

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

July 31, 2025



Old Nativity Cookbooks to be put in the Parish Hall

In this email/newsletter:

- Latest News
- Upcoming Calendar
- Episcopal Prayer
- Opportunities to Serve & Other Announcements
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The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

"Feeding body, mind, and soul."

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August 3, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9,43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

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>

Kitchen Renovation Proposal

This proposal was drafted by Dick McMillen in consultation with the finance committee and discussed by the Vestry, who wants the congregation's input in this process. This is Nativity's kitchen.

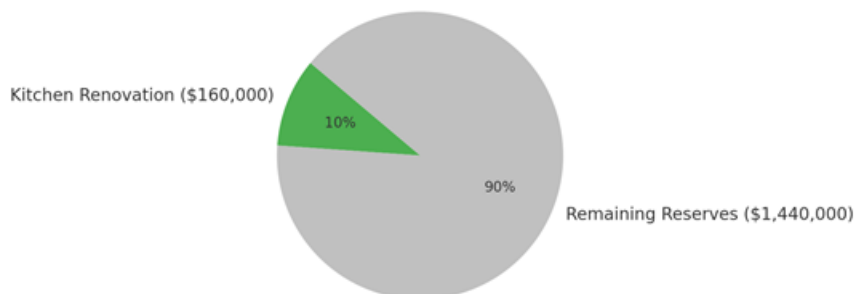
This project isn't about luxury—it's about ministry. A functional, welcoming kitchen enables us to:

- Host more inclusive parish events
- Serve families during funerals and celebrations
- Offer meals to neighbors and community groups
- Expand outreach and rental possibilities

Financial Responsibility

Total reserves: \$1,600,000

Proposed investment: \$160,000 (Just 10% of current reserves)



Benefits to the Church

- Improves experience for parishioners and visitors
- Attracts new users and groups to the facility
- Modern, safe, sanitary equipment
- Supports growth—not stagnation
- Makes the space rentable, if desired, to support ongoing income

Proposal

1. Set aside up to \$160,000 for renovation
2. Form a project team to obtain updated plans/quotes
3. Begin work within the next 6–12 months

"This is a faithful act of stewardship—using our resources to support the mission and future of our church."

There will be printed copies of this proposal, along with comment forms and a basket to leave them in. Please come share your opinions and participate in the conversation.

The next Vestry meeting is August 13th at 5:00 P.M.

Jr Warden Report

If you are watering the flowers in the planters at the back entry by the benches and also the three pots of flowers on the east side, **please do not turn the faucet knob**. Instead, use the lever and remember to turn the lever off when you are finished.

Regarding the steps that lead to the alley off the kitchen, I am looking into the best option for adding safety to those steps. In the meantime, please use the railing to go up and down those stairs.

Read the Jr. Warden report for July for an update on grounds and building upkeep and maintenance.

Thank you, Cheryl

Share Your Church Photos!

Got some fun or meaningful photos from around Nativity? Send them to Barb and Thomas at office@nativitylewiston.com so we can add them to the new digital frame in the Parish Hall!

We're looking for pictures that show parish life—services, events, behind-the-scenes moments, anything that feels like “us”. We might not be able to use everything, but we'd love to see what you've got!

Remember: Canon Caroline McCall and Rev. David Gortner will be back in September to help us learn techniques and practices to deal with conflict and to regain trust.

Chancel Guild

Chancel Guild will take the summer off. We will resume Monday, September 8th. Normally we meet the 1st Monday of the month at 1PM, but not in September, due to Labor Day. All women of the church are invited to attend.

- Nancy Rosch

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.

Aging Fruitfully

Aging Fruitfully will not meet this summer, but will resume in September.

Grief Group

The Grief Group will be offered again in the 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

Please sign up on the volunteer list if you want to help set up on Mondays at 8:30AM.

We welcome any used adult and children's books for our little library in the hallway for our food pantry neighbors.

We could use donations of canned tuna, vienna sausages and peanut butter. If you have excess garden produce, our neighbors would love it. Just put your name on it and wash lightly to remove the dirt.

This past Tuesday, July 29th, we served 72 families for a total of 149 people. We invite you to volunteer in this food ministry on Mondays and Tuesdays. See the sign-up sheet in the parish hall. All are welcome to serve!

