



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Monthly Message

from The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen



It has been a long cold spring and it looks like summer will come in like the “flip of a switch”!

So much has been going on at Holy Nativity. Easter Day the whole congregation blessed our beautiful new Processional Cross, a generous gift.

Carl and Judy Pierce hosted the first of our Fellowship Dinner ministries. It was a great mix of couples and singles. The next Fellowship Dinner is coming up soon at Paul and Robin Horn’s home, so sign up early on the sheet in the Parish Hall.

The Caring Connections ministry is well under way and we have resumed having prayers for healing at the back of the church during communion each Sunday. The church school teachers are meeting soon to plan offering a week of Vacation Bible School this summer. The Bible Study group that meets on Friday mornings at 10 am has decided to go to lunch together on the last Friday of the month. Come join this great group any Friday! Last but certainly not least, is the fixing up of the Rectory.

Lance Wegner has been working hard with our contractor, Tyler Anderson, to redo a bathroom, create two bedrooms with closets and paint the needed rooms among other things. Thank you to all who helped and will help with this great undertaking!

We also have commitments from several clergy who are willing to Supply over the summer, so the services will continue as they are now.

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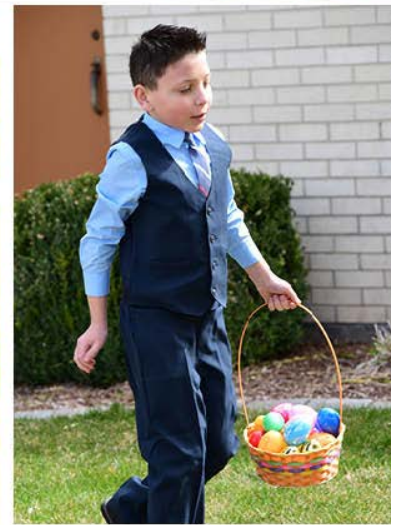
May 28, 2023

Wear Red and join us for a potluck that Sunday.
More details on page 5

**The Episcopal Church
of the Holy Nativity**
828 W. Cherry Lane
Meridian, Idaho 83642-1619
(208) 888-4342
Sunday Services 10:00am



Special thanks to Marc Fox for the photos taken on Easter Sunday and Palm Sunday.



Ladies Time Out

Thursday, May 18th • 6PM

Idaho Pizza Company
405 E Fairview Ave, Meridian, ID 83642

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 18th and join us for a fun and delicious evening meal together with good friends. Sue Pahlas has made reservations at Idaho Pizza Company. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for all who would like to join us.

If you have questions,
please contact Sue at 208-891-3258





Pentecost Sunday Potluck Sunday, May 28th

We will have a potluck dinner following the service on Pentecost Sunday. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share then stay for a wonderful time of fellowship with lots of great food!



Fellowship Dinners

What is the purpose of a Fellowship Dinner?

Quite simply it is that eating together in small group gatherings enriches fellowship with one another and can cultivate lasting friendships within our church community.

It provides the perfect opportunity to welcome new members, or simply get to know one another a bit better and make **meaningful connections**.

Sign-up sheets for these dinners are located in the Parish Hall. The forms provide additional details for your reference.

If you have any questions please call
Judy Pierce at 916-397-4923 or
Carl Pierce at 916-837-4953.





MARCH 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$97,512.19
Accounts Payable / Bills		10,411.15
Balance After Payment		\$87,101.04

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$9,112.71	
Be Our Guest	\$3,092.07	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$1,170.76	
Building Fund	\$10,938.15	
Memorial Fund	\$2,661.28	
Paradise Point	\$3,370.30	
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	\$4,713.41	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$94,260.48	
Total		\$146,054.36

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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

MAY Birthdays



- Ally Henninger5/1
- Patricia Battey 5/2
- Nathan Burnz 5/5
- John Cey 5/7
- Kay Grooms5/13
- Paul Horn.....5/15
- Albert Battey 5/20
- Rick Peterson5/21
- Gail Roberts 5/22
- McKenzie Votaw 5/27

MAY Anniversaries



- Tom and Alice Farquhar-Mayes 5/16
- Carl and Judy Pierce`5/17
- Bill and Caral Bulen..... 5/25

YARD SALE

Saturday, July 15th • Save your stuff!
 Stay tuned...more information to follow.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity APRIL VESTRY MEETING

April 26, 2023 | 7pm | Library



Minutes: The March minutes were approved by email.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Lofton is still active as church treasurer, and Sue Pahlas has begun training with Donna. March was a very good month. An additional offering deposit was included in the total income for March, however, and an adjustment will be made in April. The cash balance after current bills is \$87,101.04. The total income for the month was \$27,218.59, and the total expenses were \$32,603.63, for a net loss of \$5,385.04. The excess of expenses over income is due to an advance payment to the contractor for one-half of the estimated cost of the rectory remodel. The total income year to date is \$69,582.14, and the total expenses are \$60,894.80, for a year-to-date net income of \$8,687.34. The U.S. Bank Loan balance is \$149,679.23.

