



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, Oct. 6th • Don’t miss it!
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Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message

A Letter from Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

Trees are so beautiful at this time of year as the leaves change from green to golds, reds and various shades of brown. I used to love making big piles of leaves and then running and jumping in them. I also loved the smell of burning leaves. This time of year is a feast for the senses.

Without leaves or needles a tree would die. Leaves or needles go through photosynthesis to create food for the tree to grow. That process also produces oxygen for us to breathe. Food and air, necessities for life. One leaf is not enough for a tree to grow. Ten leaves are not enough for a tree to grow, it takes many leaves for a tree to grow and thrive.

Like leaves for a tree, it takes many participating, for a church to thrive and grow. We experience that sense of thriving, as we see so many serving in various ministries at Holy Nativity. We feel the energy, connectedness and love as we all work together which is wonderful — that makes us an especially loving congregation. Now we need to add the final piece, the financial ability to support a full time priest.

That brings me to this year’s Stewardship Campaign and how important it will be. It will take **all of us pledging what we can**, to make it possible for us to hire a full time priest, so we may grow into who God calls us to be. Currently, we have almost enough money to cover one year of salary and benefits but that is all. We need to show that Holy Nativity can support a full time priest for more than one year.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge and financial commitment to Holy Nativity. We need many “leaves” big and small on our Holy Nativity tree.

Joy+,
Jennifer .



Harvest Festival

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 • Starting at 6PM

With our traditional Chili Cook-Off

Homebaked Breads & Cornbreads • Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa, Beer & Wine • plus assorted Homemade Pies & Desserts

We will have a **silent auction** which is always fun. There will be some fun activities for the kids and the chili cook-off always has some delicious entries - we have some terrific cooks! Don't miss it!

Invite your family & friends!

Great Food • Games • Prizes • Fun

If you would be willing to contribute something toward the **silent auction**, it would be greatly appreciated.



It can be anything from baked goods, to knitted items, to holiday decorations or, well, you name it!



Ladies Time Out
WINE TASTING
Saturday, October 21st

It's that time again to enjoy the fall air and travel out to the vineyards

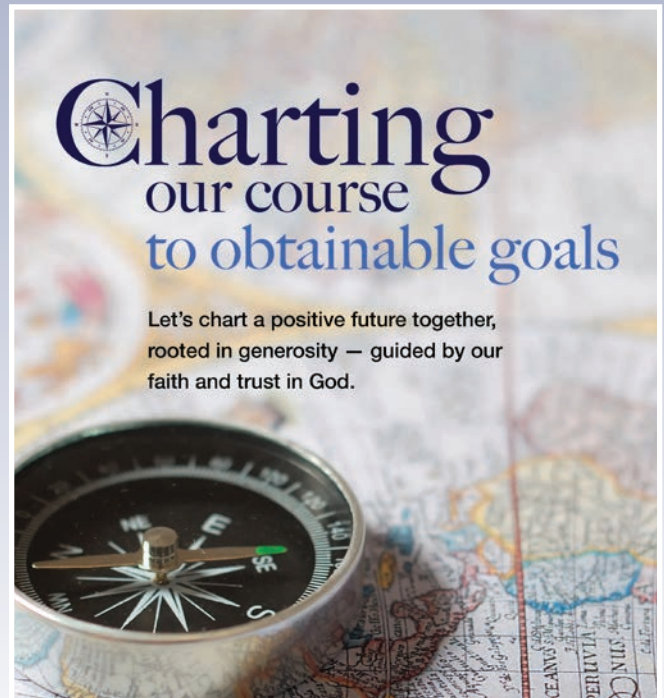
Meet at church at 12 noon to car pool to visit two of our local wineries. We already have two designated drivers for our safety and plan to return by 6pm.

Wine tastings are \$8.00 per person and include 5 wines. Feel free to bring snacks. If time permits, we will stop at Lakeview Fruit Stand.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



Questions?
Please contact Sue
Pahlas at (208) 891-3258



It is that time of year when we focus on Stewardship. As we **navigate** this period of transition, we find ourselves not only considering how we continue to grow together as a community of faith but also how we will lay the foundation to call our next full-time-priest.

Generosity is a hallmark of our Christian identity. There comes a time in each of our lives when Jesus asks us to do something extraordinary: to follow Him and be generous of our time, talent and treasure.

