

## 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

**Conversion of Paul. Tuesday, January 25, 2022** - The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

**Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries. Wednesday, January 26, 2022** - These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

**Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith. Thursday, January 27, 2022** - Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

**Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274. Friday, January 28, 2022** - One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 - THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Please join us on Sunday, January 30th, for our Thankoffering Service. Preaching will be ELCA Deacon Michelle Mehan-Conklin, and Assisting Minister is Deacon Charlotte Downing. A special offering will be collected during the service in honor of all the work the WON do for our church.

**After the Thankoffering Service, the WON will meet in Winemiller Hall** for a brief meeting and pot luck luncheon. You may bring your favorite dish, or a monetary donation will be gladly accepted. Janet Jones will have a special boutique set-up to honor her mom, Georgeanna. A love offering plate will be set out to support the church. All are welcome! For questions about this ministry you can call Jean Drach at 352-684-1632.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELMER MARTIN** will be held on January 29th at 11:00AM. A light lunch will follow in Winemiller Hall.

**WHITE PEW CARDS** - thank you for filling these cards out during the Sunday service. Please note that only one card per family is necessary, and you do not need to put your address on the cards, unless something has changed.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - Our next class will be via zoom on January 30th at 11:00AM.

**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

**CARDS R US** - Cards R Us friends will meet on first and second Wednesdays in February, on the 2nd and 9th, from 12:30pm-3:00pm. We would love to welcome new friends in this ministry, which is to turn over all donations for the cards to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for further information.

**FELLOWSHIP - MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, February 18th, 6:00pm.** Movie will be Hachi, a Dog's Tale, starring Richard Gere. There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex, we will accept 50 people. If you sign up and find you can not attend, please remove your name. The cost is \$00.00, that's right FREE. We will also offer popcorn and beverages. Any questions call Patti Cotter at 352-797-9682.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - ELCA GOOD GIFTS.** ELCA Good Gifts will support ELCA World Hunger Sustainable Development Project in Haiti. Any goodwill donations received will go towards purchasing goats and other needed animals, seeds, etc.

Please check out our website at: [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org)



**TRINKETS AND TREASURES - PART 4.** We will start accepting items for donations on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning January 24th from 9am-12pm (sale dates are Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2). Volunteers are needed for sorting, setting up the week of March 28 as well as on the sale days. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. For more information on the sale, please pick up the flyer in the narthex. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, you can contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

**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**.

**THE HERNANDO HARMONIZERS** will be holding a concert to benefit Nativity Lutheran Church. The concert will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 2PM and will be held in the sanctuary of the church. The theme will be "Music through the Years" and will include songs such as Cabaret, Carolina In the Morning, It's Only a Paper Moon, among others. Tickets are free and a love offering will be collected. You can pick up tickets in the narthex before and after the 9:30AM Sunday service or you can stop by the church office weekdays between 9AM-12PM. For more information, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday, January 24**

Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Soul Seekers (zoom)	7:00PM

**Tuesday, January 25**

Girl Scouts (Winemiller)	6:00PM
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**Wednesday, January 26**

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Card Playing Group (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Membership Team (Library)	3:00PM
Choir (Sanctuary) <b>To be determined</b>	6:00PM

**Thursday, January 27**

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Mission Endowment Committee (Library)	2:00PM
Weekend Blessings (Winemiller)	2:00PM

**Friday, January 28**

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

**Saturday, January 29**

Elmer Martin's Memorial Service	11:00AM
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**Sunday, January 30 - Thankoffering Service**

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	10:45AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	10:45AM
WON Meeting (Winemiller)	11:00AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	11:00AM

**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

February 5 - Harmonizers Concert (2p NLC)  
February 18 - Movie Night (6p NLC)

**OUTREACH**

**Food Pantry Stats for January 19 and 20  
Total Shoppers 43; Total Served 127**

**THRIVENT MEMBERS: "CHOICE DOLLARS"**. Remember to verify if you have any choice dollars remaining from 2021. You have until March of this year to make your donation (Nativity). For verification call 1-800-847-4836. **"Action Team Projects"** - volunteers are needed to submit three projects and use Thrivent's credit card to purchase music for Weeki Wachee Band, Nativity Choir, or Nativity Bell Choir. Any questions, contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584.

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 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 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.

**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