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Memorial Paver project moving forward.

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Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message

from The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

On May 29 we are off to the lake, returning by Sunday August 27. When I was twelve years old, I first went to The Lake of the Woods, which is above Minnesota on the Ontario, Manitoba border. My mother had been on the lake with her cousins' families growing up. The lake is huge, about 100 miles long, 50 miles wide, with 14,552 islands. We were blessed in 1987 to purchase a 3 acre island, about 15 miles by boat from the main town of Kenora. John and I built the cabin over the years. We have a propane refrigerator, stove and hot water heater. No electricity, but we do have two solar panels that run one light in the living room, charge our electronics and tool batteries. Our water is pumped from the lake into a 100 gallon tank on a 16 foot water tower that gravity feeds into camp. We are very comfortable with the amenities we have, and feel blessed to be stewards of this small part of God's creation. It is our soul place, and John and I spend much time just being in God's presence, praying, talking and listening.

As I reflect on the past 7 months, I am so very grateful for so many of you who help in big and small ways. God says "ask" and when someone at Holy Nativity "asks" there are many hearts and hands that always respond. So much is behind the scenes; setting up the altar, washing the dishes, guiding a child on their faith journey, greeting visitors, making meals to give away, painting a wall, spraying a weed, brewing the coffee, answering the phone, designing and printing the bulletins, planting pansies, balancing our budget and paying our bills, visiting someone homebound, working our electronics, making music, carrying the cross, offering prayers and a hundred more things. God's love is woven into the fabric of this community and it is tangible. As things slow down a bit for

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summer, the hum of love will still be there, as we take time to rest, refresh and listen to God. May God continue to guide all our ways.

Please take time to review the Parish Profile, add your comments, and respond with three things you would like to see in a full time priest.

May we continue to listen to God and follow where He leads as we abundantly share God’s love.

Joy+,

Jennifer

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**Summer Clergy
Schedule**

- 6/4/23Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
and Rev. Megan Dembi
- 6/11/23 Rev. Megan Dembi
- 6/18/23 Rev. Megan Dembi
- 6/25/23 Rev. Rich Demarest
- 7/2/23Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
- 7/9/23 Rev. Robin Finch
- 7/16/23Bishop Brian Thom
- 7/23/23 Rev. Bill Brown
- 7/30/23Rev. David Wettstein
- 8/6/23 Rev. Bill Brown
- 8/13/23 Rev. Robin Finch
- 8/20/23 Rev. Rich Demarest
- 8/27/23 Rev. Jennifer Anttonen



SUGAR SHACK BAKE SALE

A Bake Sale will be held Saturday, July 15th at the same time as our Annual Yard Sale.

If you are willing to contribute something, a sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall, or you may contact Mary Buchanan (208) 371-0590



SUNDAY SCHOOL

using the Sermons4Kids Curriculum will end Sunday, Aug. 28th

However we will still provide childcare and activities for children throughout the summer during Sunday morning services.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue throughout the summer on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Rectory



Holy Nativity Annual Yard Sale

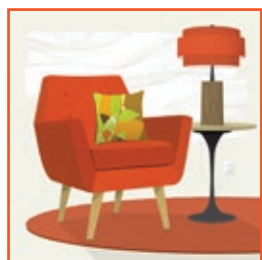
Saturday, July 15th • 8am to 2:00pm

**Donations may be brought to the Parish Hall
beginning Sunday, July 2nd or
Monday - Friday • July 3rd thru 12th • 10am to 12 noon**

Office staff will be there to open the Parish Hall for those dropping items off.

SCHEDULE

Monday, July 10th:7pm to 8pm Set-up
Tuesday, July 11th:10am to 12pm Sorting
Wednesday, July 12th:10am to 2pm Sorting
Thursday, July 13th:10am to 2pm Sorting and Pricing
Friday, July 14th:10am to 3pm Sorting and Pricing



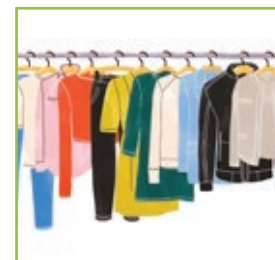
Large furniture pieces that are donated but not sold, must be picked up the week after the yard sale.



Electrical items need to be clean and in working order please and thank you!



If you have cardboard boxes and/or newspaper that you could contribute that would be appreciated.



Please do not bring clothing items for the yard sale. Please donate your clothing items to the Idaho Youth Ranch or Goodwill.

Are you willing to help with the yard sale?

