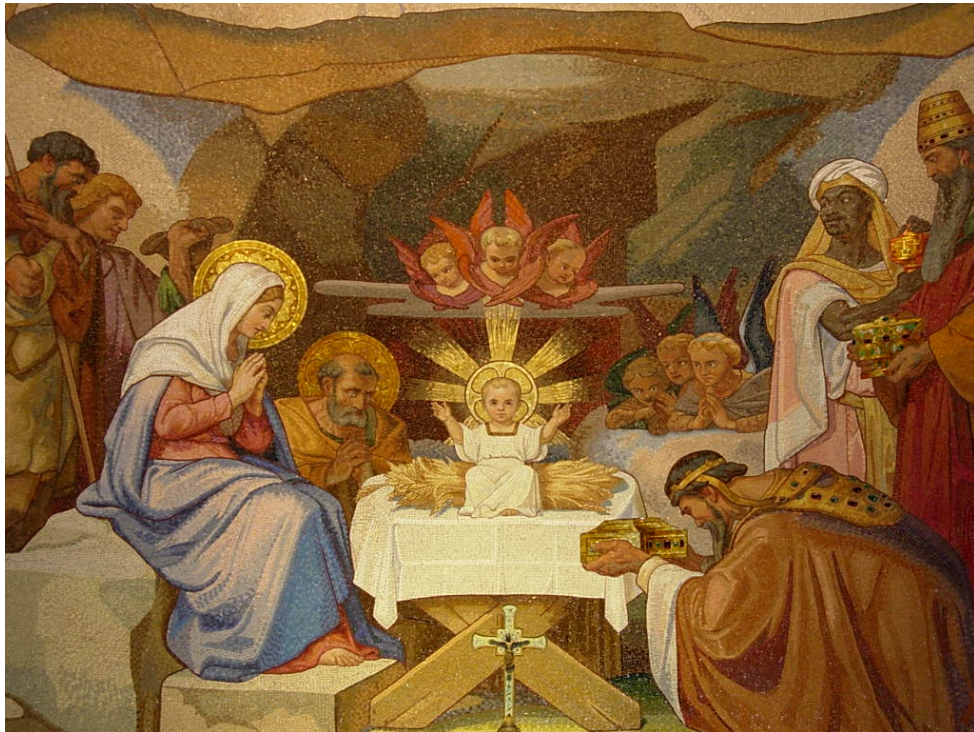


The Messenger: The Church of the Nativity Monthly Newsletter February 2023



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Episcopal Church of the Nativity gathers to
Celebrate fellowship, community, diversity and the love of God.

We honor each other through the sacred liturgy:
One bread, one cup - body, mind, and spirit - All are welcome.

Worship Hours:

Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 am

731 8th Street Lewiston, Idaho 83501

(208) 743-9121

*We worship into the image of Christ; we are sent forth to offer God's love to all in
the name of Christ.*

Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. Kathy Kelly

Church Staff:

Minister of Music: Dr. Sarah Graham

Organist: Thomas Pearson

Office Manager: Barb Jones; Thomas Pearson

Sexton: Susan Pearson

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Team: John Willows, Diana Hughes

Members: Roberta Coats, Marilyn Harris, Steve Holmes and Aaron
Loudenback

Treasurer and Member: Lisa Martin

Vestry Clerk: Dr. Sarah Graham, (pro-tempore)

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The Land Acknowledgment: *We remember and honor the indigenous people of this land, in particular, the Nimiipuu nation who were the original stewards of this land. And they are our neighbors today, living, loving, and working in the region still. We give thanks for them and commit to living as good neighbors with them. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, it belongs to God, and we are all relatives in this life, called to be stewards together of God's creation. Help us learn from past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace of all nations and tribes.*

CHURCH NEWS

From Reverend Kathy's Desk

The season of Epiphany continues for us through most of February. We have entered a new year with great hope and trust that the Lord is leading us on all sorts of new pathways. During this season, we will ponder things that create in us a new awareness of God's presence in our lives. We will notice in the sermons references to new ways to follow Jesus and we'll notice too that the choir brings us new music so that we can "Sing to the Lord a new song!" (Psalm 96).

The season of Epiphany also continues the season of football! As your pastor, this brings to mind those famous coaching speeches made at halftime when a really inspiring coach can send a losing team out to turn things around. Those speeches often end with rousing reminders of who we are, something along the lines of: "We are strong and we have worked hard to get to this point so go team!" I'm not sure I'm the cheerleader kind of pastor, but I do know we need to understand who we are as a parish in order to do our best work in ministry.