Priest's Report: Jennifer+ has completed a schedule of supply clergy who will be serving over the summer months while she and John will be at their cabin in Canada, and she gave a copy of this schedule to Mary Buchanan and Vance Wegner. Her first Sunday back at Holy Nativity will be August 27th. Jennifer+ also mentioned that she and John will be in Seattle for a national meeting of chaplains for retired Episcopal clergy from Tuesday, May 9th, through Friday, May 12th.

Concerning schedules and planning, Jennifer+ will be meeting with the Sunday School teachers on Sunday, May 7th, to discuss planning for Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled toward the end of the Summer. She also emphasized the importance of planning ahead for the annual stewardship campaign, and she announced that Richard Jones has agreed to serve as chair of the stewardship committee. She mentioned that Bishop Jos Tharakan will be visiting on Sunday, September 10th.

Various Episcopal churches offer merchandise for sale to parishioners. Jennifer+ suggested that we order T-shirts using the logo of Holy Nativity. The vestry liked her suggestion and thought that matching T-shirts might be helpful to identify volunteers during the Diocesan convention this Fall.

Senior Warden's Report: Mary Buchanan asked for a volunteer from the vestry to serve as clerk. Karen Ryker offered to serve in this capacity, and she will begin taking minutes for vestry meetings next month. Mary also shared a letter she had received from the men's AA group using our facility for their meetings. They are so pleased with our meeting space that they have decided to increase their donation to Holy Nativity from \$200.00 to \$250.00. Mary mentioned that she has ordered sachet packets and pens to be passed out to mothers by children on Mother's Day. Mary concluded her report by announcing that Lorraine Bowring will be coordinating the annual yard sale scheduled for Saturday, July 15th.

Junior Warden's Report: Vance Wegner reported that the rectory renovation is going well and moving along ahead of schedule. He also mentioned that Tyler Anderson, our contractor, has noticed that the main church building is in need of pressure washing, and Vance thought that we might want to consider that sometime in the future.

Vance shared a letter that he had received from the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District informing us that our application for Exclusion will be denied, since we do not have access to irrigation water. We are currently using well water for irrigation, but we might consider using water from the Irrigation District some time in the future.

Vance announced that the Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 29th. The air conditioning system will be serviced DML Heating and Air Conditioning sometime in May.

Fellowship Report: Sandi Koerner reported that a Pentecost Pot Luck is being planned for Sunday, May 28th, and that a cake will be ordered for coffee hour on Mother's Day, May 14th. Jennifer+ also suggested that cinnamon rolls be served on Father's Day, June 18th.

Outreach Report: Barbara Samparisi reported that Michelle Munayirzi is out of town and will miss the Be Our Guest meal this coming Wednesday, May 3rd. Mary Buchanan offered to come help, but it was decided to make an announcement at church to ask for additional help.

ACTION ITEMS

Parking Lot and Sidewalks: Matt Wheeler and Jon Anson have offered to stripe the parking lot with center lines prior to the Diocesan Convention. Since some volunteers will be serving as parking lot attendants to assist with orderly and efficient parking during this event, their offer was not accepted by the vestry. Matt has also requested an estimate for leveling the sidewalks on our property, and the vestry will consider this bid when it is presented.

Tree Removal: Vance Wegner asked Timberline Tree Service for an updated estimate for the removal of the three Norway Pine trees on the northwest corner of the lawn by the educational wing. The removal of these trees was earlier approved by the vestry but put on hold for budgetary reasons. Vance also asked Timberline to include in this estimate the Cherry tree by the center driveway and the two dead trees on the western edge of our property. This estimate totaled \$5,000.00, and the vestry decided to delay the removal of these trees.

Parish Directory: Cindy Wolfenbarger mentioned that Holy Nativity has talented members who have the necessary skills to produce and publish a photo church directory. Marc Fox and Abbie Stiles are excellent photographers, and Linda Czarkowski can insert photos onto a spread sheet quickly and efficiently. The vestry approved Cindy’s suggestion and set the end of the year as a target date for publication.

The meeting ended at 8:55 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: 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

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► TO SIGN UP FOR FRED MEYER REWARDS:

Google “Fred Meyer Community Rewards” and follow the prompts. You will need to type in “Holy Nativity Episcopal Church” and the **NPO number is ER900.**



October 1 thru December 31, 2022
26 Households

\$71.99 Total Donations