

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Card Playing Group (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Worship & Music (Zoom)	4:30PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, December 9

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	12:30PM
Weekend Blessings (Winemiller)	2:00PM
Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg (Winemiller)	7:00PM

Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

Angel Tree Party (Al Lien)	1:00PM
AA/Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM

Sunday, December 12

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	10:45AM
Congregational Meeting (Winemiller)	10:45AM

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE - Applications for 2022 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2021. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. The guideline rankings used for determining a grant include meeting human needs for food, water, and shelter; alleviating human trauma; religious education; and enriching the quality of life. Applications may be picked up in the church office or requested to be sent by mail by calling the office at 352-597-1456. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

COLUMBARIUM NEWS - Niches #s 8 & 9 have become available to purchase along with #110. Please contact Ernie Horeis if you need information at 352-666-7584.

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for December 1 and 2
Total Shoppers 23; Total Served 54**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE. It starts with a gift and leads to lives transformed through Jesus Christ!! And that is what it is all about, one small gift, one story of Jesus, and one loving smile. Makes one small child feel loved. The year 2021 has been a difficult one for many. Just think of the child who has one or maybe both of his or her parents in jail. No visits, no good night kisses. We have applied for the 35 children again this year. Our plan is to have a Christmas party on December 11 with all the fixings and to make this year their best. Please be so kind to take an envelope off the Angel Tree in the narthex, and place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support for Prison Fellowship. ~Linda Russo

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

December 21 - Longest Night Service
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

INTERNET. When on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

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

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