



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

DWELLING IN THE WORD (LECTIO DIVINA). Come, let us reflect and pray on the Scriptures together every Wednesday morning from **11:00a.m.-11:45a.m. through May 1** at Nativity Lutheran Church (Sanctuary), 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee. For more information, please contact Pastor Mattei at 978-956-4304.

COMMUNITY LIFE

TRINKETS AND TREASURES APRIL 19 & 20 – are the sale dates. Besides the sale dates, we will need help Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18 setting up the various rooms with the items that were donated. We will be there from 9am-1pm (perhaps even later) April 15-18. Then on the 2 sale dates, volunteers are needed all day (anytime from 7am-2pm) We are looking for people to donate baked goods as well for April 19 & 20. If you have any questions, please call either Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-232-1074. This is a great fundraising and fellowship event for Nativity and we hope you can make it a huge success.

MYSTERY DINNER, APRIL 23 – Tickets are on sale starting today, April 7. Cost is \$10.00, which is given back the day of the dinner. See Patti Cotter in the narthex, before and after service.

CLUB 75, APRIL 30 – This month Club 75 will meet at Perkins, 4685 Commercial Way, Spring Hill. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, APRIL 28 – will enjoy a 1-hour cruise tour from the Plantation Inn's Adventure Center, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River 34429, on Sunday, April 28, at 2:30. Cost is \$25 and must be paid upfront in order to make your reservation. Following the tour, we will have an early dinner at Seagrass Waterfront Restaurant, 10386 W. Hall's River Rd., Homosassa 34448. We will meet at Nativity at 1:15p to carpool. **Because this tour routinely sells out, deadline is 10:00am on Thursday, April 18, to call Circle Leader Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.** Susan will charge the reservations to her credit card and you can reimburse her. Everyone is welcome to join us.

PEW & CHOIR CHAIR UPHOLSTERY. We had a setback in our project to replace the upholstery on the pews and choir chairs. Our selected vendor (Walt's Upholstery) is not able to work on our project. We have therefore made the decision that we will need to delay the installation of the upholstery until we can select a new vendor for this project.

We identified three vendors that we thought would be qualified for this project. We are actively working with another of those vendors to do this work.

This new vendor has given us the option to either proceed with the fabric that we previously selected or to select other fabrics that they have used on pews and chairs for other churches. We hope to have samples of those other fabrics available for review by the congregation on Sunday April 21.

It is likely that the new vendor will need until late summer or early fall to order the fabric for this project. We will therefore proceed with the installation of the new carpeting in mid-May and then follow with the installation of the new upholstery later in the year.

We are disappointed at this delay; but focused on finishing this project with the quality that we all expect. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512.

WEEKI WACHEE WINDS BAND CONCERT - APRIL 28 @ 2:00PM. Under the direction of NLC member Mark Hengesh, Weeki Wachee Winds will be presenting their Spring Concert at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

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.

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.**

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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.

TOPS FL0461 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). The group meets Thursdays from 9a-11a, weekly, at Nativity Lutheran Church in Winemiller Hall. They are a weight loss support group. Join us for healthy lifestyle support. Call Myrna, 352-686-9243, for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: When: April 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 at the office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning. You are welcome to come in any time or by appointment to set an extended time with him. Please, call him on 978-956-4304 to schedule an appointment.

OUTREACH

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL REFUGE, formerly known as LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (LIRS). We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people. The work of the ELCA through Global Refuge includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more.

Join us in this courageous work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Global Refuge is our mission of the month in April. To donate, please fill out a green envelope and mark it "Global Refuge".

THRIVENT MEMBERS. Here are some examples for you to do an Action Team application and receive \$250.00 seed money for these projects: 1) NLC Food Pantry - canned goods, 2) NLC Fellowship - food for BBQ, 3) NLC Cards R Us - material for making cards, 4) N.A.M.I. - educational booklets, 5) Lighthouse for the Blind - food for meal, 6) REZ House Children - shoes
Contact Ernie Horeis @ 352-346-2333, or Tim Cotter @ 352-797-9682, for information or help.

FOOD PANTRY April 10 & 11: Total Served 175

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.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM
FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, April 15

Trinkets & Treasures Set-Up	9:00AM
Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Executive Team	6:00PM
Harmonizers (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Tuesday, April 16

Trinkets & Treasures Set-Up	9:00AM
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Wednesday, April 17

Trinkets & Treasures Set-Up	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Dwelling in the Word (Sanctuary)	11:00AM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, April 18

Trinkets & Treasures Set-Up	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED

Friday, April 19

Trinkets & Treasures Sale	9:00AM - 2:00PM
AA Meeting (Courtyard)	6:30PM

Saturday, April 20

Trinkets & Treasures Sale	9:00AM - 2:00PM
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Sunday, April 21

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 23 - Mystery Dinner, 3:45p in Winemiller Hall
April 28 - Weeki Wachee Winds Band Concert, 2p
April 30 - Club 75, Perkins Restaurant, 12n

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