



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

John 15:12

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Sunday Services 10:00am



## Monthly Message

from The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

It seems like Christmas was just over and already we are looking toward the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Easter is early this year, April 9. Time is sure flying! It is exciting to have so many new acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers sharing their gifts for our worship services.

You can feel the uplifting energy at the church services!

In preparation for a new priest, we are also organizing new 'Umbrella Committees': Building and Grounds, Pastoral Care, Worship, Outreach, Stewardship and Fellowship. The intent is to create a clearer picture of who we are as Holy Nativity for a prospective priest, and connect these committees with Vestry support. So much good work is already being done and there are openings on these committees for new people to join in to share their gifts and talents.

With the Annual Meeting now behind us, we have a clearer picture of what we need to do to hire a full time priest. It is a great adventure of which we all need to be a part. So, if you have not signed up to help on the office upgrade into a Rectory, please do so. You know the saying, "Many hands...." Some may not be able to do physical labor but we will need prayers and financial support. This is a team effort and with God's help, "Team Holy Nativity" will get it done!

Joy+

*Jennifer*  
Jennifer+Joy+,

Join us for a  
**VALENTINE  
BINGO PARTY**

**Saturday, Feb. 11th  
Beginning at 5pm**

**WE'LL HAVE A POTLUCK FEATURING:**

- **HOMEMADE CHILI OR SOUP**
- **CORNBREAD AND ROLLS**
- **DESSERTS (OF COURSE)**
- **BEVERAGES**

*Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.*



**Then to top off the evening, we'll play Bingo!!! Complete with great prizes!**

**So bring a friend, your family, your neighbor. This will be loads of fun for young and old.**

*Proceeds from our rousing Bingo games will go towards the Priest fund.*

# Paradise Point Sunday

**Sunday, Feb. 12th is Paradise Point Sunday at Holy Nativity!**

Celebrate with your parish, family and camp friends. Sport your camp gear, sing camp songs and bring some summer camp warmth in the heart of winter.



We will have "no-campfire" S'mores at coffee hour!!

**Mmmmm S'mores!!**

Hope to see you there!



## *Delish!!!* Shrove Tuesday!

**It's back!!** Hot pancakes, sausages, bacon, eggs, coffee and juice. Come and join us as we enjoy these familiar favorites in celebration of Shrove Tuesday - prepared and served by the fabulous men of Holy Nativity.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21st**  
**5PM - 6:30PM**  
**In the Parish Hall**



## Mark your calendar for the **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Wednesday, February 22 • 7:00pm

During the service we impose ashes as a sign of penitence and as a reminder of our mortality. The Ash Wednesday services is one of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 264).

As quickly as time seems to be moving, Easter will be just around the corner. But until then, we have the Season of Lent through which to journey - a time for self-evaluation and reflection, and a time to ponder, pray, and discern what God is calling us to do next. *What is the Spirit whispering to you?*



**DECEMBER 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash Balance		\$81,706.89
Accounts Payable / Bills		0.00
Balance After Payment		\$81,706.89

**FUND BALANCES**

Operating Reserve	\$8,537.71	
Be Our Guest	\$2,924.35	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$814.62	
Building Fund	\$56,924.60	
Memorial Fund	\$2,161.28	
Paradise Point	\$2,932.30	
Youth Mission	\$1,373.00	
Kitchen Improvements	\$8,018.56	
Music Fund	\$95.00	
Altar Guild Donation	\$50.00	
Landscaping	\$5,686.72	
Sound System	\$2,300.00	
Discretionary Fund	\$1,925.00	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$21,520.00	
Total		\$119,036.78

**MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES**

New Commercial Loan	\$2,251.00	
Priest	\$1,760.68	
Total		\$4,011.68

# Thank you

We wish to acknowledge and thank **Donna Lofton** for her 10 years serving as our Treasurer and **Darwin Buchanan** for 7 years serving as our Pledge Secretary. As of February 2023, they will both be stepping back from these duties. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and the expertise they have both provided in these capacities. To say they have been greatly appreciated for their wonderful service is an understatement.

Beginning in February, **Sue Pahlas** will take over as Treasurer and **Bob Burnz** will be our new Pledge Secretary. We truly thank them for their willingness to serve!



