

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing
August 14, 2025



Nativity Food Pantry Helpers!!!

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 17, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2,8-18, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

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>

A Note From the Organist

There seems to be some discrepancy as to what the proper etiquette is for congregants regarding the *prelude* and *postlude* (the music preceding and concluding the service on Sundays) and I thought I'd offer my two cents.

Some time ago, it was announced that the congregation should stay and be quiet during the postlude so that people can listen. While I am flattered by this show of appreciation, as far as I am concerned, the postlude has traditionally been a festive, joyful and particularly louder piece of music, meant to usher the congregants to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord," and to usher folks into fellowship with one another, carrying into Coffee Hour. However, it is entirely reasonable that folks might want to stay and appreciate the musical offering, even possibly taking time to reflect and pray after the service is finished.

The prelude, traditionally, has often been a more quiet, contemplative piece of music, meant to invite the congregants to enter into a prayerful state for worship. You will notice that many congregants, during the prelude or after they first enter the church, will kneel at the pews to begin praying and entering into the state of mind for worship. For others, this may be a time where, with joy, they greet their neighbor and maybe even converse before the ringing of the bell starts the service. This can prove distracting and harsh for those who are trying to enter into a prayerful state, but it is certainly not wrong in any book to want to greet your neighbor before worshipping and praying with them.

This all to say, there is no such thing as a definitive etiquette (in my book), and all these actions are justifiable. I will simply conclude by saying, please be mindful of those congregants around you and try to understand each other's needs. If you'd like to greet your neighbor before the service, perhaps be aware that there are those who may be trying to enter into that special place of quiet, to tune their hearts and minds toward worship. And, lastly, I do not feel that people should feel trapped during the postlude music, as if it were a

concert performance. If you would like to stay and listen, thank you! Otherwise, feel free to go with joy! But, perhaps, be mindful of those who do wish to stay and listen.

I hope that this perspective from the bench helps. There is no right or wrong answer, just the hope that we all get along together. Thank you for all of your constant, kind appreciation of the music that Sarah and I offer at Nativity.

- Thomas Pearson, organist

Jr Warden Report

From the Jr Warden:

Please double check that you close tight **the back door** on the parking lot side. It doesn't close heavy as you might think it would. It is a heavy door, but sometimes it closes soft and you need to pull it shut. That could be a culprit when we think the door is shut and locked.

As I was just leaving the parking lot after setting up for pantry on Sunday night, a woman approached the back door and tried the handle. Fortunately, the door was locked. She went on her merry way. We need to keep being vigilant about locking all doors.

From the Rectory's List of Needs, please note that two lamps, two end tables, a sofa, and an outdoor chair for back porch plus many supplies have been donated by many of you! Check the round table's contents against the list of needs, if you are curious what you might contribute. We need a lamp for the nightstand in the master bedroom, if you have one to spare.

Please see the most recent Jr. Warden Report for August for lotsa details. You can get a copy in the office or you can find copies in the parish hall; see the wall organizer.

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 need peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken and Vienna sausages. Thank you!

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, August 12th, we served 64 families for a total of 151 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/or Aaron Loudenback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.

Nativity Sunday Leadership For August 17 – August 24, 2025

DATE		August 17, 2025 10 th Pentecost	August 24, 2025 11 th Pentecost
Service		HCRS	HCRS
		9:00AM	9:00AM
Celebrant			
Officiant		Jerry Pierce	Jerry Pierce
Preacher		Ray Rosch	Pete Ruppel
EM		Bob Wicks	Bob Wicks
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Don & Maxine Hubbell
Lector		Toni Pierce	Aaron Loudenback
Intercessor		Mary Lou Gregory	Nancy Rosch
Altar Guild		Roberta Coats Marilyn Harris	Rosemary Daubert Aaron Loudenback
Coffee Hour		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray Jean Baker	Ray & Nancy Rosch
Flowers & Memorials			
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook



CALENDAR FOR August 14-August 31

Thursday, August 14

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Saturday, August 16

Women's AA 8PM

Monday, August 18

Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM

Women's NA 5-7PM

Wednesday, August 20

Morning Prayer w/HS

Pastoral Care Mtg 10AM

Friday, August 22

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, August 24

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

AA Group 7PM

Tuesday, August 26

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

Thursday, August 28

Knitting Group-10-Noon

Saturday, August 30

Women's AA 8PM

Friday, August 15

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, August 17

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

AA Group 7PM

Tuesday, August 19

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

Thursday, August 21

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Saturday, August 23

Saturday Supper-Rosemary

Women's AA 8PM

Monday, August 25

Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM

Women's NA 5-7PM

Wednesday, August 27

Morning Prayer w/HS

Salvation Army Meal 4:30PM

Friday, August 29

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, August 31

Holy Communion/RS 9AM

AA Group 7PM

Episcopal Prayer

From The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (in part)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

Saturday Supper

The next Saturday Supper is Saturday, August 23rd, 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!

Dennis, Kevin & Jean will host on Aug 17th. Ray & Nancy will host on Aug 24th. 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.

**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

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave your Apostle Bartholomew grace preach your Word: Grant, us your Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We give thanks to the ministry of the men in our diocese, and for the men who gathered together this weekend for Men's Weekend at Camp Cross. We also give thanks for the birthday of The Revs. Elisabeth Kuhr (8/18) and Jane Schmoetzer (8/24).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

August Birthdays: Rachel Walsh 8/2, Aaron Loudenback 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

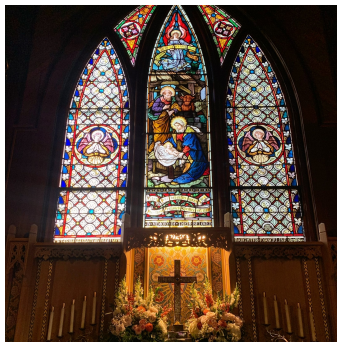
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- 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