



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

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5 - During our worship service on Easter Sunday (9:30AM), we will rejoice and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Author and Sustainer of life cannot be held hostage to cruelty and evil. His love response overcomes death and the grave and triumphs over fear. Those crafted in him and his words, Baptized in his death, rise with him to a new life of joy and hope.

BAPTISM - APRIL 12. Please join us next Sunday for the baptism of Francesca Bugini during worship service, followed by fellowship time in Winemiller Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Now that the Lent season is over, flowers will be available for purchase starting Sunday, April 12. You can buy them in honor or memory of a loved one or event. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the kiosk. You can also call the office at 352-597-1456. Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. For those people who have purchased bouquets, the Altar Guild will have them ready for you to pick up after the 9:30AM service. PLEASE, do not remove flowers from the altar. Members from the Altar Guild will remove them for you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

TRINKETS & TREASURES - SALE DATES FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH AND SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH. We will need volunteers Monday, April 13-Thursday, April 16 starting at 9am to help set up for the sale. On the sale dates, many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. It's a great time for fellowship as we work. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-515-3931. **Trinkets & Treasures Bake Sale** - We are looking for people to bake various items (cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) for our sale. Mae Haines (727-863-4329) is coordinating this and she has more information on it. If you are willing to help bake something for the sale, please see her before or after service in the narthex.

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.

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 1 & 2
Total Shoppers 51; Total Served 193

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

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.

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.

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 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning, and will attend meetings in the afternoon of those same days. He will be off on Thursday and Saturday for personal care and family commitments. In case of pastoral need you may reach him at 978-956-4304.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, April 6 - OFFICE CLOSED

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Technology Pre-Meeting (Zoom)	10:00AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, April 7

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Property (Library)	9:00AM
Dwelling in the World (zoom)	12:55PM
Girl Scout Troop #24409 (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Wednesday, April 8

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Mary Joy Circle (Winemiller)	12:45PM
Worship & Music (Zoom only)	4:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24402 (Winemiller)	5:45PM

Thursday, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Anna Hupp Memorial Service (Sanctuary)	12:00PM
Girl Scout World Thinking Day (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24417 (Winemiller)	6:30PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, April 11

Friendship Circle - Island Cruise	10:30AM
AA/Unity (Winemiller)	5:30PM

Sunday, April 12

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

April 17 & 18 - Trinkets and Treasures Sale
 April 25 - Spring Cleaning (NLC)
 April 26 - Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (NLC)

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



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