



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.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM. Thank you to all that contributed to our Angel Tree Program this year. The children enjoyed a beautiful celebration of Jesus' birth on December 13th. There was wonderful fellowship with stories of Jesus, singing, crafts, and games. Each child received a gift and a message from their loved one in prison. With a very grateful heart, Linda Russo

COMMUNITY LIFE

GREEN BAG LEFT IN FRONT OFFICE. If you left this bag with cards and a pink sticker on it saying "church" please contact the office so we know what to do with this - 352-597-1456.

MAILBOXES IN WINEMILLER HALL. Please check your mailbox, especially this time of year, as people often deliver holiday cards, etc.

TODAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21. Our annual **Congregational Meeting for Budget and Elections** will be held after Sunday service in the Sanctuary. 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.

POINSETTIAS! TODAY! LAST DAY TO ORDER: December 21. Look for the special envelopes by the poinsettia display. \$10 for a large red plant. We also have 5 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.

LAST DAY TO ORDER DECEMBER 21 - 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**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE—JANUARY 24, TACO/BINGO NIGHT. Fellowship will be hosting a taco/bingo night. Cost is \$5 per person. Sign-ups will start January 4 before/after Sunday services. Any questions, please see or call Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135.

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.



THANK YOU Nativity Choir and Bell Choir for your generous holiday gift. You all are a blessing to me. Best wishes to all, Joanne Johnson

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 17 & 18

Total Shoppers: 51; Total Served: 189

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

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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pastor will be on vacation Monday and Tuesday, and presiding over Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday. Office is closed Thursday, Christmas Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 352-597-1456, or Pastor Mattei at 978-956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November December 22

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, December 23

Dwelling in the World (zoom) 12:55PM

Wednesday, December 24

Food Pantry (Al Lien) CLOSED
Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:00PM
Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary) 6:00PM

Thursday, December 25 - OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 26

AA Meeting (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien) 9:45AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

January 1 - OFFICE CLOSED
January 11 - Thankoffering Service
January 18 - Annual Congregational Meeting

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**.

