

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

May 1, 2025



Aging Fruitfully Chair Yoga-looks like someone couldn't take it!

In this email/newsletter:

- Latest News
- Upcoming Calendar
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- Parish Prayer List, May Birthdays, Prayer Cycles

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May 4, 2025 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist with music. There is a downloadable service leaflet on our website. Live Streaming Link:

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

The funeral service for Phyl Lacy will be this Saturday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM here at Nativity.



From Sarah Graham-The ground is cleared for the garden. But one little rhubarb plant is coming up through the gravel. This is from a rhubarb plant that came from Phyl Lacy.

First 2025 Summer Picnic

On Saturday, May 24th at 4PM, we will be having our first 2025 summer picnic and Saturday Supper outside on the lawn. Barbeque hamburgers, hot dogs & fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you will be more comfortable, bring your own lawn chairs.

Pauses in the calendar—

- Taizé is taking a pause until Fall.
- Adult Forum is taking a pause until May 4th
- Lectionary Bible Study will pause until May 1st.

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

Our regular meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 12:30-2PM in the John & Raydene Room (Vestry room). Since few of us took Aging 101 in school, we will dip into our collective wisdom and explore the one commonality we share, mortality, and navigate this territory together. It is a spiritual journey, this stage of life, one that requires creativity, letting go, a lotta laughter and joy. You don't have to be old to attend. We are all in this together. Everyone is welcome!

Nativity Garden Ministry



Getting new raised beds set up.

Thanks to garden workers on a sunny spring day. Ready to plant in May.

There will be a work party in the garden **SATURDAY, May 3rd.**
The next meeting of the Garden ministry is **May 8, Thursday, at 2:00 PM.**

The Garden Ministry operates under the aegis of Nativity Vestry. In the Nativity Garden Ministry, a covenanted (chartered) small group, officers allocate money and make decisions using the consensus decision making process.

You will see our workers out in the garden area planning for bed installation, a possible gazebo for shade and hospitality, planting, maintaining, harvesting and cleanup.. You are invited to dedicate a garden bed to a loved one and attend scheduled work parties in the garden this summer and fall..

We appreciate everyone's support and interest. And please come out and sit, walk, meditate, pray or just watch the bees and butterflies this summer. The west end will feature a pollinator garden with wildflowers and hopefully no Trees of Heaven.

If anyone has further questions, please speak directly to a member currently holding a position on the Garden Ministry Working Group. Our covenant and organization description is available on the display table in Somerville Hall. Thanks for your continued support.
Respectfully submitted, Deloris Davisson, Planner for the Nativity Garden Ministry

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).

Volunteer Jobs at Nativity

NEW jobs have been added! Please check out the sign-up sheet.

The volunteer tasks will keep changing and evolving as we go along. Thank you to all helpers!

- Cheryl Johnson, Junior Warden. 208.413.0736; chedjohnson23@gmail.com

Centering Prayer

Turn over a new leaf in 2025 and join us on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 PM, Vestry room. All are welcome!

Nativity's Food Pantry

This past Tuesday, April 29th, we served 79 families for a total of 167 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 Loudenback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.

Tuesday Book Club News

We are reading the New York Times best selling author Y. N. Harari's book *Nexus* -- A read about what is happening with Artificial Intelligence-- "how information networks have made and unmade our world". Join us in this conversation on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Contact **Deloris Davisson** at seiggeev@gmail.com for more information.

New Displays in the Parish Hall

Take a minute to check out the *Outreach Tables* in Sommerville Hall: *Garden and Food Pantry/Saturday Suppers* information, announcements, cook books, growing and eating with Nativity outreach ministries. These two display tables will be a constant in the hall, with a changing array of information and ideas. If you have ideas or other items that you would like to share, please contact Rosemary Daubert for Saturday Suppers or Nikki Nordstrom for Garden Ministry.

Nativity Sunday Leadership For May 4 – May 11, 2025

DATE		May 4, 2025 3rd Easter	May 11, 2025 4th Easter	
Service		HE II	HE II	
		8:00AM	8:00AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM		Pete Ruppel	Jerry Pierce	

Ushers		Jerry Pierce	Maxine and Don Hubbell	
Lector		Marilyn Harris	Pete Ruppel	
Intercessor		Jerry Pierce	Maxine Hubbell	
		10:30AM	10:30AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM		Ray Rosch	Bob Wicks	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	
Lector		Rosemary Daubert	Harold Crook	
Intercessor		Deloris Davisson	Aaron Loudenback	
Altar Guild		Rosemary Daubert Aaron Loudenback	Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	
Coffee Hour 10:30AM				
Adult Forum		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
Flowers & Memorials				
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook		



