



## 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 Wednesday, May 1, from **11:00a.m.-11:45a.m.** The Bible-based prayer will resume again in June. Dates to be announced. For more information, please contact Pastor Mattei at 978-956-4304.

**RACHEL'S DAY, MAY 5, 2024** - Rachel's Day, a project of the Women of the ELCA observed annually on the first Sunday in May. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear that plague our nation. We will be taking a special "noisy" offering, so bring your loose change (bills will be accepted, too). Our "noisy" offering will be given to the Dawn Center and Children's Advocate Center of Hernando County.

### 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.

**TODAY: 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.

**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.

**MEMORIAL WEEKEND COOK-OUT SUNDAY, MAY 26TH, after the service.** While the service is going on you will get to enjoy the good smells from the cooking in the courtyard. Here is the recipe: Bratwursts, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Sauerkraut and added this year baked beans, for dessert cupcakes. It is such a deal only \$5.00 per person, kids no charge but as all will do when you sign in you have to mark what kind of sandwich you want. We will be serving in Winemiller Hall. I will start taking signups Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about anything Fellowship, or if you have suggestions for us give me a call at 352-797-9682. ~Patti Cotter

**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.**

Please check out our website at: [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org)  
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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.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE.** Pr. Giuseppe will be at the National Cemetery in Bushnell on Monday morning, at the church council meeting on Tuesday morning, and at the office on Wednesday morning. He will be away from May 3 through 22. Please, call the church office in case of pastoral needs.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** May 5 & 19. Children will be excused from service after Special Music, and meet the teachers in the back of church.

## OUTREACH

**MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ HOUSE.** Each year Nativity raises money to purchase "Back to School" shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line. THANK YOU. Blessings to All, Linda Russo 352-596-0673

**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: April 24 & 25, total served: 127**

**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 29

Altar Guild Meeting (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Buddy Kristoferson's Interment (Bushnell National Cemetery)	10:00AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### Tuesday, April 30

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Club 75 (Perkins)	12:00PM

### Wednesday, May 1

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	9:45AM
Dwelling in the Word (Sanctuary)	11:00AM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop 24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

### Thursday, May 2

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM

### Friday, May 3

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

### Saturday, May 4

### Sunday, May 5

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

## **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

**May 11** - Postal Food Drive

**May 26** - Memorial Day Cookout (after service)

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