

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

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444. Monday, June 27, 2022

- Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202. Tuesday, June 28, 2022

- This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles. Wednesday, June 29, 2022

- These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators. Friday, July 1, 2022

- Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

USHERS NEEDED: We will need 2 ushers for each 9:30AM service. The duties of an usher is to carry bread and wine to the altar at the time of the Offertory and invite people to line up for Communion. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex listing the Sunday service dates. June is covered, however, we do need ushers for July and August. If you would like to help, please sign up for whatever date(s) fits your schedule. Your time is greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED. On this day we will have two new members join the Nativity Lutheran Church family. Please join us in welcoming them. Refreshments will be served in Winemiller Hall afterwards.

NEW COMMUNION PROCEDURE HAS STARTED

At the time of Communion, the Congregation will be invited to the altar by the ushers starting from the back pews. Allow enough space between you and the person in front of you. You will approach the Pastor and Assistant one at a time to receive and consume the host and wine/grape juice.

Please, consume the host and wine/grape juice by the station, then deposit the plastic communion cup in the bowl located at the end of the communion rails. Once you return to your seat, please use this time for singing or QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER.

Those with mobility issues, and anyone uncomfortable about proceeding to the altar, may receive communion at their seat. Tell the usher closest to you of your preference. Just remember to sit on the ends of the pews for easy access for Pastor and the Assistant.

The June/July issue of *Living Lutheran*, and the July, August, September, issue of *Christ In Our Home*, are now available in the narthex and administration building. A small donation is greatly appreciated to help offset the cost.

COLUMBARIUM NEWS: There are two niches left, #'s 8 and 9. Contact the church office at 352-597-1456, if you are interested in purchasing.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS - The Confirmands "Statement of Faith" will be in the July Newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Watch announcements for start date. Have a wonderful summer!



COMMUNITY LIFE

PASTOR'S EMAIL - it seems that Pastor Mattei's email has been compromised again. Please delete any emails you may receive from him. He would NEVER ask you to get a gift card, or any requests for money, via email. Any doubts, please call the church office to confirm (352-597-1456).

GREETERS NEEDED: Evelyn Galli will not be at church services on June 26, and July 3 & 10. We would like to have a greeter or two to welcome people on Sunday mornings. An outgoing personality is all that is needed to fulfill this ministry. If you can help out, please let the office know (352-597-1456). Thank you!

CRAFTY LADIES NEED PEOPLE TO SEW! Do you want to learn to sew (a straight line) to create the beautiful quilts we send to Lutheran World Relief? We are offering sewing lessons at 9:30AM on July 22 & 29; and August 5 & 12. Any questions, please call Jill Helgeson at 352-686-3367.

HEAD COUNTER(S) NEEDED: Looking for someone, or two, who loves working with clerical opportunities. The church has one recording various donations received from our Sunday service. Once a month, usually on a Monday morning, you will work with two other counters that week which takes about 1-2 hours. You will then take the donations to the bank and bring back the receipt. Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-666-7584 for more information.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND PLASTIC BAGS: The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help with this very important mission. There are many tasks that need people to assist with - no amount of time is too small. Contact Janet and Todd Holly at 352-503-6215. You can drop off plastic bags during office hours.

CHOIR PRACTICE - the choir is off for the summer. We will not meet again until August 3rd. Have a wonderful, safe and fun summer! ~Donna Olsen

OUTREACH

**Food Pantry Stats for June 22 and 23
Total Shoppers 43; Total Served 73**

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

MAY/JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ HOUSE.

Each year Nativity raises money to purchase "Back to School" shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line. THANK YOU. Blessings to All, Linda Russo

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, June 27

Bell Choir Workshop (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, June 28

Girl Scout Troop Bridging Ceremony (Winemiller)	6:00PM
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Wednesday, June 29

Card Playing Group (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Tops (Winemiller)	9:00AM

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

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

July 4 - Office Closed

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

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