



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

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - Reformation Day, the anniversary of the day Martin Luther is said to have posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany (October 31, 1517), is later identified by Protestants as the beginning of the Reformation. The centennial celebrations of 1617 focused attention on October 31. The liturgical color for the celebration is red. **Please wear RED on this day.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SAINTS' DAY - Let the office know if you have had a loved one pass away during the last year (we have noted our members, so we are asking for non-members). Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

COMMUNITY LIFE

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY! Thanks to all those who made our World Communion Sunday such a beautiful and memorable day in worship! We appreciate all who carried flags in our Processional and those who shared their languages in the international language Litany (Danny Diaz, Evelyn Galli, Morgan Hsieh, and Phan Squires). Special thanks to Pat Squires, Danny Diaz, Al Wright, and Ed Lewis for helping to set up the flag stands and poles; to Jill Helgeson, June Kristoferson, Mary Krol, and Suzanne Chelf for ironing the flags; and to Donna Olsen, Pat Squires, Jane Henkel, Jill Helgeson, Al Wright, Peggy Sanders, Mary Krol, Joanne Johnson, Luann Cavanaugh, Kathy Hackemer, Clarence Crawford, Kathy Drach, and June Kristoferson for hanging the flags.

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 17.** Carpooling available. Any questions, please call Kathy Drach @ 657-262-4023, or Ellen Lapinski @ 773-556-4466.

TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 18, 4:00p-5:30p.

Volunteers needed, please sign up in the narthex. Any questions, call Linda Russo @ 352-596-0673.

CRAFT TESTERS NEEDED, OCTOBER 19! If you would like to 'test drive' a Family DIY craft to be made by Crafty Christmas attendees, stay after church on October 19, and meet in Winemiller Hall.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, OCTOBER 25 @ 8:45AM. If you are interested in joining our church, please mark your pew card and place in the offering basket. We will mail an information packet to you.

FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HOSTING A HALLOWEEN TRIVIA/PIZZA NIGHT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025, at 5:00PM in Winemiller Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$5.00 a person. If you would like to come in costume, there will be a prize for the BEST costume. So, brush up on your Halloween knowledge, bring your appetite, and let's have a fun time. Carol Anderson, 630-564-7135

THANK YOU Nativity Family, for all the wonderful cards and prayers during this difficult time. Fondly, Kay Hill

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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:45AM. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: OUR HOPE IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT. Could you use a little hope in your life right now? Come, join our fall Bible Study on the earliest epistles of the Apostle Paul (Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians) that speak to our hope in this life and the next. The 7-week study will be held **Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30p.m. in Winemiller Hall** and 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, you can talk to Carlan in church or email him at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Oct 8 & 9
Total shoppers 70: Total served 237

October's donation of the month:
Shampoo and/or Toothpaste

Dollar Tree has the best prices for these items. We would also appreciate bags of candy that can be used for Trunk or Treat. Candy can be placed in the Trunk or Treat box in the narthex.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - ANGEL TREE.

This mission is to bring Jesus into the lives of children affected by crime. We at Nativity will receive names of 50 children from our community whose parent(s) are incarcerated. On December 13th we will host a Christmas Party for the children and their caregivers. Each child will receive a gift that reminds them that they are valued and loved. Please join us for the fun that we want to bring to them. Any questions, contact Linda Russo at 352-596-0673 or 352-428-7764.

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE -

Applications for 2026 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2025. You can pick one up at the church office. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. For questions about the grant process, please contact Ed Lewis of the Mission Endowment Committee at edelweis21@verizon.net.

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**.

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

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Monday morning and will be making visitations in the afternoon. He'll be back in the office on Tuesday afternoon and evening for meetings with the Hernando Coalition for the Homeless and Innovation Church. On Saturday afternoon he will visit with the crowd attending our annual Trunk or Treat event. The rest of the time will be dedicated to study, prayer, rest and family happenings, and sermon preparation. In case of emergency, you may reach him on his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, October 13

Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Tuesday, October 14

Fellowship Meeting (Winemiller)	10:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM

Wednesday, October 15

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
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout #24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Girl Scout #24338 (Youth Room)	5:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, October 18

Trunk or Treat (NLC Parking Lot)	4:00PM
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Sunday, October 19

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

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

October 25 - Trivia/Pizza Night

