



## 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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Wednesday Soup/Sandwich Suppers – 3/12, 19, 26 and 4/9, 4:45 to 5:15 PM
- Wednesday Lenten services – 3/12, 19, 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

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE—MARCH 9.** The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after service today. Visit their table on your way out and pick up some delicious cookies!

**HAMARAMA/TALENT SHOW, SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 2025.** Come for an evening of food and fun. Do you sing? Write poetry? Mime? Dance? Paint? Come and share with us your creativity. We will share a meal together and then enjoy each other's company through laughter and awe. Please let Patti or Tim Cotter (352-797-9682) know if you wish to participate.

**WELCA GULF COAST CONFERENCE, SPRING GATHERING.** This year's spring gathering will be held Saturday, March 15, at Lutheran Church of the Palms, Palm Harbor. Registration begins at 9:30AM. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Any questions, call Ellen Lapinski at 773-556-4466.

**CLUB 75 LUNCHEON, MARCH 18 @ 12P.** The only criteria to be part of this fellowship group is that you must be 75 years old or older! Where: Guidos, 7219 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606. Call Vicki Page with any questions (352-210-8407). A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

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

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS, MARCH 22, 2025 @ 8:45AM.** If you are interested in membership, please contact the office to register. You will receive a packet to fill out for class. New members will be received on March 30.

**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.

**The April/May/June 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home*** devotionals 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.

**Trinkets & Treasures - Sale Dates Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th.** We have started accepting items for donations only on Mondays from 9am - 12pm, and Tuesdays 1pm-4pm. **Last day for donations will be Tuesday, March 18th.** If you can help us sort and price items during any of those days/times, please join us. It's a great time for fellowship as we work and you might even find a bargain or two prior to the sale. If you have any questions, you may contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-515-3931.

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 5 & 6 - Total Served: 171**  
 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 10

Trinkets & Treasures Collection	9:00AM
Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Bell Choir A (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Finance Meeting (Al Lien)	6:00PM

#### Tuesday, March 11

Fellowship Meeting (Winemiller)	10:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Trinkets & Treasures Collection	1:00PM

#### Wednesday, March 12

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Lent Supper (Winemiller)	4:45PM
Lent Service (Sanctuary)	5:30PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:15PM

#### Thursday, March 13

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg (Al Lien)	6:30PM

#### Friday, March 14

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Hamarama Set-Up (Winemiller)	12:00PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

#### Saturday, March 15

WELCA Gulf Coast Conf. (Palm Harbor)	9:30AM
Hamarama Dinner/Talent Show (Winemiller)	5:00PM

#### Sunday, March 16

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

### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:**

March 22 -	New Member Orientation
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**.