



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

ASH WEDNESDAY INVITATION

Begin your Lenten journey with us on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 5:00PM**. This special service invites all ages to gather for prayer, reflection, and the ancient ritual of receiving ashes as a sign of repentance and hope. Come as you are and enter this sacred season with a spirit open to God's renewing presence.

Lenten Midweek Series: Growing in Spirit - Following Ash Wednesday, which opens the season of Lent, we invite you into a five-week journey of spiritual renewal called **"Growing in Spirit."** Each week explores a different movement of growth in the Christian life: Rooted, Nourished, Stretched, Opened, and Made Fruitful by God's Spirit. Through Scripture, prayer, silence, and simple ritual actions, we will reflect on how God shapes us for deeper faith and compassionate living.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a light meal at 4:45PM in Winemiller Hall and/or at 5:30PM for a reflective prayer service in the sanctuary starting on **February 25**. Whether you come seeking quiet, community, or a renewed sense of purpose, you'll find space here to breathe, listen, pray and grow.

An extra set-up volunteer is needed to assist Janet Jones at 3:45pm before the Lenten dinners on Wednesdays in Winemiller Hall. Please see Janet before or after service to sign-up.

CLUB 75 - FEBRUARY 24. Bonefish Grill, Cortez Blvd. Sign-up in the narthex. See Vicki Page for any questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, MARCH 7 @ 8:45AM. If you are interested in joining our church, please mark your pew card and place in the offering basket. We will mail an information packet to you. New members will be received on Sunday, March 15.

DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES - There is a box in the narthex for collecting used prescription glasses. They will be donated to the Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, one of our church's local missions, and will be used to benefit people in our area.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

UPDATE: MYSTERY DINNER, FEBRUARY 19. 4PM in Winemiller Hall. Sign-up in the narthex. See Carol Anderson for any questions.

CPR TRAINING CLASS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 10a-1p. It will be held at CPR Rescue, 5126 Commercial Way, Spring Hill. Please consider signing up for this class. The class is \$25 which will be covered by the Nativity Endowment Fund up to 10 people. Any questions, or to sign up, call Suzanne Chelf at 352-263-6459, or the church 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.



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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: Feb 4 & 5
Total Shoppers 63; Total Served 232
February's donation of the month:
12 - 16 oz. bags of egg noodles

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is the ELCA's ministry to provide short- and long-term recovery when disasters strike in the United States and around the world. LDR shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. When a gift is designated to a specific disaster, 100% of it goes toward helping survivors and communities. Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on Twitter and follow @ELCA_LDR on Instagram. Donations can be put in the green envelopes in the pews, and mark it "LDR" and placed in the offering basket.

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 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Visitations will be made in the afternoons. He'll be off on Thursday and Friday for personal care and family commitments and working on his sermon on Saturday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, February 9

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
W.O.N. Meeting (Library)	10:30AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, February 10

Property Meeting (Library)	9:00AM
Executive Team (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the World (zoom)	12:55PM
Fellowship Meeting (Winemiller)	1:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24409 (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Wednesday, February 11

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	9:45AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Worship & Music (zoom)	4:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, February 12

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Girl Scout Cookie Distribution (parking lot)	10:00AM
Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (Al Lien)	6:00PM

Friday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 14

AA/Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM
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Sunday, February 15

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 5PM
February 19 - Mystery Dinner @4PM
February 24 - Club 75 @ 12PM
February 25 - Lenten Supper @ 4:45PM
Lent Service @ 5:30PM
March 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Lenten Supper @ 4:45PM
Lent Service @ 5:30PM
March 7 - New Member Class @ 8:45AM

