



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

HEALING SERVICE - AUGUST 31 Experiencing physical challenges? Emotional distress? Spiritual difficulties? Come for a moment of healing prayer & blessing, to be offered during the regular worship service.

STREAMING OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES will be cancelled indefinitely while new equipment is being installed. Recorded Sunday worship services will be posted on YouTube and our website by 3pm Sundays.

AV HELP NEEDED! No experience necessary. See Art Alt at the AV table or call him @352-584-8493.

TRINKETS & TREASURES - Sale Dates Friday, Oct. 3rd and Saturday, Oct. 4th. We have started accepting items for donations. Days for collections are Mondays from 9am - 12pm (no collection on Labor Day Sept. 1) and Tuesdays 1pm-4pm. Last day for donations will be Tuesday, Sept. 23. If you can help us sort and price items during any of those days/times, please join us. If Mondays/Tuesdays do not work for you to drop off your donations, please call Janet Jones (352-515-3931) or Evelyn Galli (516-909-3119) and we can see if we can arrange a time that is convenient for all of us. Please consider helping us as it's a great time for fellowship as we work and you might even find a bargain or two prior to the sale.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. We are looking for new members, so if you have a love for singing (or know someone who does), we would love for you to join us. No experience necessary! For more info, see or contact Donna Olsen (352)220-2318. **BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be on Mondays at 4:00pm and 5:15pm beginning **September 8th**. If you would like to join our bell choir please see or contact Donna Olsen (352)220-2318. No experience necessary.

NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE, SEPT. 8 & 24. We will be making cards out of your used, donated greeting cards on Monday, Sept. 8, and Wednesday, Sept. 24, 9:30am-12:30pm, in Winemiller Hall. We invite anyone to give it a try. Your monetary donations are given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in financial crisis. Any questions on this circle, please call Susan Nordstrom @ 352-428-1918.

MARY JOY BIBLE STUDY: will start their monthly meetings again on **September 10th @ 9:45AM**. Any questions please call Ellen Lapinski@ 773-556-4466.

COUNTER(S) NEEDED: 1 counter, or couple, needed to join our counting team the 1st Monday morning of each month for 1-1.5 hours of your time. Contact: Ernie Horeis at 352-600-5906.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, SEPT. 27 - Beyond Van Gogh and Beyond Monet: The Immersive Experience at the Straz Center @ 1:45pm. For 8 or more, admission is \$40.20 each. We will meet at Nativity at 12:00pm to carpool. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 no later than Sept. 9, she will purchase tickets for the group.

NATIVITY 2025 PHOTO DIRECTORY - only digital (pdf) copies of the directory are available. If you would like to have one sent to you electronically, please send an email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com and we will send a PDF copy to you.

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.



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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School is off for the summer. We will start up again September 21st. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Aug 27 & 28: CLOSED

September's donation of the month:
Syrup (24 oz) and/or Pancake & Waffle Mix (32 oz)

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - NATURE COAST HUMANE SOCIETY. Founded in 1964, the Humane Society of the Nature Coast, Inc. is a private, no time limit, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and health of orphaned, surrendered, and abandoned pets. All pets who reside at the shelter are spayed or neutered, have age-appropriate vaccines, and receive parasite prevention. Volunteers work every day to find alternatives to save lives and find forever homes for homeless pets.

Nativity Lutheran Church is going to offer a Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 AM at the shelter located at 7200 Mobley Rd Brooksville, FL 34601 (corner of Wiscon & Mobley). Anyone is welcome to attend and bring pets to receive a blessing. This will be our way to support the shelter and at the same time, let people know about Nativity. In the meantime, we may collect the following items:

Purina One dry adult dog/cat and kitten/puppy dry food - wet cat/kitten food and wet dog/puppy food - clumping cat litter - Dawn dish soap - window cleaner - 13 and/or 33 gallon garbage bags - laundry bleach/soap - paper towels - disposable gloves - gallon size ziplock bags - manila file folders - bath towels - Walmart gift cards.

You may place your donations in a special container provided for you in the narthex or bring them when you on the day of the blessing. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Simply use a green envelope and mark it "Nature Coast Humane Society".

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**.

INTERNET. When on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on the morning of Tuesday and Wednesday and attend meetings in the afternoons. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to self care and family commitments. He will finish his sermon on Saturday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, September 2

Days for Girls (Al Lien) 9:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:55PM
T&T Collection (Al Lien) 1:00PM

Wednesday, September 3

Food Pantry 9:30AM
Crafty Christmas Food Court Mtg (Winemiller) 10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00PM
Girl Scouts (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) 9:00AM
Girl Scouts (Library) 5:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

October 3 & 4 - Trinkets & Treasures
October 5 - World Communion Day
October 7 - Animal Blessing

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM

FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM