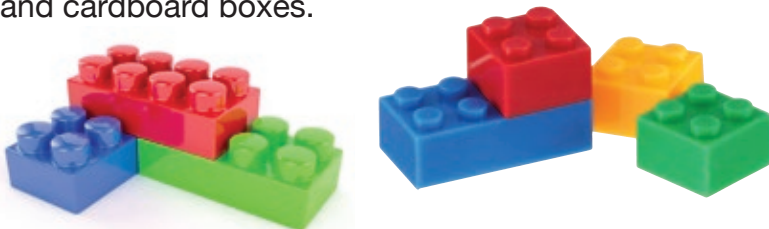
If so, please contact Lorraine Bowring (208) 284-8907 or Mary Buchanan (208) 371-0590



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, July 24th thru Friday, July 28th, from 9AM to 12 noon.** We have a detailed program available but we need a few more people to help. We also need 1-2 individuals to help coordinate the program.

Once we start, we will need donations of snacks, legos, and cardboard boxes.



If you have questions contact Cindy Wolfenbarger at (208) 890-3665 or cindywolfenbarger@gmail.com

We encourage parishioners who have children, grandchildren, relatives, friends, or neighbors to spread the word.



MEMORIAL GRANITE PAVERS



It's almost time to install the stones. If you have not placed your order, please do so by **Friday, July 21st**

Vance Wegner and Becky Rowell worked together to make plans for our beautifully renovated grotto complete with Saint Francis statue. Vance did wonderful work to restore the grotto - **it's beautiful**. But then circumstances changed and our focus needed to be on refurbishing the rectory, preparing a Parish Profile and doing what was necessary to hire a full-time priest. *However*, we are now at a point where we can refocus our efforts to bring this wonderful project back to the forefront and see the beautifully finished grotto with 6"x12"x12" engraved memorial stones in place. These stones will be encircled by flowerbeds around the perimeter and the finished result will be a very touching, beautiful and moving addition to Holy Nativity.

If you would like to purchase one or more of these stones in memory of a loved one, now is the time!

Forms are available in the Parish Hall.

The cost per stone will be \$150

If you have questions, please speak with Becky Rowell or Vance Wegner for specific details regarding this wonderful project.



APRIL 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$99,256.14
Accounts Payable / Bills		-12,272.60
Balance After Payment		\$86,983.54

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$9,237.71	
Be Our Guest	\$3,092.07	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$1,175.76	
Building Fund	\$11,063.15	
Memorial Fund	\$2,661.28	
Paradise Point	\$3,424.36	
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	\$4,713.41	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$95,510.48	
Total		\$147,613.42

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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



June Birthdays

- Tim Atkins 6/1
- Mike Magette 6/1
- Oliver Bowring 6/5
- Amelia Lane 6/5
- Sondra Lisle 6/6
- Mathew Zeidan. 6/7
- Staci Falconer. 6/12
- Garry Mattson. 6/13
- Aziz Munayirji. 6/15
- Joan Cey 6/18
- Darwin Buchanan. 6/21
- Wilma Ellensohn 6/29
- Janine Helms 6/29
- Peggy Herlocker 6/30



June Anniversaries

- Justin and Michelle Sutherland. 6/4
- David and Mikchelle Smith. 6/5
- Vance and Marsha Wegner 6/11
- Dennis and Cindy Wolfenbarger. 6/11
- Matt and Stephanie Wheeler. 6/19
- Garry and Kelly Mattson. 6/20
- George and Silvia Beres. 6/24
- Will and Diedre Votaw 6/26
- Angelo and Barbara Samperisi. 6/30

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

MAY VESTRY MEETING

May 25, 2023 | 7pm | Library



Treasurer's Report:

Mike distributed financial statements. Current bank balance after current bills is \$86,983.54. Total income for April was \$15,648.86 and total expenses were \$13,293.81 for a net gain of \$2,355.05. Total income, year to date is \$85,231.00, total expenses are \$74,188.61 for a net gain of \$11,042.39. Mike reported that he will move the cost of Rectory repairs from Repairs and Maintenance to Capital Improvements and see if we can take a deduction for the construction costs from our Diocesan Assessment.

Priest Report:

As the need for transport assistance seems to be increasing and the concern for liability of those parishioners who routinely give rides to places other than to church, it was decided to provide a listing of free or discounted services in the area to members. This list will be available in the Parish Hall.

Richard Jones has agreed to head our Stewardship Drive this year. Jennifer has provided resource materials for him. Jennifer reminded us that we need to have \$111,000 more in pledges each year to pay for a full-time priest. A fundraiser dinner was suggested to kick things off, perhaps combining it with our annual Harvest Festival. Sandy will talk to Richard about this possibility.

