



## 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

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES: *Growing in Spirit*** - Each week explores a different movement of growth in the Christian life. Join us on Wednesday evenings for soup and sandwich at 4:45PM in Winemiller Hall and/or at 5:30PM for a reflective prayer service in the sanctuary. Whether you come seeking quiet, community, or a renewed sense of purpose, you'll find space here to breathe, listen, pray and grow.

**Week 3 - March 11: Stretched: Growing Through Challenge**

**LENTEN SUPPERS.** Seeking soup and/or sandwich makers on Wednesday nights during Lent. Look for sign up sheets in the narthex on Sundays.

**TODAY: MARCH 8 - Guest Missionary Pastor Preaching at NLC** - Help us welcome the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider to Nativity Lutheran Church. She is currently serving as a missionary Pastor in Guyana to help strengthen church leadership development. This will be a very special time to learn about her work and how we can support her in South America. Our congregation is fortunate to host Dr. Schneider on her limited visit to Florida. She will share her ministry with us during worship and invite our ongoing support. A reception will be held for her following the service in Winemiller Hall. We hope you will attend this unique opportunity!

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**LIFE LINE SCREENING WILL BE HERE AT NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON MARCH 9, 2026**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. There is no time like the present to take action! See flyer in the narthex for more information.

**W.O.N. SPRING GATHERING, MARCH 14 - Lutheran Women, you are invited** to a Gathering of Women from the Gulf Coast Area to celebrate America's 250th and "God's Work, Our Hands" on the morning of Saturday, March 14th in Winemiller Hall. Registration and coffee start 9AM. Please sign up in the narthex. Cost is \$10 per person. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. You are welcome to bring a food pantry donation like pasta, sauce, canned peaches or canned pears. Thank you!

**WESTERN NIGHT AT NLC - SATURDAY, MARCH 21 @ 5:00PM.** Break out those cowboy boots and hats and be ready to have some fun! We will have a line dance instructor to help us with our two step. Menu: pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, corn nibblets, corn bread and dessert. **Tickets are on sale in the narthex for \$10 per person.** Any questions, please see or call Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** - The April/May/June issues of *Christ in Our Home* are available now in the narthex, or stop by the office between 9:00AM and 12PM, and we still have available Jan/Feb/March issues. 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: March 4 & 5**

**Total Shoppers 47; Total Served 164**

March's donation of the month:  
Great Value Classic Roast Instant Coffee (7 ct)  
(available at Wal-Mart)



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**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – If you would like to volunteer at our food pantry, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, as well as in Al Lien Hall. Any questions, please ask Gwen Mahon @ 352-397-5048 or Noel Prettyman @ 352-515-3345.

**THANK YOU** for all the donated clothing we have received over the past several months. However, at this point in time, we are asking no more donations until May. We will send out a note when we can start accepting donations again.

**THANK YOU FOR GIFT TO THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND.** Thank you to the Nativity Lutheran Church for thinking about the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind for your donations from your December collection plate. Your ongoing support is such a blessing to our mission as a nonprofit caring for those with visual impairments. We couldn't provide the support services to our youngest babies through seniors without generous donors like your parishioners. I invite you to join us on a tour of our Brooksville or New Port Richey Lighthouse, attend one of our Independent Living Graduations, or children's events like the Beeping Egg Hunt or our Teen Prom. ~Becky Bennett, Chief Executive Officer

**MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH - HERNANDO HOPE.** Hernando Hope is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists the homeless in Hernando County.

What do we do?

- Obtain ID Cards, Birth Certificates, and Social Security Cards
- Apply for Food Stamps
- Obtain prescription glasses
- Supply food, clothing, bedding, and tents
- Supply shoes and socks
- Apothecary
- Assist with access to Medical & Psychological Treatment

Donations can be made by filling out a green envelope and marking it "Hernando Hope." Any questions about this mission, please call Ellen Paul @ 352-600-9555.

**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 mornings. Wednesday he will be at the office in the afternoon, then presiding over Lenten Prayer Service. He'll be off Thursday and Friday for personal care and family commitment.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, March 9**

Life Line Screening (Winemiller)	8:00AM
Trinkets & Treasures Drop Off (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Bell Choir (Sanctuary)	4:30PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien)	6:00PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

#### **Tuesday, March 10**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 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 (Library + zoom )	4:00PM
Lenten Supper (Winemiller)	4:45PM
Lenten Service (Sanctuary)	5:30PM
Girl Scout Troop #24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:15PM

#### **Thursday, March 12**

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Girl Scout Cookie Distribution (parking lot)	3:00PM
Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (Al Lien)	6:00PM

#### **Friday, March 13**

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

#### **Saturday, March 14**

WELCA Spring Gathering (NLC)	9:00AM
AA Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM

#### **Sunday, March 15**

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Harmonizers Concert (Sanctuary)	2:00PM

#### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

March 18 & 25 - Lenten Supper @ 4:45PM  
Lent Service @ 5:30PM  
March 21 - Western Night (Winemiller) @ 5PM  
March 29 - Palm Sunday Service @ 9:30AM

