



## 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

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS - OCTOBER 7, at 11:00AM at the Humane Society of the Nature Coast 7200 Mobley Road, Brooksville, FL.**

9:30AM: Blessing of the Animals

10AM - 12PM: Adopt-A-Pet

Bring your pet for a blessing. Invite your friends.

**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

**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.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, PINE ISLAND - 4:30PM.** Friendship Circle will gather for a salad potluck on the beach at Pine Island on Saturday, October 11, at 4:30pm. Please bring your special salad --protein, vegetable, fruit--to share. Also, this is a BYOB. If you have a favorite game you'd like to play, bring it! To carpool, meet a Nativity by 4:10p. Parking is \$5. Everyone is welcome. Call Susan Nordstrom for further information at 352-428-1918.

**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.

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HOSTING A HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025, at 5:00PM in Winemiller Hall.** We will be serving your favorite slice(s) of pizza. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex starting October 5-19, 2025. 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 beginning October 8th** 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](mailto:cdhelgeson@gmail.com).

## **OUTREACH**

### **FOOD PANTRY: Oct 3 & 4 - CLOSED**

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](mailto: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 off on Monday and in the office on Tuesday morning soon after the Blessings of the Animals at the Brooksville Humane Society at 9:30 AM. He'll be at a silent retreat for the rest of the week. In case of emergency you may call the church office for pastoral care or leave him a message on his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, October 6**

T&T Breakdown	9:00AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

### **Tuesday, October 7**

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Blessing of Animals (Nature Coast Humane Society)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
W.O.N. Meeting (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### **Wednesday, October 8**

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

### **Thursday, October 9**

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Girl Scout Leaders Mtg (Al Lien)	6:00PM

### **Friday, October 10**

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

### **Saturday, October 11**

Friendship Circle (Pine Island)	4:30PM
AA/Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM

### **Sunday, October 12**

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:**

October 18 - Trunk or Treat  
October 19 - Weeki Wachee Winds Concert