Jennifer suggested we have an Ice Cream Social on Sunday September 10th for coffee hour. This will coincide with Bishop Jos' visit, also first day of Sunday School.

CPR training: Purchasing a Defibrillator and the training is much too expensive. CPR through the Red Cross is a good option. Cost is \$50 per person. We could invite Deanery personnel, etc.

T-Shirts: Mike will check with his co-worker about this. Will have our new church logo. Different types of shirts are available.

On-line giving: we have tried this previously, but did not do well. There are fees involved. Mike suggested that when we have a different parish demographic this could be feasible.

Parish Profile: Minor changes were made to the last page of Parish Profile. Format has been changed and this can be

submitted to Emily at the Diocesan Office. Bishop Jos has emphasized that this will be a slow process, wants it to be right for us. The Diocese will not be helping us with costs for the new priest.

Summer Clergy Supply: Jennifer has signed up 5 different priest to cover for her during the summer. She will be back on August 28th.

Vance Wegner is our Parish Representative for the LGBT+ Diocesan committee. \$100 fee has been paid and Gay Pride Parade will be Sept 10th.

Senior Warden:

The construction work at the Middle School is complete and the workers will no longer be using our parking lot.

During the summer the VOD will need to be at church by 9:15am to open the church and greet the supply priest, plus offer assistance. Technicians have been notified to help with electronics.

The Highlanders would like to continue using the Parish Hall during the summer, willing to pay some extra. No conflict in scheduling so will allow the extra use by the Highlanders.

Abandoned Vehicle?: Need to find out who owns vehicle and contact them. We have some liability if we have it towed. License # 2/C IR22P. Will try to contact owner.

Junior Warden:

The construction company was a delight to work with. The two workers donated ½ their hours and Tyler (owner) donated about 5% (\$1200). He also paid for some materials and unexpected electrical costs. Vance will send donation acknowledgment letters to the two workers.

Tyler has mentioned that the mold growing on the brick will eventually destroy it. Suggest pressure washing with an acid wash. His company charges \$200/hour. Is willing to work with us on a church work day. Decided to contract for this service to

maintain the building. Jennifer gave \$500 from memorial fund. This may take the calcium deposits off the windows. Will also ask him to clean out the gutters when here.

Kitchen will not be fully completed until Priest is hired. Some painting to be completed, hallways and the master bedroom. Plenty of time to complete the final projects. Will take a work day or two.

Driveway markers: Vance had ordered driveway reflective markers, twice. These were no longer available and the ones available were not good. Will continue pursuing this project.

Memorial Grotto: Need to put a final date to purchase paver out to congregation. Becky would like to have pavers set by April/May 2024. Decided to set July 21st as final date to purchase Memorial pavers. Mary will put in newsletter and VOD will announce during service.

Vance has purchased a galvanized plate to cover the void in the pedestal in the grotto so St. Francis can be installed in the grotto. Adhesive caulk /special fasteners for concrete should make St. Francis secure. Small river rock will be put around statue to finish off installation.

The estimate we got for concrete lifting of the sidewalk was \$6000. This will probably be done when we get ready to do the parking lot. Taking out the bushes/trees on the west side will be included in this. 3 or 4 years out.

Fellowship:

Sandy Koerner reported that the fellowship dinners have been going great. Next one is in the works for June.

Father's Day coffee hour will be homemade cinnamon rolls.

Avera Funeral is Saturday and everything is in place for reception.

Annual Bazaar is scheduled for the 1st weekend of November. This is the week before Convention. Should be no problem.

Sandy will be gone from August 3rd thru the 21st.

Jon Anson:

Jon shared some information from the Diocesan Council Meeting. Bishop Jos is working to lower the assessment from 21% to 16%. This would be done in increments and take a few years. The Bishop is looking for a new Executive Assistant. Aubrey has moved on to other pursuits.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 with the Vestry saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Ryker

Paradise Point Summer Camp



Registration is open for all adult and children camps.

Register at: paradisepointcamp.org

The youth camps are filling up fast. Scholarship money is available for adults and children.

Women's Camp is August 11th - 14th.

If you have questions, call or text Cindy Wolfenbarger 208-890-3665 or cindywolfenbarger@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan

Interim Priest: Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

Assisting Priest: 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: Clare Barrett

Food Bank: Richard Jones

Fellowship: Sandra Koerner

Women's Group: Sue Pahlas

Worship: Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

Newsletter: Mary Buchanan

Website: Mary Buchanan