**FEBRUARY Birthdays**

- Janice Avera . . . . . 2/2
- Angelo Samperisi. . . . . 2/4
- Robin Horn . . . . . 2/5
- Judy Pierce . . . . . 2/5
- Brady Mullin . . . . . 2/11
- Steve Sanders. . . . . 2/14
- Marie Carlisle . . . . . 2/18
- Linda Morris . . . . . 2/18
- Darlene Stattner. . . . . 2/22
- Marsha Wegner . . . . . 2/23
- Donna Lofton . . . . . 2/26



**FEBRUARY Anniversary**

- Jeff and Janet Willoughby. . . . . 2/20

# BIRTHDAYS AND BAPTISMS!

What a wonderful Sunday filled with celebrations!





## New Vestry Members and Delegates to Convention Elected

At the Annual Meeting which was held on Sunday, January 29th, new vestry members were elected. They include **Cindy Wolfenbarger, Karen Ryker and Richard Jones**. We know they will be wonderful additions to the vestry and are very pleased to have them join the team. On the same token, we wish to thank Carl Pierce and Pat Clarke-Kempf for their years of service and dedication as vestry members. We have truly appreciated their service.

Also elected at the Annual Meeting were the delegates to convention. They are **Janice Avera, Bob Burnz and Paul Parish**. **Judy Pierce will serve as alternate**. We thank all of these individuals for their willingness to serve.

## It's Girl Scout COOKIE SEASON!!

Lillian, daughter of Greg & Jennifer Dwight and granddaughter of Jacqueline Dwight, is not only a member of our parish, but also the Silver Sage Girl Scouts selling Girl Scout Cookies.



**Lillian Dwight in the 2022 Children's Christmas Pageant playing the part of the virgin Mary.**

Through Girl Scouts, Lillian and her troop of young girls, engage in challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects.

*"Thank you for supporting me last year. I would love to be your go-to cookie girl in 2023!"*

**If you would like to support Lillian, you can order cookies NOW in a variety of ways:**



**Email:** [iddancingviolin@gmail.com](mailto:iddancingviolin@gmail.com)

If you order via Email, we will collect at time of delivery.



**Phone/Text:** (208) 918-5013

If you order via phone or text we will collect at time of delivery.

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### Thin Mints®

Crisp, chocolate cookies dipped in a delicious mint chocolaty coating



### Trefoils®

Shortbread cookies baked in the shape of the iconic Girl Scout trefoil



### Peanut Butter Patties®

Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter covered with a chocolate



### Caramel deLights®

Crisp cookies with caramel, coconut, and chocolaty stripes



### Lemonades®

Crispy lemon cookies baked with inspiring messages



### Peanut Butter Sandwich®

Crunchy oatmeal sandwich cookies with peanut butter filling



### Toast-Yay®

French toast inspired cookies dipped in delicious icing



### Caramel Chocolate Chip®

Gluten free! Rich, buttery cookies with sweet, crunchy toffee bits



### Adventurefuls™

Brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored crème with a hint of sea salt.



### NEW Raspberry Rally™

Thin cookies infused with raspberry flavor, dipped in chocolaty coating

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

January 25, 2023 | 7pm | Library



### Minutes:

The November minutes were approved by email.

### Treasurer's Report:

The cash balance after current bills is \$93,090.19 and the fund balances are \$139,858.54. Total income for December was \$36,853.48, which was \$25,188.86 above planned giving. The total monthly income included a one-time designated gift of \$26,473.48 from Jim Anttonen, John Anttonen's brother, which was deposited into the Full Time Priest Fund. The net income for December was \$23,408.87, which was \$23,654.32 over budget. When adjusted for the one-time designated gift received during the month and the release of the reserve Landscaping to pay for the grotto pavers, the net loss for the month was -\$3,194.87.

Total year to date net income was \$226,530.60, which was \$74,540.60 over budget, primarily due to the one-time anonymous donation of \$42,000.00 plus the designated gift of \$26,654.32 from John Anttonen's brother, both of which were deposited into the Full Time Priest Fund. When adjusted for the release of the Landscaping reserve of \$4,636.72 plus the Full Time Priest Fund deposits of \$66,850.00, the net loss for the year was -\$9,350.70, driven by higher loan payments against principle totaling \$9,999.68 and additional investments in repairs and capital improvements. The current U.S. Bank loan balance is \$155,081.33. Mike Magette mentioned that he will look into moving some of our cash balances into a savings account with U.S. Bank to take advantage of higher interest rates.

