



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 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) 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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES. If you have a family member graduating this year, please call the office (352-597-1456) with their name and school they are graduating from, even if they are out of state. **We will have a special blessing for them on Sunday, May 31.** Out-of-state graduates will be able to follow the service on line at www.nlcww.org.

We will also have a Sunday School Staff and Children's Blessing on this day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY - Join us on Sundays for a Bible Study of the Book of Acts. Come to Al Lien 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. Last day will be May 31.

DEEP SEA DISCOVERY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Please join us for a fun filled week Diving Deep Into God's Love! June 8-12, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Registration forms available online, in the narthex or church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:45AM. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345. Last day will be May 24.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED - We are looking for 2 volunteers to staff the nursery each Sunday during the service. A sign-up sheet will be in narthex/nursery. If you are new to volunteering in the nursery, please see or call Noel Prettyman (352-515-3345) to get further details.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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 with SUV's or pick-up trucks are needed to pick up donated food at Forest Oaks and bring it to Nativity. Volunteers are needed at our food pantry to sort the food. Please contact Noel Prettyman for more information, 352-515-3345. Volunteers may sign up Wednesday or Thursday during regular food pantry hours (9:30AM - 12:30PM).

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ, SUNDAY MAY 24th. On the menu will be brats or hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, sauerkraut and all the trimmings, apple pie and ice cream. **We will start selling tickets on Sunday May 3rd for \$5.00 per person.** Any questions please contact Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will celebrate America's 250th Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, May 24, at the Anclote Symphonic Winds' concert, "For the Red, White, and Blue", Hudson First United Methodist Church. This symphony includes professional and semi-professional musicians from the Tampa Bay area. Time is 3:00-4:00 p.m. and the address is 13123 U.S. Highway 19 N., Hudson 34667. Following the concert, we will enjoy the church's ice cream social. Both the concert and social are at no charge, with free will offerings. To carpool, meet at Nativity at 2:00 p.m. For information, call Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.



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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to personal care and family commitments. He'll be at church for the Post Office Annual Food Drive on Saturday.

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 29 & 30
Total Shoppers 32; Total Served 113

May's donation of the month:
 mixed fruit / fruit cocktail
 (best price at Aldi's)

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.

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ HOUSE. Each year Nativity raises money to purchase "Back to School" shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line. THANK YOU. Blessings to All, Linda Russo 352-596-0673

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**.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, May 4

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

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, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

U.S. Postal Drive (Forest Oaks Lutheran Ch.)	2:00PM
AA (Winemiller)	5:30PM

Sunday, May 10

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Bible Study (Al Lien)	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

May 24 - Memorial Day BBQ (NLC)
 May 31 - Blessing of Graduates, Sunday School Staff & Children



RECONCILING IN CHRIST