



## 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

**Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226. Wednesday, October 4, 2023** - Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

**Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864. Wednesday, October 4, 2023** - Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

**William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536. Friday, October 6, 2023** - Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787. Saturday, October 7, 2023** - Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

**TRINKETS AND TREASURES OCT. 20 & 21** - Donations will only be accepted on Mondays from 9AM-12PM and Tuesdays from 1PM-4PM with the last day for drop off being Tuesday, October 10. We also will need newspapers for wrapping as well as bags. There are many ways in which you can help to make this a huge success. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, you can contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-232-1074.

**CLUB 75** - A new social group is starting up at Nativity Lutheran Church. Our first lunch gathering will be October 24th. The only criteria to be part of this fellowship group is that you must be 75 years old or older! Transportation will be provided for everyone needing it. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. You can also call Linda in the office with any questions (352-597-1456).

**2023 WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING.** Registration is open for the 2023 Fall Gathering, Holy Ground - God Still Speaks. November 10-12, 2023. Registration is open and available online at [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com)  
-PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION  
Warren Willis United Methodist Camp  
4990 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL

**WAYS TO DONATE TO NATIVITY.** Nativity has a Venmo account. You can send a donation to: @Nativity-LutheranChurch. We also have a QR code (see code on left) that is specifically for Nativity donations. Just point your phone's camera at it and a website address will pop up.



### COMMUNITY LIFE

**OUR NATIVITY CHANCEL CHOIR** is beginning rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata. If you are interested in just singing for our Cantata on Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am, please contact Donna Olsen 352-220-2318.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** When: October 1 and 15. Children will be excused from service after Special Music, and meet the teachers in the back of church

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - When: Oct 8 & 22 at 11a, in the Library.

**CLUB 6363:** When: Oct. 1 at 6p, in Winemiller Hall.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY.** A Bible Study opportunity is on Wednesday evenings October 4 (in Winemiller Hall) & Oct 18 (in the Sanctuary) from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Oct 4th session is entitled "Same-sex Scripture References in the Biblical Context," followed by "Sexual Issues in the Church Today." Everyone is welcome to learn and grow together.

## OUTREACH

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL MISSIONS.** The Global Mission Committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod is involved with three Lutheran Churches abroad for mutual spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Our Companion Synods are the Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti (ELH), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG), and the Iglesia Evangelic Unita-Sinodo Luterano (IEU-SL) in Cuba. The funds collected during this period will go toward the support of our Lutheran congregations in Haiti. Please use a green envelope, mark it for Global Missions, and make the check out to Nativity Lutheran Church.

**FOOD PANTRY: Sept. 27 & 28, total served 150**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Thursday, October 5th, 11:00AM** at the Humane Society, 7200 Mobley Rd, Brooksville, 34601. Members of the Sheriff's Department K-9 unit and Mounted Horse unit will be participating. Hope you can join us. Donations can be brought to the Humane Society that day. List of donations can be found on back of flyer in narthex.

**HOLD THE DATE: OCTOBER 28th - TRUNK OR TREAT, 3PM-6PM, Nativity parking lot.** Hold phone camera to QR code to open up volunteer opportunities.



**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**.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE.** Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office Monday through Wednesday in the morning. On Thursday, Pr. Giuseppe will be leading the Blessing of the Animals at the Humane Society in Brooksville. You may get in touch with him to schedule a visit at 978-956-4304.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Monday, October 2

Trinkets & Treasures Donations	9:00AM
Executive Team (Library)	4:00PM
Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### Tuesday, October 3

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Property Committee (Library)	9:00AM
Trinkets & Treasures Donations	1:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### Wednesday, October 4

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	9:45AM
Cards R Us (Winemiller)	12:30PM
Website Meeting (Library)	4:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

### Thursday, October 5

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Blessing of Animals (Humane Society)	11:00AM
Mission Endowment (Library)	2:00PM
Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg (Al Lien)	6:30PM

### Friday, October 6

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

### Saturday, October 7

### Sunday, October 8

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (Library)	11:00AM

## **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

October 22	Weeki Wachee Winds Concert, 2p
October 26	Pasta Trivia Pursuit Night, 5p
October 29	Reformation Sunday

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM