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Memorial Paver deadline is Friday, July 21st

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Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message

from The Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

Greetings from Canada!

Pick up your feet. My father used to tell my mother to “pick up her feet” as she walked the trails here at the lake. John and I tell ourselves the same thing now. The trail up from the front dock begins easily enough with six stairs and a wooden ramp that turns left and goes for about 20 feet. After that it is a trail through the woods with roots and rocks, for about 50 feet then another wooden ramp begins and curves around a giant white pine, that towers high into the sky. On that tree, we have the face of “Gramps” two eyes, and a nose with a mustache, made out of some outdoor plaster like material. Below that is an iron triangle, which is our “doorbell“. Then comes the rocks and roots trail again. After going through the arched branches of the scrub oak trees, you step onto Canadian shield rock, hundreds of thousands of years old. Pipsissewa, Twinflowers, and Harebells line the sides of the trail, as there is more sunlight. Another 10 feet and you are in the front yard which is filled with wild daisies. As you curve to the right, you come to the nine steps leading up to the camp. In total, it’s an uphill journey of about 100 yards.

It makes me think of our journey with God. When we’re little things seem easy, as our parents guided our way. In our teen years, we may hit some rocks in the road, challenges to our beliefs, having to make choices on our own, and coming to an awareness that life is not always easy. There are some fun years, where we discover, more fully, who we are as a child of God, may fall in love, and begin another journey. Again, roots and rocks

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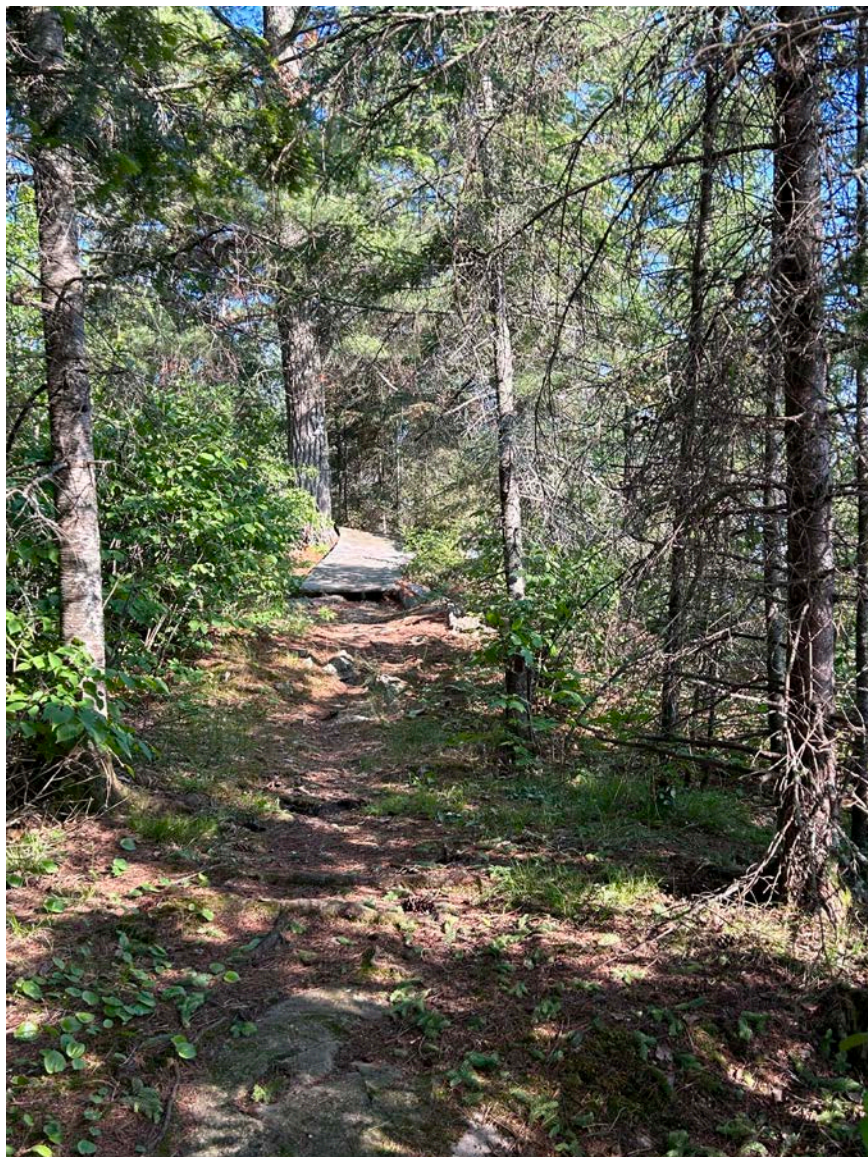
can impede our way, and we have to be vigilant, “pick up our feet”, stay the course of love Christ has set before us. The world so often tells us “it’s all about me”, is what’s important, but we know that is not the way of Christ. We never journey alone. It might be good to stop walking a minute and to look around at the world and its needs. Stop walking to do this, or you might trip and fall on a root you did not see.

