



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

NEW CLASS ON PRAYER: Pr. Giuseppe will be leading a new class on prayer on Tuesday, October 15 at 11:00AM in the Library.

Unite with Interfaith Leaders, Worshippers, and Community Members to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land, Saturday, October 19 @ 4:00PM. Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Drive. The Holy Land, often referring to Israel and the Palestinian territories, has been a focal point of complex and multifaceted conflicts for over five decades. The region is significant to several major religions, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, which adds layers of cultural and historical importance. Achieving lasting peace has proven to be challenging due to deep-seated historical grievances, differing political agendas, and the diverse needs of the populations involved. We gather as a diverse group of people to pray for peace and unity for this complex and violent conflict and to end the loss of life and suffering of all peoples.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ALL SAINTS' DAY - Let the office know if you have had a loved one pass away during the last year (we have noted our members, so we are asking for non-members). Votive candles will be placed in the Baptismal Font area for you to light at the beginning of the service if you so choose.

COMMUNITY LIFE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WAS BEAUTIFUL. Thanks to everyone who helped make last Sunday's World Communion Sunday a beautiful experience for all of us. Thank you to Suzanne Chelf, Linda Russo, Mary Krol, Elva Posewitz, and Jill Helgeson, who ironed the 100 flags; to those who set up the flag stands and poles; to Danny Diaz, Ed Lewis, Claude Major, Carlan Helgeson, and Phan Squires, who took part in our multilingual litany; and to all those who carried the flags in the opening procession. It was wonderful!

PASTA BINGO NIGHT - OCTOBER 19 @ 5PM. Tickets are on sale in the narthex at a cost of \$5.00.

WEEKI WACHEE WINDS CONCERT- OCTOBER 20 @ 2PM in the Sanctuary. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

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.**

REQUEST: if you know of any businesses/restaurants that would like to donate to *Crafty Christmas*, please call Ellen Lapinski @ 773-556-4466.

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.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sundays at 9:45AM in Al Lien Hall. For information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 11:00AM in the Library.

SUNDAYS TOGETHER: 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

TROMPETER FUND GRANT FORMS AVAILABLE -

Applications for 2025 grants from the David Trompeter and Dorothy Marie Trompeter Endowment Fund are now available in the church office. The applications must be returned to the church by December 31, 2024. You can pick one up at the church office. Trompeter Fund grants are made to supplement "worthwhile ministries of Nativity Lutheran Church" and may not be used for ongoing budgeted programs or building programs of the church. For questions about the grant process, please contact Carlan Helgeson of the Mission Endowment Committee at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY: Oct 9: Total Served 25

October's donation of the month: bags of candy for Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LUTHERAN

GLOBAL MISSIONS. The Global Mission Committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod is involved with three Lutheran Churches abroad for mutual spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Our Companion Synods are the Eglise Luthérienne d'Haiti (ELH), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG), and the Iglesia Evangelic Unita-Sinodo Luterano (IEU-SL) in Cuba. The funds collected during this period will go toward the support of our Lutheran congregations in Haiti. Please use a green envelope, mark it for Global Missions, and make the check out to Nativity Lutheran Church.

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 Monday afternoon and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday morning. He will be off on Thursday and Friday for self-care and family time, but please do call him on his cell (978-956-4304) in case of a pastoral emergency and leave a message, he'll get back to you asap.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, October 14

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Executive Team Mtg (Library)	1:00PM
Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Finance Committee (Al Lien)	5:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, October 15

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Fellowship Committee (Winemiller)	10:30AM
Contemplative Prayer Book Study (Library)	11:00AM

Wednesday, October 16

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

PEO Set-Up Winemiller)	9:00AM
Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	6:00PM
TOPS (Library)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, October 19

PEO Pre-Meeting (Library)	9:00AM
PEO Meeting (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Prayer for Peace (Holy Cross, Spring Hill)	4:00PM
Pasta/Bingo Night (Winemiller)	5:00PM

Sunday, October 20

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Adult Bible Study (Library)	11:00AM
Weeki Wachee Winds Concert (NLC)	2:00PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	6:00PM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

October 26 - Trunk or Treat

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

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

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