



## 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

**Mary Magdalene, Apostle. Monday, July 22, 2024** - Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

**Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373. Tuesday, July 23, 2024** - Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

**James, Apostle. Thursday, July 25, 2024** - James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

**DWELLING IN THE WORD.** Come for this restoring mid-week prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00AM in our Sanctuary.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**Migrant Worker's Children Shoe Shopping Project - August 2 @ 5:00pm.** Our annual shoe shopping day will take place at the Zephyrhills WalMart, 7631 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541. Please contact Linda Russo at 352-596-0673 for more information.

**SANCTUARY REQUEST.** Since our new carpeting has been installed in our sanctuary we have noticed some staining on the carpet. We would appreciate no food or drinks while in church.

**Crafty Christmas** is our Christmas gift to the community and our opportunity to demonstrate "light and love" to those who will visit our facilities as vendors and attendees on Saturday, November 23, 2024. We are expecting 45+ vendors who will set up displays to sell their handcrafted items. These people will be here on Friday evening for an hour or two and on Saturday for about 8 hours. Seldom do we get such an opportunity for this extended period of time to interact with individuals who are in our facility but not part of our church family. Additionally, we are expecting 1500+ people to visit the craft fair and Christmas activities we offer. There will be a variety of family activities and all the money raised through vendor fees, food and beverage sales, auctions and Christmas activities will be donated to charities within Hernando County.

**Please SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 – to participate in Crafty Christmas. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex and be a part of Crafty Christmas.**

**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 July/August/September 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.

**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:** Classes are done for the summer. Watch weekly announcements for start up in September.

**Women of Nativity Summer Bible Study** - Saturday, August 24, 2024. The theme this year is "KIND." Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9:30am. Bible Study at 10am. Following the Bible Study, there will be a luncheon. Feel free to invite your friends and family. More information available on flyer in narthex.

Any questions, call Ellen Lapinski at 773-556-4466,

## OUTREACH

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH - WEEKEND BLESSINGS (Backpacks-People Helping People).** Weekend Blessings is a program designed to feed preschool, elementary, and middle school children whose families qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Price Meal program. On the last day of every school week kids participating in the Weekend Blessings program get bags filled with sufficient food for the weekend. If you would like to donate to this mission, make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate People Helping People(PHP)/Weekend Blessings on the memo line. If you would like further information regarding this ministry, please call Sue Vincent at 352-442-6177.

**FOOD PANTRY: July 17 & 18 Total Served: 118**

**July's donation of the month: cans of Spaghettios w/ Meatballs and bags of Egg Noodles**

**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.

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

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE.** - Pr. Giuseppe will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday mornings with Zoom meetings in the afternoon of both days. He will be in again on Wednesday morning for the Dwelling in the Word prayer at 11:00, visitation and meetings (Hernando County Homeless Coalition; Innovation Church) in the afternoon and evening. He will then be on vacation through August 3.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Monday, July 22

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

### Tuesday, July 23

Interfaith Nature Coast Coalition 10:00AM  
(Temple Beth David)

### Wednesday, July 24

Food Pantry (Al Lien) CLOSED  
Bible Study: Dwelling in the Word 11:00AM  
(Sanctuary)  
Hernando County Homeless Group 4:00PM  
(Winemiller)  
Innovation Church 6:00PM

### Thursday, July 25

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

### Friday, July 26

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

### Saturday, July 27

### Sunday, July 28

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

## **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

August 2 - Migrant Shoe Shopping Project  
August 24 - W.O.N. Summer Bible Study

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

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