

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

September 4, 2025



Remember, in these higher-temperature days, to stay hydrated!

In this email/newsletter:

- Latest News
- Upcoming Calendar
- Episcopal Prayer
- Opportunities to Serve & Other Announcements
- Parish Prayer List, August & September Birthdays, Prayer Cycles

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

"Feeding body, mind, and soul."

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September 7, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 A.M.

The Liturgy of the Word:

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17, Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist with music. There is a downloadable service leaflet on our website. Live Streaming Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@nativityepiscopal4996/featured>

Reminder: There will be a potluck meal for the Bishop's visit on Sept. 14th.

Save the date: Canon Caroline McCall and Rev. David Gortner will be at Nativity on September 25th from 11:30-1 to help us learn techniques and practices to deal with conflict and to regain trust.

The Nativity Choir is starting up!

Our first rehearsal will be after coffee hour (11:30am) this Sunday, September 7th. Then on Sunday, September 14th, we'll meet for a short rehearsal at 8am. Thanks, - Sarah.

Centering Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, September 10th, Vestry Room, 12:30-2 p.m. All are welcome! Curious? Just come and check it out. You don't have to sign on any dotted line. Let's come to share ideas for doing centering prayer as a group.

Chancel Guild will meet Monday, September 8th, at 1pm in the parish hall. All women are invited to attend.

Chancel Guild is requesting donations of hygiene items for our hygiene packs we donate to be handed out at the food pantry in December. We will be putting together the packs at our December 1st meeting. There is a box on the table by the kitchen, in the parish hall, for your donations. Suggested items are shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks for men and women, deodorant, small packs of facial tissue, and sealed individual snacks such as granola bars. Thank you very much.

The "Aging Fruitfully" Group will meet on the First Thursday of each month, beginning September 4th, from 12:30-2 P.M. All are welcome! Bring a sack lunch if you wish. We strongly desire your input. Let's brainstorm ideas for the coming year at our first meeting. We can discuss other meeting times at this first meeting as well. Please know you are welcome to join discussions at any time during the year.

Pastoral Care

If for any reason you are unable to attend church and would like to have someone bring you communion, please let us know and the pastoral care team would be happy to oblige. You can call the church office 208 743-9121 or Nancy Rosch 208 743-4346. If you would like a visit, but not communion that is also available. It is part of what we do as a pastoral care team.

Grief Group

The Grief Group will be offered again this fall. There were no registrants for the spring cycle. All are welcome: parishioners, friends, neighbors, relatives–ALL. Should you have any questions, please contact either Fran Caradine (208-305-1317) or Nikki Nordstrom (425-949-9744).

Nativity's Food Pantry

Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. We need more protein donations like: peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna, sardines, vienna sausages. **On Tuesday, September 2, we served 74 families for a total of 169 people!** Inquiries: call Cheryl Johnson (208-413-0736), Volunteer Coordinator, and/or Aaron Loudenback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.

Nativity Sunday Leadership For September 7th – 14th, 2025

DATE		Sept. 7, 2025 13th Pentecost	Sept. 14, 2025 14th Pentecost	
Service		HCRS	HE II	
		9:00AM	9:00AM	
Celebrant			Bishop Gretchen	
Officiant		Ray Rosch		
Preacher		Pete Ruppel		
EM		Marilyn Harris	Bob Wicks	
Ushers		Don & Maxine Hubbell	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	
Lector		Harold Crook	Ray Rosch	
Intercessor		Deloris Davisson	Mary Lou Gregory	
Altar Guild		Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine	Roberta Coats Marilyn Harris	

Coffee Hour		Fran Caradine Maxine Hubbell	Potluck	
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook	

9-2-2025 Ray Rosch



CALENDAR FOR September 4-September 22

Thursday, Sept. 4

Knitting Group 10-Noon
Aging Fruitfully 12:30-2PM

Friday, Sept. 5

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, Sept. 6

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Sept. 7

Holy Communion/RS 9AM
AA Group 7PM
Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM

Monday, Sept. 8

Book Club 10AM
Chancel Guild Meeting 1PM
Women's NA 5-7 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
Book Club 10-11:30AM
Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM
Finance Committee Meeting 12PM
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, Sept. 11

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, Sept. 12

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, Sept. 13

Saturday Supper-Aaron
Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Sept. 14

Choir Rehearsal 8AM
Holy Eucharist 9AM-Bishop
Gretchen
Vestry Mtg & Potluck
AA Group 7PM

Monday, Sept. 15

Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

PEO Chapter BR Mtg. 12:30-3PM

Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

Pastoral Care Meeting 10AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, Sept. 18

Knitting Group 10-Noon

PEO Rummage Sale Setup

Friday, Sept. 19

Morning Prayer 9AM

PEO Rummage Sale 9AM-3PM

Saturday, Sept. 20

PEO Rummage Sale 9-11AM

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Sept. 21

8AM Holy Communion/RS

9AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM HC/RS (with music)