We are the people of Nativity. What does that mean? Who are we as a congregation? What is our strength? What have we done to get to this point in the life of this parish? How can we be a better team? How can we benefit from living into this season of Epiphany?

I invite you to ponder these questions, to dig a little deeper in your individual prayer time about who we are as a congregation and who God is calling us to be in the future. Please also ask God to help you discern your job at Epiphany. Everyone on our team has a job to do. We need more leaders. How can you get more involved? Where is God leading you to serve? Let's go out there and be a better team! Not so that we can beat our opponents, but so that we can work together more as a community of love, the love of Jesus.

The Vestry Report

- The Vestry will hold a retreat on February 16-17 during which time they will learn from guest speaker Charlotte Lamp who represents the diocesan Congregational Development Support Team. The vestry will also conduct usual business with their monthly meeting that Saturday the 18th of February.
- Charlotte and Rev. Kathy will invite the vestry to consider new ways we can lead Nativity in a module called Gather-Transform-Send. This model offers a fresh perspective on spirituality and growth for congregations of any size.
- The vestry is working on building and grounds tasks such as: supporting the new Garden Committee, adding handrails to the outside steps at the kitchen door, and working with Church Insurance to repair the hair salon building at 8th Ave and 8th Street which was damaged in a hit and run accident in December.

Pastoral Emergencies

In the event that you have a pastoral emergency or care needs please contact Rev. Kathy Kelly at 540-520-9798. If Rev. Kelly is unavailable, call; Fran Caradine (509) 243-9999 or John Willows (208) 791-0711.

In the Office

Thank you all Barb, Heidi and Thomas for all you do to support the flock. Please see the calendar for office times and availability for our staff.

Look up...



Nancy Roush

And- then there is the New Stained Glass!

A new stained glass window was installed over the front door to the church on Wednesday, January 25th. The window was designed by Hilary Gruel-Laughrey and is in memorial to Bill Caradine, Richard Moore and John White. It is so lovely- thank you for sharing the memories of your people with us ~



Music

The choir is growing. It is such a special way to be a part of- join us; it's never too late to join the choir. If you are interested, we rehearse from 9-10 am on Sunday mornings. Reach out to our Minister of Music Dr. Sarah Graham at drsarahgraham05@gmail.com

Shrove Tuesday

We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on February 21st. There will be a silent auction. Raffle tickets are now being sold by any Chancel Guild member for \$5 each for a chance to win \$500. Tickets are 5\$ per ticket-

Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at noon on Feb 22. There will also be Morning Prayer at 8 am.

Morning Prayers

New prayer time on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Arrive and leave in silence for this quiet time from 8:30 to 9:00. Rev. Kathy will lead with a short inspirational reading, candle light and silent prayer. A great way to start the day!

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

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Prayer Book Study

The Prayer book study continues through February 19, Rev. Kathy will be leading a Prayer book Study at 9:30 am in the Vestry room. Newcomers and old timers are welcome!

Pastoral Care Committee

Rev. Kathy will be leading training for the Pastoral Care Committee that continues to meet on Thursdays thru March 30th; from noon to 3pm.

Centering Prayer Group

They will meet Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Vestry room. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army dinners are hosted on the last Wednesday of each month from 4PM to 5:30PM. In February that will be the 22nd.

Music Scholarships

BFL and the Nativity Music Program are partnering together to provide scholarships for up to four young people (high school and college) to bolster the Nativity choir, enhance our worship, and support music education. We are using BFL funds plus a 25% match from the church to offer four scholarships for youth from our community. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Graham at sjgdma@hotmail.com , Thomas Pearson thamusikboy@gmail.com , or Harold Crook hdcrook@gmail.com.

The Food Pantry

The food pantry continues to take delivery of donations from the Idaho Food Bank on Monday mornings. If you are able to help with some heavy lifting on that morning (early) reach out to Sue. Sue Johnson, Anne Rhoads and the crew then spend time preparing bags; portioning the food donations for our hungry neighbors who come in on Tuesday mornings to receive the bags of food.

Did you know that we have such abundance that no one is ever turned away? In January 51 new families visited the pantry; to include this number with the total number of families amounted to 151 families. Ninety-two families returned for a second time to the pantry. These families consisted of 155 children between the ages of 0-17; 340 adults from 18-59 and 322 were people over 60. Thank you all of you who so tirelessly attend our neighbors. Please keep our hungry community and the food pantry volunteers in your prayers.

The Library

If you or someone you know is looking for something to do with your free time, Emma continues to enter the book data and could use some help with that task. If interested, call ~ Harold hdcrook@gmail.com / 208-791-5333).

