

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

September 11, 2025



New hallway display

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The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

“Feeding body, mind, and soul.”

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September 14, 2025 Holy Communion/Reserved Sacrament 9:00 A.M.

The Liturgy of the Word:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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>

Reminder: There will be a potluck meal for the Bishop's visit, Sept. 14th.

"Celebrate Love" Booth

Nativity will have a booth at the "Celebrate Love in the LC Valley" event, this Saturday the 13th from 1-8 P.M. Feel free to come by and say hello and represent Nativity!

From Your Jr Warden:

Check out the new railing on the back porch (off the kitchen). Use either railing as you negotiate those stairs, please. I will add some strips to each stair as well.

Continue to be vigilant about locking doors and making sure they close tight. Thank you!

Let me know if you see something that needs attention on the grounds and around/in our buildings. *Be like the dragonfly or butterfly!* They have compound eyes made of thousands of individual lenses. I only have two eyes. Well, my kids might say I had eyes in the back of my head when they were growing up. I actually need "new eyes" — every single day!

Save the date: Canon Caroline McCall and Rev. David Gortner will be at Nativity on September 25th from 11:30-1 to help us learn techniques and practices to deal with conflict and to regain trust.

Nativity Choir

This Sunday, September 14th, we'll meet for a short rehearsal at 8 A.M.. After that, rehearsals will be at 9 A.M. Thanks, - Sarah.

Meals on Wheels

The Clarkston Senior Round Table is looking for 4 more delivery drivers for Clarkston. There is more information on the parish hall table. Contact Jane at (509)527-3775 Ext. 1 for more information.

Fall Gathering Day will be on September 27th, 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., beginning with fellowship and moving into the program at 9:50. Here are the locations by region: NW: St. Luke's, Wenatchee; SW: St. Paul's Kennewick; SE: St. Mark's, Moscow.

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.

The "Aging Fruitfully" Group will meet on the First Thursday of each month. All are welcome! Bring a sack lunch if you wish. We strongly desire your input. Let's brainstorm ideas for the coming year at our first meeting. We can discuss other meeting times at this first meeting as well. Please know you are welcome to join discussions at any time during the year.

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

The Grief Group will be offered again this 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

Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. We need more protein donations like: peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna, sardines, vienna sausages. **On Tuesday, September 9, we served 83 families for a total of 162 people!** Inquiries: call Cheryl Johnson (208-413-0736), Volunteer Coordinator, and/or Aaron Loudenback (253-218-7091), Food Pantry Manager.



Nativity Sunday Leadership For Sept. 14 – Sept. 21, 2025

DATE		Sept. 14, 2025 14 th Pentecost	Sept. 21, 2025 15 th Pentecost
Service		HE II	HCRS
			8:00AM
Celebrant			
Officiant			Pete Ruppel
Preacher			Harold Crook
EM			Jerry Pierce
Ushers			Ray Rosch
Lector			Ray Rosch
Intercessor			Jerry Pierce
		9:00AM	10:30AM
Celebrant		Bishop Gretchen	
Officiant			Ray Rosch
Preacher			Harold Crook
EM		Bob Wicks	Bob Wicks
Ushers		Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Jerry Pierce
Lector		Ray Rosch	Aaron Loudenback
Intercessor		Mary Lou Gregory	Nancy Rosch
Altar Guild		Roberta Coat Marilyn Harris	Rosemary Daubert Aaron Loudenback
Coffee Hour		Parish Brunch	
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook

9-8-2025 Ray Rosch

CALENDAR FOR September 11-September 30

Thursday, Sept. 11

Knitting Group 10-Noon

Saturday, Sept. 13

Saturday Supper-Aaron

Women's AA 8PM

Monday, Sept. 15

Women's NA 5-7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Morning Prayer w/HS 8AM

Pastoral Care Meeting 10AM

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Friday, Sept. 19

Morning Prayer 9AM

PEO Rummage Sale 9AM-3PM

Sunday, Sept. 21

8AM Holy Communion/RS

9AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM HC/RS (with music)

AA Group 7PM

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

Al-Anon 7PM

Friday, Sept. 12

Morning Prayer 9AM

Sunday, Sept. 14

Choir Rehearsal 8AM

Holy Eucharist 9AM-Bishop

Gretchen

Vestry Mtg & Potluck

AA Group 7PM

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon

Book Club 10-11:30AM

PEO Chapter BR Mtg. 12:30-3PM

Al-Anon 7PM

Thursday, Sept. 18

Knitting Group 10-Noon

PEO Rummage Sale Setup

Saturday, Sept. 20

PEO Rummage Sale 9-11AM

Women's AA 8PM

Monday, Sept. 22

Women's NA 5-7PM

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Morning Prayer w/HS

Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

Salvation Army Meal 4:30PM

Thursday, Sept. 25
Knitting Group 10-Noon
McCall/Gortner Consultants 11:30-1PM

Friday, Sept. 26
Morning Prayer 9AM

Saturday, Sept. 27
Saturday Supper-Rachel
Women's AA 8PM

Sunday, Sept. 28
Holy Communion/RS 8 & 10:30AM
AA Group 7PM

Monday, Sept. 29
Women's NA 5-7PM

Tuesday, Sept. 30
No Food Pantry
Book Club 10-11:30AM
Al-Anon 7PM

Episcopal Prayer

Prayers for National Life

18. *For our Country*

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do they will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither our of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE AT NATIVITY

Vestry Members

The next Vestry meeting is September 14 following the 9:00AM service & Potluck. 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 this Saturday, September 13. Aaron Loudenback's team will provide lasagna, garlic bread, green salad and dessert. Rachel's team will provide on Sept. 27th. The new team schedule for 2025 is on the parish hall information table. Rosemary Daubert, Saturday Supper Coordinator

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! There will be a potluck meal for the Bishop's visit on Sept. 14th. 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, Lisa McAuliffe, Dave Bowden, Patricia Berge, Christopher George, Suzanne Johnson, Marilyn Harris, Kathy Harper, Linnea Noreen, Bo Bishop, Leon McNally, Marj Miller.

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

O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. St. Matthew's, Prosser: We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Matthew's, Prosser. We also give thanks for the birthday of David Hacker (9/16).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

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:

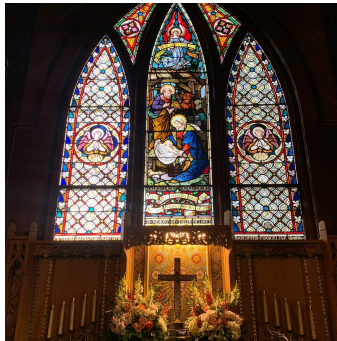
- Faithfully come together to worship God.
- Encourage ourselves and others to regularly participate in all the church has to offer.
- Actively use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to support and participate in the work of God in the Church and community.
- Listen to each other in discernment of 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.



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## 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*