

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

October 2, 2025



Leafs on the trees changing!

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The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

“Feeding body, mind, and soul.”

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**October 5, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**

The Liturgy of the Word:

[Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10](#)

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 third quarter giving statements are being mailed this week.
Please let the office know if there are any discrepancies.**

United Thank Offering

If you wish to make a donation to UTO, please put that notation on your check. Ray will be taking the donations to convention in October.

Creative Aging Group

The Creative Aging Group (previously called Aging Fruitfully) will begin its monthly gatherings again on Sunday, October the 12th from 9:15 to 10:15 AM in the Willow's Conference Room. The coffee will be on, so you will be able to bring a cup of coffee with you. This first gathering we will be discussing ideas that we would like to explore this coming year. The group is open to all who are interested. Please feel free to drop by that Sunday and join the discussion.

Centering Prayer Group

All are welcome! Curious? Just come and check it out. You don't have to sign on any dotted line. Let's come to share ideas for doing centering prayer as a group. We meet on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 2 P.M.

Chancel Guild

Chancel Guild is requesting donations of hygiene items for our hygiene packs we donate to be handed out at the food pantry in December. We will be putting together the packs at our December 1st meeting. There is a box on the table by the kitchen, in the parish hall, for your donations. Suggested items are shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks for men and women, deodorant, small packs of facial tissue, and sealed individual snacks such as granola bars. Thank you very much.

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.

Grief Group

"Grief is not always about death, but is always about attachment and separation or loss." - Kenneth Doka

The Grief Group will begin on Saturday, November 1st. We will meet every Saturday from 10:30 A.M. to noon, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend. The group will end on December 13th, 2025. There will be an option for a follow up meeting in January 2026. Those interested in attending need to notify either Fran Caradine or Nikki Nordstrom by Friday, October 24th.

(Fran: 509-243-9999 OR 208-305-1317. Nikki: 425-9499744)

Nativity's Food Pantry

We need more used children's books on the bookshelf in the hallway. We are seeing more neighbors without kitchens in the Food Pantry and living in their vehicles. Pop up cans are helpful. In addition to donating canned proteins, we rarely see nuts and trail mix from the Food Bank. We need more protein donations like: peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna, sardines, vienna sausages. **On Tuesday, September 23rd, we served 78 families for a total of 187 people!** Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Inquiries: call Cheryl Johnson (208-413-0736), Volunteer Coordinator, and/or Aaron Loudonback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.



Nativity Sunday Leadership For Oct. 5 – Oct. 12, 2025

Date		Oct. 5, 2025 17th Pentecost	Oct. 12, 2025 18th Pentecost	
Service		HCRS	HE II	
		8:00AM	8:00AM	
Celebrant			Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti	
Officiant		Pete Ruppel		
Preacher		Ray Rosch		
EM		Ray Rosch	Marilyn Harris	
Ushers		Don & Maxine Hubbell	Jerry Pierce	
Lector		Frances Hedrick	Pete Ruppel	
Intercessor		Maxine Hubbell	Frances Hedrick	
		10:30AM	10:30AM	
Celebrant			Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti	
Officiant		Ray Rosch		
Preacher		Ray Rosch		
EM		Jerry Pierce	Bob Wicks	
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	
Lector		Harold Crook	Ray Rosch	
Intercessor		Deloris Davisson	Mary Lou Gregory	
Altar Guild		Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine	Roberta Coats Marilyn Harris	
Coffee Hour		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray Jean Baker	Noel & Jane Abbott Merilyn Brandon	
Adult Forum			Creative Aging Group	
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook	

9-29-2025 Ray Rosch

CALENDAR FOR October 2-October 30

Thursday, Oct 2

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, Oct 3

Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, Oct 4

Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Oct 5

Holy Communion/RS 8 & 10:30AM
AA Group 7PM

Monday, Oct 6

Chancel Guild Mtg 1PM
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Oct 7

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

Wednesday, Oct 8

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Thursday, Oct 9

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Friday, Oct 10

Morning Prayer 9AM
Vestry Meeting 1-3PM

Saturday, Oct 11

Saturday Supper-Rosemary
Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Oct 12

Holy Eucharist 8&10:30AM-
Mary Beth Rivetti
Creative Aging 9:15AM
AA Group 7PM

Monday, Oct 13

Book Club 10AM
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Oct 14

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

Wednesday, Oct 15

Pastoral Care Mtg 10AM
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM
Finance Meeting-Noon

Thursday, Oct 16

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Episcopal Prayer

The Dedication and Consecration of a Church

The congregation standing

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY

Vestry Members

The next Vestry meeting is October 10th at 1:00 PM. 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 October 11th, with Rosemary'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! Kevin, Jean, & Dennis will host this Sunday, Oct. 5th. Noel, Jane, & Marilyn will host Oct. 12. 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, 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 Ells, Steve & Debbie Winchester, Stephen Towles, Cheyenne Buckman-Schooner, Terry Lessley, Peggy Basinger, Dave Bowden, Patricia Berge, Christopher George, Suzanne Johnson, Marilyn Harris, Kathy Harper, Bo Bishop, Leon McNally, Marj Miller, Millie, Liz Patrick, Barb Jones.

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

Thanksgiving for the worldwide ministry of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, and especially for those sisters and brothers present in the Diocese of Spokane at West Central Abbey. Pray for their continuing service in decolonization efforts, economic and environmental justice, and locally the food forest at the Abbey. For all Bishops and for our Bishop: We give thanks for our Bishop Gretchen Rehberg and her ministry. We also give thanks for the ministry of the Bishops of the Episcopal Church. We also give thanks for the birthday of Robin Biffle (10/14).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

October Birthdays: Scott Hemphill 10/10, Diana Hughes 10/11, Toni Pierce 10/12, Jerry Pierce 10/13, Andrew Cash 10/14, Allen Alstad 10/20, Lois Charbonneau 10/23, Gillian Laughrey 10/24, Karen Riddle 10/31.

*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

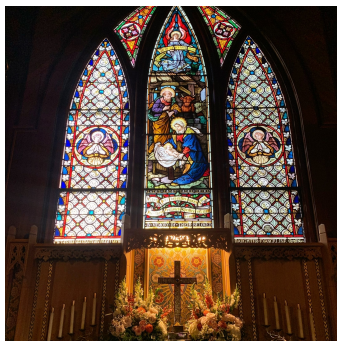
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- 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