



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

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Every year the problem of the commercialization of Christmas recurs. While Christians appropriately celebrate the coming of the "Light of the world" (to use Johannine imagery) with lights and decorations, the full meaning of Jesus' birth can too easily be overwhelmed by snowmen, Santa Claus, reindeer, and an avalanche of advertisements. The study of the infancy narrative (according to Matthew this year) can help refocus our priorities. Come to a Bible study on Mondays starting **November 24 through December 15 at 11:00 AM**. Sign up in the narthex so we know what room to reserve.

SEEDING OUR 2026 MINISTRY PLAN. In the next few days, members of Nativity will receive an invitation letter to support the Ministry Plan for 2026. Our ministry together is touching, serving and transforming lives by the grace of God and the help of God's Spirit. Everybody is encouraged to be a part of this ministry by sharing passions, energy and financial support. Prayerfully consider what targeted ministry God is calling you to serve and what level of financial support you will be able to contribute for our ministry together. Fill up the **"Be the Light" card and bring it to church on November 23** for a special celebration. If you can't attend the worship service on that day, please mail it to the office at 6363 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 25, 11:00AM. This is a good time to come out in gratitude and give thanks to God for all the blessings received. Service will take place at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd, Spring Hill 34606**. Our siblings in Christ from Holy Cross will also be with us. Fellowship time to follow.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MEMBERS OF NATIVITY who have had their SNAP benefits interrupted, please call Pr. Giuseppe for temporary cash assistance @ 352-597-1456.

WOMEN OF NATIVITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH @11:30A.M. All women of nativity are invited to attend this luncheon. Tickets are on sale before and after church service in the narthex, cost is \$10.00. **Last day to purchase tickets will be November 30th.** Please bring a dozen cookies to share. Any questions see or call Ellen Lapinski at 773-556-4466.

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 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.

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: Nov 12 & 13

Total shoppers 71: Total served 259

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

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and then again on Saturday to attend Crafty Christmas. If you need to contact him, please use his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November 17

Altar Guild (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, November 18

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Council (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Public Information Workshop (Winemiller)	4:30PM
Girl Scout Troop (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Wednesday, November 19

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Homeless Initiative (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:15PM

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

Crafty Christmas Set-Up	9:00AM
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Saturday, November 22

Crafty Christmas (NLC)	9:00AM
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Sunday, November 23

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Lectors (Readers) Meeting (Sanctuary)	10:45AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

Thanksgiving Service (St. Andrews) - November 25
Office Closed - November 27 (HAPPY THANKSGIVING)

