



## 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

**Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980. Monday, March 24, 2025** - Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

**Annunciation of Our Lord. Tuesday, March 25, 2025** - Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824. Saturday, March 29, 2025** - Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

#### LENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Wednesday Soup/Sandwich Suppers – 3/26 and 4/9, 4:45 to 5:15 PM
- Wednesday Lenten services – 3/26, 4/2 and 4/9, 5:30 to 6:15 PM

**MARCH 30 THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS ARE GOING TO BE OUR GUESTS.** During the service, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after the service in the church narthex we will be hosting a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**EASTER LILIES** will be available to order starting March 30 at a cost of \$10.00 each. There will also be 6 hydrangeas available at a cost of \$20.00. Please use the special envelopes by the Easter lily display in the narthex to place your order.

**SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 6**, immediately following the service.

**NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN** - First, we would like to thank everyone for the generous donations and pledges we have received so far (\$35,000) to the new electronic sign fund. That just leaves us with approximately \$20,000 to go to cross the finish line. Let's pray to make this project a reality. The new sign would allow us to more effectively spread the message of God's love and the many things that Nativity is doing in response to that love. Pledge forms and envelopes are available in the narthex or admin building or you can use a green envelope to make a donation or pledge. Please contact Ev Galli at 516-909-3119 or Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512 if you have any questions concerning this initiative.

**Trinkets & Treasures - Sale Dates Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th.** Last day for donations will be Monday, March 17 from 9am-12pm and Tuesday, March 18 from 1pm-4pm. We will need volunteers Monday, March 31-Thursday, April 3 starting at 9am to help set up for the sale. On the sale dates, many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. It's a great time for fellowship as we work. If you have any questions, you may contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-515-3931.

**Trinkets & Treasures Bake Sale** – We are looking for people to bake various items (cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) for our sale. Maryann Stewart is coordinating this and she has more information on this. If you are willing to help bake for the sale, please see her before or after service in the narthex.

**The April/May/June 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional, and *Living Lutheran*, 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.**

Please check out our website at: [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org)  
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**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** Monday morning counters are needed from 9a-10a, for the 1st, 4th and 5th weeks of each month. Job consists of counting offering envelopes from Sunday service and indicating donation amounts to be entered by the data entry person. Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-600-5906 for more information.

**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.

**OUTREACH**

**FOOD PANTRY: March 19 & 20 - Total Served 126**  
 March's donation of the month: grape jelly and peanut butter.

**MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH - HERNANDO HOPE**  
 - Hernando Hope is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists the homeless in Hernando County. What do we do?

- Obtain ID Cards, Birth Certificates, and Social Security Cards
- Apply for Food Stamps
- Obtain prescription glasses
- Supply food, clothing, bedding, and tents
- Supply shoes and socks
- Apothecary
- Assist with access to Medical & Psychological Treatment

To donate to this months mission, simply fill out a green envelope and mark it - Hernando Hope. Any questions about this mission, call Ellen Paul @352-600-9555.

**PASTORS SCHEDULE** - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office Monday and Tuesday morning and will attend meeting or do visitations in the afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon, he will be at the Soup & Sandwich Supper and lead the lenten prayer. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to personal care and family commitments. He will be spending Saturday studying and attending events.

**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**.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday, March 24**

Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:15PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

**Tuesday, March 25**

Council Mtg (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

**Wednesday, March 26**

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (Zoom)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Lent Supper (Winemiller)	4:45PM
Lent Service (Sanctuary)	5:30PM
Innovation Church	6:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:15PM

**Thursday, March 27**

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

**Friday, March 28**

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Trinkets & Treasures Shelving Set-Up	10:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

**Saturday, March 29**

**Sunday, March 30**

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

**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:**

March 31-April 3 -	Trinkets & Treasures Set Up
April 4 & 5 -	Trinkets & Treasures Sale
April 6 -	Special Congregational Meeting

**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**.