Inquiries: Call Cheryl Johnson (208-413-0736), Volunteer Coordinator, and Aaron Loudonback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.

Nativity Sunday Leadership - REVISED

For August 3 – August 10, 2025

DATE		August 3, 2025 8th Pentecost	August 10, 2025 9th Pentecost
Service		HCRS	HE Rite II
		9:00AM	9:00AM
Celebrant			Rev. Kristi Philip
Officiant		Ray Rosch	
Preacher		Pete Ruppel	Rev. Kristi Philip
EM		Jerry Pierce	Bob Wicks
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Don & Maxine Hubbell
Lector		Rosemary Daubert	Frances Hedrick
Intercessor		Maxine Hubbell	Deloris Davisson
Altar Guild		Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine
Coffee Hour 9:00AM		Bob & Terri Morse	Nikki Nordstrom Fran Caradine
Flowers & Memorials			
Streaming Tech		Harold OR Sarah OR Thomas	Harold OR Sarah OR Thomas



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**CALENDAR FOR July 31-August 15**

**Thursday, July 31**

Knitting Group 10-Noon

**Saturday, August 2**

Al-Anon Dist. Mtg 1PM

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, August 4**

Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, August 6**

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

**Friday, August 8**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Sunday, August 10**

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

AA Group 7PM

**Tuesday, August 12**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

**Thursday, August 14**

Knitting Group 10-Noon

**Friday, August 1**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Sunday, August 3**

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

AA Group 7PM

**Tuesday, August 5**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club-10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

**Thursday, August 7**

Knitting Group 10-Noon

**Saturday, August 9**

Saturday Supper-Cheryl & Bill

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, August 11**

Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM

Book Club 10AM

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, August 13**

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

Finance Meeting-Noon

**Friday, August 15**

Morning Prayer 9AM

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## Episcopal Prayer

### Offertory Sentences

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.*

(BCP Page 377)

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY

### **Vestry Members**

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), Rachel Walsh, Roberta Coats, Kevin Gray, Dick McMillen and Linnea Noreen. Steve Holmes is serving as treasurer.

### **Saturday Supper**

The next Saturday Supper is August 9th with Bill & Cheryl Johnson'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!**

Bob & Terri Morse will host this Sunday, Aug 3rd. Nikki Nordstrom and Fran Caradine will host Aug 10th. 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, Joan Stevens, Wally Pierce, John Caradine, Heidi Mitchell, Sean, Pat, Paul, Terry, Nick, Becky Clark, Raydene, Joe Lillard, Corbin, Mary Lou Amidei, Pat Paasch, Shaun Dixon, Sue Johnson, Sandy Davisson, Noah, Rho Vidal, Betty Ell, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Stephen Towles, Cheyenne Buckman-Schooner, Terry Lessley, Peggy Basinger, Lisa McAuliffe, Dave Bowden, Patricia Berge, Jane Abbott, Christopher George, Jay Blair, Suzanne Johnson.

**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**

Deacons of the diocese: We give thanks for the Deacons of our diocese, for their ministry and for being a visible symbol and reminder of the life of faith we are all invited in. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Rev. Kenneth Green (8/6).

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

**August Birthdays:** Rachel Walsh 8/2, Aaron Loudanback 8/3, Beth Blake 8/10, Mary Lou Gruber 8/13, Eema Kyei 8/17, Nancy Rosch 8/20, Noel Abbott 8/22, Jane Abbott 8/22, Jeane Perkins 8/24, Daisy Jo Postle 8/31.

### **Happy Anniversary to John & Raydene on 8/1.**

*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.

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### **Our Nativity Parish Covenant**

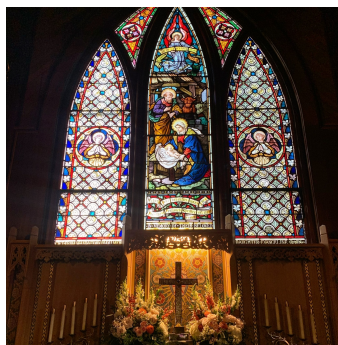
*As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:*

- 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