



## 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

**Lucy, martyr, died 304 - Friday, December 13, 2024.**

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

**John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591 - Saturday, December 14, 2024.** John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

**THE FIRST ADVENT IN PALESTINE, A BIBLE STUDY.** Our Christian faith teaches us of a pregnant couple's arduous trip, angels, shepherds, a comet, magi welcoming the birth of the Savior. The message of that birth in the Bible is not a seasonal message about decked walls, hanging lights, Christmas trees, egg nog and familiar carols. The first advent was about the arrival of God in a world of woe, and ever since we are invited to grapple with what that birth means for our times. **Come for a study of the story as told from Mary's and Joseph's perspective on December 11 and 18 from 10:00a to 11:30a in the library.**

**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

**DECEMBER 15TH, CHRISTMAS CANTATA,** followed by a complementary brunch. It is important that you sign up for all of the family in advance, we welcome all, we need to know how many guests to prepare for. As it is free, free, free, we used Thrivent to help pay for it. Thrivent is something that can be used for so many things. Talk to Ernie or Tim if you want info.

**POINSETTIAS!** We are taking orders until December 15. Look for the special envelopes by the poinsettia display. \$10 for a large red plant. Call the office for availability 352-597-1456.

**CLUB 75, DECEMBER 17** - luncheon will take place at Carrabba's, 12957 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613 @ 12:00N. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Any questions, call Vicki Page @ 352-210-8407.

**OUR THANKS** to Robert Rios for fixing the greeter table in the narthex, which was broken during the Crafty Christmas event. It's wonderful when we use our talents in service to our Lord!

**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*** devotional 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. 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.

**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 4 & 5 - Total Served: 132**  
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**.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE** - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on the mornings of Monday and Tuesday and the afternoon of Wednesday. In the afternoons, he'll make house calls and attend meetings. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to self-care and family commitments. Pr. Giuseppe will finalize his sermon and the Wednesday Bible study on Saturday. In case of emergency, call him on his cell (978-956-4304).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 9

Cards R Us (Winemiller)	9:30AM
Executive Team Mtg (Library)	10:00AM
Bell Choir A Practice (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B Practice (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

### Tuesday, December 10

Fellowship Meeting (Cotter's)	12:00PM
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### Wednesday, December 11

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Bible Study: The First Advent (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (Zoom)	12:00PM
Hernando Homeless Cmte (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

### Thursday, December 12

TOPS (Library)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg (Al Lien)	6:30PM

### Friday, December 13

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Cantata Set-Up (Winemiller)	12:00PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

### Saturday, December 14

Angel Tree (Al Lien)	1:00PM
AA Meeting (Winemiller)	5:30PM

### Sunday, December 15

Worship Service/Cantata (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Brunch (Winemiller)	11:00AM

## **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service, 6P

**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**.