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**The Episcopal Church
of the Holy Nativity**
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Sunday Services 10:00am

Monthly Message

A Letter from Rev. Jennifer Anttonen in Canada



The whirr of hummingbird wings at the feeder outside the screened in porch next to our bedroom. I did not move from the cozy warmth of the bed, but just listened until the whirring went away. I knew the hummingbird would be back later, especially in the cool of the evening. The morning was so still, there was no wind, the lake like glass. I always think of still days as magical. The reflections of the trees and rocks, mirror images of each other in the water. It does not happen often, when the water is so still and the sunlight so perfect that the reflections are so clear. It is hard to tell where the land and lake are separated. I have a photograph in our bedroom, which I bought from a native woman, several years ago. She captured one of these perfect magical days magnificently. There she captured her own "magic". She turned the photo of the shoreline, so it was vertical instead of horizontal. The whole photo is transformed. To me it looks like the resurrected Christ shining in glory. I wake every morning with that photograph in front of me. A friend gave me a large rustic crucifix with a crown of thorns. I hung that right below the resurrection photo. It is perfect.

God's glory and magic are all around us. Have you taken time to listen in silence this summer? Have you gone out at night and looked up at the stars? Has the wind touched your cheek like a gentle kiss when you close your eyes? It's scary to be still. God might have something to tell you. Or God might want you to just be. Maybe in the silence, you would hear your own heart beating. Healing can happen in moments of stillness. God's love can transform you in moments of stillness. In moments of stillness, God's peace can fully fill you. Then you can carry that peace out into the world. Be still and know.....

Joy+,

Jennifer

Ladies Time Out

Meridian Concerts on Broadway

Saturday, Aug.26th | 6:30PM

Join us for a delightful evening of music at the beautiful Meridian City Hall Plaza. Bring a chair, a snack, or enjoy some delicious food from various food trucks that will be on site.

We will plan on meeting there at 6PM so we can get good seats.

Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
Questions? Contact
Sue Pahlas at
(208) 891-3258



Bishop's Blue Plate Banquet

Saturday, August 19th at St. Michael's



Experience the unforgettable Blue Plate Banquet, an annual diocesan event where Bishop Jos personally cooks and serves exquisite dishes. Your attendance supports unfunded ministry needs, with half of the proceeds aiding clergy formation through the High Desert School for Ministry. The remaining half empowers the Episcopacy Fund, lightening the financial load on our churches. Reserve your seat now—only 65 available—and invite friends and neighbors to join us for this remarkable event that combines purpose and enjoyment. To reserve your seat click here:

<https://www.episcopalidaho.net>

Kitchen Help Requested

Bishop Jos is asking for some volunteer help in the kitchen. They would begin at 8:00 am in order to be done by 5:30 pm. He also asks that they help in the kitchen during the dinner. Volunteers would be treated to a complimentary meal in appreciation of their service.

Questions or want to volunteer?

Please contact Sue Bolen at yobolen@yahoo.com



Thank you

A huge thank you for **Lorraine Bowring** who organized the yard sale, not to mention her wonderful team of volunteers who faithfully came in to help each day with sorting and pricing. And of course, a huge thanks to everyone who brought in items to sell.

The Yard Sale brought in \$2,038.00!!

Muchas Gracias

We also want to thank our talented bakers who brought in a fabulous array of baked goods. The Sugar Shack was a great hit! Special thanks to **Kay Grooms** who helped organize this effort and to everyone who shared their time and baking talent to make this such a success.

The Sugar Shack brought in \$581.50

Our Grand Total . . . \$2,619.50!





JUNE 2022 TREASURER’S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$93,864.13
Accounts Payable / Bills		-48.37
Balance After Payment		\$93,815.76

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$9,612.71	
Be Our Guest	\$2,967.70	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children’s Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$1,448.74	
Building Fund	\$3,324.76	
Memorial Fund	\$4,285.84	
Paradise Point	\$3,643.36	
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	\$4,571.73	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$99,359.98	
Total		\$139,300.50

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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

August Birthdays



- Susan Fink. 8/2
- Mateo Horn. 8/2
- Marc Allen Fox, Jr. 8/3
- Joy Keefe. 8/4
- Nick Magette 8/10
- David Henninger 8/11
- Cindy Wolfenbarger 8/19
- Richard Bowring 8/21
- Curtis Lee 8/21
- Brooke Benson. 8/22
- Jeremy Mullin 8/24
- Carrie Magette 8/25
- Dean Nehrig 8/28
- Ronald Warr 8/28
- Bryson Sutherland. 8/29

August Anniversaries



- Janine Helms and Linda Morris. 8/13
- Jim and Kay Grooms. 8/17
- Chris and Erin Benson 8/19
- Josh and Jamie Sterbis 8/20
- Gil and Sue Walker 8/20



“The AC won’t work.” You name it, they’ve heard it
 - and they’ve taken care of it.
 “My key won’t work.” Vance Wegner and Phil Street
 put in untold hours taking care
 “There’s a funny smell.” of issues too numerous to count
 and manage to do it all while
 “This door won’t shut.” remaining very pleasant and
 always accommodating.
 “There’s dead flies
 all over the place.” We owe them our unending
 thanks for all they do!



The Be Our Guest ministry is always happy to welcome more volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this great team, please contact:

Michele Munayirji at (208) 908-3435 or
Barbara Samperisi at (714) 931-0933



If you are interested in attending Women’s Camp at Paradise Point from Aug. 11th - 14th, you can register at:

paradisepointcamp.org
Scholarship money is available

Questions? Contact Cindy Wolfenbarger (208) 890-3665

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Rewards Program

Fred Meyer, in an effort to “create stronger communities” encourages you to link your rewards card to Holy Nativity. Community Rewards is easy to use. The more you shop with Fred Meyer, the more money our church will earn!

They are committed to carefully protecting a customer’s personal information and have adopted a policy to never share a customer’s personal information.

► 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.**



April 1st thru June 30th
26 Households

\$75.65 Total Donations



**Do you want to volunteer at the Pride Event
Saturday & Sunday, September 9-10
to be held at Cecil D. Andrus Park
601 Jefferson Street
(across from the State Capitol)**

Please join our parish and the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho in supporting our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers in Christ and this year's annual Pride Parade and Festival.

We need YOU! *(We really do.)*

There are several ways to help. Please volunteer to staff our booth for a two-hour timeslot (greatest need) on either Saturday or Sunday or attend the rally on the Capital steps and march in the parade with your fellow Episcopalians on Sunday morning. We also need adults to carry parish banners for each church and youth (middle school or older) to march in front with our Episcopal Pride banners. Youth are also invited for a lunch hosted by St. Michael's Youth Pastor after the parade.

A link has been created where people can sign up to volunteer for a two-hour shift working at the Episcopal booths during the Pride event weekend or walking in the parade on Sunday morning.

[Click here - to sign up](#)

**If you have questions you may email:
dioceseofidahopride@gmail.com**

Altar Flowers

Beautifully arranged flowers at the altar are such a wonderful touch and loving sentiment. If you would like to purchase flowers **in memory of someone**, as an **acknowledgement**, or as **a celebration**, please contact:

**Darlene Stattner at
(208) 514-5960 or
dstattner@gmail.com**

Suggested amount is \$50



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