

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

March 27, 2025



Gathering Day 2023-Don't forget Gathering Day 2025 is this Saturday at Nativity!

In this email/newsletter:

- Latest News
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March 30, 2025 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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>

There will be a “5th Sunday” Potluck after the 10:30 service this Sunday! Please join us and bring a dish/dessert/salad to share!

And then...

Join us at 1:00 P.M. for a Movie Matinee. This month’s pick is *Conclave*! There will be popcorn popped in case you didn’t get enough to eat at the Potluck!

From Wikipedia: *Conclave* is a 2024 political thriller film directed by Edward Berger and written by Peter Straughan, based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. The film stars Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, Sergio Castellitto, and Isabella Rossellini. In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) organises a conclave to elect the next pope and finds himself investigating secrets and scandals about the major candidates.

For those who are using the kitchen, please let Ray or Nancy Rosch know if any of the paper products are getting low. Also, if there is something you need that is not being provided.

Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent are at 12:15PM.

The next Men’s Breakfast is Wednesday, April 2nd at 8:30AM.

The Lent Devotional Books are on the table in the parish hall or in the office if you want to pick one up. It is called “The Pilgrim

Way of Lent” with Meditations from Washington National Cathedral.

The funeral service for Phyl Lacy will be on Saturday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM here at Nativity.

A letter from your Senior Warden

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have been developing a concerted effort toward decreasing conflict and increasing our mutual support of each other in our worship and outreach efforts at Nativity. I am happy to see that there seems to be some improvement in attitude and intention since our parish meeting with Bishop Gretchen on March 3rd.

Wonderful! It is hard work! Good Job!

Now that many of us are in a place ready to move on, we would like to invite you to attend a one hour meeting on Friday April 4th. The purpose is to visit with consultants from the Diocese, in small groups, for 45 to 50 minutes per group, to develop a plan, a way to handle conflict resolution in a loving, forgiving manner moving forward. Please come and tell us your ideas, hopes, thoughts.

This is for our beautiful church and all our people.

Look for an email (or phone call - I know which of us do not use email) from me indicating a specific hour on April 4th. You only need to come to that small group meeting. We'll let you know next steps as they emerge.

Sincerely,

Diana Hughes, Sr. Warden

Easter Lily Donations



Donations are being accepted for Easter lilies. Donation forms are on the table in the parish hall. If you would like your lily to be in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please fill out one of these forms and put with your check. Checks may be put into the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the office. Please write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line of your check. The deadline to have your donation listed in the Easter bulletin is Thursday, April 17th.

Gathering Day

Nativity will be hosting the diocesan regional Gathering Day this Saturday, March 29th from 9:30 to 3:30PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will be discussing the four questions from our time with Stephanie Spellers last Fall: **What do you love? Where does it hurt? What have you lost? What do you dream?** Bishop Rehberg will be our facilitator.

Community

Somewhere there are people
to whom we can speak with passion
without having the words catch in our throats.
Somewhere a circle of hands will open to receive us,
eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate with us
whenever we come into our own power.
Community means strength that joins our strength
to do the work that needs to be done.
Arms to hold us when we falter.
A circle of healing.
A circle of friends.
Someplace where we can
be free.

~ Starhawk, *Dreaming the Dark*

Chancel Guild

The next meeting of Chancel Guild is April 7th at 1PM.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild will meet to prepare for Holy Week on Thursday, April 10th, at 11:00AM in the sanctuary.

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

We will meet Tuesday, April 1st, at 12:30PM in the Vestry Room. Bring a sack lunch.

ON Tuesday April 29, Nan Palmer, a Certified Yoga Therapist, will meet with our new small group-- Aging Fruitfully. Aging with Grace... She will lead a short session in chair yoga at 12:30 in Sommerville Hall. Everyone is invited --you don't have to admit you are growing older to come and see! And move!

We bring our lunches if we've been working Tuesday Food Pantry or Book Club and eat together before our gathering.

So come and move! And grow old gracefully with wisdom and a smile on your face! See you on April 29, 2025.

Our regular meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month(not on April 15) from 12:30-2PM in the John & Raydene Room (Vestry room). Since few of us took Aging 101 in school, we will dip into our collective wisdom and explore the one commonality we share, mortality, and navigate this territory together. It is a spiritual journey, this stage of life, one that requires creativity, letting go, a lotta laughter and joy. You don't have to be old to attend. We are all in this together. Everyone is welcome!

Nativity Garden Ministry

As part of Nativity's Outreach ministry, the Nativity Garden Ministry is gearing up to produce fresh vegetables for the Tuesday Food Distribution and flowers for the Nativity altar. Everyone is invited to our scheduled work parties in the garden this summer.

There have been questions folks are asking: To answer directly:

Financially, the Nativity Garden Ministry operates as a Restricted Fund. We do not get any money from the Nativity Budget passed at the yearly meeting in January. Please refer to the Restricted Funds account on the church Balance Sheet which lists the Garden Ministry Fund #302.451.

The Garden Ministry operates under the aegis of Nativity Vestry. In the Nativity Garden Ministry, a covenanted (chartered) small group, officers allocate money and make decisions using the consensus decision making process.

You will see our workers out in the garden area planning for bed installation, a possible gazebo for shade and hospitality, planting, maintaining, harvesting and cleanup.. You are invited to dedicate a garden bed to a loved one and attend scheduled work parties in the garden this summer and fall..

We appreciate everyone's support and interest. And please come out and sit, walk, meditate, pray or just watch the bees and butterflies this summer. The west end will feature a pollinator garden with wildflowers and hopefully no Trees of Heaven.

If anyone has further questions, please speak directly to a member currently holding a position on the Garden Ministry Working Group. Our covenant and organization description is available on the display table in Somerville Hall. Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, Deloris Davisson, Planner for the Nativity Garden Ministry

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.

Several church maintenance tasks are now waiting for volunteers who would like to take them on! Some require more skill than others. Some simply need your time, commitment and loving care. Some of these volunteer tasks are short-term and some are on-going. Some require more than one person. Not only does such participation save us money, but it also helps keep our church running smoothly. Vestry will need to know which designated jobs on that sheet you are volunteering for. Be sure to sign-up in the parish hall so Cheryl can keep tabs on jobs being volunteered for. And then please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you got that job done. You can text Cheryl when you have questions or email her. This volunteer list will keep changing and evolving as we go along. 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 Report & Volunteers Needed

This past Tuesday, March 25th, we served 77 families for a total of 182 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! Work as Prayer. Together! Call Cheryl Johnson (208-413-0736), Volunteer Coordinator, and/or 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 seiggev@gmail.com for more information.

New Displays in the Parish Hall

Take a minute to check out the *Outreach Tables* in Sommerville Hall: *Garden and Food Pantry/Saturday Suppers* information, announcements, cook books, growing and eating with Nativity outreach ministries. These two display tables will be a constant in the hall, with a changing array of information and

ideas. If you have ideas or other items that you would like to share, please contact Rosemary Daubert for Saturday Suppers or Nikki Nordstrom for Garden Ministry.

Nativity Sunday Leadership For March 30 – April 6, 2025

DATE	March 30, 2025 4th Lent	April 6, 2025 5th Lent	
Service	HE II	HE II	
	8:00AM	8:00AM	
Celebrant	Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM	Jerry Pierce	Pete Ruppel	
Ushers	John Willows	Jerry Pierce	
Lector	Frances Hedrick	Maxine Hubbell	
Intercessor	Maxine Hubbell	Jerry Pierce	
	10:30AM	10:30AM	
Celebrant	Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
EM	Bob Wicks	Ray Rosch	
Ushers	Ray Rosch	Anne Rhoads	
Lector	Toni Pierce	Harold Crook	
Intercessor	Aaron Loudenback	Mary Lou Gregory	
Altar Guild	Roberta Coats Marilyn Harris	Rosemary Daubert Aaron Loudenback	
Coffee Hour 10:30AM	Potluck	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray Jean Baker	
Adult Forum	Rev Kathy Kelly	Rev Kathy Kelly	
Flowers & Memorials	Joe & Merilee Lillard (Candles)		

Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook	



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**CALENDAR FOR Mar 27-Apr 30**

**Thursday, Mar 27**

Knitting Group 10-Noon  
 Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Saturday, Mar 29**

Gathering Day 9:30AM-3:30PM  
 Parish Hall  
 Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, Mar 31**

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, Apr 2**

Holy Eucharist 8AM  
 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM  
 Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

**Friday, Apr 4**

Morning Prayer 9AM  
 Stations of the Cross 12:15PM

**Sunday, Apr 6**

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

**Friday, Mar 28**

Morning Prayer 9AM  
 Stations of the Cross 12:15PM

**Sunday, Mar 30**

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM  
 AA Group 7PM  
 Potluck/Movie Matinee

**Tuesday, Apr 1**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon  
 Book Club 10-11:30AM  
 Aging Fruitfully 12:30-2PM  
 Al-Anon 7-8PM

**Thursday, Apr 3**

Knitting Group 10-Noon  
 Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Saturday, Apr 5**

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, Apr 7**

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

**Tuesday, Apr 8**

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

**Thursday, Apr 10**

Knitting Group 10-Noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM  
Altar Guild Mtg 11:00AM

