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Monthly Message

from The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

So many new beginnings!

Lent is upon us and our thoughts turn to how we follow Christ in new ways on our journey toward Easter. We also have new Vestry members and new committees to carry out the ministries at Holy Nativity. A plan is being formed as to how to update the Rectory to be ready for hiring a new full-time priest and being able to offer them housing.

There have been lots of new people in the pews, and the new Bible Study is a group of fifteen! We had a fun Bingo/Valentine party that raised \$550.00 for the full-time priest fund. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper raised about the same amount!

My prayer for all of us is that we will continue to LISTEN and FOLLOW where Christ leads us during Lent and into a new future of reflecting God’s abundance and love.

Joy+,

Jennifer



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



JOIN US FOR
**Lenten
Zoom Series**



Join us on Zoom starting March 1, 2023

Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 pm

Log onto www.episcopalidaho.org

Bishop Jos Tharakan invites you to join a Diocesan-wide Lenten Study of the book **"Things Hidden"** by Fr. Richard Rohr.

In this book Fr. Rohr invites us to Discover how reading the Bible can change our life. The Bible is meant to be about transformation, not merely information. In Things Hidden, Richard Rohr invites you to experience Scripture as spirituality - as a living text that can breathe new life into your relationship with God and change your way of seeing the world.

You may order your copy in print, Kindle or Audiobook form from Amazon.

Mark your
calendar and
join us!



Spreading Human Kindness

Pastoral Care • Caring Connection Ministry

The Pastoral Care is starting a “Caring Connection Ministry”.

Here’s how it works. People in the congregation would be divided into groups, with a team leader heading each group. The purpose of the groups is to aid in getting pastoral care needs met in a timely fashion and to create more community in the church.

To that end, we are seeking partners who will join hands to work towards a church family that is genuinely connected through kindness and acts of caring. Please pray and listen to see if God is calling you to this ministry.

Interested or want to know more? Please email or call the Rev. Jennifer Anttonen:
jenniferanttonen1@gmail.com • (208) 484-5503

Be that person who makes others feel uplifted.

Let's spruce up the Rectory!

Saturday, March 25th
Beginning at 10am

Bring a sack lunch - we'll provide
the beverages and cookies.



Calling all Painters • Cleaners • Helpers

As outlined at our Annual Meeting, Holy Nativity can **save a significant sum of money** if we provide the rectory as part of the wage package for our new full-time priest. We can all see the benefit there. But before we walk someone through the space, a bit of cleaning and painting must be completed. So with that, we're having a day or two, or three of painting and getting things spiffed up. **This is where teamwork kicks in and makes it a whole lot easier if we have a good group of people working together.**

Please help! If we have a good-sized team, we'll have things wrapped up in no time. Hot coffee and other beverages, as well as donuts and cookies will be provided.



Questions or want to know more?
Please email or call:

Vance Wegner

vmwegner@aol.com
208-884-2537

Mary Buchanan

mkbdesigninc@gmail.com
208-371-0590

Can't work but want to make a contribution? We'll gratefully accept donations to help purchase paint, supplies and cleaning items.

Or maybe you could be the host by providing donuts, cookies or goodies for the crew.



JANUARY 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$89,948.92
Accounts Payable / Bills		906.91
Balance After Payment		\$89,042.01

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$8,662.71	
Be Our Guest	\$2,924.35	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$1,055.99	
Building Fund	\$15,049.60	
Memorial Fund	\$2,161.28	
Paradise Point	\$3,296.30	
Youth Mission	\$1,373.00	
Kitchen Improvements	\$8,018.56	
Music Fund	\$95.00	
Altar Guild Donation	\$1,090.73	
Landscaping	\$1,050.00	
Sound System	\$2,300.00	
Discretionary Fund	\$4,213.41	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$91,395.48	
Total		\$145,494.32

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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



- Gladys Clymens 3/1
- Harmon Avera. 3/5
- Jessica Erickson. 3/5
- Diana Bush 3/6
- Marian Hendrix. 3/10
- Somsiri Stovall 3/15
- Lucy Gray 3/18
- Scott Erickson 3/19
- Connie Donaldson. 3/20
- Michelle Smith 3/20
- Jordon Myers 3/21
- George Beres 3/24
- Jerry Lofton 3/29
- Stephany Galbreath 3/30



- Max and Sandra Long. 3/17
- Rob and Melissa Burnz. 3/25



LADIES TIME OUT!

Mark your calendar and
SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 23rd • 10:30AM



Sue Pahlas has reserved a time
for the March "Ladies Time Out" at
The Springs in Idaho City.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Parish
Hall for all who want to join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Sue Pahlas at (208) 891-3258 or suepy4747@hotmail.com

MEN'S TIME OUT

Attention all Holy Nativity Men! Save the date.

You are invited for a Men's Night out to watch **Professional Boxing**. It is a **Showtime "Pay-Per-View"** event of Super Middleweights David Benavidez, Interim WBC Champion (26-0, 23 KO's) vs Caleb Plant (22-1, 13 KO's). The fight will be televised from the MGM Grand Arena Center in Las Vegas.

When: **Saturday, March 25th**

Time: **6:30 PM**

(First televised fight starts at 7PM)

Location: **Angelo Samperisi's residence**

2955 S Fox Den Place • Eagle, ID

(Need directions? Call: 714-381-8028)

PIZZA & BEVERAGES

will be provided, but
you are welcome to
bring snacks or your
favorite beverage.

Please RSVP if you will be attending. e-mail: anbasamperisi@yahoo.com



*Hope you can make it
for a fun night out!*

*Any questions, give
Angelo a call.*

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity
FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING

February 16, 2023 | 7pm | Library



Barbara Samparisi opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the Prayer for Vestries.

