

Church of the Nativity

The Weekly Newsletter

Thursday Email and USPS Mailing

January 9, 2025



Anybody still want a poinsettia?!

In this email/newsletter:

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January 12, 2025 Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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>

The Annual Meeting is January 19th following the 10:30 service. Please turn your annual reports to the office by the 15th.

Diocesan Creation Care Working Group is offering a four week on-line garden workshop for interested folks-parishioners-gardeners-et al... Have you ever wanted to build a garden to support our native pollinator insects? Join the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane's Creation Care Working Group for a series of webinars on designing and building a pollinator garden at your home, church or community garden.

Dates & Topics:

Tuesday, Jan 21-Who are the Pollinators and How to Attract Them

Tuesday, Feb 4-Building Your Soil, Building Compost and Conserving Water

Tuesday, Feb 18-How to Keep Mason Bees

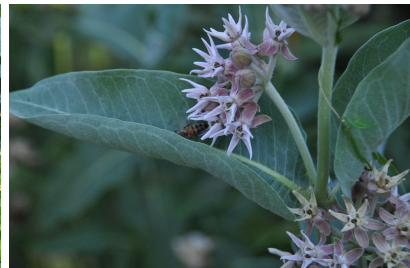
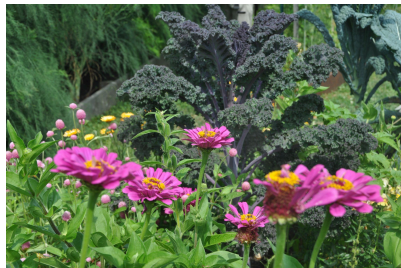
Tuesday, Mar 4-Planning Your Pollinator Garden

Tuesday, Mar 18-Share Your Project and Ask Questions

Time 7:00-8:00 PM Pacific Time each class meeting. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252009430?pwd=vhaSXBAuxR10Z4qPmCzYkVsnMoexkN.1>

Taught by Deacon Pat Munts and members of the Creation Care Team. Pat is a WSU Master Gardener, retired WSU Extension Small Farms person and a well-known Northwest garden author and columnist.



Photos by Pat Munts

Opportunity-

We have an exciting new program happening in February. It is called Silver Bells. It will be a 3-day seminar for individuals who have not had the opportunity to learn skills for the visually impaired. Most of the participants will be seniors, but we are not restrictive on age. If you know anyone in your community who wants to learn some skills to help in daily life, and would commit to a 3-day event,(February 16-19) let me know and I will send the application. All expenses including hotel room and meals are covered.

- Dana Ard, President Idaho chapter of the National Federation of the Blind (Dana was a member of Nativity a long time ago and was our organist)

Blessings,
Nancy

Chancel Guild

Chancel Guild will again hold a silent auction at the March 4th Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Now is the time to look around to see if there is an item you would like to donate. Lighten your load and provide someone else a chance for a new treasure. We will also draw for a raffle to win \$500. Ticket sales will begin at our annual meeting, January 19th. Proceeds go to provide Christmas gifts to the church staff and for outreach. Last year we gave to Interlink Volunteers for ramps and rides.

Thank you,
Nancy Rosch

Grief Group

GRIEF GROUP begins this **March 22nd** and will continue through **Saturday, April 26th**. All are welcome: parishioners, friends, neighbors, relatives-ALL.

This year we are experimenting with the format. We will begin the gathering at 11 AM and it will close at 12:30. We will be trialing a six-session initial group of classes that will be followed by a monthly gathering on the third Saturday of each month. These follow up sessions will be open to anyone who has completed the grief group sessions.

Should you have any questions, please contact either Fran Caradine (208-305-1317) or Nikki Nordstrom (425-949-9744).

Centering Prayer

Turn over a new leaf in 2025 and join us on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 PM, Vestry room. All are welcome!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Jan 22nd, following the 8:00AM Service.

Nativity's Food Pantry Report & Volunteers Needed

This past Tuesday, January 7th, we served 85 families for a total of 197 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

If you are a reader and like Science and Nature writing, join our Tuesday Book Club in the Vestry Room. We are reading this year's new edition of Science & Nature edited by Bill McKubben. It was just released on October 22, 2024. Keep the brain curious! See you 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.

Vestry Member of the Day

Each Sunday we will have a "Vestry Member of the Day" at both Sunday services. Steve Holmes will serve this week, January 5th. Please take this opportunity to connect with the vestry during worship and coffee hour. It's a good time to ask questions and make suggestions. The Vestry Member of the Day will greet everyone after each service, offer listening during both coffee hours and make sure the building is clean and secure after the 10:30 coffee hour. Please be patient if vestry members need to swap days last minute.

