



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

RACHEL'S DAY, MAY 4, 2025 - Rachel's Day, a project of the Women of the ELCA observed annually on the first Sunday in May. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear that plague our nation. We will be taking a special offering during the service. Our offering will be given to Grace Way Village and Children's Advocate Center of Hernando County.

COMMUNITY LIFE

LILIES. If you ordered a lily or hydrangea you may take it after today's service.

DRUG, MENTAL HEALTH AND VETERANS COURT CELEBRATIONS. Women of Nativity (WON), has been representing Nativity at the Hernando County Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Court graduations for at least 9 years. At graduation ceremonies we acknowledge their hard work. These graduates have successfully completed a 15-24 month court-supervised, intensive and highly structured program for non-violent offenders. Nativity volunteers are needed at graduations, which are held no more than once each month on a Thursday afternoon at the courthouse in Brooksville. For more information, please contact Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918).

THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2PM. Under the direction of NLC member Mark Hengesh, Weeki Wachee Winds will be presenting their Spring Concert at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

MYSTERY DINNER, TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH. Appetizers at the Cotters home at 4:00p. Then you shall be sent to a restaurant. If you wish to participate please leave per person \$10 which will be returned to you at your attendance. Patti will start taking sign ins and deposits on Sundays (except April 20).

CLUB 75 LUNCHEON, APRIL 22ND @ 12P. The only criteria to be part of this fellowship group is that you must be 75 years old or older! Where: Ruby Tuesdays, 13095 Cortez Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34613. Call Vicki Page with any questions (352-210-8407). A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN - First, we would like to thank everyone for the generous donations and pledges we have received so far. Our goal is to be able to purchase the larger sign. With that we have received close to \$42,000. An additional \$23,000 is needed to accomplish what the congregation hoped for. Let's pray to make this project a reality. 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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES. If you have a family member graduating this year, please call the office (352-597-1456) with their name and school they are graduating from, even if they are out of state. **We will have a special blessing for them on Sunday, May 25.** Out-of-state graduates will be able to follow the service on line at www.nlcww.org.

NATIVITY MEMBER, PAT SQUIRES, BOOK ON SALE. If you are interested, Pat will have copies of his book *Strategies for Lowering Dementia Risks* available for \$10. Please, reach out to Pat either at church or phone # 352-667-1083.

COURTYARD MEMORIAL PAVERS. If you would like to purchase a paver and have it inscribed in memory or in honor of someone, there are forms in the office, or pick one up in the narthex. The cost is \$75 per paver. We are hoping to place an order beginning of May.

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
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CHURCH DIRECTORY. Last Sunday to get your picture taken for the directory is Sunday, April 27.

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

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION. We live in turbulent times just as the first century Christians did. John's Book of Revelation was written to bring guidance and assurance to those living in fear and confusion. Come, join us for an 8-week Bible study of the book on Tuesday evenings from 6:30p to 8:30p in Winemiller Hall beginning April 22nd! The sessions will be led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you intend to participate. If you have any questions, please email Carlan at cdhelgeson@gmail.com or talk with him in church.

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

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: April 16 & 17 - Total served 154

April's donation of the month: 15 oz. cans of peaches and pork and beans

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL REFUGE. In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. The work of the ELCA through Global Refuge includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more. Join us in this courageous work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more about Global Refuge go to www.globalrefuge.org.

To donate to this month's mission, simply fill out a green envelope and mark it - Global Refuge.

PASTORS SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. In case of a pastoral emergency call him at 978-956-4304.

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**.

COFFEE HOUR. There will be no coffee hour after service today.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, April 21—OFFICE CLOSED

Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, April 22

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Club 75 (Ruby Tuesdays)	12:00PM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Wednesday, April 23

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

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

Saturday, April 26

Friendship Circle (meet @ NLC)	9:30AM
or @ Island Girl Cruise, Homosassa River	10:30AM

Sunday, April 27

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Weeki Wachee Winds (Sanctuary)	2:00PM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

Mystery Dinner:	April 29
Rachel's Day:	May 4
Barbara Strohl Memorial Svc:	May 17
Angela & Allan Russell Memorial Svc:	May 19

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**.