



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

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

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: 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

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

SAVE THE DATE - 40th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 1PM.

We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Nativity Lutheran Church with a catered buffet luncheon featuring a mixed green salad, chicken marsala, carving station of roast pork, mini new potatoes, California vegetable medley, rolls & butter, dessert, wine, coffee and ice tea. Cost is \$10.00 per person. As this is being catered, it is necessary to RSVP and submit your payment no later November 1, 2025 (we must give caterer final count by November 2). We are selling tickets in the narthex before and after service. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please call Janet Jones at 352-515-3931 or email her at j92403553@gmail.com. We hope you join us for this special celebration.

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 15 & 16

Total shoppers 54: Total served 188

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

Dollar Tree has the best prices for these items.

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-Wednesday mornings for various meetings, and will be busy with visitations, study and sermon preparation in the afternoons. Thursday and Friday are for personal care and family commitments. He'll lead the orientation class for new members on Saturday, October 25.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20

Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Finance Meeting (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Harmonizers (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Tuesday, October 21

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Technology Meeting (Library)	9:00AM
Executive Meeting (Library)	10:00AM
Fellowship Committee (Winemiller)	10:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM

Wednesday, October 22

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Girl Scout #24402 (Al Lien)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Girl Scout #24417 (Winemiller)	6:30PM

Saturday, October 25

New Member Orientation (Al Lien)	8:45AM
Trivia/Pizza Night (Winemiller)	5:00PM

Sunday, October 26

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

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

All Saints' Day - November 2
NLC's 40th Anniversary Luncheon - November 15

