

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

731 8th Street,

Lewiston, Idaho 83501

(208) 743-9121

Worship Hours:

Summer Sunday Hours 9:00am through 9/4/2022

Fall Services will begin September 11. We will return to 2 services

Hours 8 and 10:30 am

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven "
(Ecclesiastes 3:1).



From Methodist Images

The 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.

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

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 Staff:

Minister of Music: 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)

Church email: office@nativitylewiston.com

Find us on Facebook: [Episcopal Church of the Nativity- Home Facebook](#)

Church Website: www.nativitylewiston.org

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

CHURCH NEWS

From our Chaplain for the Calling Process ~ Ray Rosch

Prayer for the Calling Process

God of Love and All-Knowing God: We praise You and thank You for loving us day by day. We praise your Holy Name as we complete the Calling Process for a priest-in-charge.

We thank you for enlightening and strengthening our faith throughout the Calling Process, as we trusted each other in our common work to discern what we were to do. We thank You for answering our petitions to call a faithful, compassionate, enthusiastic minister of your word and sacraments.

We thank you for patience and kindness as we sought the wisdom, peace and Amazing Grace of Your provision. We give You thanks for these and all our prayers throughout the Calling Process in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Prayer for Priest-in-Charge

Blessed God, who knows our every thought, word, and deed, we give You thanks for Rev. Kathy Kelly, who has answered our call to be our priest-in-charge. We pray for her safety, peace, and a grace-filled life in this time of sabbatical, travel, and rest. May her days be filled with your provision of all she needs. We praise you and thank You as we patiently await Kathy's arrival and the beginning of her ministry among us. We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.



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In the event that you have not heard, Kathy Kelly has answered the Church of the Nativity call. She will start with us as Priest in Charge at the end of November, she was here however for the August 10th meeting with the Vestry.

I would really like to acknowledge the faithful tireless commitment of the Vestry in the calling process. Thank you for your time and talents in the process~ *Luella*

Pastoral Emergencies

For the time being, if you have any pastoral emergencies or care, please contact Nancy Rosch at 208-743-4346, or ndrosch@gmail.com.

In the Office

Barb, Thomas and Heidi continue keeping the organization of the church comings and goings and the calendar up to date and as accurate as can be! I also would like to say thank you to both of them as they showed up and gave what they could to the set up and teardown of the annual rummage sale- thank you all for making the event a priority in your life. Thank you for all you do.

Music

Sunday, September 11, 2022. Upon our return to two services, we will welcome back the choir, and our new organist, Thomas Pearson! Should you like to join the choir, rehearsal is on Sunday mornings from 9-10am. For more information contact Minister of Music, Sarah Graham (drssarahjgraham05@gmail.com). ~ *Dr. Sarah J. Graham, D.M.A.*

The organ is under repair. Having been assessed recently and the issues identified as to what it needed; parts were ordered and when the parts are in and the technician can come from Utah to fix it, the maintenance will be complete!

Sarah is also hosting a movie event- read more below in the events section of the newsletter-

The Gardens

The faithful garden group has seen the fresh organic produce, make a difference in the food pantry for people who may not otherwise be able to have fresh veggies. If you see those of us with green thumbs around- give them thanks! Thank you Maxine for your unwavering watering wand!

The Food Pantry



The ongoing impact of the national economy resulted in an observed increase in families accessing the food pantry over the summer. In July 2022, 124 families, 45 who were new to the pantry new families received groceries from the Pantry; there were 567 men, women and children between the ages of 0-17. Please keep our hungry community and the food pantry volunteers.

SMALL GROUP REPORTS

Baptized for Life

The Baptized for Life online study group continues to meet Wednesday's at 9:00 A.M. The next topic we will consider will be hospitality. One of the resources we will be using is Tish Harrison Warren's The Liturgy of the Ordinary. We will order a book for you and put you on the email list so you will get the computer link

each week. Anyone is welcome. If you would like to join us, contact francesahedrick@gmail.com. – *Frances Hedrick 208-305-3693*

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Wednesday Morning Eucharist continues at 7:00 AM. The faithful few gather around the altar for Eucharist and prayers for those in need. We use special Prayers of the People, pray for everyone on the parish prayer list by name, and offer anointing with holy oil for healing. Until a new priest arrives this group will meet for Morning Prayer and continue to pray for each name on the parish prayer list.

