



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

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - December 24, 2025, at 6:00PM. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World.

COMMUNITY LIFE

HELP NEEDED. Anyone that would like to help with meals for Leonore and Gary Koptizke, while Leonore is home recovery from ankle surgery, it would be much appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345. You can call or text Noel and she will set up a schedule of when the food can be delivered and also let you know of any dietary restrictions.

TODAY: WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 2PM. They will be presenting their **Winter Concert** at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21. Our annual Congregational Meeting for Budget and Elections will be held after Sunday service. The purpose is to propose and adopt a budget and a program of ministry for the following fiscal year, to hold annual elections, and transact any other business that may be necessary. Copies of the budget will be available in the narthex. You may also stop by the office (or call 352-597-1456) to request a copy.

POINSETTIAS! We are taking orders until December 21. Look for the special envelopes by the poinsettia display. \$10 for a large red plant. We also have 6 x-large white plants available at a cost of \$25 each. These are first come first served. Call the office for availability 352-597-1456.

NLC CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS. Crafty Christmas is offering beautiful custom Christmas ornaments that will add a special touch to your holiday décor. When you select an ornament, you are also supporting two vital area charities: **The Starfish Foundation** and **Life Center of Hernando**. Ornaments are available for selection in the narthex on Sundays now through December 21st.

UPCOMING W.O.N. THANKOFFERING SERVICE AND EVENT: On Sunday, January 11th, W.O.N. (Women of Nativity) will have their annual Thankoffering service which will be led by various women of the congregation. It is a time to acknowledge the work of the women's ministries of Nativity. During the service, prayer shawls, quilts, and school kits will be blessed. The quilts and school kits will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be sent out around the world. During this service, a special offering will be collected to support the ministries of the WELCA. After the service, the annual meeting for elections and budget approval for the Women of Nativity will be held followed by a potluck lunch in Winemiller Hall, provided by the ministry groups. During the same time, special refreshments will be set up for the men to enjoy in Al Lien Hall. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for the potluck luncheon. If you have any questions, please see Ellen Lapinski or Janet Jones.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - We have received our copies of the January/February/March issue of *Christ in Our Home*. They are available in the narthex, or stop by the office between 9:00AM and 12PM. A donation would be appreciated to offset the costs of the devotionals as they cost \$2.00 for the small devotional and \$3.75 for the large devotional. You can use a green pew card and mark it "devotionals". If you have any questions, or want to make sure copies are still available, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

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: Dec 10 & 11

Total Shoppers: 60; Total Served: 216

December's donation of the month: instant mashed potatoes and/or stuffing, and pancake syrup.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR DECEMBER - For this holiday season, we would like to give a meal to those who visit the food pantry. This meal consists of a 1 lb. ham or Hormel turkey meal, instant mashed potatoes and stuffing. If you would like to sponsor a meal for a family (or families), please put your donation in a green envelope and mark it "Food Pantry-holiday meal." Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. We will gladly accept other items. Let us bring light and love to those in need.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND. This organization started in 1983. There are almost 27,000 visually impaired people living in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties. Rehabilitation programs are provided at no cost thanks to the generosity of donors. Lighthouse has programs for all age groups: birth to 5 years, children 5-13, teens 14-22, and adults and seniors 23+. These training programs and services are to help people meet the challenge of vision loss and lead safe, independent and productive lives for oneself and their family. To learn more about ways to help visit: www.lvib.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/

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 - Due to a personal emergency, Pastor will be out of the office the week of December 15. If you have an urgent pastoral emergency, please call the office at 352-597-1456.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November December 15

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, December 16

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Dwelling in the World (zoom)	12:55PM

Wednesday, December 17

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Food Pantry Holiday Lunch (Winemiller)	1:00PM
Homeless Initiative Mtg (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Girl Scout #24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM
Girl Scout #24401 (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Girl Scout Troop #24338 (Library)	5:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	11:00AM
Winter Solstice (NLC courtyard)	5:00PM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

Christmas Eve Service - December 24 (6P)
Christmas Day - December 25 (OFFICE CLOSED)
New Years Day - January 1 (OFFICE CLOSED)