In the weeks to come, you will be hearing more from the Stewardship Committee about our Annual Pledge Drive and **letters will be arriving in your homes mid October.** Now more than ever, please prayerfully consider your support for Holy Nativity in 2024.

**Let's chart a positive future together,
rooted in generosity — guided by our faith
and trust in God.**

With warm regards from your Stewardship Committee

Richard Jones, Chairman
Ken Reglin
Nancy Hellstrom
Linda Shearman
Janice Avera



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 7th • 10AM



Do you have a special companion who brings joy to your life?

Then you won't want to miss a special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals where this special bond is celebrated.



Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, October 15th

We will meet at Settlers Park in Meridian (corner of Ustick and Meridian Rd) around 11:45AM-noon. The distance around the park is approximately one mile. You may walk as many laps as you want, and bring your kids and dogs!

To register for our team, or donate online, go to: events.crophungerwalk.org

- Login or register with Ada County/Boise Hunger Walk
- Join the "Holy Nativity" team or you may donate online
- You may mail donations to:
Cindy Wolfenbarger
1560 N. Ellington Way • Eagle, Idaho, 83616

Please let Cindy know if you will be walking so we don't leave without you.

Ladies Time Out

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd
10-12 noon



Sue Pahlas is reserving two bays which each hold six people. Tuesday is half-price day so each bay will be \$35 for the two hours.

EVERYTHING PROVIDED: It's a great friendly atmosphere. They have golf clubs and balls so you don't need to bring anything. The cost will be divided up according to how many people sign up to play.

LUNCH MENU: They have a nice menu and the luncheon runs from about \$12-\$16 if you would like to order a delicious lunch.

A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions get in touch with Sue Pahlas at 208-891-3258.



It has **nothing**
to do with
golfing ability
and everything
to do with
FUN!

“Tis The Season” Holiday Bazaar

November 3rd - 5th

Mark Your Calendar and Bring A Friend

- Friday, Nov. 3 | 10am—5pm
- Saturday, Nov. 4 | 9am—5pm
- Sunday, Nov. 5 | 10am—Noon

We're getting lots of **NEW** vendors signed up this year, so there will be a wonderful selection of beautiful and unique hand-made items. Make sure to join us, bring a friend, stay for lunch . . . it's going to be great!



If you know of anyone that would like to reserve a booth or participate in this event, please have them contact:

- **Gladys Clymens** (208) 284-3736
gladysclymens@gmail.com, or
- **Sandy Koerner** (208) 870- 5392
koerns@aol.com.



AUGUST 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$90,764.57
Accounts Payable / Bills		174.59
Balance After Payment		\$90,589.98

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$9,862.71	
Be Our Guest	\$3,107.70	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$1,720.05	
Building Fund	(\$3,074.76)	
Memorial Fund	\$4,235.84	
Paradise Point	\$3,855.06	
Youth Mission	\$1,373.00	
Kitchen Improvements	\$7,808.56	
Kitchen: New Dishwasher	300.00	
Music Fund	\$95.00	
Altar Guild Donation	\$1,090.73	
Landscaping	\$1,050.00	
Sound System	\$2,300.00	
Discretionary Fund	\$4,471.73	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$99,689.98	
Total		\$140,693.51

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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

October Birthdays



- Julie Bryan 10/3
- Max Long.10/4
- Will Votaw10/4
- Wendy Haustveit 10/5
- Chuck Bromley10/7
- Richard Jones.10/16
- Sue Walker10/19
- Barbara Callow 10/22
- Taylor Mullin 10/25
- Mary Clausen 10/27
- Mary Lou Weiner 10/27
- Tami Bromley 10/28
- Terry Jones-Brady 10/30

October Anniversaries



- Steve and Mary Alice Sanders. 10/1
- Al Gunther and Annamarie Lavieri. . . 10/7
- Al and Patricia Battey10/19
- J.D. and Brady Mullin. 10/27
- Timothy and Debbie Domka 10/30

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023 | 7:00PM | Library

Call to Order at 7:03pm. Mary Buchanan read the Prayer for Vestries.

Minutes: August minutes were approved by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance after current bills is \$90,589.98. Total fund balances are \$231,283.49. Church loan balance is \$140,367. An extra expense to note: \$300 to have abandoned vehicle towed.

