



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

SPECIAL PRAYERS. In need of a special prayer and individual blessing at the end of service? Meet Pr. Giuseppe or Deacon Charlotte at the prayer corner behind the worship leaders' chairs.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR is seeking new members. Come and join us on Wednesday's at 6:00pm. No singing experience necessary, just a willing heart to sing with a joyful noise. Please join us! Singing is good for the body and soul. Any questions, call Donna Olsen at 352-220-2318.

NEEDED: 2-3 people to be part of the 5:15pm Bell Choir. Practice is every Monday in the Sanctuary at 5:15p. No experience necessary. Any questions on this ministry, please call Todd Holly at 516-233-8297.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MYSTERY DINNER - SEPTEMBER 17. Tickets will be sold in the narthex at a refundable price of \$10.00. See Patti Cotter for more details.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION CLASS - OCTOBER 12, 9A - 12N. If you are interested in membership, please contact the office to register. You will receive a packet to fill out for class. New members will be received on October 27.

TRINKETS & TREASURES – Sale Dates: Friday, Oct. 4 & Saturday, Oct. 5—9am-2pm. We are in need of volunteers for this fundraising event. We are accepting donations at church on Mondays from 9am-12pm and Tuesdays from 1pm-4pm. **Last day for donations is Sept. 17.** Items include dishes, glassware, CDs/DVDs, jewelry, knick knacks, small appliances, frames, linens, pocketbooks, holiday decorations, books. Help is needed in sorting and pricing items on Mondays/Tuesdays. If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-232-1074.

Crafty Christmas is our Christmas gift to the community and our opportunity to demonstrate "light and love" to those who will visit our facilities as vendors and attendees on Saturday, November 23, 2024. **Please SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 – to participate in Crafty Christmas. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex and be a part of Crafty Christmas.**

The **October/November/December 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.

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.



THANK YOU to those who attended our WON Summer Bible Study. A special thank you to Jill Helgeson and Vicki Page for the amazing program on Kindness. At the Free Will Offering, we collected \$264.00 that will be going to the ELCA Love Offering, which will be given to Grace Way Villages. Thank you Women of Nativity.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Every Sunday at 9:45AM in Al Lien Hall. Registration forms are in the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office or place in offering basket. You can also call Noel Prettyman for more information at 352-515-3345.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Every Sunday at 11:00AM in the Library. Themes of the Old Testament (Creation stories, God's Promises, God's faithfulness) not just for personal knowledge and curiosity but for spiritual growth and transformation.

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SUNDAYS TOGETHER: 10 WEEKS TOGETHER IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. A time to eat together, sing together, study the Bible together, and pray together.

When: 6-8p.m. Sunday evenings until December 15, 2024.

Where: Winemiller Hall, Nativity Lutheran Church

Leaders: Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson and others

What you will learn: How those who lived in the Middle East in Jesus' day would have understood the meaning of the Gospel stories and What the Gospel stories mean for our lives today.

****If you are interested in attending, please talk to Carlan.**

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Sept 11 & 12 - Total Served: 164

September's donation of the month: 15 oz. can of carrots and 15 oz. can of peaches.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - NATURE COAST HUMANE SOCIETY. Founded in 1964, the Humane Society of the Nature Coast, Inc is a private, no time limit, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and health of orphaned, surrendered, and abandoned pets. Nativity Lutheran Church is going to offer a Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 3 at 11:00 AM at the shelter located at 7200 Mobley Rd Brooksville, FL 34601 (corner of Wiscon & Mobley). See Sept. Newsletter for more information. In the meantime, we may collect the following items (at church or you may bring them when you come with your pet for the blessing): Purina One dry adult dog/cat and kitten/puppy dry food - Wet cat/kitten food and Wet dog/puppy food - Clumping cat litter - Dawn dish soap - Window cleaner - 13 and/or 33 gallon garbage bags - Laundry bleach/soap - Paper towels - Disposable gloves - Gallon size Ziplock bags - Manila file folders - Bath towels - Walmart gift cards.

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**.

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.

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

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the Florida Bahamas (FB) Synod Conference on Ministry from Monday through Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be dedicated to self-care and family time. He will work on the sermon and the Sunday Bible study class on Saturday. For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell phone (978-956-4304) or the church number (352-597-1456) and assistance will be provided.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 16

Trinkets & Treasures Collection (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Council Meeting (Library)	10:00AM
Bell Choir A (Practice Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, September 17

Trinkets & Treasures Collection (Al Lien)	1:00PM
Fellowship Mystery Dinner (Winemiller)	3:30PM
Girl Scouts Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Wednesday, September 18

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Policy & Procedures Meeting (Library)	1:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, September 19

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

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

Friendship Circle (Tilted Tea Room)	1:30PM
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Sunday, September 22

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

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

October 3 - Blessing of the Animals
October 4 & 5 - Trinkets & Treasures
October 12 - New Member Class
October 26 - Trunk or Treat

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