

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

August 28, 2025



Nativity's Garden is flourishing!

In this email/newsletter:

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- Upcoming Calendar
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The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

"Feeding body, mind, and soul."

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August 31, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1,10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16,

Luke 14:1,7-14

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>

Remember this Sunday, August 31st, is Potluck!

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 9th, at 1pm in the parish hall. All women are invited to attend.

The Nativity Choir is starting up soon!

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

- Sarah.

"Aging Fruitfully" Group will meet on the First Thursday of each month. **We will start on September 4th, 12:30-2PM.** 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.

From the Jr. Warden:

On Sunday before or after the church service or after the potluck, you are invited to the Rectory garage for FREEBIES! An assortment of garden tools, a trimmer, a garage vac, hoses, various lumber products, hand sprayers are yours for the taking! First come, first serve.

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 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.

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, August 26, we served 90 families for a total of 208 people!

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

**Nativity Sunday Leadership
For August 31 – Sept. 7, 2025**

Date		August 31, 2025 (12th Pentecost)	Sept. 7, 2025 (13th Pentecost)	
Service		HCRS	HCRS	
		9:00AM	9:00AM	
Officiant		Pete Ruppel	Ray Rosch	
Preacher		Ray Rosch	Pete Ruppel	
EM		Jerry Pierce	Marilyn Harris	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Don & Maxine Hubbell	
Lector		Toni Pierce	Harold Crook	
Intercessor		Frances Hedrick	Deloris Davisson	
Altar Guild		Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine	
Coffee Hour		Parish Potluck	Fran Caradine Maxine Hubbell	
Streaming Tech		Thomas Pearson	Harold Crook	



CALENDAR FOR August 28-September 15

Thursday, August 28
Knitting Group-10-Noon

Friday, August 29
Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, August 30

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, August 31

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

Potluck

AA Group 7PM

Monday, Sept. 1

Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

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

Monday, Sept. 8

Book Club 10AM

Chancel Guild Mtg. 1PM

Women's NA 5

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Chancel Guild Mtg 1 PM

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

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

Holy Eucharist 9AM-Bishop

Gretchen

Vestry Mtg & Potluck

AA Group 7PM

Monday, Sept. 15

Women's NA 5-7PM

Episcopal Prayer

2025 Prayers

55. For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement

“O merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity upon the sorrows of the people on the Nativity Parish Prayer List for whom our prayers are offered. Remember these your children for whom our prayers are offered. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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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 14, 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! Potluck is this Sunday, August 31st. Fran & Maxine will host on Sept. 7th. The Bishop will be here 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.



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**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 Ell, 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.



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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

O God of unsearchable wisdom and mercy, liberate us from bondage to self, and empower us to serve you and our neighbors, that like your servant Deacon David Oakerhater, we might bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ, the captain of our salvation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Redeemer, Republic: We pray for the mission and ministry of Redeemer, Republic.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Church of South India (United).

August Birthdays: Rachel Walsh 8/2, Aaron Loudonback 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.

September Birthdays: Mae Wicks 9/2, Merrily Lillard 9/11, Marilyn 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

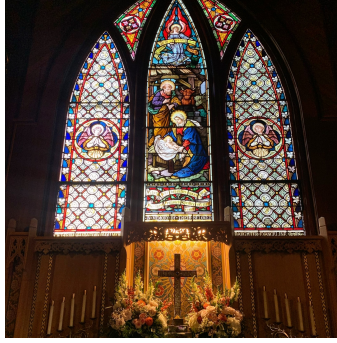
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- 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