



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

RACHEL'S DAY, MAY 4, 2025 - Rachel's Day, a project of the Women of the ELCA observed annually on the first Sunday in May. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear that plague our nation. We will be taking a special offering during the service. Our offering will be given to Grace Way Village and Children's Advocate Center of Hernando County.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CHURCH DIRECTORY. Last Sunday to get your picture taken for the directory is today, Sunday, April 27.

DRUG, MENTAL HEALTH AND VETERANS COURT CELEBRATIONS. Women of Nativity (WON), has been representing Nativity at the Hernando County Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Court graduations for at least 9 years. At graduation ceremonies we acknowledge their hard work. These graduates have successfully completed a 15-24 month court-supervised, intensive and highly structured program for non-violent offenders. Nativity volunteers are needed at graduations, which are held no more than once each month on a Thursday afternoon at the courthouse in Brooksville. For more information, please contact Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918).

TODAY: THE WEEKI WACHEE WINDS - COMMUNITY CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2PM. Under the direction of NLC member Mark Hengesh, Weeki Wachee Winds will be presenting their Spring Concert at Nativity in the sanctuary. The concert is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

MYSTERY DINNER, TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH. Appetizers at the Cotters home at 4:00p. Then you shall be sent to a restaurant. If you wish to participate please leave per person \$10 which will be returned to you at your attendance. April 27 will be the last day Patti is taking sign ins and deposits. Any questions, please call the Cotter's at 352-797-9682.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS. We need your help to submit Action Team Projects to help our community outreach. Contact Ernie Hories @ 352-613-0589, or Tim Cotter @ 352-797-9682, for any assistance.

1. Nativity Lutheran Church Food Pantry (canned good, hygiene items)
2. Hernando Hope Assisting the Homeless (food, clothing, medical bills)
3. Dawn Center (hygiene items, suitcases, shelter)

NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN - First, we would like to thank everyone for the generous donations and pledges we have received so far. Our goal is to be able to purchase the larger sign. With that we have received close to \$42,000. An additional \$23,000 is needed to accomplish what the congregation hoped for. Let's pray to make this project a reality. Pledge forms and envelopes are available in the narthex or admin building or you can use a green envelope to make a donation or pledge. Please contact Ev Galli at 516-909-3119 or Scott Henkel at 612-868-9512 if you have any questions concerning this initiative.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES. If you have a family member graduating this year, please call the office (352-597-1456) with their name and school they are graduating from, even if they are out of state. **We will have a special blessing for them on Sunday, May 25.** Out-of-state graduates will be able to follow the service on line at www.nlcww.org.

COURTYARD MEMORIAL PAVERS. If you would like to purchase a paver and have it inscribed in memory or in honor of someone, there are forms in the office, or pick one up in the narthex. The cost is \$75 per paver. We are hoping to place an order beginning of May.

The April/May/June 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional, and *Living Lutheran*, 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.

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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

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION. We live in turbulent times just as the first century Christians did. John's Book of Revelation was written to bring guidance and assurance to those living in fear and confusion. Come, join us Tuesday evenings from 6:30p to 8:30p in Winemiller Hall! **4/29 will start at 7:00PM.** The sessions will be led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. If you have any questions, please email Carlan at cdhelgeson@gmail.com or talk with him in church.

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

OUTREACH

US POSTAL FOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, MAY 10. The annual United States Postal Food Drive is held across the nation. In Hernando County, boxes and bags of food are collected by mail carriers and brought to Forest Oaks Lutheran Church for processing. Nativity Lutheran Church needs to provide volunteers to assist that morning and early afternoon. For more information reach out to Todd and Janet Holly (516-233-8297). Thanks for your help in advance.

FOOD PANTRY: April 23 & 24 - Total served 121

May's donation of the month: 15 oz. cans of corn and green beans

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH - GLOBAL REFUGE. In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. The work of the ELCA through Global Refuge includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more. Join us in this courageous work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more about Global Refuge go to www.globalrefuge.org. To donate to this month's mission, simply fill out a green envelope and mark it - Global Refuge.

PASTORS SCHEDULE - Pr. Giuseppe will be at the office on Monday and Tuesday morning and then on Wednesday afternoon. Visitations and meetings on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to personal and family care. Saturday is a study day.

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, April 28

Altar Guild Meeting (Winemiller)	10:00AM
Harmonizers (Winemiller)	6:00PM

Tuesday, April 29

Days for Girls (Al Lien)	9:00AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:55PM
Mystery Dinner	4:00PM
Bible Study (Winemiller)	7:00PM

Wednesday, April 30

Food Pantry (Al Lien)	9:30AM
Confirmation Class (zoom)	9:30AM
Dwelling in the Word (zoom)	12:00PM
Innovation Church	5:30PM
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6:00PM

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien)	9:00AM
AA Meeting (Al Lien)	6:30PM

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

Worship Service (Sanctuary)	9:30AM
Sunday School (Al Lien)	9:45AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

USPS Food Drive:	May 10
Barbara Strohl Memorial Svc (11a):	May 17
Angela & Allan Russell Memorial Svc: (11a)	May 19

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**.