

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

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Conversion of Paul. Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - 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. Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 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. Friday, January 27, 2023 - 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. Saturday, January 28, 2023 - 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 18-25, 2023. Daily Bible passages and meditations are available for your private prayer in the narthex.

Women's Thankoffering Service, January 29th. During next Sunday's service there will be a special offering collected during the service, which will be given to the Women of the ELCA churchwide organization. You are welcome to come to the altar during this time and place your offering in the basket.

TODAY: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 22, 2023. The agenda for this meeting will include the Annual Report, and our year-end financial reports from the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We are asking congregational members to make the time to attend this important meeting which will occur after the 9:30AM service.

WOMEN OF NATIVITY MEETING AND POT LUCK LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH. After the Thankoffering Service, the WON will meet in Winemiller Hall for a meeting and pot luck luncheon. All WON are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. For questions about this ministry you can call Jean Drach at 352-428-0834.

HELP NEEDED: ALTAR GUILD. Members beautify the worship space and prepare the altar for our Sunday celebration. They also set up for the celebration of weddings and for funeral/memorial services. We invite anyone (male or female) to attend one of our meetings which is held on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:00AM, to find out what we do and how we do it. If you have any questions you would like answered before that please, call Suzanne Chelf at 352-684-7329.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CELEBRATION TODAY! Terry Halgren has turned 90 years young on January 18th. Please join her for a lunch after the congregational meeting today in Winemiller Hall to celebrate her milestone.

Remember its a secret!!!! Shhhh!



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 - Friendship Circle's January adventure will be lunch at Mallie Kyla's Cafe and a visit to Boyette's Grove. We'll meet at Mallie Kyla's, 510 E. Liberty Street, Brooksville, 34601, at 12:15PM. Please RSVP to Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 by Sunday, January 22. To carpool, be at Nativity by 11:30AM. All are more than welcome to join us by RSVPing.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, MYSTERY DINNER. The restaurant can only accept 40 people, there are 16 openings available. If you wish to attend, Patti will be accepting the \$10.00 per person deposit on Sunday before and after the service in the narthex. Once we hit 40, then sadly we cannot accept more.

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 January 18 & 19
Total Served: 170

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Men's clothing, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo (15oz), toilet paper (1000 sheet rolls); toothpaste (6oz), bars of soap.

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 12:30 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 Janet and Todd Holly at 352-503-6215.

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.

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

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**.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. January 23-26; 9:00AM - 12:00PM.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, January 23

Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Council Meeting (Al Lien)	10:30AM
Visitation for Ursula Schramek (NLC)	12:15PM
Memorial Service for Ursula (NLC)	1:00PM
Bell Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, January 24

Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM
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Wednesday, January 25

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Membership Meeting (Library)	3:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, January 26

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Home/Hospital Visitors Mtg (Winemiller)	1:00PM
Weeki Wachee Winds (Winemiller)	7:00PM

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
W.O.N. Meeting & Potluck Luncheon	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

February 19 - Harmonizers Concert (NLC) 2P
 February 25 - Pasta/Trivia Night (NLC) 5P
 February 26 - Weeki Wachee Winds Winter Concert 2P

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

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