



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

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.

HELP NEEDED FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 5. We need your help in two ways: (1) if you are willing to carry a flag in the opening procession, please plan to be in the sanctuary by 9:15a.m. that morning to get a flag and instructions; and (2) if you are willing to help iron the flags during the week before the service, please contact Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226. Thank you ahead of time for your help in making World Communion Sunday a very special occasion in our church's life!

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

NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE, SEPT 24. We will be making cards out of your used, donated greeting cards on 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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING, NOV. 7-9. Come join your sisters for Fellowship, Worship, Workshops, Bible Study and a rejuvenating weekend! Where: Warren Willis United Methodist Camp, Fruitland Park, FL. To register go to FLWELCA.com. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 10.** Carpooling available. Any questions, please call Kathy Drach @ 657-262-4023, or Ellen Lapinski @ 773-556-4466.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, OCTOBER 25. If you are interested in joining our church, please mark your pew card and place in the offering basket. More information to follow.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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 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.

MYSTERY DINNER, SEPTEMBER 23. Sign-up in the narthex. Arrive at church 4P for appetizers, then head out to a restaurant. Any questions, call Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135

NATIVITY 2025 PHOTO DIRECTORY - Copies of the directory are available in the narthex. If you would like an electronic copy, please send an email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com and one will be sent.

The October/November/December 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.



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COURTYARD PAVERS – If you would like to purchase a paver in memory or in honor of someone, please ask the office for a form. Cost \$75. We will submit another order by end of September.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School begins September 21st. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Sept. 10 & 11
Total Shoppers: 57 - Total Served: 198

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. **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 are collecting 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 - gallon size ziplock bags - bath towels. 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**.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM
FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the church office on Monday and Tuesday the morning and then the afternoon and evening of Wednesday. He'll be off on Thursday and Friday for personal care and family commitments. Pr. Giuseppe will use the time when he is not here for visitations and sermon preparation.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 15

T&T Collection (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Nominating Committee (Library + zoom)	10:00AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, September 16

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Executive Team (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
T&T Collection (Al Lien)	1:00PM

Wednesday, September 17

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Homeless Initiative Mtg (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Innovation Church (Library)	5:30PM
Girl Scouts 24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scouts 24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Thursday, September 18

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Sarah Circle (Youth Room)	10:00AM
Crafty Christmas (Al Lien)	2:00PM

Friday, September 19

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Girl Scouts 24338 (Library)	5:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, September 20

Mary McDowall's Memorial Service	11:00AM
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Sunday, September 21

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

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