The world moves so very fast. There’s often a leveling out as we get older, we know more of life, more of how to live into our life in Christ. As we take the final steps up to home, we pray we have journeyed well, we have lived for Christ, loved for Christ, shared the story of Christ.

When we get there, the door is already open.

Joy+,

Jennifer



Pride Event Fingernail Polish

One of the ways that Holy Nativity is helping to support the LGBTQ+ Pride event is to provide colorful fingernail polish.

It was explained that during this event, as the polish is applied, it can be a very reaffirming action that conveys Holy Nativity’s respect, acceptance and care for LGBTQ+ individuals. In short, it is an easy way of providing compassionate, supportive pastoral care in a visible way.

So if you’re willing to help out with this effort, please bring nail polish (any color) to the Parish Hall. We’ll have a small basket available for donations.



Holy Nativity Annual Yard Sale

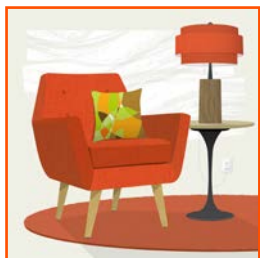
Saturday, July 15th • 8am to 2:00pm

**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

Holy Nativity's
**BE OUR
GUEST
Ministry**



Please join us!

Holy Nativity's "Be Our Guest" ministry is growing. People are very appreciative of the meals provided which is wonderful and we're very pleased to help those in need.

We could use a few more helpers in this ministry that prepares food twice a month (1st & 2nd Wednesdays).

If you are interested in being a part of this great ministry, please contact:

**Michele Munayirji at
(208) 908-3435**

or

**Barbara Samperisi
(714) 931-0933**

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

Acolyte Training



Acolyte Training

Saturday, July 15, 2023 • 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Any girls or boys interested in this ministry are invited to attend.

Basic requirements: regular attendance at church and tall/strong enough to carry the cross (*it's not heavy*). One parent of young people is encouraged to attend (*but it is not required*) so they can offer support and coaching at home.

Please RSVP:

If you are planning to attend (or have questions), please email me or phone me so that I have enough handouts (even if you have spoken to me in church). If you are interested but can't attend the date scheduled, please also email or call me.



The Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes

Phone: (208) 850-5027 (*it's okay to leave a message*)

Email: scotlass@msn.com

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.



PARADISE POINT CAMP

Registration is open for all adult and children camps.

To Register visit: 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.

Clergy Schedule



6/4/23 Rev. 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

7/2/23 Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes

7/9/23 Rev. Robin Finch

7/16/23 Bishop Brian Thom

7/23/23 Rev. Bill Brown

7/30/23 Rev. 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



Happy 98th Birthday Wilma!

We sang happy birthday and the Rev. Rich Demarest said a birthday blessing for our sweet Wilma Ellensohn whose 98th birthday was on June 29th.



MAY 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



Kellen Magette	7/2
Sue Pahlas	7/2
Phil Street	7/3
John Anttonen	7/5
Justin Sutherland	7/5
Fran Brown	7/6
Ollie Sterbis	7/9
Luren Sutherland	7/11
Phillip Lane	7/14
Heather Lane	7/16
Rachel Schneiderman	7/16
Lorraine Bowring	7/22
Lee Clausen	7/24
Barbara Samperisi	7/24
Linda Shearman	7/25
Vance Wegner	7/26
Gale Nehrig	7/27



Scott & Jennifer Erickson	7/8
Mark & Wendy Haustveit	7/11
Bob & Linda Burnz	7/12
Aziz & Michele Munayirji	7/22

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity JUNE VESTRY MEETING

June 28, 2023 | 7pm | Library



Format: The Vestry met in person in the library. Mary Buchanan opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by reading a “Prayer for Vestry”.

