



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SAINTS' DAY - Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY - In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ and we read only in Matthew and Luke a few stories of Jesus' birth and his early years. There is symbolism galore in the stories the Evangelists thought important enough for us to hear. The purpose of the stories is to connect us to ancient divine promises. Come to a Bible study based on the gospel of Matthew on six Mondays from **November 17 through December 15 at 11:00 AM in the church library.**

COMMUNITY LIFE

ATTENTION LECTORS (READERS): Please, mark your calendar. All Readers are cordially invited to attend a refresher meeting on **Sunday, November 23**, following the worship service.

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 will be bringing in their favorite chocolate chip cookies 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.

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**. Ornaments will be available for selection in the narthex on Sundays now 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.

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 today, November 2. 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.

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 29 & 30

Total shoppers 46: Total served 169

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 on Monday-Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be dedicated to personal care and family happenings. Saturday is study day and the time is dedicated to finalizing the sermon but please feel free to contact him or leave a message on his cell phone at 978-956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November 3

Technology Meeting (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Fellowship Meeting (Winemiller)	1:00PM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, November 4

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Property Meeting (Library)	9:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM

Wednesday, November 5

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Girls Scouts #24402 (Admin Bldg)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout #24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, November 6

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Crafty Christmas (Al Lien)	2:00PM

Friday, November 7

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Girl Scout Prod. Distribution (parking lot)	12:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24438 (Library)	5:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, November 8

Girl Scout Clothing Event (Winemiller)	8:00AM
AA Meeting (Winemiller)	5:30PM

Sunday, November 9

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:

W.O.N. Fall Retreat - November 7-9
NLC's 40th Anniversary Luncheon - November 15
Thanksgiving Service (St. Andrews) - November 25