AA Group 7PM

Monday, Sept. 22

Women's NA 5-7PM

Episcopal Prayer

9-4-2025 Thanksgivings

Thanksgivings for National Life

5. For the Nation (in part)

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.
Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice,
and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when
all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will
glorify your holy Hame. *Amen.*

(BCP Pages 838-839)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY

Vestry Members

The next Vestry meeting is September 14 following the 9:00AM service & Potluck. If you want a copy of the financials, please let the office know. The minutes, once approved, are on the rack above the table in the parish hall. The members of the Church of the Nativity Vestry 2025 are: Diana Hughes (Sr. Warden), Cheryl Johnson (Jr. Warden), Roberta Coats, Kevin Gray, Dick McMillen and Linnea Noreen. Steve Holmes is serving as treasurer.

Saturday Supper

The next Saturday Supper is September 13, with Aaron Loudenback's team providing. The new team schedule for 2025 is on the parish hall information table. Rosemary Daubert, Saturday Supper Coordinator

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Fran & Maxine will host this Sunday, Sept. 7th. There will be a potluck meal for the Bishop's visit on Sept. 14th. The **2025** list is on the table in the parish hall. Please sign up! The Vestry wants to remind the Parish that signing up for hosting Coffee Hour should not be a financial burden for anyone. Some may want to provide treats as part of their contribution to Nativity, but everyone may also submit receipts to Barb Jones in the office for reimbursement. Rosemary is no longer coordinating coffee hour, so please just sign up if you see a blank date. Thank you!

Ushers/Greeters Needed for the Sunday services. Please call Ray Rosch at 208-791-5062 or call the office if you are willing to serve.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please join in daily prayer: Vonnie and Bill Kinney, Nancy Aldrich, Joseph LaPietra, Whitney, Kay Jennings, Amy Rosch, Melissa Parkman, Bridgette, Max Hastain, Billy Rosch, Joanne Cook, Roberta Albi, Jackie, Leslie, Gretchen Rehberg, Meg, Finn, & Mike, Rachel Walsh, Wally Pierce, John Caradine, Heidi Mitchell, Sean, Pat, Paul, Nick, Becky Clark, Raydene, Joe Lillard, Corbin, Mary Lou Amidei, Pat Paasch, Shaun Dixon, Sue Johnson, Sandy Davisson, Noah, Rho Vidal, Betty Ells, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Stephen Towles, Cheyenne Buckman-Schooner, Terry Lessley, Peggy Basinger, Lisa McAuliffe, Dave Bowden, Patricia Berge, Christopher George, Jay Blair, Suzanne Johnson, Marilyn Harris, Kathy Harper, Linnea Noreen, Bo Bishop.

Help us update the Prayer List. Please let the office know if there is anyone who should be taken off the prayer list now, or if there are others you want to add. We would like to leave them on for 1 month unless you want them on longer. We like to acknowledge thanksgivings for answered prayer too.



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

West Central Abbey, Spokane: We pray for the mission and ministry of West Central Abbey, Spokane. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Jerome Bonneville (9/9) and Katy Shedlock (9/14).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

September Birthdays: Mae Wicks 9/2, Merrily Lillard 9/11, Merilyn Brandon 9/15, Harold Crook 9/13.

If you would like your birthday, anniversary or other celebration in the newsletter, please let the office know.

Bulletins/Worship Booklets/Church Directory

Bulletins for the Sunday services are available in the office Friday mornings for those wishing to pick one up. If you want a copy of the Church Directory, please let the office know if there are no copies left on the table in the parish hall.

Our Nativity Parish Covenant

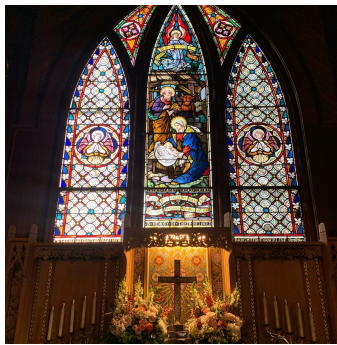
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- Faithfully come together to worship God.
- Encourage ourselves and others to regularly participate in all the church has to offer.
- Actively use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to support and participate in the work of God in the Church and community.
- Listen to each other in discernment of God's gifts for service, and support others in their service
- Pray with and for each other, offering care and support in joy and sorrow.
- Study, explore and incorporate Christ's teaching in our lives.
- Welcome, respect and include all people as beloved children of God.



Submissions for the Thursday email are due on Wednesday by 10 AM

Anyone may **submit articles and photos** for the weekly email. We welcome all types of news items pertinent to the life of the parish.



A 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 this 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 for all nations and tribes and people in the world. - The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg