

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

May 8, 2025



In this email/newsletter:

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May 11, 2025 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

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 & fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you will be more comfortable, bring your own lawn chairs.

Birthday Party

You are invited to Linnea's birthday and open house on Saturday, May 10th, from 7-9PM. Address is 1121 3rd Street in Lewiston. No gifts, please just vote for the Bond on May 20th! Phone:206-678-6571.

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:

The sprinkler system has been turned on. I know the lawn is looking dry. I had our request for service in and we had to wait for our turn. Many sprinkler businesses in the valley have been slammed. Some have lost key workers.

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.

Nativity Garden Ministry

The next meeting of the Garden ministry is **May 8, Thursday, at 2:00 PM.**

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 6th, we served 69 families for a total of 131 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 11 – May 18, 2025

DATE		May 11, 2025 4th Easter	May 18, 2025 5th Easter	
Service		HE II	HE II	
		8:00AM	8:00AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM		Jerry Pierce	Pete Ruppel	
Ushers		Maxine and Don Hubbell	Maxine and Don Hubbell	
Lector		Pete Ruppel	Maxine Hubbell	
Intercessor		Maxine Hubbell	Frances Hedrick	
		10:30AM	10:30AM	
Celebrant		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM		Bob Wicks	Bob Wicks	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	
Lector		Harold Crook	Toni Pierce	
Intercessor		Aaron Loudenback	Mary Lou Gregory	
Altar Guild		Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine	
Coffee Hour 10:30AM			Noel & Jane Abbott Merilyn Brandon	
Adult Forum		Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	

Flowers & Memorials				
Streaming Tech				



CALENDAR FOR May 8-May 31

Thursday, May 8

Knitting Group 10-Noon
 Lectionary Bible Study 1PM
 Garden Ministry Mtg 2PM

Saturday, May 10

Saturday Supper-Rachel
 Women's AA 8PM

Monday, May 12

Book Club 10AM
 Women's NA 5-7PM
 Kathy at Clergy Conference
 until 5/16

Wednesday, May 14

Holy Eucharist 8AM
 Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Friday, May 16

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, May 18

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM
 AA Group 7PM

Friday, May 9

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, May 11

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM
 AA Group 7PM

Tuesday, May 13

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
 Book Club 10-11:30AM

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

Tuesday, May 20

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Wednesday, May 21

Holy Eucharist 8AM

Pastoral Care Mtg 10AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, May 22

Knitting Group 10AM-Noon

Friday, May 23

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, May 24

1st Summer Picnic/Sat Supper 4PM

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, May 25

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM

AA Group 7PM

Monday, May 26

Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, May 27

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Wednesday, May 28

Holy Eucharist 8AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Salvation Army Meal

Thursday, May 29

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, May 30

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, May 31

Women's AA 8PM

Episcopal Prayer

5-8-2025 EASTER

Christ Has Arisen

Christ has arisen, Alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, Alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, Alleluia.

Jesus is living, Alleluia.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, Hymn 41

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, 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 menu is chicken alfredo, garlic bread and green salad with chocolate cake for dessert. The New team schedule for 2025 is on the parish hall information table. Rosemary Daubert, Saturday Supper Coordinator

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Cheryl & Bill will host coffee hour this Sunday, May 11th. Noel, Jane, & Merilyn will host on 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.



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#### **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, 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.



### **DSiocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Mother's Day-We give thanks for all the mothers in our life. We also give thanks for the birthdays of the Ven. Ted Nitz (5/6) and the Revs. Adam Bartholomew (5/11) and Christine Wysock (5/12).

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan).

**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

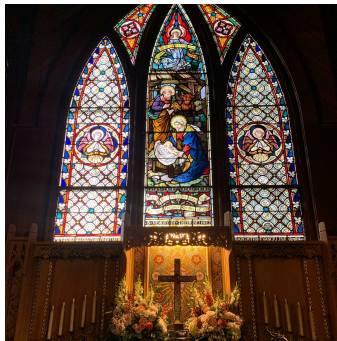
*As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:*

- 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