



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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND BRUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH - Nativity Choir will be offering a beautiful Christmas Cantata at the 9:30am service. After the service the Fellowship Committee will be hosting our Christmas Brunch. It is complimentary, all you have to do is make sure you sign up in the narthex beginning December 3. If you have any questions, please give Patti Cotter at 352-797-9682.

REMEMBERING Doug Johnson for his time and talent as one of Nativity's counters week #3. For the many, many years together, with Sharon his wife, Monday mornings. ~Ernie Horeis

ANGEL TREE - if you take an envelope off the tree in the narthex, please make sure to put it in the offering basket. Thank you.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICE - December 24, 2023, at 9:30AM.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - December 24, 2023, at 7:00PM. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World.

COMMUNITY LIFE

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the narthex before or after service. Even if you give on line, there are **special giving envelopes** within the box for special occasions throughout the year.

YOU COULD TOUR IRELAND—AND THAT'S NO BLARNEY! Carlan and Jill Helgeson are hosting a tour of the Celtic Treasures of Ireland July 9-18, 2024, and you are invited to join them! The tour will leave from Tampa (or an airport of your choice). The itinerary includes Dublin's St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Patrick's grave, some of the oldest monasteries in the world, the Cliffs of Moher, the Blarney Stone, castles, pubs, and wonderful countryside views of the Emerald Isle. More information can be found in the narthex, or you can talk to Carlan or email him at cdhelgeson@gmail.com to get a brochure.

POINSETTIAS! We are taking orders for poinsettias. Look for the special envelopes by the poinsettia display. \$10 for a large red plant. We also have 4 x-large white plants available at a cost of \$25 each. These are first come first served. Call the office for availability 352-597-1456.

Results from Friendship Circle Thrivent Action Team Project on December 3rd after the church service. A notice in the church bulletin and a temple talk that Sunday inviting people for brunch was a success! Their were over 50 people attending. Thrivent seed money was used for the refreshments and drinks. Donations were accepted for the ELCA Good Gifts Appeal and the total amount collected was \$445.00, which will go towards items listed in the catalog. Their was also \$70.00 left over from seed money that will be donated to this Action Team Project.

TROMPETER APPLICATIONS - Applications for 2024 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2023. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

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MORE NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We could use a few more volunteers to spend a Sunday in the nursery every few weeks to help care for the children. If you are willing to help in this vital and rewarding ministry, please talk to Sue Larsen or email her with your contact information at ssnlrsn03@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: When: December 17. Children will be excused from service after Special Music, and meet the teachers in the back of church

CONFIRMATION CLASS - When: December 17 at 11a, in the Library.

OUTREACH

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. Your love is needed now, more than ever. Lutheran World Relief has a long history of reaching our neighbors in Israel and Gaza. We join you in praying urgently, and we thank you for standing ready to care for innocent civilians caught in the crossfire. The compassion of faithful people like you is needed in the hardest to reach places — places where innocent children, women and men are suffering. Your caring gift will deliver critically needed resources like medical care, food, water and essential supplies where they are needed most. Please, write a check to Nativity Lutheran Church with LWR in the memo line and the amount will be credited to you.

FOOD PANTRY: Dec. 6 & 7, Total Served: 253

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 church office on Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 12:30 PM and on Sabbatical on Wednesday and Thursday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, December 11

Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Tuesday, December 12

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Fellowship Committee (Cotter's home)	10:30AM

Wednesday, December 13

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Cards R Us (Winemiller)	12:30PM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Thursday, December 14

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Worship & Music Meeting (Zoom)	5:00PM
Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

Angel Tree Party (Al Lien)	1:00PM
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Sunday, December 17

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Confirmation Class (Library)	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

December 25 - Merry Christmas: Office Closed

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