Per last meeting where it was approved to move \$50,000 to a CD. Sue Pahlas went to the bank and found that we could get a CD at 3.6% for 13 months or a Money Market account at 4.5%. Mike approved the Money Market Account as those funds will be readily available.

Priest's Report:

Rev. Jennifer asked about the refund to the EFM participants. Mary will take care of that immediately.

Bishop Jos and Jennifer have been speaking about Convention logistics. Toilet trailer is being rented, all rooms in the church and rectory are being used. Vance was asked to contact our snow removal company to let them know that any snow must be removed in case it does snow during Convention, November 10 and 11. Phil will stock up on Ice Melt, extra paper products for restrooms will be stocked up. A new line item account will be made for the any expenses that we incur and the Diocese will reimburse us.

Senior Warden:

The Rose Grant that Mary Buchanan applied for was approved. We have \$1,000 for the purchase of a new stove in the kitchen. Mary and Barbara will try to start looking for one as Michelle is gone for the month of October. A grant for a commercial dishwasher is in the works and Mary has spoken to the gentleman in charge and made a good case for the need. She hasn't heard back yet.

Junior Warden:

Vance Wegner has contacted the Middle School across the street, asking if we could use their parking lot on November 10th and 11th as an over-flow lot for Convention. Permission



was given. The linoleum in the front bathroom in the rectory will be installed on Friday the 29th. It will run about \$541. The new Driveway markers are due tomorrow and they will be installed by Vance and Richard Jones. Vance met with Ryan from RCF Cleaning company, his mother is the owner and Ryan is a sub-contractor. Ryan is aware of the problems we have been having with the cleaners assigned and is going to do the cleaning himself, along with his wife for a while. More thorough vacuuming, Parish hall floors mopped thoroughly, grout cleaning and other items will be addressed to bring us to a manageable level. The church may have to increase frequency of cleaning in the future. No bids have been obtained to repair the water damage in the Education Wing.

Vance and Jon Anson have spoken to 6 companies about our HVAC system. The companies will come and assess our needs. The bids will available for the next Vestry Meeting. There are a lot of options to consider. Vance will e-mail the bids received to the vestry members. The Vestry asked Vance and Jon to select the top, appropriate bids before we actually meet to decide which way to go. Looking to have this project completed by Spring 2024.

Fellowship:

Sandy Koerner reported that parishioners have signed up to enter the chili Contest. Sandy has ordered the prizes. She still needs items for the silent auction, donors can bring them that evening. Proceeds of the auction will be put in the Priest's Fund. Stacy Falconer is working on games for the children.

The Bazaar will be the weekend before Convention and there are new vendors and the kitchen crew have planned their menu and food purchased. The Funeral for Sam

September Vestry Meeting *(cont'd)*

Votaw will be held on the 20th of October at 5:00pm. We will not be responsible for the dinner that follows, Eastern Star ladies will do that.

Stewardship:

Richard Jones met with his Stewardship Committee last Sunday: Ken Reglin, Nancy Hellstrom, Linda Shearman and Janice Avera. They have chosen the 'theme' for this year's campaign: Charting the Course. The committee has good ideas on how best to proceed—phoning, mailing and announcements during church services. The Vestry discussed more visual ways to encourage people to pledge. It is so important for members to actually pledge so the finance people can set a budget. We have quite a way to go before we can afford a full-time priest. Three weeks before Pledge Campaign begins.

Additional items:

The Vestry On Duty needs to announce that Healing Prayers are available at the back of the Sanctuary during Communion.

Photo Directory. We need a new photo directory and will ask Mark Fox, Sr. if he would like to do this.

Search Committee:

Jennifer+ reported that we have no viable full-time priest candidates, one reason is that there is not an abundance of priests available. We may have to do networking ourselves as there is only one person in the National Church Supply Office to help. Seminaries are limiting enrollment and doing on-line classes

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm with the Vestry reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen
Karen Ryker



October Fellowship Dinner

On Saturday, October 21, at 5:00 PM
there will be a dinner hosted by:

Terry Jones-Brady and Staci Falconer
693 N. Senora Way • Eagle, ID

These dinners which are held once a month in the homes of parishioners, are enjoyed by all. They are intended to enhance spiritual fellowship with one another and cultivate lasting friendships within our church community. Those who have attended agree they are truly wonderful - so don't miss out.

November Host Needed: If you'd be willing to host the November dinner, please fill out one of the forms (*forms are located in the Parish Hall*).



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