### Priest's Report:

Bishop Jos Tharakan toured the rectory building recently, and he thinks that it would make a good residence for a full-time priest with or without family. Using the rectory as a priest's residence would reduce the cost of calling a full-time priest by approximately 30%. Some renovation and repairs would be necessary, and the Diocese would help with procuring appliances for the kitchen. The church office will be moved to the current library space in the main church building, and the decorations for the

parish hall will be moved to the Be Our Guest room where the caring closet was located.

Jennifer+ also distributed a New Priest Wage Determination estimate prepared by the Rev. Emily Van Hise, Canon to the Ordinary. The total for a single priest living in the rectory is \$69,728.28, and the total for a priest with family living in the rectory is \$92,816.00. The total for a single priest providing his/her own housing is \$87,251.88, and the total for a priest with family providing their own housing is \$110,339.88.

Finally, Jennifer+ reported that 12 people attended the first group Bible study meeting this past week.

### Junior Warden Report:

Vance Wegner reported that work has begun on the necessary maintenance that must be completed to host the Diocesan convention this coming November, and he also reminded the vestry that three projects, namely the renovation of the grotto, the removal of three Norway pine trees, and the conversion of the parish hall light switches, have been carried forward into the new year. Finally, he mentioned that Phil Street, Clay Lisle, Becky Rowell, and Cindy Wolfenbarger have agreed to serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and they will be meeting soon to review progress on reducing our carbon footprint.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Annual Meeting:

Both Jennifer Anttonen+ and Mary Buchanan will make a presentation on our conversations with the Diocese about what is required from us to call a full-time priest to serve at Holy Nativity. They will also challenge the congregation to move forward toward this goal sooner rather than later.

### Proposed Budget for 2023:

Mike Magette reviewed with the vestry the proposed budget for 2023, which projects total income of \$172,675.00 and total expenses of \$158,191.00 for a net income of \$14,484.00. The overhead projector is no longer available, so the budget has been printed for hand-out at the annual

meeting. Mike Magette will review the entire budget and ask for approval by the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday, 1/29/23.

**Irrigation District:** The Meridian & Nampa Irrigation District has been charging the church approximately \$500.00 annually for water that we are not receiving. The church has a deep well for irrigation. Jon Anson has met with the Irrigation District and arranged for the church to pay a one time fee of approximately \$225.00 to \$250.00. A letter of agreement will be sent to the church by the Irrigation District to be signed and returned with a check. The church will no longer pay an annual fee for water that is not available to us for our use. By signing the agreement, we will not be permitted to submit an application to the Meridian & Nampa Irrigation District for irrigation water anytime in the future.

**Office Copier:** The new office copier will be set up by Fisher's Technology in the next three or four weeks.

**Girl Scout Cookie Booth in the Parish Hall:** Lilian Dwight has asked permission to set up a Girl Scout cookie booth in the parish hall during coffee hour. The vestry considered this to be a youth fundraiser activity, and permission was granted.

**Canopy Roof Repair:** There is a leak in the canopy over the walkway between the main church building and the parish hall. This leak just over the parish hall doors will be repaired by K D Roofing.

**Striping of the Parking Lot:** Vance Wegner suggested that the striping of the parking lot might be better done professionally, and he requested permission to gather three bids for consideration. He also asked to include with each bid the cost to fill the cracks with hot tar to extend the life of the parking lot.

**New Treasurer and New Pledge Secretary:** Donna Lofton, retiring Treasurer, and Darwin Buchanan, retiring Pledge Secretary, will be recognized and thanked for their years of service at the annual meeting this coming Sunday, and Mary Buchanan will introduce Sue Pahlas as our new Treasurer and Bob Burnz as our new Pledge Secretary.

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m. with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vance Wegner

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan  
 Interim Priest: The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen  
 Assisting Priest: The Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes  
 Music Director: Heidi Roberts  
 Senior Warden: Mary Buchanan  
 Junior Warden: Vance Wegner  
 Finance Chairman: Mike Magette

Treasurer: Sue Pahlas  
 Office Manager: Cindy Wolfenbarger  
 Ministry Schedule: Mary Buchanan  
 Sunday School: Carrie Magette  
 Altar Guild & Flowers: Clare Barrett  
 Food Bank: Richard Jones

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October 1 thru December 31, 2022  
**27 Households**  
**\$59.48 Total Donations**