The Chancel Guild

Coming back from the Summer, the Chancel Guild will meet Monday, September 12th at 1 pm, in the parish hall. All women are invited. Our purpose is to promote participation in the life of the church and to foster friendship and compassion among its members. Nancy will host the group this month. ~ *Nancy Rosch- Secretary*

Tuesday Book Club

The Tuesday Book Club, will be studying The Book of Joy. In the book, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, two world leaders from two different cultures, tell of their life's threatening circumstances. The Small Group reads and focuses on justice and peace issues in contemporary life. They bring stories of learning to life with joy in a world so filled with sorrow and suffering. The Book Club meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 -- 11:00 am in the Vestry Room at Nativity. Everyone is welcome and cordially invited to join our Small Group any Tuesday at 10:00. Contact **Deloris Davisson** if you have questions or want more information.

Saturday Suppers Ministry

In July, Saturday Supper Ministries served 110 meals! On August 13th, Leslie Smith, due to back problems, fixed penne pasta and meatballs, salad, bread, tomatoes, and cookies at home, and, with the help of her son and aunt, had the meal delivered to the Nativity kitchen where her team served 40 takeout containers. Great team effort!

On August 27th, Rosemary Daubert and team, served 38 pulled pork taco meals with chopped tomatoes, salsa, sour cream, and shredded cheese and an apple and cookies for dessert!

Rosemary announced that Lori Clark will no longer be able to be a team leader for Saturday Supper due to time constraints for Lori- helping with the raising of two small grandsons. So take a moment to acknowledge Lori Clark and to say- We appreciate all the wonderful meals she provided for the Lewiston/Clarkston valley! Thank you, Lori!

If you are interested in being involved with this vital ministry, call the Office or Rosemary at (208-746-9869) remember many hands make light the work ~
Rosemary



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Coffee Hour

One of the things that is important to our faith family is the fellowship we enjoy on Sundays after church- if you would like to bring something to share, sign up and do- hosting coffee hour should never create a hardship for anyone who wants to contribute so submit your receipts for reimbursement for the costs. We had such a great time on the 5th Sunday in July (See the photo gallery for more of the great images from the summer 5th Sunday potluck). The next 5th Sunday is October 30, 2022. Thank you everyone who brought dishes to share- Reach coffee hour to Rosemary if you would like to host after church sometime soon.



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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 course 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



Upcoming Sacred Ground Pilgrimage

The Rev. Jonathan Myers and Sarah Bergdahl look forward to serving as
your guides!

Register by September 12

Sacred Ground is a film-and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in Christian faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. This pilgrimage of 11 gatherings allows participants to discover deeply how to love as Jesus loves.

Details and Registration at: www.spokanediocese.org

Other Happenings in the Diocese:

[Episcopal 101](#)

[Ignatian Prayer Gatherings](#)

[Diocesan Youth Upcoming Events](#)

[Woven as One](#)

As we 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. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development in this response.

Visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/worship-resources/bulletin-inserts-2/help-ukrainian-refugees/> for more information.

CHURCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

September Birthdays

Mae Wicks, 9/02; Merrily Lillard, 9/11; Harold Crook, 9/13.

