



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

THE FIRST ADVENT IN PALESTINE, A BIBLE STUDY. Our Christian faith teaches us of a pregnant couple's arduous trip, angels, shepherds, a comet, magi welcoming the birth of the Savior. The message of that birth in the Bible is not a seasonal message about decked walls, hanging lights, Christmas trees, egg nog and familiar carols. The first advent was about the arrival of God in a world of woe, and ever since we are invited to grapple with what that birth means for our times. **Come for a three-session study of the story as told from Mary's and Joseph's perspective on December 4, 11, and 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 in the library.**

COMMUNITY LIFE

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES. The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex and you can pick them up before or after service, or you can stop by the office during the week. After December 22 they will then be put in your mailbox in Winemiller Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024. The meeting will be held directly after the morning service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting will be to propose and adopt our 2025 budget, and elect various positions of leadership in the church. We will be having our first vote on Constitutional amendments that are being proposed by the Congregational Council.

Coffee time will be in the narthex prior to the meeting.

A LENDING HAND. On Sunday, December 1, 2024, after the congregational meeting we are assembling the Winemiller Hall Christmas Tree. This project should take no more than a half hour, if at that.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 11:00am, we will decorate the Christmas Tree in Winemiller Hall. Everyone who can assist in decorating the tree is more than welcome.

POINSETTIAS! December 1 we start taking orders until December 15. Look for the special envelopes by the poinsettia display. \$10 for a large red plant. We also have 6 x-large white plants available at a cost of \$25 each. These are first come first served. Call the office for availability 352-597-1456.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will not meet in December. Circle members and non-members, are encouraged to join in the Women of Nativity's Christmas party on Saturday, December 7.

W.O.N. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 7. All Women of Nativity are welcome. Check-in: 11:00AM in the narthex; Entertainment: 11:30AM in the sanctuary, (lunch to follow in Winemiller Hall). All attending are encouraged to bring a dozen cookies. Tickets go on sale November 17 in the narthex at a cost of \$10 per person. See Ellen Lapinski to sign up before/after service.

DECEMBER 15TH, CHRISTMAS CANTATA, followed by a complementary brunch. It is important that you sign up for all of the family in advance, we welcome all, we need to know how many guests to prepare for. As it is free, free, free, we used Thrivent to help pay for it. Thrivent is something that can be used for so many things. Talk to Ernie or Tim if you want info.

The January/February/March 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional are 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.

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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sundays at 9:45AM in Al Lien Hall. For information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 11:00AM in the Library.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH in Al Lien Hall, 6p-8p. Open to all youth 6th - 12th grade. Dinner, Games, Music, Bible Study. For any questions, please contact Ann Wright @ 813-790-9775.

COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP - LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH in Al Lien Hall, 8p-9:30p. Ages 18 and up. Dinner, Fellowship, Games, Bible Study. For any questions, please contact Ann Wright @ 813-790-9775.

OUTREACH

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE - Applications for 2025 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2024. You can pick one up at the church office. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY: Nov 27 - Total Served: 59

December's donation of the month: Spaghetti (1 lb. box) and shampoo (18-22 oz. bottle) buy shampoo at Dollar Tree for best price.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLIND. This organization started in 1983. There are almost 27,000 visually impaired people living in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties. Rehabilitation programs are provided at no cost thanks to the generosity of donors. Lighthouse has programs for all age groups: birth to 5 years, children 5-13, teens 14-22, and adults and seniors 23+. These training programs and services are to help people meet the challenge of vision loss and lead safe, independent and productive lives for oneself and their family. To learn more about ways to help visit: www.lvib.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/

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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on the morning of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He will attend a webinar on verbal violence and microaggression on ordained women on Thursday morning. Afternoons and evenings are dedicated to house calls, meetings, and sermon preparation. In case of emergency call him on his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, December 2

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, December 3

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Tree Decorating (Winemiller)	11:00AM
Crafty Christmas Mtg (Winemiller or Al Lien)	12:15PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Wednesday, December 4

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Bible Study: The First Advent (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (Zoom)	12:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

W.O.N. Christmas Luncheon (Winemiller)	11:00AM
AA Christmas Party (Winemiller)	3:30PM

Sunday, December 8

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Adult Bible Study (Library)	11:00AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (NLC)	2:00PM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

12/14 - Angel Tree Party, 1P
12/24 - Christmas Eve Service, 6P

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**.