



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

John Donne, poet, died 1631. Sunday, March 31, 2024

- After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589. Thursday, April 4, 2024

- Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists. Saturday, April 6, 2024

- These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

EASTER LILIES - If you ordered a lily or hydrangea you may take it home today after service.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS WILL BE OUR GUESTS

HEAR THEIR STORY AND SEE THEIR BEAUTIFUL OLIVEWOOD CRAFTS.

Next Sunday, April 7, 2024, during the worship service, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after the service there will be a display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase in the narthex, including olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and other crafts. All proceeds will go to support Christian families from Bethlehem. Credit cards accepted.

DWELLING IN THE WORD (LECTIO DIVINA). Come, let us reflect and pray on the Scriptures together every Wednesday morning from **11:00 a.m.** through approximately 11:45 a.m. starting on **April 3 through May 15** at Nativity Lutheran Church (Sanctuary), 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee. For more information, please contact Pastor Mattei at 978-956-4304.

COMMUNITY LIFE

COFFEE HOUR - There is no coffee hour after today's service.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED ONCE A MONTH: to separate, open, and record the different offering envelopes from our Sunday church service. It will take about one hour from 8:30a-9:30a on a certain day of the week (usually on a Monday). Contact Ernst Horeis @ 352-346-2333, for more information.

TRINKETS AND TREASURES APRIL 19 & 20 – Donations will only be accepted the week of April 8 and by calling Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 to confirm a mutually convenient date/time. Otherwise donations can be dropped off the mornings of April 15-17 between 9:30am-11:30am. More information about the sale will be distributed on Sunday, April 7. We will begin selling raffle tickets for quilt and 3 baskets on Sunday, April 7. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

WAYS TO DONATE TO NATIVITY. Nativity has a Venmo account. You can send a donation to: @Nativity-LutheranChurch. Also, if you prefer, Nativity has a Zelle account. Send to: nativitylutheran63@gmail.com. Also available is the 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.



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The April/May/June 2024 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available in the narthex and admin building, and you are welcome to pick one up. A small donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the devotional. Small manila envelopes are available for your donation and can be put in the offering basket or brought to the office.

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

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: When: April 7 & 21. Children will be excused from service after Special Music, and meet the teachers in the back of church.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. Pr. Giuseppe will be available in person at the office on Wednesday morning up to 11:00 o' clock when he will lead the Dwelling in the Word (lectio Divina) prayer time; on Thursday for a meeting on Membership at 10:00 AM and on Mutual Ministry at 12:45 PM; and for the Mc Dowell's Memorial service on Saturday morning.

OUTREACH

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: A NEW GENERATION. A New Generation is a non-profit pregnancy and relationship resource center. They have been helping women with their pregnancy decisions since 1999. Their mission is to provide evidence-based education in a compassionate and respectful environment, free of charge and completely confidential. They offer support not only in the Spring Hill area, but also in Brooksville, Homosassa, Weeki Wachee, Hudson and Port Richey. Donations can be made by picking up a baby bottle at church and filling it with coins or by filling out a green envelope and marking it "A New Generation." Please drop off your bottles by Sunday, April 7 (either in the narthex or the church office). If you have any questions, please contact Elva Posewitz at 812-598-2546.

FOOD PANTRY March 27 & 28: Total Served 102

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**.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, April 1

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| Cards R Us (Winemiller) | 10:00AM |
| Crafty Christmas Meeting (Al Lien) | 10:00AM |
| Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary) | 4:00PM |
| Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary) | 5:15PM |
| Harmonizers (Al Lien) | 6:00PM |

Tuesday, April 2

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| Days for Girls (Al Lien) | 9:00AM |
| Property Meeting (Library) | 9:00AM |
| Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller) | 6:00PM |

Wednesday, April 3

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| Food Pantry (Al Lien) | 9:30AM |
| Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller) | 9:45AM |
| Bible Study (Sanctuary) | 11:00AM |
| Choir (Sanctuary) | 6:00PM |
| Girl Scout Meeting #24407 (Al Lien) | 6:00PM |

Thursday, April 4

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| TOPS (Winemiller) | 9:00AM |
| Food Pantry (Al Lien) | 9:30AM |
| Membership Team Meeting (Library) | 10:00AM |
| Mutual Ministry Mtg (Library) | 12:45PM |

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

Bob McDowall Memorial Service
Guest Arrival: 10:30AM
Service Promptly at: 11:00AM

Sunday, April 7

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| Worship Service (Sanctuary) | 9:30AM |
| Sunday School (Al Lien) | 9:45AM |

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 3 Lectio Divina Bible Study, 11:00a

April 19 & 20 Trinkets & Treasures Sale, 9a-2p

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