Announcements

- **Sunday Worship Schedule** - September, October, & November has been set by the vestry per the August 10th meeting. Commencing Sunday, September 11, we will return to the traditional schedule of two Sunday morning services-8am and 10:30am. Available supply clergy resources will not allow Eucharist at both services. Thus the 8am service will continue to be Morning Prayer service only, The 10:30am service will be Holy Eucharist with music.
- **Salvation Army Meal Coordinators Needed-** The Church of the Nativity has participated in the Salvation Army Wednesday Night Community Meals for more than 20 years, with the departure of Lori Clarke and Russell Storey, this ministry is in need of coordination. Please consider being a part of this historic ministry. Please contact the Senior Warden team, or Maxine Hubbell, if you are interested.
- **Ushers/Greeters-** Openings available at both services; if you are interested, reach out to Ray Rosch (208) 791-5062. We are always looking for ushers for each service.
- **Saturday Suppers** -The 2022 schedules and updated teams are on the parish hall table it is **never too late to participate** in this essential ministry. The next date for Saturday Supper is **September 10, 2022**
- **Convention Delegate-Alternate-**. Please consider being of service as a Convention Delegate at the October 21-23, 2022 annual Diocesan

Convention in Spokane. Reach out to the Senior Warden team for consideration as an alternate delegate to the convention. Delegates and alternates are required to attend the local gathering day, which is September 24, 9am-3pm, at our church, where information on the Convention will be presented and discussed.

- **Many hands make light the work- 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.
- **Food Pantry- Gardeners/Weeders-** wanted- reach out to Don and Maxine, Sue. If you have surplus grocery bags you would like to repurpose, the food pantry team would be happy to take them off your hands.
- **2022 Potluck Sundays** (any month that has a 5th Sunday). **Next 2022 Potluck October.**
- **The Tuesday Book Club** is always looking for good titles to add to their reading list. If you have any recommendations, reach out to Deloris.
- **Spiritual Direction Opportunity-** While Reverend Kay Totten is spending regular times in Lewiston, she is offering spiritual direction to anyone who might want to consider it. If you are interested, curious or seeking to learn more about spiritual direction and how it might fit into your walk with God email her at: ktotten@stgertrudes.org or call her at 208 962-2004 to organize a time that works for her and you while she is in Lewiston.
- **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. Thank you Sarah for filling in-

- **Men's Group Breakfast-** Here are the dates for The Men's Breakfast Schedule for the fall and winter Sept. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10, all at 9:00 AM. If you have any questions, about the process or being involved-reach out to Harold Crook by email at hdcrook@gmail.com or call 208-791-5333.
- The 3-day **Annual Church Rummage Sale** was a huge success. After a week of sorting, lifting, pushing and pulling, folding and organizing, hundreds and hundreds of pounds of used goods that were donated to the church were moved into the world in our community. Whatever did not sell over the three days was donated to OUI. All told somewhere over 4200.00 was donated. Stay tuned for how the donations will be distributed. Thank you Maxine and her sister Christine, Susan, Thomas, Barb, Don, Gene, Sue, Bailey, Anne, Aaron, Marilyn and Marilyn's boy friend, Heidi, Jane, Fran and Hilary.



Image from Gerry

Events

- **Come From Away:** Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 @ 1pm (after coffee hour). Join the choir on its first Sunday back for a special movie presentation in remembrance of 9/11/01. The hit Broadway musical, *Come From Away* is based on actual events that took place on 9/11/01 and the days that followed in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. 38 flights, carrying nearly 7,000 passengers and crew from all over the world were directed to land in the small town of about 10,000 and the people of Gander welcomed them with radical hospitality. The show's story and characters are based on real people and events on 9/11/01 and in the days that followed on the island off the eastern coast of Canada. Christopher Ashley, who won a Tony award for his direction of *Come From Away* said of the show "It takes you to a place you never want to leave!" Join us in remembering 9/11/01 through an uplifting story you won't soon forget. ~ *Dr. Sarah Graham*
- **Centering Prayer retreat** If you are interested in attending the Introduction to the retreat that is being held at **St Gertrude's Monastery** Friday, **September 16th thru Sunday September 18th**. Please contact Aaron Loudenback at church or call 253-218-7091, if interested. Suggested donation is \$ 305 for single - room or \$ 550 for double occupancy. ~ Aaron
- **At The Celebration of Love** Steve, Pricilla and Peanut manned the Nativity table and welcomed attendees who were wondering what we are all about. About a dozen people fill out information cards, and three of them have attended church since that day.



