

## 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

#### UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330. Sunday, May 21, 2023** - Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

**Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists. Wednesday, May 24, 2023** - These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

**John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564. Saturday, May 27, 2023** - Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

**PENTECOST—SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023.** Pentecost is a Christian holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Sanctuary will be decorated in red and we ask all to wear **RED** that day.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, JUNE 3** - Friendship Circle will see a movie and share a meal with devotions and a short meeting on Saturday, June 3. If BOOK CLUB is still in theaters, we will likely see it. Movie times, which will be released on the previous Wednesday, will determine the theater and restaurant chosen. Details will then be e-mailed to all circle members and anyone else who wishes to attend and contacts Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918).

**SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN OF NATIVITY SOCIAL LUNCHEON - JUNE 21 at Heritage Pines (11524 Scenic Hills Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667) in the Magnolia Room (12n).** There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. See or call Mae Haines for more details (727-863-4329).

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED** - Are you one who wants to see more young families at Nativity? Our cleaned and refurbished nursery is ready to be staffed. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to spend one Sunday a month or one Sunday every other month to help watch any children who need nursery care. If you can help with this IMPORTANT MINISTRY of our church, please let Carlan Helgeson know by emailing him at [cdhelgeson@gmail.com](mailto:cdhelgeson@gmail.com) or calling 352-686-3367. We hope to have the nursery staffed by the end of May.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**RACHEL'S DAY NOISY COLLECTION** - The total collected was \$747.47. All proceeds will benefit the Harbor House of Central Florida. Thank you Nativity for your generosity!

**TABLE MISSING.** We are missing a small rectangular white table that we had borrowed from a friend of one of our church members that was used for Trinkets & Treasures. We know a few of you brought tables for the sale and perhaps someone took home this particular table by mistake. We'd appreciate you checking and letting us know if you have it or know where it is. Thank you, Evelyn Galli (516-909-3119).



**MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT - MAY 28.** After worship service there will be a cookout hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Ticket sales and sign-up will begin on May 7. Cost is \$5.00. Any questions, please contact the Cotters @ 352-797-9682.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE.** Pr. Giuseppe will be in the office on Monday morning and then will continue his Sabbatical through next week. In case of Pastoral Emergencies, please call the office and care will be provided to you. If you need to speak to Pr. Giuseppe directly, please call him on his cell phone (978-956-4304).

## OUTREACH

**MAY/JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ (Resurrection Lutheran) 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

### **Food Pantry - May 17 & 18**

**Total Served: 126**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** 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.**
- **PLASTIC BAGS 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**.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 22

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

### Tuesday, May 23

Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller) 6:00PM

### Wednesday, May 24

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

### Thursday, May 25

Days for Girls (Library) 9:00AM  
TOPS (Winemiller) 9:00AM  
Food Pantry 9:30AM

### Friday, May 26

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

### Saturday, May 27

### Sunday, May 28

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM  
Memorial Day Cookout 11:00AM

### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

May 29 - Office Closed  
June 8-10 - Synod Assembly

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

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