



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.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

US POSTAL FOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, MAY 11. The annual United States Postal Food Drive is held across the nation. In Hernando County, boxes and bags of food are collected by mail carriers and brought to Forest Oaks Lutheran Church for processing. The food is then given to participating local pantries.

As a participating pantry, Nativity Lutheran Church needs to provide volunteers to assist that morning and early afternoon. We need to supply people in three ways:

1. Help to sort and box food at Forest Oaks Church.
2. Drive banana boxes full of food back to Nativity.
3. Help to sort the boxes that are delivered to Nativity.

We will need about 10 people to assist us on that Saturday. A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex or you can reach out to Todd and Janet Holly (352-503-6215). Thanks for your help in advance.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

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 @ 352-613-0589, or Tim Cotter @ 352-797-9682, for information or help.

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED: April 17 & 18

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Monday morning; Wednesday late morning for the Dwelling in the Word prayer through late afternoon for the Hernando County Homeless Initiative; Thursday afternoon for the Hospital & Home Visitors' meeting and the Innovation Church meeting; and Saturday for Buddy Kristoferson's memorial service. In case of emergency, you may call him on his cell phone: 978-956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22

Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, April 23

Mystery Dinner (Winemiller)	3:45PM
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Wednesday, April 24

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (Sanctuary)	11:00AM
Homeless Initiative (NLC)	4:00PM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, April 25

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Mission Endowment Mtg (Library)	2:00PM
Home & Health Visitors Mtg (Library)	4:00PM

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

Memorial Service: Buddy Kristoferson	
Visitation:	10:30AM
Church Service:	11:00AM

Sunday, April 28

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (NLC)	2:00PM
Friendship Circle Outing (Plantation Inn's Adventure Center)	2:30PM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 30 - Club 75, Perkins Restaurant, 12n
May 5 - Rachel's Day Service (noisy offering)
May 11 - Postal Food Drive

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