

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

May 15, 2025



Happy Birthday Rev. Kathy!!!

In this email/newsletter:

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May 18, 2025 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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>

Summer Schedule

We will be moving to our summer Sunday schedule of one service at 9:00 A.M. beginning June 15th.

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, and Cowboy beans will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the parish hall. If you will be more comfortable, bring your own lawn chairs.

Pauses in the calendar—

- Taizé is taking a pause until Fall.
- Adult Forum continues through June 8th, then will pause for the summer.
- Lectionary Bible Study will pause after today until September 4th.

Note from Junior Warden:

Like our new benches? Out of safety concerns, we purchased 2 new benches to replace old, weakened ones. The old benches have been given to Maxine at her request.

See anything you could use on the tables in the Parish Hall? You are invited to take whatever you would like. These items are not needed in the kitchen. Whatever is not taken will be offered to our neighbors in Food Pantry.

Please see the volunteer list in the parish hall for jobs you might like to do. Do contact me for any maintenance and upkeep concerns. In person, if

possible. Otherwise by phone/text/email. Thank you, Cheryl Johnson (chedjohnson23@gmail.com; 208.413.0736)

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

Kitchen Committee

The kitchen Committee met on Thursday May 1st at 2pm
Members in attendance were Aaron Loudenback - coordinator, Cheryl Johnson, Nancy Rosch and Rosemary Daubert, vestry liaison Diana Hughes and Kathy was also in attendance.

Our first workday has been set for this month. The emphasis will be on inventorying items, removing broken and grossly redundant items, cleaning and labeling cabinets and draws. Items that are no longer needed will be displayed in the Parish Hall for 2 Sundays. Parishioners may take items during this time. After 2 Sundays the items will be donated to goodwill. Regular monthly meetings are planned for the next couple of months. Monthly reports will be posted on the bulletin and newsletter. We know this may be stressful for some of you; however, the kitchen committee is tasked by the vestry to provide a hospitable, clean, sanitary and well-organized kitchen for all church events and community gatherings. Hospitality is an essential part of our Christian mission.

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

Gatherings will be on the third Thursday of each month from 2-3:30pm, in the Willow's Conference Room. **Our next meeting will be June 19th.** We will consider meeting more frequently as we get to know what works best for our group.

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

Food Donations for these items are needed: canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, canned Vienna sausages.

This past Tuesday, May 13th, we served 63 families for a total of 134 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.

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.

Nativity Sunday Leadership

For May 18 – May 25, 2025

DATE		May 18, 2025 5th Easter	May 25, 2025 6th Easter	
Service		HE II	HE II	
		8:00AM	8:00AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
Preacher			Pete Ruppel	
EM		Pete Ruppel	Marilyn Harris	
Ushers		Maxine and Don Hubbell	Jerry Pierce	
Lector		Maxine Hubbell	Frances Hedrick	
Intercessor		Frances Hedrick	Aaron Loudenback	
		10:30AM	10:30AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
Preacher			Pete Ruppel	
EM		Bob Wicks	Bob Wicks	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Kevin Gray	
Lector		Toni Pierce	Ray Rosch	
Intercessor		Mary Lou Gregory	Nancy Rosch	
Altar Guild		Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine	Roberta Coats Marilyn Harris	
Coffee Hour 10:30AM		Noel & Jane Abbott Marilyn Brandon	Aaron & Luella Loudenback	
Adult Forum		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
Flowers & Memorials				
Streaming Tech		Sarah Graham	Sarah Graham	



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**CALENDAR FOR May 15-May 31**

**Friday, May 16**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Sunday, May 18**

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM

AA Group 7PM

**Tuesday, May 20**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

**Thursday, May 22**

Knitting Group 10AM-Noon

**Saturday, May 24**

1st Summer Picnic/Sat Supper 4PM

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, May 26**

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, May 28**

Holy Eucharist 8AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Salvation Army Meal

**Friday, May 30**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Thursday, May 15**

Knitting Group-10AM-Noon

**Saturday, May 17**

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, May 19**

Kathy out of the office this week  
at Retreat

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, May 21**

Holy Eucharist 8AM

Pastoral Care Mtg 10AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

**Friday, May 23**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Sunday, May 25**

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM

AA Group 7PM

**Tuesday, May 27**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

**Thursday, May 29**

Knitting Group 10-Noon

**Saturday, May 31**

Women's AA 8PM

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## **Episcopal Prayer**

### **PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

#### **Prayers for Family and Personal Life**

##### ***45. For Families***

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

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### **OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY**

#### **Vestry Members**

The next Vestry meeting is June 18th at 5PM. If you want a copy of the financials, please let the office know. The minutes are on the rack above the table in the parish hall. The members of the Church of the Nativity Vestry 2025 are: Rev. Kathy Kelly (Rector), Diana Hughes, Rachel Walsh, Roberta Coats, Kevin Gray, Dick McMillen, and Cheryl Johnson. Steve Holmes is serving as treasurer pro tempore.

#### **Saturday Supper**

The next Saturday Supper is May 24th, along with our 1st Summer Picnic, with Bill & Cheryl's team providing baked beans and Aaron cooking hot dogs & hamburgers. The New team schedule for 2025 is on the parish hall information table. Rosemary Daubert, Saturday Supper Coordinator

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!**

Noel, Jane, & Marilyn will host this Sunday, May 18th, and Aaron & Luella on May 25th. 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, Rho Vidal, Emma Parker, Pamela Flowers Dixon, Betty Ell, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Deloris Davisson, Stephen Towles, Cheyenne Buckman-Schooner.

**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**

#### **Retired Clergy & Holy Spirit, Dover/Sandpoint**

We give thanks for the birth of God's Holy Church. We also give thanks for retired clergy and the ways their lives witness to God's love and enrich the faith and mission of our Diocese. We also pray for the mission and ministry of the Holy Spirit, Dover/Sandpoint. We also give thanks for the birthdays of The Revs. Kathy Kelly (5/15) and Holladay Sanderson (5/17).

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.



**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**

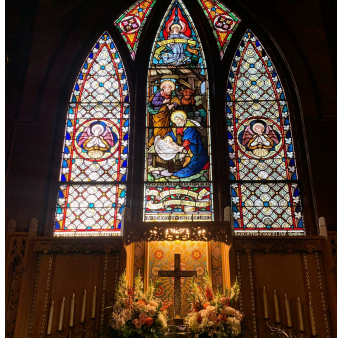
*As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:*

- 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.



### **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