



## 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

#### UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566. Wednesday, July 17, 2024** - A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

**DWELLING IN THE WORD.** Come for this restoring mid-week prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00AM in our Sanctuary.

**ANNOUNCING:** If you are interested in deepening your prayer life, Pr. Giuseppe will lead a 7 week class on prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 o'clock starting on August 7 and ending on September 25 based on Martin Laird's "Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation." If you want to, you may purchase the book and read it prior to the class. Look for more information in the weeks leading to the class.

**WHITE PEW CARDS.** Please fill out a white pew card every Sunday. This helps us maintain attendance, you may write a note to pastor, put someone on the prayer list, request information about membership, etc. **ONE card** per family is all that is needed.

The July/August/September 2024 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available in the narthex and admin building, and you are welcome to pick one up. A small donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the devotional. Small manila envelopes are available for your donation and can be put in the offering basket or brought to the office.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**Migrant Worker's Children Shoe Shopping Project - August 2 @ 5:00pm.** Our annual shoe shopping day will take place at the Zephyrhills WalMart, 7631 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541. Please contact Linda Russo at 352-596-0673 for more information.

**SANCTUARY REQUEST.** Since our new carpeting has been installed in our sanctuary we have noticed some staining on the carpet. We would appreciate no food or drinks while in church.

**A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS** craft fair will be a community event sponsored by NLC and held on Saturday November 23, 2024 here at our facilities - with vendors from all over the area selling handcrafted items. There will be a variety of family activities All the money raised through vendor fees, food and beverage sales, auction and Christmas activities will be donated to charities within Hernando County. Many Nativity Ambassadors are needed on the day of the event as well as volunteers to set up. Please contact June Kristoferson to discuss ways you can be part of this Nativity gift to the community.

If you would like to sell your handcrafted items, you can request a vendor application by email at [nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycraftychristmas@gmail.com) or text 352-210-8407 or on the Nativity website: [WWW.NLCWW.ORG](http://WWW.NLCWW.ORG).

**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 TEACHERS NEEDED:** We are looking for one to two volunteers to teach Sunday School starting in September. If you would like to volunteer in that capacity, please mark it on your pew card with your name and phone number and place in offering basket.

## OUTREACH

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH - WEEKEND BLESSINGS (Backpacks-People Helping People).** Weekend Blessings is a program designed to feed preschool, elementary, and middle school children whose families qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Price Meal program. On the last day of every school week kids participating in the Weekend Blessings program get bags filled with sufficient food for the weekend. If you would like to donate to this mission, make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate People Helping People(PHP)/Weekend Blessings on the memo line. If you would like further information regarding this ministry, please call Sue Vincent at 352-442-6177.

**ART ADVENTURE PROJECT.** Nature Coast Interfaith Coalition is looking for volunteers (instructors and support staff) to run a once a month project on the arts for our local community. If willing to help there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex.

**FOOD PANTRY: July 10 & 11; Total Served 146**

**July's donation of the month: cans of Spaghetios w/ Meatballs and bags of Egg Noodles**

**HOME COMMUNION** - If you or anyone you know have just gone through surgery and are rehabilitating at home, or for any other health reason, please let us know and we will make sure you get on our list of home visitation. Call the office at 352-597-1456.

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

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE.** Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office in the morning on Monday through Wednesday. He will reserve afternoons for ministry planning, continuing education, visitations, and meetings. To speak to him directly, call his cell phone (978) 956-4304.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Monday, July 15

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

### Tuesday, July 16

### Wednesday, July 17

Food Pantry (Al Lien) 9:30AM  
Prayer Time: Dwelling in the Word (Sanctuary) 11:00AM

### Thursday, July 18

TOPS (Winemiller) 9:00AM  
Food Pantry (Al Lien) 9:30AM  
Sarah Circle (Youth Room) 10:00AM

### Friday, July 19

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) 9:00AM  
TOPS (Winemiller) 9:00AM  
AA Meeting (Al Lien) 6:30PM

### Saturday, July 20

### Sunday, July 21

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

## **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

July 25 - Golden Rainbow Ranch Tour  
August 2 - Migrant Shoe Shopping Project  
August 24 - W.O.N. Summer Bible Study

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM