



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

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES. The 2026 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex and you can pick them up before or after service, or you can stop by the office during the week. After January 4 they will then be put in your mailbox in Winemiller Hall.

NOTE: If your envelope number is between 241 - 275, we are still awaiting those to come in. We appreciate your patience.

COURTYARD MEMORIAL PAVERS. If you would like to purchase a paver and have it inscribed in memory or in honor of someone, there are forms in the office, or pick one up in the narthex. The cost is \$75 per paver. We are hoping to place an order beginning of February 2026.

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.

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.

RESULTS OF DECEMBER ELECTIONS

Elected to Congregation Council: Three-year term: Scott Henkel, Linda Russo, Karen Napoli; Two-year term: June Kristoferson

Elected to the Nominating Committee: Three-year term: Suzanne Chelf, Diane Alt; One-year term: Judith Brayman

Elected to the Mission Endowment Committee: Three-year term: Will Schantl

Elected as 2026 Synod Assembly Delegates: Nina Vaznelis and Donna Olsen

In addition, the 2026 Church Budget was approved.

The officers for the Congregation Council will be elected at the January meeting.



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

FINAL DAYS FOR THE TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS - 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.

FOOD PANTRY: Dec 24 & 25

CLOSED

January's donation of the month: 1 or 2 pound bags of white rice.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH - FOOD PANTRY.

Nativity Lutheran Church operates a food pantry to help feed those in our community who are in need. Our food pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed and can be dropped off during church hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Money donations are also accepted. You can use the green envelope in the church pew and make sure to note "Food Pantry" on the envelope. For more information, please contact Gwen Mahon (352-200-6028) or Noel Prettyman (352-515-3345).

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Wednesday morning. You may reach him on his cell phone at 978-956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, December 29

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, December 30

Dwelling in the World (zoom) 12:55PM

Wednesday, December 31

Dwelling in the Word (zoom) 12:00PM

Thursday, January 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 2

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) 9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Saturday, January 3

Girl Scout Cookie Rally (Winemiller) 10:00AM

Sunday, January 4

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

January 11 - Thankoffering Service

January 18 - Annual Congregational Meeting followed by spaghetti dinner sponsored by W.O.N. (Women of Nativity)

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**.

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



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