The Chancel Guild

Maxine Hubbell hosted six women for our January meeting. She served ice cream and cookies. Devotions were on the Holy Name of Jesus. Caryl Mackey distributed tickets for the raffle on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st, at the pancake supper. The tickets are \$5 a piece with a prize of \$500. There will also be items available for a silent auction. All proceeds are for Chancel Guild, since we no longer are doing a rummage sale. We did the birthday prayer for Caryl Mackey and Roberta Coats. Our next meeting is February 6th and Roberta Coats is hosting.
Nancy Roush~ Secretary

Tuesday Book Club

The Tuesday book club is reading: *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. The group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Vestry Room. The book is an international bestseller! Contact Deloris Davisson for more information

The Wednesday Small Group

Join us Wednesdays at 9:30 on Zoom. We are studying *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* by Stephanie Spellers. If you would like to join us, contact francesahedrick@gmail.com. —
Frances Hedrick 208-305-3693

Coffee Hour

The 2023 sign up sheet is in the Parish hall for anyone who is interested in participating in hosting our gathering after the second service on Sundays. Remember this should never be a financial hardship so- if you want to host and may be concerned about costs, you can submit your receipts for reimbursement for the costs. Contact Rosemary Daughbert at (208-746-9869) if you are interested or have questions. ~ Rosemary ❤️

Saturday Suppers Ministry

On January 14, Aaron's Ardarks served 52 meals. A hearty soup with croissant sandwiches, cookies and fruit went over really well with our hungry. The Saturday Supper Teams for 2023 are in place, you can see this information in the Parish Hall. On January 28th Rosemary's team who welcomes Nikki Nordstrom to her team served 74 pork taco meals with all of the fixins. Remember many hands make light the work and if you are interested you don't have to make a full on commitment even showing up to pitch in occasion would be appreciated - just see who the team captain is and ask them how you can be of support- If you would like to formally join a team- Rosemary can be reached at (208-746-9869).



Photo by Rosemary



Photo by Luella

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Prayer for the Sacred Journey

God of the way, in whom all journeys begin and end, spark longing and adventure in our heart for where you are leading. Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows along the path, to recognize them as sacred, and grant us courage to persevere in our walk together. Orient our steps in love so that in experiencing and extending your love, we are drawn deeper into your transforming life. We pray this through the one who calls us to follow, Jesus the Christ, together with the Holy Spirit who guides as we continue on this sacred journey. Amen.

2022 Diocesan Prayer, "On a Sacred Journey," written by Andrea Farley

We continue to pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for **Episcopal Relief & Development** and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. As of right now, there is a need for food, water and shelter. Visit [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) for more information.

Goals and Plan for 2023

Branches on God's Vine, Rooted in Jesus: In 2023, we are continuing our work to achieve our diocesan strategic plan priorities and targets that will involve the efforts of everyone in the diocese. These directives, outlined by Diocesan Council in 2021, to strengthen, grow and plant congregations in the diocese of Spokane, will take the form of 3 areas of focus this year:

1- Committed, Growing Meaningful Relationships with Jesus Christ-We build a relationship with Jesus Christ by seeking to know (in scripture), love (in open, honest prayer), follow (in how we live), and share (in stories with one another).

2- A Culture of Listening, Learning, and Growing- We make space for others to be and become themselves fully by listening generously and with holy curiosity. When we open ourselves to others, our minds, hearts, and imaginations grow.

3-Connection and Hospitality-We stretch our ability to welcome and include by practicing intentional connection and warm hospitality, inside our churches and in every place we go.

Coming Soon: [The Color of Compromise](#)

Knowing Our Complicity Empowers Us to Work for Justice

Journey from the Church's racial past to ways of fostering dignity and justice. Watch brief documentary summaries of each book chapter, recorded by the author, Jemar Tisby. Talk and pray about what we've learned.

2 Saturdays, 1:00-3:00pm, via Zoom

- February 11 and 25
- March 11 and 18

Register today. Even though the author will present each chapter as a mini-documentary, I encourage you to purchase the book and read along with the course. Whenever possible, purchase your book at a local bookstore. This series is sponsored by the Beloved Community Working Group, which meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. To participate in the working Group, contact The Rev. Rick Matters at rickmatters@gmail.com. He can also answer questions able.

