



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. All are encouraged to 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

A BIG THANK YOU for all that gave of their time and trunks for another successful Trunk or Treat.

~Linda Russo

NATIVITY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE BAKE-OFF FOR CRAFTY CHRISTMAS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, during Fellowship Time in Winemiller Hall directly after the 9:30am worship service. Bakers, you are invited to bake your favorite chocolate chip cookie to be judged by our Nativity family. This event is to determine Nativity's favorite chocolate chip cookie which will be sold at the lunch stand during Crafty Christmas. Everyone who comes to fellowship time after the worship service will be a judge of the baked cookies. You will be given 2 tickets to select your first and second choice of cookie. This will be a fun event and we hope everyone joins us. The rule for bakers is to make 2 dozen jumbo chocolate chip cookies without nuts. These cookies must be made from scratch. The winner must share the recipe with the Nativity bakers who wish to bake them for Crafty Christmas. Please contact Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226 with any questions or to sign up for the bake-off.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will see the movie **SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE** on **Saturday, November 1**. This biographical musical drama depicts Bruce Springsteen as a young musician on the cusp of global superstardom. The theater, time, and restaurant will be chosen once schedules are released, a few days prior; you will then be notified. If anyone other than a member of Friendship Circle wishes to join us, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

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. 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 are selling tickets in the narthex before and after service. If you have any questions or 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.

Nativity Lutheran Church Christmas Ornaments. This year, **Crafty Christmas** is offering beautiful custom Christmas ornaments that will add a special touch to your holiday décor. Available in five distinctive designs and presented in elegant gift boxes, these ornaments make wonderful gifts as well as cherished keepsakes for Nativity families. When you select an ornament, you're not only adding beauty to your Christmas tree, but you are also supporting two vital area charities that serve those in need: **The Starfish Foundation** and **Life Center of Hernando**. Every contribution goes toward supporting our charitable partners. Ornaments will be available for selection in the narthex on Sundays from November 2nd through December 21st. Additionally, you can order by email at: nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com. Celebrate the season by bringing home a meaningful ornament that gives back to our community.

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.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Oct 22 & 23

Total shoppers 48: Total served 187

November's donation of the month: instant mashed potatoes and/or stuffing. Dollar Tree has the best prices for these items.

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHERAN GLOBAL MISSIONS. The ministry of the Florida-Bahamas Synod's Global Mission Table (GMT) is to foster growth and deepen relationships with our Companion Churches and institution using the ELCA model of Accompaniment. We pray for our Companions, listen to them, and learn from them, as we share Christ and His love in our various contexts and cultures. When feasible, we visit each other to worship together and experience each other's countries and cultures. Our donations will go forward promoting several locally identified ongoing projects in our Synod's Companion Churches, including school supplies, seeds, goats, theological classes, women's support groups etc. Use a green envelope and mark it Lutheran Global Missions.

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 church office Monday-Wednesday. He will make visits and prepare the sermon in the afternoons. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to personal time and family commitments. He will attend the installation of the Reverend Neil Brady as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Palms in Palm Harbor (a church of our Gulf Coast cluster) by our Florida-Bahamas Bishop, the Rev. Pedro Suarez on Saturday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, October 27

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, October 28

Council Meeting (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Club 75 (Olive Garden)	12:00PM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM

Wednesday, October 29

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Mission & Outreach (Library)	1:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout #24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, October 30

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Mission Endowment (Library)	2:00PM

Friday, October 31

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
PEO Set-Up (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Anniversary Committee Mtg (Al Lien)	1:00PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, November 1

PEO Meeting (Winemiller + Al Lien)	9:00AM
Friendship Circle (Movie: Springsteen)	TBD

Sunday, November 2

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Cookie Bake-Off (Winemiller)	10:45AM

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

