

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

July 24, 2025



“Nativity Throughout the Years”, new electronic rotating picture display in the Parish Hall

In this email/newsletter:

- Latest News
- Upcoming Calendar
- Episcopal Prayer
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- Parish Prayer List, July & August Birthdays, Prayer Cycles

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July 27, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13

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>

Kitchen Renovation Proposal

This proposal was drafted by Dick McMillen in consultation with the finance committee and discussed by the Vestry, who wants the congregation's input in this process. This is Nativity's kitchen.

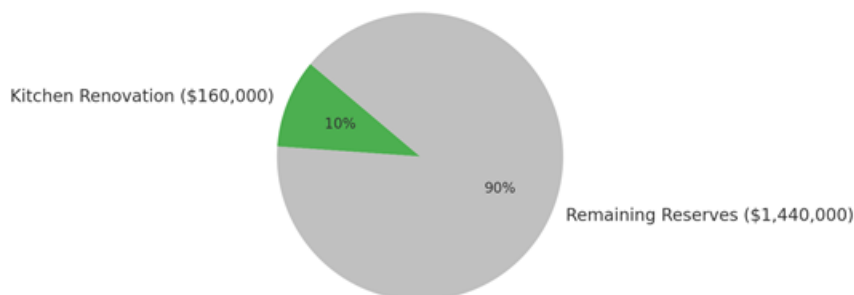
This project isn't about luxury—it's about ministry. A functional, welcoming kitchen enables us to:

- Host more inclusive parish events
- Serve families during funerals and celebrations
- Offer meals to neighbors and community groups
- Expand outreach and rental possibilities

Financial Responsibility

Total reserves: \$1,600,000

Proposed investment: \$160,000 (Just 10% of current reserves)



Benefits to the Church

- Improves experience for parishioners and visitors
- Attracts new users and groups to the facility
- Modern, safe, sanitary equipment
- Supports growth—not stagnation
- Makes the space rentable, if desired, to support ongoing income

Proposal

1. Set aside up to \$160,000 for renovation
2. Form a project team to obtain updated plans/quotes
3. Begin work within the next 6–12 months

"This is a faithful act of stewardship—using our resources to support the mission and future of our church."

There will be printed copies of this proposal, along with comment forms and a basket to leave them in. Please come share your opinions and participate in the conversation.

The next Vestry meeting is August 13th at 5:00 P.M.

Forward Day by Days for August, September, October are on the table in the Parish Hall.

Hygiene Station

A member of the kitchen committee was approached with a concern about hygiene, especially during Saturday Supper. It was discussed by a few of us and we inquired of the Junior Warden and we are setting up a hygiene station in the parish hall with hand sanitizer. The hope is that we will all partake of the sanitizer before coffee hour and potlucks. It will also be set up at Saturday Supper.

Thank you, Nancy Rosch

Jr Warden Report

If you are watering the flowers in the planters at the back entry by the benches and also the three pots of flowers on the east side, **please do not turn the faucet knob**. Instead, use the lever and remember to turn the lever off when you are finished.

Regarding the steps that lead to the alley off the kitchen, I am looking into the best option for adding safety to those steps. In the meantime, please use the railing to go up and down those stairs.

Read the Jr. Warden report for July for an update on grounds and building upkeep and maintenance.

Thank you, Cheryl

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 could use donations of canned tuna, vienna sausages and peanut butter. 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, July 22nd, we served 76 families for a total of 166 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.

Nativity Sunday Leadership For July 27 – August 3, 2025

DATE		July 27, 2025 7th Pentecost	August 3, 2025 8th Pentecost	
Service		HCRS	HCRS	
		9:00AM	9:00AM	
Officiant		Pete Ruppel	Ray Rosch	
Preacher		Ray Rosch	Pete Ruppel	
EM		Bob Wicks	Jerry Pierce	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	

Lector		Aaron Loudenback	Rosemary Daubert	
Intercessor		Frances Hedrick	Maxine Hubbell	
Altar Guild		Rosemary Daubert Aaron Loudenback	Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	
Coffee Hour		Aaron & Luella Loudenback	Bob & Terri Morse	
Flowers & Memorials				
Streaming Tech		Thomas Pearson	Thomas Pearson	

7-21-2025 Ray Rosch



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**CALENDAR FOR July 24-August 15**

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Thursday, July 24

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, July 25

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, July 26

Saturday Supper-Rosemary
 Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, July 27

Holy Communion/RS 9AM
 AA Group 7PM

Monday, July 28

Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM
 Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, July 29

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
 Book Club 10-11:30AM
 Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, July 30

Morning Prayer with HS 8AM

Thursday, July 31

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, August 1

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, August 2

Al-Anon Dist. Mtg 1PM
 Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, August 3

Holy Communion/RS 9AM
 AA Group 7PM

Monday, August 4
Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, August 5
Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
Book Club-10-11:30AM
Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, August 6
Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

Thursday, August 7
Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, August 8
Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, August 9
Saturday Supper-Cheryl & Bill
Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, August 10
Holy Communion/RS 9AM
AA Group 7PM

Monday, August 11
Food Pantry Setup 8:30AM
Book Club 10AM
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, August 12
Food Pantry 8:30-Noon
Book Club 10-11:30AM
Al-Anon 7PM

Wednesday, August 13
Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM
Finance Meeting-Noon

Thursday, August 14
Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, August 15
Morning Prayer 9AM

Episcopal Prayer

Collects: Contemporary

Holy Days Saint Mary Magdalene July 22

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Saturday Supper

The next Saturday Supper is July 26th with Rosemary Daubert's team providing. They will be serving pulled pork tacos with sides of salsa, tomatoes, sliced olives, lettuce, sour cream, & cheese. There will be cookies for dessert. The New team schedule for 2025 is on the parish hall information table. Rosemary Daubert, Saturday Supper Coordinator

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Aaron & Luella will host this Sunday, July 27th. Bob & Terri Morse will host on Aug 3rd. 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, Meg, Finn, & Mike, 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, Betty Ell, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Stephen Towles, Cheyenne Buckman-Schooner, Terry Lessley, Peggy Basinger, Lisa McAuliffe, Dave Bowden, Patricia Berge, Jane Abbott, Jerry Pierce, Christopher George, 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.*



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

College for Congregational Development: We give thanks for faithful people willing to attend the College for Congregational Development, to learn new tools to sustain and strengthen their congregations. We pray with the CCD staff and graduates for continued participation in the College as the diocese grows in its creative, effective witness to Jesus Christ.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

July Birthdays: Norman Rhoads 7/4, Gretchen Rehberg 7/7, Ethan Wicks 7/17, Mary Lou Gregory 7/18, Johnette Moore 7/21, Steve Kottkey 7/24, Hilary Gruehl-Laughrey 7/30, Steve Holmes 7/31, Klara Fichter 7/31.

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.

Happy Anniversary to John & Raydene on 8/1.

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

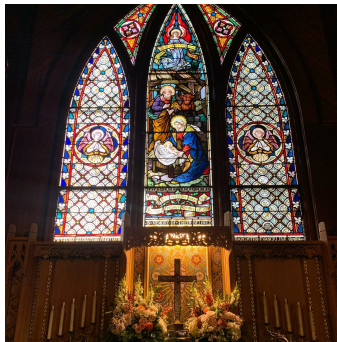
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- 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