[Episcopal 101](#)

[Godly Play Training](#)

[Ignatian Prayer Gatherings](#)

[Diocesan Youth Upcoming Events](#)

[Woven as One](#)


CHURCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

February Birthdays -

Jess Stone 2/2, Barb Jones 2/5, Pat Johnson 2/8, Susan Pearson 2/9,
Pete Ruppel 2/10, Luella Loudenback 2/11, Lori Clarke 2/17, Russell Wicks 2/28

Announcements

**This year the theme of the Black History Experience is Resistance- COMe
Check out all of the planned activities that will be going on all month on and
around the LCState Campus**



BLACK HISTORY EXPERIENCE @ LC STATE 2023

Dr. Nana Ama Oforiwaa Aduonum, Professor of Ethnomusicology, Illinois State University

Feb 1 12.00pm Lunch with faculty, students, & staff (Pi'amkinwaas)
6.30pm Walking with My Ancestors: Cape Coast Castle (Silverthorne Theatre)
(Pre-performance talk @ 6.30pm; Performance and talkback @ 7.30pm)

Feb 2 10.30am MUS 150: World Music-Ghanaian Music (Silverthorne Theatre)
12.00pm Faculty Book Talk: *Walking with Asafo in Ghana: An Ethnographic Account of Kormantse Bentsir Warrior Music* (CTL; Brown Bag Lunch)
4.00pm African Drumming and Dance Workshop (Silverthorne Theatre)

Feb 9 6.30pm, Film screening: *Mighty Times: The Children's March* by Hudson and Houston. This Academy Award-winning documentary tells the heroic story of the young people in Birmingham, Alabama, who brought segregation to its knees.

Feb 17 *The Silent Game* in partnership with LC State Athletics (Activity Center)
5.00pm Women's Basketball Game (v. Multnomah)
7.00pm Men's Basketball Game (v. Multnomah)

Feb 23 7.00pm "The Terry Buffington Papers, 1952-2014" with Terry Buffington, Anthropologist and Civil Rights Leader, SAC 112

Throughout the month of February: *Civil Rights: Oppressed Voices* Installation, sponsored by LC State Social Work

To request disability accommodations, please contact the Humanities Division, humanities@lcsc.edu or 208.792.2297, at least one week prior to event date."

Programming for BHE events at LC State is made possible by the Rosehill Estate, the Division of Humanities, ASLCSC, LC State Athletics, LC State Social Work and in partnership with The Episcopal Church of the Nativity. For more information contact humanities@lcsc.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS (cont)

- **Salvation Army Meal Ministry-** The 4th Wednesday of each month the Church of the Nativity is serving dinners at the Salvation Army Meal site. Every 4th Wednesday contact Maxine Hubbell, if you are interested in being a part of this community ministry.
- **Ushers/Greeters-** Openings available at both services; if you are interested, reach out to Ray Rosch (208) 791-5062. **Volunteer now for 2023.**
- **Saturday Suppers -** 2023 schedules and updated teams are on the parish hall table it is **never too late to participate** in this essential ministry.
- **Sign up now for your turn for coffee hour -** Hosting should not create a financial burden for anyone and refreshment costs can be reimbursed. Sign up in the Parish Hall or talk with *Rosemary Daubert*.
- **The Vestry-** is still looking for a **Clerk** to take minutes for the regular monthly meetings. Please consider this vital ministry as a significant way to serve.
- **Men's Group Breakfast-** If you have any questions, reach out to Harold Crook by email at hdcrook@gmail.com or call 208- 791-5333.
- **Aging and Long Term Care Services and Resource Center-** if you or someone you know lives in **Asotin County**, is disabled or age 60 or older and needs support, resources, equipment and more call **509-758-2355** or **877-961-2582** or stop in at **744 5th St # C Clarksonton**.
- **Area Agency on Aging- Nez Perce County -** in Lewiston- The Area II Agency on Aging, (AIIAA), serves older Idahoans in north central Idaho with a variety of programs and services. Call 208-743-5580 or 800-877-3206, or email AgingInfo@cap4action.org for additional information and to determine eligibility of any of these services.

The Photo Gallery

Images by Nancy Roush, Thomas Pearson and Deloris Davisson

The Long Awaited 12th Night Celebration

Oh the moon!



I wanted to thank you all who came together to make our 12th Night Celebration possible. I am not sure when Aaron booked my surprise flight to visit Meghan, Brian, Ella and Emmett that he would end up doing the heavy lifting. While I was so sad to miss it, it looks like you had a grand time- Here are a few of the images from that night. Thank you thank to our actors and cooks, bakers and our musician-

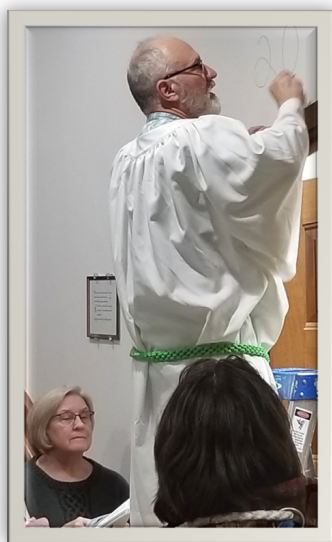


Our Thomas

Here you all are coming together for a blessing



In Reverence



We do food-





We have fun!