Treasurer’s Report:

Cash balance is \$99,930. Designated Funds is \$135,516. Total cash is \$234,447. Two months of copier lease and various fees are listed, but were not included in the budget when it was set. The Bank Loan for our mortgage stands at \$147,819.

Senior Warden:

Mary brought up the possibility of having our annual Summer Picnic on the church grounds, possibly in the yard behind the Rectory. She is looking at September 17th as the date as that is when Bishop Jos will be visiting. We can include the Blessing of the Grotto and of the refurbished Rectory. We can proceed with plans and make adjustments as necessary.

Junior Warden:

Vance and Phil Street have been busy with fertilizing, getting sprinklers repaired and new covers for irrigation controls. They were damaged by lawn mower. The only place Vance could find the proper covers is one at Lowes and the other at Evergreen. The sprinklers will be adjusted so the water will no longer hit the buildings and windows. A light bulb in the street sign was replaced. The watering schedule has been changed at the request of our lawn care company. We may have aphids in a tree in the Rectory parking lot. The reflective markers purchased to mark the entries to the parking lot have not worked out for several reasons. Vance showed us a Traffic Delineator that he has purchased. This model has reflective tape and can be firmly attached to the ground. He will purchase others for the driveways. The company contracted to mow the church lawns has had a hard time because of low hanging branches. He will trim those branches and haul them away. The owner of the vehicle that has been parked in the lot has been notified by certified mail to remove vehicle or it will be towed. He has

30 days to comply. The Parish Hall door was damaged and repairs will be made. A kick plate has been ordered to avoid another accident. The doors themselves will be refurbished so that entrance will be blocked for a day. Other entrances are available. Two additional stools will be purchased for use of the kitchen workers. (3 total).

Fellowship:

Sandra followed up with the Red Cross about CPR training. They will do a class for a minimum of 8 people-certifying them for 2 yrs. AED training is included even though we do not have that device. The cost for 8 people is \$1200. Each additional person costs \$128. No action taken on this. Sandra reported that the Fellowship Dinners were going well.

ACTION ITEMS

Karen:

As we are getting ready to have the memorial stones engraved, it seems only right that the church include a stone for Bert and JoAnn Meyers as they were active in the church from the very beginning and did so much, both serving as Senior Wardens. All agreed.

Cindy:

The EFM study group is very large this year and they would like to split the group. Cindy would like permission to use a room in the church or possibly the ‘blue’ room in the Parish Hall. The new class starts in August. All agreed.

Rectory Project:

Vance has some more ‘cutting in’ in the Rectory hallway, etc then those areas will be ready for rolling. Should take only one coat. Some electrical issues with switches and plugs have been rectified. Vance will try to clean the windows with CLR product and razor blades as well as touch up window trim.

Power washing:

The date set to do the washing is July 6th, weather permitting. The solvent comes in a 5 gallon container and any left-over is ours to keep and use as needed. The vestry went over the original bid sheet which came in at \$7,079. We eliminated several items as not necessary at this time and we received a new bid the next day for \$2928. We will do gutter cleaning every two years.

Pride Event:

Jennifer donated \$100 to the booth(s) from her discretionary fund. Jennifer will give another \$100. Fans and brochures are given out. The painting of finger nails is done and provides a way to reach out to attendees during the process. Finger nail polish is needed, doesn't have to be new bottles. The Pride event is Sept. 10th, will collect bottles in Parish Hall.

Be Our Guest:

Barbara reported that the number of people coming for meals has increased tremendously. There were 85 at the last meal. She still gives out personal care items as well as laundry detergent and toilet paper. The kitchen staff prepares separate meals for those who have food allergies and other dietary issues. More help is always welcome, especially early in the day for food preparation.

Priest Search:

Mary reported that she has completed a questionnaire from the Diocesan Office. She needs to appoint 8 members for the search committee. 4 from the vestry and 4 from the congregation. Vance, Cindy and Richard volunteered during meeting.

Jennifer:

Jennifer has been watching our services, but there are many times she cannot hear anything. She would like to see us upgrade to YouTube or the like very soon as potential priest candidates will surely want to view our worship service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen

Karen Ryker, Clerk

**FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

We will continue to 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

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