**Saturday, Apr 12**

Saturday Supper-Aaron  
Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, Apr 14**

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

**Wednesday, Apr 16**

Holy Eucharist 8AM  
Pastoral Care Mtg 10AM  
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

**Friday, Apr 18**

Morning Prayer 9AM

**Sunday, Apr 20**

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

**Tuesday, Apr 22**

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

**Wednesday, Apr 9**

Holy Eucharist 8AM  
Finance Committee Mtg-Noon  
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM  
Vestry Mtg 5PM

**Friday, Apr 11**

Morning Prayer 9AM  
Stations of the Cross 12:15PM

**Sunday, Apr 13**

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM  
Taizé Service 4PM  
AA Group 7PM

**Tuesday, Apr 15**

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

**Thursday, Apr 17**

Knitting Group 10-Noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Saturday, Apr 19**

Women's AA 8PM

**Monday, Apr 21**

Rev. Kathy on Vacation til 30th  
Women's NA 5-7PM

**Wednesday, Apr 23**

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

**Thursday, Apr 24**  
Knitting Group 10-Noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Friday, Apr 25**  
Morning Prayer 9AM

**Saturday, Apr 26**  
Saturday Supper-Leslie's team  
Women's AA 8PM

**Sunday, Apr 27**  
Holy Communion/Res. Sacrament  
8 & 10:30AM  
Potluck  
Movie Matinee 1PM  
AA Group 7PM

**Monday, Apr 28**  
Women's NA 5-7PM

**Tuesday, Apr 29**  
Food Pantry 8:30-Noon  
Book Club 10-11:30AM  
Al-Anon 7-8PM

**Wednesday, Apr 30**  
Holy Eucharist 8AM  
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

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**Episcopal Prayer-Ray Rosch**

**He's Got the Whole World in His Hand**

*Children*

**He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand,  
He's got the whole world in His hand.**

**He's got everybody here in His hand,  
He's got everybody here in His hand,  
He's got everybody here in His hand,  
He's got everybody here in His Hand.**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing, Hymn 217, verses 1 and 5**

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

### **Vestry Members**

The next Vestry meeting will be April 9th at 5PM. If you want a copy of the financials and/or minutes, please let the office know. 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 April 12th, with Aaron'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!**

The **2025** list is on the table in the parish hall. Please sign up! Jean, Dennis, & Kevin will host on April 6th, Nancy & Ray on April 13th, and Bob & Terri Morse on April 20th. 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, Ingrid, Terry, Nancy Aldrich, Joseph LaPietra, Whitney, Kay Jennings, Amy Rosch, Melissa Parkman, Bridgette, Becky Clark's daughter-in-law, Max Hastain, Sandra Cash's brother-in-law, Billy Rosch (Ray's brother), Joanne Cook (sister of Roberta Coats), Ron, Roberta Albi, Jackie, Leslie, Gretchen Rehberg, Alexis Hnatiak, Henry Hnatiak, Vicki & Traci, Meg, Finn, & Mike, Rob Lacy, Rachel Walsh, Joan Stevens, Wally Pierce, John Caradine, John, Carol, Gary Kashefska, Heidi Mitchell, Bridgette Lawhead, Matthew Stolberg (Nan's son), Sean, Pat, Paul (Pat's son), Terry, Nick, Becky Clark, Raydene, Joe Lillard, Corbin (John's grandson), Mary Lou Amidei, Beryl, Paul Simon, Pat Paasch, Shaun Dixon, Sue Johnson, Mary Lou Gregory,

**Sandy Davisson, Cheryl Johnson, Joanie, Noah (Bill & Cheryl's grandson), Jane Abbott, Rho Vidal (Lois' Lois Charbonneau's sister), Emma Parker (Kailey's cousin).**

**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.



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Anglican Church of The Congo.



April Birthdays: Ray Rosch 4/1, John Willows 4/1, Lisa Martin 4/3, Dick McMillen 4/8, Peggy Flowers 4/9, Karen Parkman 4/11, Liam Schmidt 4/13, Bob Wicks 4/20, Russell Storey 4/24, Etta Wicks 4/28.

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

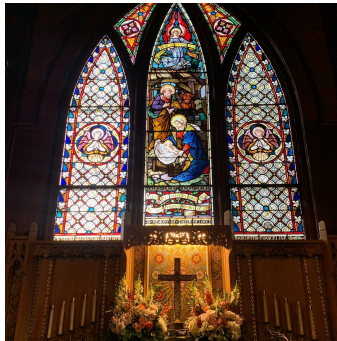
As members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity we covenant with God and each other to:

- 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*