

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WEEKI WACHEE

"With the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we carry light and love to the world."

Sunday 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

LENTEN SERVICE - Wednesday, March 29 @ 5:45PM.
The Lent service will start with soup and sandwich at 4:30PM.

The service is led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson and Rev. Edward Lewis. The theme of our last service is "The Marks of Christ".

"LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: A 10-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW" will be held in the Glen Lakes Club House on **Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Last bible study is May 9. The study is taught by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. Come, explore how we can live in hope in a troubled world! No prior Bible study experience is necessary to participate. Since Glen Lakes is a gated community, you must contact Vicki Page to be allowed entrance. Vicki may be emailed at victoriapage@tampabay.rr.com or texted at 352-210-8407.

COMMUNITY LIFE

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Service, 9:30AM

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday Service, 6:00PM

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Tenebrae/Darkness Service, 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday Service, 9:30AM

2023 TROMPETER FUND GRANTS AWARDED. The Mission Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded grants from the David and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund for 2023 in the amount of \$50,650.00. The following were recipients of this year's awards: Lighthouse for the Blind, NAMI, Crafty Ladies, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Days for Girls, Red Tent Project, Nativity Food Pantry, Cards R Us, the Friendship Circle, Homosassa Elementary School PTO, Nature Coast Community Services, Resurrection House, Holy Cross Food Pantry, People Helping People, Nativity Bell Choir, and Crescent of Hernando. The details of the awards are listed on a sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Administrative Building, and on the kiosk in the narthex. The Trompeter Endowment guidelines dictate that none of the fund or proceeds of the fund can be used for current expenses or building programs of the church. The Fund is completely separate from our church's budget.

EASTER LILIES. Lily flowers are mentioned thirteen times in the Bible. The Lord Jesus uses the beauty and simplicity of the lilies to encourage us not to be anxious about life (Matthew 6:25-34). Our traditional way of decorating the sanctuary with lilies brings us beauty and inspiration at Easter time. We are accepting orders for Easter lilies now until April 2nd, at a cost of \$9.00 each. We have 1 hydrangea left at a cost of \$20.00 each. Last day to order will be Sunday, April 2. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. These lilies will adorn our sanctuary April 9th, Easter Sunday's Celebration of our risen Lord. Following the 9:30AM service, you may take your lily home to enjoy.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES PART 6 - Donations will only be accepted on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9am-12pm. **Last day to drop off items is Tuesday, March 28.** Sale dates are Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed for setting up the week of April 17, the actual sale days and breaking down on April 24. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the library in the admin building or on the kiosk in the narthex. For more information on the sale you can contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-232-1074.

Going forward, we will no longer be having our monthly (Tuesday) **Game Day** at Nativity .



SPRING CLEANING – SATURDAY APRIL 1, 9:00A–12:00P. We are looking for volunteers to help with “spring cleaning” of the sanctuary prior to Palm Sunday and Easter. This will involve cleaning of the woodwork on the pews and pulpit. It will also involve cleaning the seats of the pews. Many hands will make light work (and fun!) of this spring cleaning. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for those who can help us with this event.

A second round of “spring cleaning” will be held on April 29 that will focus on the cleaning of the tables and chairs in the Administration building. Further details concerning that event will follow.

OUTREACH

MARCH/APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH WORLD HUNGER. Did you know that 1 in 4 people around the globe are moderately or severely food insecure? ELCA World Hunger is our church ministry to end world hunger and poverty. ELCA walks alongside partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. So with your gift, ELCA can make a difference.

Please help! Your box of offering envelopes includes an envelope for ELCA World Hunger. You can also use the green offering envelopes in the pews and simply make a notation for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. Remember your donations are always welcome. Thank you for your help. May God’s light shine through us. ~Ellen Lapinski

Food Pantry Stats for March 22 & 23

Total Served: 116

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

CLOTHES ARE NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

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.**

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

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE. Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday morning. Then again on Wednesday afternoon. If you need to schedule a time with Pastor, please call the office or his cell phone (978-956-4304).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, March 27

Trinkets & Treasures Sorting (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, March 28

Trinkets & Treasures Sorting (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Bible Study (Glen Lakes Club House)	6:30PM

Wednesday, March 29

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Lenten Soup & Sandwich (Winemiller)	4:30PM
Lenten Service (Sanctuary)	5:45PM
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:30PM

Thursday, March 30

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry	9:30AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Rehearsal (Winemiller)	7:00PM

Friday, March 31

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, April 1

Sanctuary Clean-Up (Sanctuary)	9:00AM
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Sunday, April 2 - PALM SUNDAY

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	10:45AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 6 -	Holy Thursday, 6:00PM
April 7 -	Good Friday, 6:00PM
April 9 -	Easter Sunday, 9:30AM

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

FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30A - 12:30P