Photo Gallery



Just two Profs- making the world a better place!



5th Sunday Potluck Fellowship



Mary Lou welcoming Dennis and Kevin

Always thankful for the Tottens!





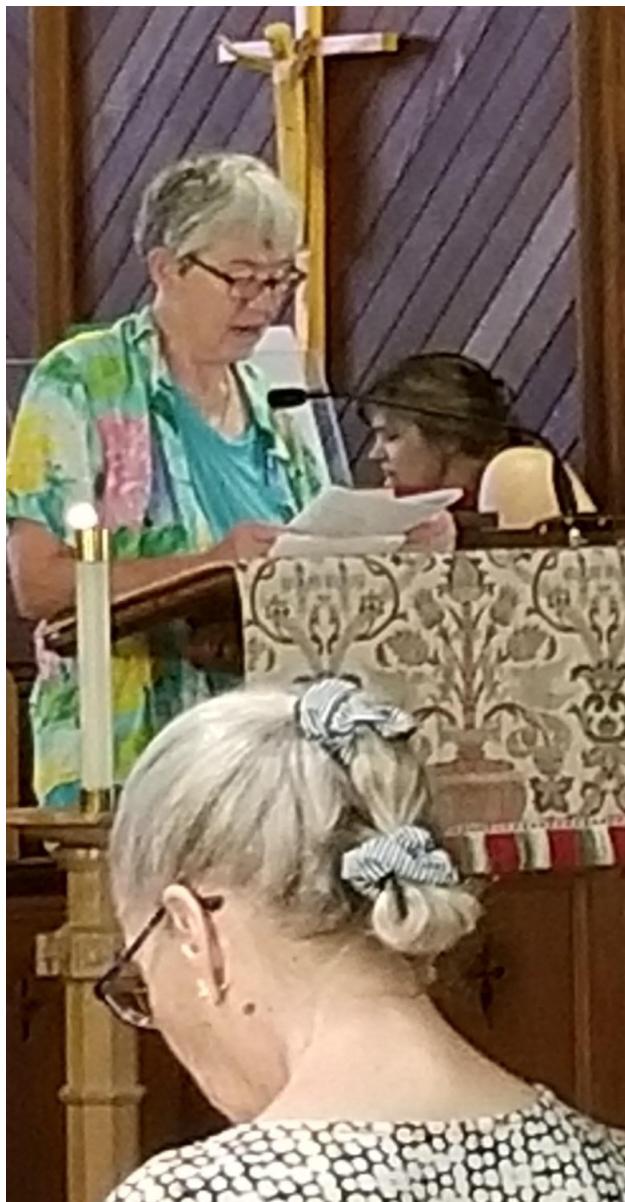
Loving each other Dean and Roberta





Don and Dick- Anything I can do to help??

Other Duties as assigned!



Our Maxine!

Sometimes our fellowshipping is a Party! Happy Birthday Nancy



The party planners!



College Welcome Fair!

Community Outreach Team



Steve, Priscilla and Aaron

With the changing nature of the Salvation Army Team this motley crew showed up



COVID 19/Delta/Omicron/BA.2 Information and Resources

Does anyone have whiplash from the back and forth of the CDC and COVID and the up to the moment iterations of protocols for the protection of ourselves and others??? Apparently the current recommendations are informed by the notion that the corona virus is endemic and is now going to be treated like the regular old flue. So I guess what that means is that each of us may want to consider the risk factors related to this respiratory virus, much like any- when you decide to: travel, gather in large crowds, hang out with people you know have the active virus and test positive whether you are symptomatic or not. Other great ways to do your part for the greater good (protective factors), if you are sick with the virus (or anything really)- stay home and especially if you are symptomatic, get vaccinated or boosted, practice good hand hygiene, cover your mouth when you cough they. Also, if you have been around someone that is positive, ask those you come into contact with if they would like you to wear a mask. According to the CDC even one person wearing a mask impacts the spread of the C. For more updates you are welcome to access any of these sources for more information:

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](#).

