



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

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179. Sunday, September 17, 2023 - A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961. Monday, September 18, 2023 - A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF). Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

MYSTERY DINNER - SEPTEMBER 26. Tickets on sale before/after church in narthex. \$10 deposit required and refunded day of dinner. Maximum 40 people.

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
-PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION
Warren Willis United Methodist Camp
4990 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL

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.

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

JOIN US TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17, AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE to honor Pastor Giuseppe on the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

OUR NATIVITY 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: the first and third Sunday of the month. Children will be excused from service after the Holy Gospel, and meet Ms. Janet. & Mr. Todd in the back of church

Please check out our website at: www.nlcww.org
nativitylutheran63@gmail.com • 352-597-1456



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY COMING. A new Bible Study opportunity is coming on Wednesday evenings beginning September 20th from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in Winemiller Hall. The four-session study is entitled "Honest Conversations About Sexuality and the Bible" and will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. The study's sessions include (1) "The Place of Women in the Scriptures," (2) "Sexuality and Spirituality in the Scriptures," (3) "Same-sex Scripture References in the Biblical Context," and (4) "Sexual Issues in the Church Today." Everyone is welcome to learn and grow together.

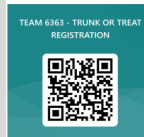
OUTREACH

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 Luthérienne 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. 13 & 14, total served 245

SAVE THE DATE: October 5th, 11:00AM, Blessing of the Animals at the Humane Society, 7200 Mobley Rd, Brooksville, 34601. A flyer with more information on this can be found on the table in the narthex. Please take some and invite your friends. We're also accepting donations for this (see back of flyer) and you can drop them off in the box in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the church office between 9AM-12PM Monday-Friday.

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 on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please, call him on his cell phone (978-956-4304) if you need to speak with him.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, September 21

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Sarah Circle (Youth Room)	10:00AM

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

Friendship Circle - Denying Gravity Carrollwood Cultural Center	2:00PM
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Sunday, September 24

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

World Communion Day - w/flag procession	October 1
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Blessing of Animals - (Humane Society)	October 5, 11:00AM
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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