

## 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.*

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

**THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AT 11:00AM.** A daylight service will help those who don't feel comfortable driving at night. Holy Cross Lutheran Church members will join us and their new pastor, the Reverend Teresa Stewart, will deliver the sermon. Refreshments in Winemiller Hall will follow the service. **We will need 2 ushers for this service. If you can assist, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex.**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND BRUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH** - Nativity Choir will be offering a beautiful Christmas Cantata at the 9:30am service. After the service the Fellowship Committee will be hosting our Christmas Brunch. It is complimentary so all you have to do is make sure you sign up in the narthex. Look for the big poster and the sign up sheet will be there. If you have any questions about anything, please give me a call at 352-797-9682. ~PATTI COTTER

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATES:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 7:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 10:AM

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** will be available to order starting November 27th and ending on December 14. Look for envelopes by the poinsettia display in the narthex. Cost is \$8.00 for regular size, we will also have 6 large poinsettias at a cost of \$20.00 each.

**PROMISE CARDS.** We have available "Promise Cards" for you to pick up in the narthex, before or after the 9:30AM church service. Please be prepared to return your promise card by the 27th. You can drop off your card in one of the blue buckets (marked promise cards) in the narthex, or you can bring to the church office.

**CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 1ST:** All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office by December 1. Any questions, please call the church office at 352-597-1456.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 5:30PM MOVIE PIZZA/NIGHT.** We will be seeing a new movie—DOLLY PARTON ON THE CHRISTMAS SQUARE. We will be serving pizza, popcorn and beverages. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex, and there will be a small charge of \$2.00 per person at the door to help pay for the pizza.

**TREE TRIMMING PARTY** - Please join us on **Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00am** to help decorate the 12 foot tree in Winemiller Hall. We know it will add some lovely decoration for the WON Luncheon and the Cantata Brunch. Refreshments will be served to the participants. If you have any questions about anything, please give me a call at 352-797-9682. ~PATTI COTTER

**SAVE THE DATE: W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon - Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 11:30AM.** All women of Nativity are invited to the annual Christmas luncheon. Tickets are \$8.00 each and can be purchased in the narthex before or after service today. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jean Drach at 352-684-1632 or Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

**TROMPETER APPLICATIONS** - Applications for 2023 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, 2022. 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. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.



**SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.** Our annual congregational meeting for budget and elections will be held after Sunday service.

**THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** will continue its second season with Holiday concerts on Saturday, December 3 at 2 pm at the Spring Hill United Church of Christ and **Sunday, December 4 at 2 pm at Nativity Lutheran Church.** A variety of Christmas music will be played. The concert is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

**THANK YOU** to the ladies who dropped off yarn and made a few shawls. God bless, Peg Sanders

**NURSERY PROJECT** - You may have noticed that our church's nursery has been cleaned and is now open to children who are accompanied by an adult. (We hope in the future to have regular volunteers to staff it.) We are currently looking for donations of cash or Thrivent cards to raise \$800 to purchase two gliders and a toy storage container. If you are willing to contribute, please mark your donation "Nursery Project." For questions, you may talk with Linda Hengesh, Linda Russo, or Carlan Helgeson.

## **OUTREACH**

**Food Pantry Stats for November 16 & 17**  
**Total Served: 171**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER:** Men's clothing, men's deodorant (speed stick 1.8oz), VO5 shampoo (15oz), toothbrushes, toilet paper (1000 sheet rolls); women's deodorant (secret 1.5oz), toothpaste (ultrabright 6oz), soap, hand sanitizer (8oz).

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE** - This mission is to restore those affected by crime and incarceration. They believe that all are created in God's image and that no life is beyond God's reach. We at Nativity will receive names of 35 children from our community whose parent(s) are incarcerated. **On December 3rd we will host a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers.** Each child will receive a gift from their mom or dad with a personal note. If you would like to donate to this mission, please take an envelope from the tree in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support. Please call me to join the fun.

Linda Russo, 352-596-0673 or 352-428-7764

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

**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, November 21**

Thanksgiving Meal Assembly	1:00PM
Council Meeting (Al Lien)	3:00PM
Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

#### **Tuesday, November 22**

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution	9:00AM
Thanksgiving Service	11:00AM

#### **Wednesday, November 23**

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Centering Prayer (Zoom)	12:30PM

#### **Thursday, November 24**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - office and pantry closed

#### **Friday, November 25**

#### **Saturday, November 26**

#### **Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent**

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

December 1 - Pizza/Movie Night (5:30PM)  
December 3 - Angel Tree Party (3:00PM)  
December 6 - Tree Trimming Party (10:00AM)  
December 10 - WON Christmas Luncheon (11:30AM)

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

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30A - 12:30P