We Fellowship



Thanks for all you do~



COVID 19/Delta/Omicron/BA.2- the Flu and RSV

I heard recently that there will be a time when as part of the flu season proactive measures the COVID vaccine will become part of the practice standard. Here is the AARP link that continue to be useful to you all as well if you you have any doubts or reservations about the corona still being in the air (pun intended): [AARP and COVID Recommendations](#)

I also believe that the CDC is a valuable resource as well so have included the link for that website here as well: [COVID- What is new from the CDC](#)

Continue to make the best informed decisions for yourselves as it relates to the season and your comings and goings. You can get your flu shot and your COVID booster at the same time. The State of Idaho dashboard with the most current updated information [Corona Virus Idaho Dashboard](#).

- While mask mandates were lifted in April; except in some health care spaces. Washington [Corona Virus Washington State Dashboard](#)
- [COVID related death funeral assistance](#)
- [The Diocesan COVID Guidelines](#)

DIOCESAN COVID VACCINE POLICY**

Our Diocesan Covid policy requires that all participants at Diocesan hosted or led in-person events and gatherings must have up-to-date Covid-19 vaccinations. As the CDC defines it, up-to-date vaccines means that all participants have received the most current vaccine and booster that they are eligible to receive.

In the time of the changing nature of COVID-19, we observe Nativity's policy on mask wearing as optional.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Morning Prayer 8 A.M. Zoom Study 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer 12:30 - 2 P.M.	2 Knitting Group 10 A.M. - Noon Pastoral Care Committee 12 - 3 P.M. A.A. Meeting 8 P.M.	3 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	4 A.A. Group 8 P.M.
5 Holy Eucharist 8 A.M. Prayer Book Study 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist with music 10:30 A.M.	6 Chancel Guild 1 P.M. Women of Hope Women's N.A. Group 5 -7 P.M.	7 Prayer Time with Rev. Kelly 8 - 9 A.M. Book Club 10-11:30 A.M. Al-Anon 7 - 8 P.M. A.A. Group 8 - 9 P.M.	8 Morning Prayer 8 A.M. Zoom Study 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer 12:30 - 2 P.M.	9 Knitting Group 10 A.M. - Noon Pastoral Care Committee 12 - 3 P.M. A.A. Meeting 8 P.M.	10 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	11 A.A. District Mtg. 1 P.M. Saturday Supper (Don & Maxine's team) 4- 5 P.M. A.A. Group 8 P.M.
12 Holy Eucharist 8 A.M. Prayer Book Study 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist with music 10:30 A.M.	13 Book Club 10 A.M. - Noon Women of Hope Women's N.A. Group 5 -7 P.M.	14 Prayer Time with Rev. Kelly 8 - 9 A.M. Book Club 10-11:30 A.M. Al-Anon 7 - 8 P.M. A.A. Group 8 - 9 P.M.	15 Morning Prayer 8 A.M. Zoom Study 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer 12:30 - 2 P.M.	16 Knitting Group 10 A.M. - Noon Pastoral Care Committee 12 - 3 P.M. A.A. Meeting 8 P.M.	17 Morning Prayer 9 A.M. Vestry Retreat	18 Vestry Meeting @ Retreat A.A. Group 8 P.M.
19 Holy Eucharist 8 A.M. Prayer Book Study 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist with music 10:30 A.M.	20 Presidents' Day Women of Hope Women's N.A. Group 5 -7 P.M.	21 Prayer Time with Rev. Kelly 8 - 9 A.M. Book Club 10-11:30 A.M. Shrove Tuesday Supper: Time TBD Al-Anon 7 - 8 P.M. A.A. Group 8 - 9 P.M.	22 Morning Prayer 8 A.M. Zoom Study 9:30 A.M. Ash Wednesday Service @ Noon Centering Prayer 1 - 2 P.M. Salvation Army Dinner 4 - 5:30 P.M.	23 Knitting Group 10 A.M. - Noon Pastoral Care Committee 12 - 3 P.M. A.A. Meeting 8 P.M.	24 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	25 Saturday Supper (Leslie Smith's team) 4 - 5 P.M. A.A. Group 8 P.M.
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