CALENDAR FOR Apr 24-May 15

Thursday, Apr 24

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Saturday, Apr 26

Saturday Supper-Leslie's team
Women's AA 8PM

Friday, Apr 25

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, Apr 27

Holy Communion/Res. Sacrament
8 & 10:30AM
AA Group 7PM

Monday, Apr 28

Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Apr 29

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Aging Fruitfully-Chair Yoga 12:30PM

Wednesday, Apr 30

Morning Prayer 8AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, May 1

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

Friday, May 2

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, May 3

Phyl Lacy Service 1:30PM

Women's AA 8PM

Garden Work Party

Sunday, May 4

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM

AA Group 7PM

Monday, May 5

Chancel Guild Mtg 1PM

Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, May 6

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Aging Fruitfully 12:30-2PM

Wednesday, May 7

Holy Eucharist 8AM

Finance Mtg Noon

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Vestry Mtg 5PM

Thursday, May 8

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

Garden Ministry Mtg 2PM

Friday, May 9

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, May 10

Saturday Supper-Rachel

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, May 11

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM

AA Group 7PM

Monday, May 12
Book Club 10AM
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, May 13
Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
Book Club 10-11:30AM

Wednesday, May 14
Holy Eucharist 8AM
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, May 15
Knitting Group-10AM-Noon
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

Episcopal Prayer

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Other Prayers

65. For the Answering of Prayer

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY

Vestry Members

The next Vestry meeting is **May 7th at 5:00 P.M.** For those other than Vestry members, please let **Diana** know if you want to attend. The minutes (once they are approved) are in the rack above the table in the parish hall. If you want a copy of the financials, please let the office know. The members of the

Church of the Nativity Vestry 2025 are: Rev. Kathy Kelly (Rector), Diana Hughes, Rachel Walsh, Roberta Coats, Becky Clark, Kevin Gray, Dick McMillen, and Cheryl Johnson. Steve Holmes is serving as treasurer pro tempore.

Saturday Supper

The next Saturday Supper is May 10th with Rachel Walsh'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!

Ray & Nancy will host coffee hour this Sunday, May 4th. 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, Terry, Nancy Aldrich, Joseph LaPietra, Whitney, Kay Jennings, Amy Rosch, Melissa Parkman, Bridgette, Max Hastain, Billy Rosch, Joanne Cook, Ron, Roberta Albi, Jackie, Leslie, Gretchen Rehberg, Alexis Hnatiak, Henry Hnatiak, Meg, Finn, & Mike, Rob Lacy, Rachel Walsh, Joan Stevens, Wally Pierce, John Caradine, John, Carol, Heidi Mitchell, Sean, Pat, Paul, Terry, Nick, Becky Clark, Raydene, Joe Lillard, Corbin, Mary Lou Amidei, Beryl, Paul Simon, Pat Paasch, Shaun Dixon, Sue Johnson, Mary Lou Gregory, Sandy Davisson, Cheryl Johnson, Joanie, Noah, Jane Abbott, Rho Vidal, Emma Parker, Pamela Flowers Dixon, Betty Ell, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Deloris Davisson, Stephen Towles, Jay Blair.

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**

### **St. Mark's, Moscow**

We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Mark's, Moscow. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Mary Johnson (4/24), Rachel Jackson (4/16, and David Walker (4/27).

## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

**May Birthdays:** Patience Graham 5/4, Debbie Riedle 5/6, Emily Wicks 5/7, Les Pettit 5/8, Thomas Pearson 5/11, Linnea Noreen 5/12, Maggie Postle 5/14, Kathy Kelly 5/15, Sue Johnson 5/16, Emlyn Laughrey 5/17, Deloris Davisson 5/18, Heidi Mitchell 5/20, Don Hubbell 5/29.

*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:*

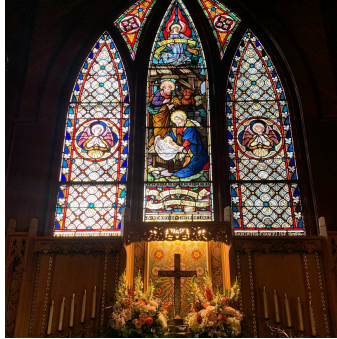
- Faithfully come together to worship God.
- Encourage ourselves and others to regularly participate in all the church has to offer.
- Actively use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to support and participate in the work of God in the Church and community.
- Listen to each other in discernment of 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.



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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*