



## 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

**Stephen, Deacon and Martyr. Thursday, December 26, 2024,** Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

**John, Apostle and Evangelist. Friday, December 27, 2024,** The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Saturday, December 28, 2024,** This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - December 24, 2024, at 6:00PM.** Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the World.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**THANK YOU!** The Prettyman Family from the deepest part of our heart would like to thank our Nativity Church Family for your generosity, prayers, and support.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.** Come ring in the New Year with your church family during coffee hour on Sunday, December 29th. Details to follow.

**CALLING ALL EARTH LOVERS!** Nativity is looking for a few volunteers to take recycling to the dump on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis. Call Janet Jones @ 352-232-1074, if you are able to help. Thank you!

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS.** If you are a Thrivent Financial member, there is a good chance you get Thrivent Choice Dollars allocated every year for you to donate to a charity of your choice. This is charitable grant money the Thrivent Financial puts aside on your behalf based on the monies you have invested or paid into Thrivent Financial. Many people are unaware of these monies that exist for them. Are you one of them? If you are not sure, contact Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, or check online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). You have until March 31, 2025, to get these dollars allocated.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES.** The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex and you can pick them up before or after service, or you can stop by the office during the week. After December 22 they will then be put in your mailbox in Winemiller Hall.

**The January/February/March 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home*** devotionals are 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](mailto: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** - 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.

Please check out our website at: [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org)  
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**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** in Al Lien Hall, 6p-8p. Open to all youth 6th - 12th grade. Dinner, Games, Music, Bible Study. For any questions, please contact Ann Wright @ 813-790-9775.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE** - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the church office on Monday morning. Please, use his cell phone to get in touch with him: (978) 956-4304.

**COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP - LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** in Al Lien Hall, 8p-9:30p. Ages 18 and up. Dinner, Fellowship, Games, Bible Study. For any questions, please contact Ann Wright @ 813-790-9775.

## **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](mailto:cdhelgeson@gmail.com).

### **FOOD PANTRY: Dec 18 & 19 - Total Served: 133**

December's donation of the month: Spaghetti (1 lb. box) and shampoo (18-22 oz. bottle) buy shampoo at Dollar Tree for best price.

**DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLIND.** This organization started in 1983. There are almost 27,000 visually impaired people living in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties. Rehabilitation programs are provided at no cost thanks to the generosity of donors. Lighthouse has programs for all age groups: birth to 5 years, children 5-13, teens 14-22, and adults and seniors 23+. These training programs and services are to help people meet the challenge of vision loss and lead safe, independent and productive lives for oneself and their family. To learn more about ways to help visit: [www.lvib.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/](http://www.lvib.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/)

**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**.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, December 23**

Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	6:00PM
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### **Wednesday, December 25**

Office and Food Pantry CLOSED

### **Thursday, December 26**

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
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### **Friday, December 27**

AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM
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### **Saturday, December 28**

### **Sunday, December 29**

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Youth Fellowship (Al Lien)	6:00PM
College & Career Fellowship (Al Lien)	8:00PM

### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:**

1/1 - Office & Food Pantry Closed  
1/19 - Congregational Meeting

**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**.