



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

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931

Friday, July 12, 2024

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

DWELLING IN THE WORD also known by its Latin name, Lectio Divina, is a Bible based prayer. Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. Lectio Divina is a participatory, active practice that uses thoughts, images and insights to enter into a conversation with God. **Come for this restoring mid-week prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00AM in our Sanctuary.**

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. Thank you!

COMMUNITY LIFE

TOUR TO THE GOLDEN RAINBOW RANCH IN JULY

The Nativity Mission Endowment Committee has arranged to tour the Golden Rainbow Ranch, a recipient of Trompeter Endowment Funds, and welcomes a **limited number** of congregation members to join us for the tour. The Golden Rainbow Ranch is a domestic animal rescue, native plant garden, and therapy ranch of 10 acres in rural Brooksville dedicated to reconnecting people with the great outdoors. **The tour will be held on Thursday, July 25th, leaving the church at 1:15 p.m.** If you would like to join the committee on the tour, please talk to Carlan Helgeson or email him at cdhelgeson@gmail.com to indicate your desire.

A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS craft fair will be a community event sponsored by NLC and held on Saturday November 23, 2024 here at our facilities - with vendors from all over the area selling handcrafted items. There will be a variety of family activities All the money raised through vendor fees, food and beverage sales, auction and Christmas activities will be donated to charities within Hernando County. Many Nativity Ambassadors are needed on the day of the event as well as volunteers to set up. Please contact June Kristoferson to discuss ways you can be part of this Nativity gift to the community.

If you would like to sell your handcrafted items, you can request a vendor application by email at nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com or text 352-210-8407 or on the Nativity website: 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 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.

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 3; Total Served 71

July's donation of the month: cans of Spaghetios 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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office in the morning on Monday through Wednesday. He will reserve afternoons for ministry planning, continuing education, visitations, and meetings. To speak to him directly, call his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, July 8

W.O.N. Meeting (Library)	1:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Bible Study: Dwelling in the Word (Sanctuary)	11:00AM

Thursday, July 11

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Worship & Music (Zoom)	5:00PM

Friday, July 12

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

Saturday, July 13

AA Meeting (Winemiller)	5:30PM
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Sunday, July 14

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

July 25 - Golden Rainbow Ranch Tour

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

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

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