



## 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

**FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE - FEBRUARY 23, 2025, 3:00PM.** Presented by Hernando County Community/Four Chaplains Volunteer Committee. Where: Nativity Lutheran Church.

**USHERS NEEDED.** We need 2 ushers for our 9:30AM service. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex listing the Sunday service dates. Please sign up for whatever date(s) fits your schedule. Your time is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Joe Kleiber at 608-860-1260.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

**DRIVEWAY PROJECT.** Assuming that the weather cooperates, we will complete the driveway project next week. We will block off the north side of the parking lot Tuesday and Wednesday (February 18 & 19) and the south side blocked on Thursday and Friday (February 20 & 21). You will have full access to the Church on all those days. Please just park on the other side of the parking lot on those days. Please contact Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512 if you have any questions about this project.

**NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN** - The time has come to replace our existing sign for our church with a new electronic sign. A new sign would allow us to more effectively spread the message of God's love and the many things that Nativity is doing in response to that love. We need your help to make this dream a reality. Thus far, we have raised about 37% of the funds needed for this project. Pledge forms for this initiative are available in the narthex. You can also use the green envelopes to make a donation to this initiative and please mark it "sign project". Please contact Ev Galli at 516-909-3119 or Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512 if you have any questions concerning this initiative.

**REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025, AT 5:00 PM.** Fellowship will take us back to the 50's on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 5:00 PM. We are serving sloppy joes, chips, corn on the cob and coleslaw. For dessert we are having root beer floats. Poodle skirts, saddle shoes, leather jackets and bobby socks. Tickets are on sale before and after service at a cost of \$5.00 a person.

**CLUB 75 - Our social luncheon will be Tuesday, February 25 at 12:00n.** Only criteria is that you have to be 75 years of age or older. Restaurant: Outback Steakhouse, 4905 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL 34606. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Call Vicki Page at 352-210-8407.

**THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT - SUNDAY, MARCH 2 AT 2PM.** Under the direction of NLC member Mark Hengesh, Weeki Wachee Winds will be presenting their Winter Concert at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

**NEED HELP Finding Contractors For Tree Removal, Gutter Repair Or Stucco Repair.** The Property Committee is looking for contractors to help with some of the necessary maintenance of our Church. We are hoping that you perhaps have members of your family or friends (or even favorite contractors) that can help us with this work. We are looking for people who can help with tree removal, with gutter repairs, and with stucco repairs. If you know of someone who can help us with those repairs, please contact Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512.

**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** Monday morning counters are needed from 9a-10a, for the 1st, 4th and 5th weeks of each month. Job consists of counting offering envelopes from Sunday service and indicating donation amounts to be entered by the data entry person. Contact Ernie Horeis at 352-600-5906 for more information.

**Trinkets & Treasures - Sale Dates Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th.** We have started accepting items for donations only on Mondays from 9am - 12pm, and Tuesdays 1pm-4pm. Last day for donations will be Tuesday, March 18th. If you can help us sort and price items during any of those days/times, please join us. It's a great time for fellowship as we work and you might even find a bargain or two prior to the sale. If you have any questions, you may contact Evelyn Galli at 516-909-3119 or Janet Jones at 352-515-3931.

Please check out our website at: [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org)  
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**WE LOVE VISITORS** - At Nativity Lutheran Church, we believe every visitor is a gift from God. **JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM.** Our Welcome Team plays an essential role in our ministry by preparing and sharing special welcome bags with our first-time visitors each Sunday. If you feel called to this vital ministry, please connect with a team member: Vicki Page, Gayle Howland, or Nancy Vangilder.

**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: Feb 12 & 13 - Total Served: 143**

February's donation of the month: Cans of Beefaroni and strawberry jelly.

**FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH** - Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is the ELCA's ministry to provide short- and long-term recovery when disasters strike in the United States and around the world. LDR shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. When a gift is designated to a specific disaster, 100% of it goes toward helping survivors and communities. Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on Twitter and follow @ELCA\_LDR on Instagram. Donations can be put in the green envelopes in the pews, and mark it "LDR" and placed in the offering basket.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE** - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the church office the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He'll be making visitations and attend meetings in the afternoons in addition to working on his sermon. Pr. Giuseppe will finalize his sermon on Saturday.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, February 17**

Trinkets & Treasures Collection	9:00AM
Bell Choir A (Sanctuary)	4:00PM
Bell Choir B (Sanctuary)	5:15PM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

#### **Tuesday, February 18**

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Executive Team (Library)	10:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (Zoom)	12:55PM
Trinkets & Treasures Collection	1:00PM
Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller)	6:00PM

#### **Wednesday, February 19**

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Homeless Coalition (Winemiller)	4:00PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

#### **Thursday, February 20**

TOPS (Library)	9:00AM
Food Pantry (Al Lien)	CLOSED
Sarah Circle (Youth Room)	10:00AM
Mission Endowment Mtg (Library)	2:00PM
Girl Scout Delivery (parking lot)	3:00PM

#### **Friday, February 21**

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
50's party set-up (Winemiller)	12:00PM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

#### **Saturday, February 22**

Nativity 50's Party (Winemiller)	5:00PM
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#### **Sunday, February 23**

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM
Four Chaplains Service (Sanctuary)	3:00PM

#### **UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:**

March 5—Ash Wednesday Service, 5pm

**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.**