



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

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sunday, June 29, 2025

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

COMMUNITY LIFE

NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE will be making greeting cards from your used, donated cards on the first two Mondays of July, on the 7th and the 14th, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. We've had a couple of new faces show up (yay!), but we are looking for more of you to join us in this mission. We'll show how and provide all the supplies. Donations for the cards we make are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in financial crisis. For further information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

STORAGE SPACE INVENTORY: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

The Property Committee is conducting an inventory of all storage spaces throughout the church buildings, halls, and storage containers.

If you currently store materials or supplies in any of these areas, please sign the sheet located either in the narthex and/or the church office to indicate:

1. The name of your group
2. Which storage areas you're using
3. The approximate amount of space your items occupy

Your participation will greatly assist our ongoing storage management efforts as we plan for Nativity's continued growth.

Thank you for your cooperation! Scott Henkel, The Property Committee Chairman

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE is postponing the 1-room school-house tour until July 26. There will not be an activity for the Friendship Circle in June.

The July/August/September 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional, and summer issue of ***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 devotionals. 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 - Sunday School is off for the summer. We will start up again in September. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: June 25 & 26 - Total Served: 71

July's donation of the month: men's deodorant (not trial size) best price and selection is at Dollar Tree.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) CONTRIBUTIONS. Our mission of the month is World Hunger, but for the last two weeks of June we would like to request donations to RIC so we can live into our commitment of making a meaningful contribution to the ReconcilingWorks organization. If you wish to make a contribution, put your donation in a green envelope and mark it "RIC".

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHERAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA. Our July Mission of the Month is Lutheran Services Florida (LSF). On their website you will read: Through our work, we empower our local community to build healthier, happier, and more hopeful futures. LSF (Lutheran Services Florida) is deeply committed to supporting our neighbors in need, ensuring that families right here in our Florida communities have access to the resources they need to thrive. We work to prevent suicide and substance abuse, provide vital support for families facing crisis, and help children from low-income households receive the education they deserve to succeed. Our three core programs—Head Start, Family Focus, and Health Systems—are dedicated to strengthening families, fostering resilience, and creating lasting change right where we live.

LSF touches the lives of 1 out of 50 Floridians a year. Let us offer our support for this worthy cause. To donate, please use a green envelope and mark it "July Mission of the Month LSF".

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office the mornings of Monday through Wednesday, and will be involved in studies and visitations in the afternoons. He will be on a Buddhist retreat the rest of the week. If you need to contact him, please leave a message on his cell phone (978-956-4304) and he will return your call asap.

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, June 30

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, July 1

Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:55PM

Wednesday, July 2

Food Pantry (Al Lien) CLOSED
Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:00PM

Thursday, July 3

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

Friday, July 4 - OFFICE CLOSED

AA Meeting (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

August 23—W.O.N. Bible Study

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**.



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