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[The Episcopal Church's COVID Tool Kit](#)

[Free Home COVID Tests](#)

Did you know that if you or someone you know have a loved one who died as a result of COVID 19 – you may be eligible for reimbursement: [COVID related death funeral assistance](#)

From your Messenger

And just like that we are at the end of summer! Though we wouldn't know it by the ongoing high temperatures. Soon though we will know it is the fall, autumn! I am not sure about the rest of you but my and Aarons summer has been wildly busy. We hung around here in the Valley for the most part- we tried a front yard garden, sigh! Most of it was enjoyed by the wildlife- the tomatoes did ok and the kale did great; Aaron also worked in the community garden, now that space is completely fenced in so the harvest has not been interfered with. We dreamed about the ways that we can make our house our home, and strategized the logistics for how create a hospitable space where we can enjoy and entertain our family and friends. We enjoyed being part of the faith family here at the Church of the Nativity. As I reflect on the last few months- the stops, starts, the changing leadership in the Church, the gardens, the community outreach, the joys and sorrows, the changing seasons, I am reminded- to every thing there is a season- be well~ *Your messenger LL*

September 2022 Church of the Nativity Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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				1 Knitting Group 10 A.M.- Noon A.A. Group 8 P.M.	2 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	3 A.A. Group 8 P.M.
4 Holy Eucharist 9 A.M., Bob & Kay Totten Presiding	5 Women's N.A. Group 5-7 P.M.	6 Book Club 10-11:30 A.M. LCSC Choir 6:30-8:30 P.M. Al-Anon 7-8 P.M. A.A. 8-9 P.M.	7 Morning Prayer 7 A.M. Online Study Group 9 A.M.	8 Knitting Group 10 A.M.- Noon A.A. Group 8 P.M.	9 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	10 Men's Breakfast 9 A.M. Al-Anon District Mtg. 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Saturday Supper 4-5 P.M. A.A. Group 8 P.M.

11 <i>2 SERVICES BEGIN</i>	12 Book Club 10 A.M.	13 Book Club 10-11:30 A.M.	14 Morning Prayer 7 A.M.	15 Knitting Group 10 A.M.- Noon	16 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	17 A.A. Group 8 P.M.
Morning Prayer 8 A.M.	Pastoral Care Mtg. 10:30 A.M.	LCSC Choir 6:30-8:30 P.M.	Online Study Group 9 A.M.	P.E.O. Rummage Sale (through Saturday)		
Holy Eucharist 10:30 A.M., Mary Beth Rivetti presiding	Chancel Guild Mtg. 1 P.M.	Al-Anon 7-8 P.M.	Vestry Mtg. 6 P.M.	Women's Small Group 1 P.M.		
	Women's N.A. Group 5-7 P.M.	A.A. 8-9 P.M.		A.A. Group 8 P.M.		
18 Morning Prayer 8 A.M.	19 Women's N.A. Group 5-7 P.M.	20 Book Club 10-11:30 A.M.	21 Morning Prayer 7 A.M.	22 Knitting Group 10 A.M.- Noon	23 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	24 A.A. Group 8 P.M.
Holy Eucharist 10:30 A.M., John Grabner presiding		LCSC Choir 6:30-8:30 P.M.	Online Study Group 9 A.M.	Care For Creation mtg. with Pat Munts 10 A.M.-2:30 P.M.		Fall Gathering Day 9A.M.-3 P.M.
		Al-Anon 7-8 P.M.		A.A. Group 8 P.M.		A.A. Group 8 P.M.
		A.A. 8-9 P.M.				

25 Morning Prayer 8 A.M. Holy Eucharist 10:30 A.M., Mary Beth Rivetti presiding	26 Women's N.A. Group 5-7 P.M.	27 Book Club 10-11:30 A.M.	28 Morning Prayer 7 A.M.	29 Knitting Group 10 A.M.- Noon A.A. Group 8 P.M.	30 Morning Prayer 9 A.M.	
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The Messengers:

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Ray, Sue, Anne and Thomas

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month for printing in the upcoming monthly Newsletter.