



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

Matthias, Apostle. Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars. **Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160. Saturday, May 18, 2024** - Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

PENTECOST—SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024. Pentecost is a Christian holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Sanctuary will be decorated in red and we ask all to wear **RED** that day.

COMMUNITY LIFE

NEW CARPETING FOR SANCTUARY. The new carpeting for the sanctuary will be installed **starting Monday, May 13.** We expect to complete this project by May 24. Please avoid use of the sanctuary during weekdays during the next two weeks. We will clean the sanctuary over the weekend such that the sanctuary will be usable for church each Sunday. The new upholstery for the pews and choir chairs will follow in the late summer or early fall this year. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will see the movie UNSUNG HERO and share a late lunch or early dinner on **Sunday, May 19.** The movie time, theater, and restaurant will be chosen once schedules are released a few days prior. Circle members and any others who have indicated they wish to join us will be notified via email, phone or text. This movie is based on a true story. If anyone other than a Friendship Circle member wishes to join us, please contact Circle Leader Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918. This will be Friendship Circle's last activity until Fall.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND COOK-OUT SUNDAY, MAY 26TH, after the service. 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. Tickets available before/after service. 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

CLUB 75, MAY 28 – This month Club 75 will meet at Outback, 4905 Commercial Way, Spring Hill. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This will be the last luncheon until September!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES. If you have a family member graduating this year, please call the office (352-597-1456) with their name and school they are graduating from, even if they are out of state. We will have a special blessing for them on **Sunday, June 16.** Out of state graduates will be able to follow the service on line at www.nlcww.org.

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.

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.

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ITEMS FOR WEEKLY (WEDNESDAY) E-BLAST OR SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET. If you wish to submit an article to go into our weekly e-blast make sure you submit it to the church office by Tuesdays, 5:00PM. For the Sunday announcement sheet the office needs that information by Thursdays, 10:00AM. Thank you!

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**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: May 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: May 8 & 9, total served: 103

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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. Pastor Mattei will be on vacation until May 22. Please, call the church office in case of pastoral needs.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, May 13

Carpet install to begin May 13-24 (Sanctuary)

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Interfaith Nature Coast Coalition (Temple Beth David)	10:00AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, May 14

Property Meeting (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Fellowship Meeting (Cotter's)	10:30AM
Finance Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Wednesday, May 15

Food Pantry CLOSED	
Girl Scout Troop #24407 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Thursday, May 16

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry CLOSED	
Sarah Circle (Youth Room)	10:00AM

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

May 26 - Memorial Day Cookout (after service)

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

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

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