Minutes:

The November minutes were approved by email.

Treasurer's Report:

The cash balance after current bills is \$89,948.92, and the fund balances are \$145,494.32. The Full Time Priest Fund balance is \$91,395.48, and the Building Fund balance is \$15,049.60. Total income for January was \$19,808.48, which was \$4,079.48 above planned giving, due to additional income and fewer expenses. The current U.S. Bank loan balance is \$155,230.57.

Priest's Report:

Jennifer Anttonen+ reported that there was a good response from the congregation to her posting of sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Looking into purchasing new robes for Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. The cost of new robes is \$128.00 each for acolyte robes and \$170.00 each for adult Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

Jennifer+ also asked that the thermostat for the Meeting Room in the Rectory be programmed so that it is heated for Bible study on Friday mornings.

Jennifer+ and John Anttonen are the chaplains for retired priests in the Diocese of Idaho. They are planning for Holy Nativity to host a Celebration of Life service followed by a reception for Fr. Charlie Burger, who recently passed from this life to the life to come. Matt Wheeler is making sure that our organ is working for the Memorial service. A reception will follow. That service will be on March 2, at 11:00 a.m. Parishioners have been asked to help provide food.

Robin Horn is looking into Sunday School Vacation Bible School and Formation for children. There will be a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting on Sunday, 2/26/23 after the morning service.

Senior Warden's Report:

Mary Buchanan received a call from a men's AA group that would like to meet at Holy Nativity from noon until 1:00 p.m. every day Monday through Friday, and they are offering to pay

\$200.00 per month. The vestry approved their request, and Mary will follow up to formalize the arrangements.

Mary reported that Donna Lofton is still acting as treasurer, and she plans on beginning the training for Sue Pahlas later next month.

Mary also asked Vance Wegner to follow up with Phil Street and Clay Lisle about plans for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Junior Warden's Report:

Vance Wegner reported that Idaho Interfaith Power & Light is planning an interfaith climate festival on Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, the day after Earth Day. This event will be hosted by Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel. The vestry was pleased to learn about this event, and Vance will provide details for a bulletin announcement.

Vance also reported that the roof over the walkway between the main church building and the parish hall has been repaired. K D Roofing will be returning to repair a leak in the rain gutter.

Finally, Vance reported that he has purchased a mini-vacuum to help clean up dead flies in throughout the nave, and he will follow up with DML Heating and Air Conditioning to determine how to prevent flies from gaining access to our worship space.

Fellowship Report:

Sandi Koerner reported that the coffee hour restart has been successful, and the Bingo Party went well with 50-60 people in attendance. She is considering a dessert social later this spring.

Outreach Report:

Barbara Samparisi recommended that the church buy an AED unit for emergency use if someone was having a heart attack on our property. The vestry liked the idea, and suggested that the narthex would be the best location for an installation. Sandi Koerner, who is a nurse, will gather some more details. Barbara also shared information with the vestry about local restaurants that make donations to churches when parishioners dine at their location. The vestry approved her suggestion and recommended that we schedule a night out quarterly for any parishioners who might enjoy such an occasion and use the

donations received from the restaurants toward the purchase of an AED. Barbara also recommended that the church's tax identification number be made available, and Mike Magette offered to make this information available to anyone making a purchase for the church.

ACTION ITEMS

Parking Lot Striping:

Vance Wegner presented three bids for repairing, sealing, and striping the parking lot and widening the wheelchair ramps. After discussing the condition of the parking lot, the vestry decided that repairing and sealing the parking lot in front of the rectory would be a good idea at a later date when we can better afford a major project. The main parking lot needs to be replaced, which could possibly be done in sections, also at a later date as part of a comprehensive plan.

Office Relocation and Copier Delivery:

Mary Buchanan learned from Matt Wheeler that the installation of an internet connection in the main church building would be a major undertaking. After discussion, the vestry decided to leave the office where it is currently located in the rectory building and to proceed with the delivery and installation of the new copier as soon as arrangements can be made with Fisher's Technology.

Rectory Upgrade:

Jennifer Anttonen+ presented a plan to upgrade the rectory building to render it usable as a possible residence for a full-time priest. Vance Wegner will be working with Mary Buchanan to oversee this project. A work day will be scheduled during March for cleaning and painting after some prep work has been completed. This upgrade should be completed this spring prior to the interviewing of possible candidates.

The meeting ended at 8:58 p.m. with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Vance Wegner

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
 Interim Priest: The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen
 Assisting Priest: The Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
 Church Musician: 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
 Fellowship: Sandra Koerner
 Women's Group: Sue Pahlas
 Worship: The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen
 Newsletter: Mary Buchanan



Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 • 10am Service

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023 • Time TBD

Good Friday Service

April 7, 2023 • Time TBD

Easter Sunday Service

April 9, 2023 • 10am Service

A quick note to all on the Coffee Hour Team - we request help from the entire team on Easter Sunday as it is much more than one small team of 3 can manage. We're hoping that as many as possible will be willing to contribute goodies on that Sunday.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, held on Tuesday, February 21st, was well attended and enjoyed by all, thanks to our wonderful team of men who worked to provide a great meal for us all. Donations from the event totaled \$360 which will go towards the full-time priest fund.



Great fellowship



Ron & John serving up the food



Clay busy at work



Angie at the grill



Richard harassing the photographer



Darwin & Carl helping to clean-up



Attempting to avoid the camera



Kellen & Nick are so tall!



Jerry & Phil cooking up a storm