

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are available to order now. Last day to place your order will be December 14. Look for envelopes by the poinsettia display in the narthex. Cost is \$8.00 for large red 3-stem size, we have 1 left of the huge white poinsettias at a cost of \$20.00 each.

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

HEALING SERVICE WITH ANOINTING, DECEMBER 21 AT 11:00AM - The fast approaching holiday season may be a source of anxiety and/or grief for many of us. This Christmas, the physical absence of a loved one, whether through death, a broken relationship, distance, or military deployment, might not be conducive to a joyful celebration but might evoke feelings of emptiness, sadness, and loneliness. Come for a moment of healing prayer and blessing through anointing on Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00AM.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES - The 2023 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are in your mailbox in Winemiller Hall. Even if you give electronically, please pick up your box which includes special offering envelopes for special occasions throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATES:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 7:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 10:00AM

COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER CHAIN - Prayer gives comfort to those who are in anguish and those who are ill. The prayer chain at Nativity will offer its support in prayer for all who request it. To request a special prayer, or to become a part of this group, contact Madeline Johnson at 352-597-7556.

PROMISE CARDS (estimate of giving). 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 today.

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

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

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. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jean Drach at 352-684-1632 or Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119.

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11. Our annual Congregational Meeting for Budget and Elections will be held after Sunday service on December 11. Copies of the budget are available in the narthex or church office.



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. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

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**.

THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND will perform today, **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.

A CHANCE FOR ADVENTURE FOR OUR NATIVITY FAMILY. Do you enjoy seeing new places but don't like traveling alone? Why not consider taking a cruise to Alaska with some of our Nativity Lutheran family? The Royal Caribbean Ovation of the Seas leaves from and returns to Seattle June 30 to July 7, 2023. Among the stops on this Glacial cruise are Sitka, Skagway, Juneau, and Victoria (British Columbia). Prices for the cruise start at \$799 (per person with double occupancy). For more information, you may view the brochure on the kiosk in the narthex or contact Carlan Helgeson (352-686-3367) if you are interested.

OUTREACH

Food Pantry Stats for November 30 & December 1
Total Served: 85

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: 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 hosted a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers.** Each child received 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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, December 5

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	12:30PM
Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, December 6

Property Meeting (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Decorate Christmas Tree (Winemiller)	10:00AM

Wednesday, December 7

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	9:45AM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Thursday, December 8

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Friendship Circle Outing	4:30PM
Weeki Wachee Winds (Winemiller)	7:00PM
Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (Al Lien)	7:00PM

Friday, December 9

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
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Saturday, December 10

W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon (Winemiller)	11:30AM
AA/Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

January 1 - Service of Lessons and Carols
January 22 - Annual Congregational Meeting

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

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