



## 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

**RACHEL'S DAY, MAY 3, 2026** - Rachel's Day, a project of the Women of the ELCA observed annually on the first Sunday in May. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear that plague our nation. We will be taking a special offering during the service. Our offering will be given to Pastor's Good Samaritan Fund to help all struggling families with children.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**BIBLE STUDY** - Come for a 6 Sunday Bible study to start on April 26 soon after the worship service. Come to Winemiller Hall and bring your refreshments to a reserved table where we will engage in a study of the Book of Acts. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:45AM. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**SPRING CLEANING - SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 9AM.** It is time again for our annual "spring cleaning" of the Sanctuary. We are looking for volunteers of all ages and all physical abilities to help us. We expect this will take about 2-3 hours to complete. We truly appreciate any help that you can provide for this event. Questions? Call Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512.

**WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT 2PM.** They will be presenting their **Spring Concert** at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

**U.S. POSTAL FOOD DRIVE - MAY 9.** The annual postal food drive will commence on Saturday, May 9 @ 2PM, @ Forest Oaks Lutheran Church, on Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill. Volunteers are needed, as well as people with SUV's or pick-up trucks. Please contact Noel Prettyman for more information, 352-515-3345.

**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. 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.

### OUTREACH

**FOOD PANTRY: April 15 & 16  
CLOSED**

April's donation of the month:  
Great Value 16 oz. Peanut Butter  
(available at Walmart)



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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 clothing donations until May.** We will send out a note when we will start accepting donations again.

**GLOBAL REFUGE FUNDRAISING DINNER FRIDAY, MAY 1.** The Mission and Outreach Committee is holding an upscale Italian dinner on Friday, May 1st, beginning at 5:00 p.m., to raise money for the ELCA Global Refuge ministry. The dinner will be held in Winemiller Hall and is limited to 40 guests. The menu will include Zuppa Toscana, Jill's lasagna, and Tiramisu among other things. You can sign up in the narthex this Sunday. Our goal is to raise \$1,000.

**APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL REFUGE.** In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. The work of the ELCA through Global Refuge includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more. Join us in this courageous work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more about Global Refuge go to [www.globalrefuge.org](http://www.globalrefuge.org).

To donate to this months mission, simply fill out a green envelope and mark it - Global Refuge.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM  
**FOOD PANTRY:** Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM

**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.**

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE** - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office Monday through Wednesday and then on Saturday again. If you need pastoral attention, do not hesitate to call him at 978-956-4304.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### Monday, April 20

Sewing Machine Maintenance (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Trinkets & Treasures Breakdown	9:00AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

#### Tuesday, April 21

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Council Meeting (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Girl Scout Troop 24409 (Al Lien)	6:30PM

#### Wednesday, April 22

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Girl Scout Troop 24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM

#### Thursday, April 23

TOPS (Winemiller)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM

#### Friday, April 24

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

#### Saturday, April 25

Spring Cleaning (Sanctuary)	9:00AM
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#### Sunday, April 26

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	11:00AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (Sanctuary)	2:00PM

#### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

May 3 - Rachel's Day  
May 9 - U.S. Postal Food Drive (Forest Oaks Lutheran Church)

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

