



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

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156. Sunday, January 19, 2025 - When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes, martyr, died around 304. Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul. Saturday, January 25, 2025 - The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

ALL WOMEN OF NATIVITY (W.O.N.) are invited to our Meeting and Potluck Luncheon, JANUARY 26 - After the Thankoffering Service the W.O.N. will meet and have a potluck luncheon. See Ellen Lapinski, or a W.O.N. representative, in the narthex before and after service to sign up.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, FEBRUARY 8. We will see the movie GREEN AND GOLD on Saturday, February 8. GREEN AND GOLD is a family drama movie that tells the story of a Door County, (WI) dairy farmer who bets it all on the Green Bay Packers winning the Super Bowl to save his farm from foreclosure. The theater and movie time, plus the restaurant, will be chosen once schedules are released, a few days prior. Circle members and any others who have indicated they wish to join us will be notified by email, phone, or text. If anyone other than a member of Friendship Circle wishes to join us, please contact Susan Nordstrom at 352-428-1918.

MYSTERY DINNER, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH. Appetizers in Winemiller Hall, in the administration building, at 4:00p. Then you shall be sent to a great new restaurant we just found. If you wish to participate please leave per person \$10 which will be returned to you at your attendance. Patti will start taking sign ins and deposits on Sunday, January 12th.

COMMUNITY LIFE

TODAY: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 19, 2025. The agenda for this meeting will include the Annual Report, and our year-end financial reports from the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We are asking congregational members to make the time to attend this important meeting which will occur after the 9:30AM service.

COFFEE HOUR will be in the narthex after service, with limited beverages and snacks.

CLUB 75 - Our social luncheon will be Tuesday, January 21 at 12:00n. Only criteria is that you have to be 75 years of age or older. Restaurant: Coyote Rojo, 5375 Spring Hill Drive. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Call Vicki Page at 352-210-8407.

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. 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. You have until March 31, 2025, to get these dollars allocated.

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS NEEDED. Counters are needed for Monday mornings to count the Sunday donations. The 1st, 4th & 5th Mondays of each month are available. You can decide which week is best for you. Come join our team! No experience necessary. Please call or see Ernie Horeis at 352-600-5906. PS: head counters are also needed.



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.

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**.

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.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Jan 15 & 16 - CLOSED
January's donation of the month: Cans of condensed tomato soup and toothpaste.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH - FOOD PANTRY. Nativity Lutheran Church operates a food pantry to help feed those in our community who are in need. Our food pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations of non-perishable items are always needed and can be dropped off during church hours Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Money donations are also accepted. You can use the green envelope in the church pew and make sure to note "Food Pantry" on the envelope. For more information, please contact Janet and Todd Holly at 352-503-6215.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the church office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, and attend meetings and do visitations mostly in the afternoons. Thursday and Friday are personal care and family days. He will be presiding over the Hennessey memorial service at Nativity on Saturday, as well as finishing and polishing his sermon.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, January 20

Trinkets & Treasures Mtg (Al Lien)	10:00AM
Contemplative Prayer (Library)	11:00AM
Bell Choir A (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Finance Meeting (Al Lien)	5:30PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, January 21

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Executive Council Meeting (Library)	10:00AM
Club 75 (Coyote Rojo, Spring Hill)	12:00PM
Dwelling in the Word (Zoom)	12:55PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Wednesday, January 22

Food Pantry	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Hernando City Homeless Cmte (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, January 23

TOPS (Library)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM

Friday, January 24

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM
Weeki Wachee Winds Board Mtg (Library)	7:00PM

Saturday, January 25

Memorial Service-Jim & Rose Hennessey	11:00AM
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Sunday, January 26

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
W.O.N. Potluck Luncheon & Meeting	11:00AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

February 8 - Friendship Circle (movie, time TBD)
February 22 - Fellowship 50's Night

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

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