Nativity Sunday Leadership

For Jan 12 – Jan 19, 2025

DATE	Jan 12 2025 1 st Epiphany	Jan 19 2025 2 nd Epiphany Annual Meeting
Service	HE II	HE II
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Celebrant	Rev. Kathy Kelly	Rev. Kathy Kelly
EM	Marilyn Harris	Pete Ruppel
Ushers	Maxine and Don Hubbell	John Willows
Lector	Pete Ruppel	Maxine Hubbell
Intercessor	Frances Hedrick	Frances Hedrick
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Celebrant	Rev. Kathy Kelly	Rev. Kathy Kelly
EM	Bob Wicks	Bob Wicks
Ushers	Dennis Babineau Kevin Gray	Ray Rosch
Lector	Harold Crook	Rosemary Daubert
Intercessor	Aaron Loudenback	Nancy Rosch
Altar Guild	Karen Parkman Debbie Riedle	Maxine Hubbell Fran Caradine
Coffee Hour 10:30AM Service	Terri and Bob Morse	Annual Meeting dinner
Adult Forum Leader	Rev. Kathy Kelly	Rev. Kathy Kelly

Flowers & Memorials				
Streaming Tech		Harold Crook	Harold Crook	
Vestry Member of the Day		Kevin Gray	Becky Clark	



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**CALENDAR FOR Jan 11-Jan 31**

**Saturday, Jan 11**

Saturday Supper-Rosemary

**Sunday, Jan 12**

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

**Monday, Jan 13**

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

**Tuesday, Jan 14**

Food Pantry 8:30-Noon  
 Al-Anon 7-8PM

**Wednesday, Jan 15**

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

**Thursday, Jan 16**

Knitting Group 10-Noon  
 Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Friday, Jan 17**

Morning Prayer 9AM  
 Caroline McCall Training 9-11AM

**Sunday, Jan 19**

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM  
 Annual Meeting 11:30 AM  
 AA Group 7PM

**Monday, Jan 20**

Women's NA 5-7PM

**Tuesday, Jan 21**

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

**Wednesday, Jan 22**  
Holy Eucharist 8AM  
Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM  
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM  
Salvation Army Meal 4PM

**Thursday, Jan 23**  
Knitting Group 10-Noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM

**Friday, Jan 24**  
Morning Prayer 9AM

**Saturday, Jan 25**  
Saturday Supper-Aaron  
Vestry Retreat

**Sunday, Jan 26**  
Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30AM  
AA Group 7PM

**Monday, Jan 27**  
Women's NA 5-7PM

**Tuesday, Jan 28**  
Book Club 10-11:30AM  
Al-Anon 7-8PM

**Wednesday, Jan 29**  
Morning Prayer 8AM  
Centering Prayer 12:30-2PM

**Thursday, Jan 30**  
Knitting Group 10-Noon  
Lectionary Bible Study 1PM  
Jazz Choir Practice 8-5PM

**Friday, Jan 31**  
Morning Prayer 9AM  
Jazz Choir Practice 8-5PM

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**Episcopal Prayer-Ray Rosch**

***Christ, when for us you were baptized***  
***Epiphany season***

**Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
That, like-wise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.**

**1982 Hymnal, Hymn 121, verses 1 and 4**

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

### **Vestry Members**

The next Vestry meeting is **this evening, January 9th at 5 PM**. 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 2024 are: Kathy Kelly (priest-in-charge), Roberta Coats, Steve Holmes, Aaron Loudenback, Becky Clark, Kevin Gray, Dick McMillen, and Cheryl Johnson.

### **Saturday Supper**

The next Saturday Supper will be **this Saturday, Jan. 11th**. Rosemary's team will be serving pulled pork tacos with salsa, sliced olives, chopped tomatoes, shredded cheese & sour cream. There will be an apple & cookies for dessert. The next Saturday Supper is Jan 25th with Aaron's team hosting. 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! Terri & Bob Morse will host this Sunday. The Annual Meeting is next Sunday. 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 Daubert is now coordinating coffee hour sign up, so put your name on her list before she calls you! Thank you, Rosemary, for taking on this ministry of coordinating our hospitality.

**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, Phyllis Lacy, Nan Ollerman-Felt, 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, Dean Newcombe, Leslie, Gretchen Rehberg, Alexis Hnatiak, Henry Hnatiak (father), Vicki & Traci, Meg, Finn, & Mike, Rob Lacy, Rachel Walsh, Joan



Stevens, Wally Pierce, John Caradine, John, Carol, Jane Abbott, 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, Jay Blair (Barb's brother), Sandy Davisson, Cheryl Johnson, Jerry Pierce.

**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**

Unavailable at this time

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.



**January Birthdays:** Rosie May Postle 1/10, Roberta Coats 1/13, Marsha Creason 1/27, Jennifer Coleman 1/29.

*If you would like your birthday, anniversary or other celebration in the newsletter, please let the office know.*

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**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:*

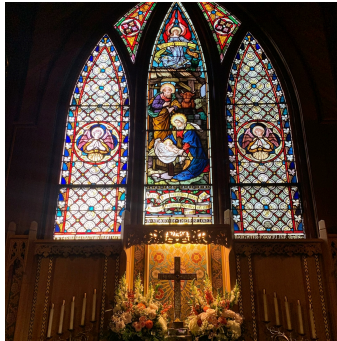
- Faithfully come together to worship God.
- Encourage ourselves and others to regularly participate in all the church has to offer.
- Actively use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to support and participate in the work of God in the Church and community.
- Listen to each other in discernment of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