



## 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 Monday, December 8 at 11:00 AM.**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA, DECEMBER 14TH** - Nativity Chancel Choir will be offering a beautiful Christmas Cantata, *A Thrill of Hope*, at the 9:30am service.

**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

**POINSETTIAS! December 7 we start 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.

**NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE, DECEMBER 8 & 15.** The Cards R Us Circle will be making cards in Winemiller Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm. No experience necessary. Call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918 for information.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.** The December activity for Friendship Circle will be a visit to the Hernando Historic Museum Association's train depot in Brooksville on Saturday, December 13. This will be a 1-hour guided tour beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918) if you plan to attend.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 15th.** All ministry teams and committees are asked to turn in an annual report to the church office by December 15. Any questions, call the church office at 352-597-1456.

**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. 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. You can order by email at: [nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com).

**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 3 & 4 -**

**Total Shoppers: 57; Total Served: 213**

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/](http://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](mailto: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 Monday-Wednesday. Please, use his cell phone number to reach him directly: 978-956-4304.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, November December 8**

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Bible Study (Library)	11:00AM
Election Set-Up (Winemiller)	3:30PM
Finance Committee (narthex+zoom)	6:00PM
Harmonizers (Al Lien)	6:00PM

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

SPECIAL ELECTION (Winemiller)	All Day
Property Committee (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Council Meeting (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the World (zoom)	12:55PM
Fellowship Committee (Al Lien)	1:00PM

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Worship & Music (zoom + Library)	4:00PM
Choir (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

#### **Thursday, December 11**

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Girl Scouts Leaders Mtg (Al Lien)	6:00PM

#### **Friday, December 12**

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Girl Scout Troop #24417 (Winemiller)	6:30PM

#### **Saturday, December 13**

Friendship Circle Outing (Hernando Historic Museum)	10:00AM
Angel Tree Party (Al Lien)	1:00PM
AA Meeting (Winemiller)	5:30PM

#### **Sunday, December 14**

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (NLC)	2:00PM

#### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

Congregational Meeting - December 21 (10:45A)  
Christmas Eve Service - December 24 (6P)

