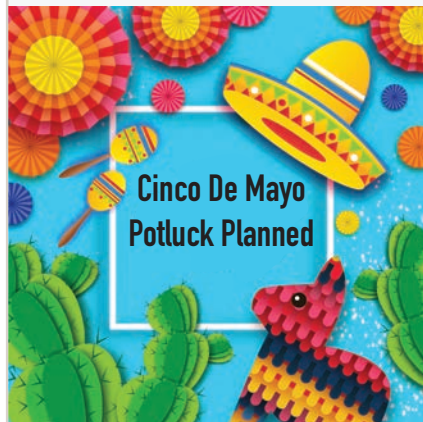




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Great new event on May 5th
Details on page 3

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



Monthly Message

from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge

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**He is not here;
He has risen**

— Matthew 28:6

My dear friends in Christ, as we welcome the vibrant colors and new beginnings of spring, it is with great joy that we celebrate the arrival of Easter. At the heart of Easter lies the central tenet of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This miraculous event stands as a beacon of hope for believers around the world, symbolizing the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. Through His resurrection, Christ offers us the promise of new life—a life marked by grace, redemption, and eternal love. In a world marked by brokenness, sin, and suffering, Easter reminds us that we are not bound by our past mistakes or our present circumstances. Through the power of Christ’s resurrection, we are offered the opportunity for spiritual rebirth — a chance to leave behind the old and embrace the new.

Just as spring brings forth new growth and renewal in the natural world, Easter invites us to undergo a similar transformation in our spiritual lives. It calls us to let go of the burdens of guilt, shame, and fear, and to embrace the abundant life that Christ offers to all who believe in Him. In the midst of life’s trials and tribulations, Easter reminds us that we are never alone.

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Monthly Message *(cont'd)* from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge

Christ walks alongside us, offering comfort in times of sorrow, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair. His resurrection assures us that no obstacle is unconquerable, no darkness too deep, and no pain too great for the power of His love to overcome.

Allow me to draw your attention to an important point: **Bishop Jos will visit our church on the 14th of July.** Therefore, If you are interested in:

- **Confirmation**
- **Baptism**
- **Reception into the Episcopal Church**
- **Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

...then please contact me on or before **April 14th.** We will arrange classes so that these ceremonies can be done during the time of the Bishop's visit.

May this Easter be a time of spiritual renewal, joyful celebration, and profound gratitude for the gift of new life in Christ.

Warm regards,

Fr. Shibu

Fr. Shibu Reginold Pananchikkal

Fellowship Dinners



Would you be willing to host a dinner in April?

ALL ARE WELCOME!

One year ago on April 15th, Holy Nativity started this new tradition of hosting Fellowship Dinners. This idea came from Carl and Judy Pierce and it has been a truly wonderful way for our parishioners to connect and cultivate lasting friendships within our church community.

Dinners are held once a month and there can be multiple hosts each month to accommodate our growing church family.

If you are willing to be a host, forms are available in the parish hall for you to complete. Additional host and guest information is included on the form along with "GUEST SIGNUP" where guests are able to sign up for a hosted meal.

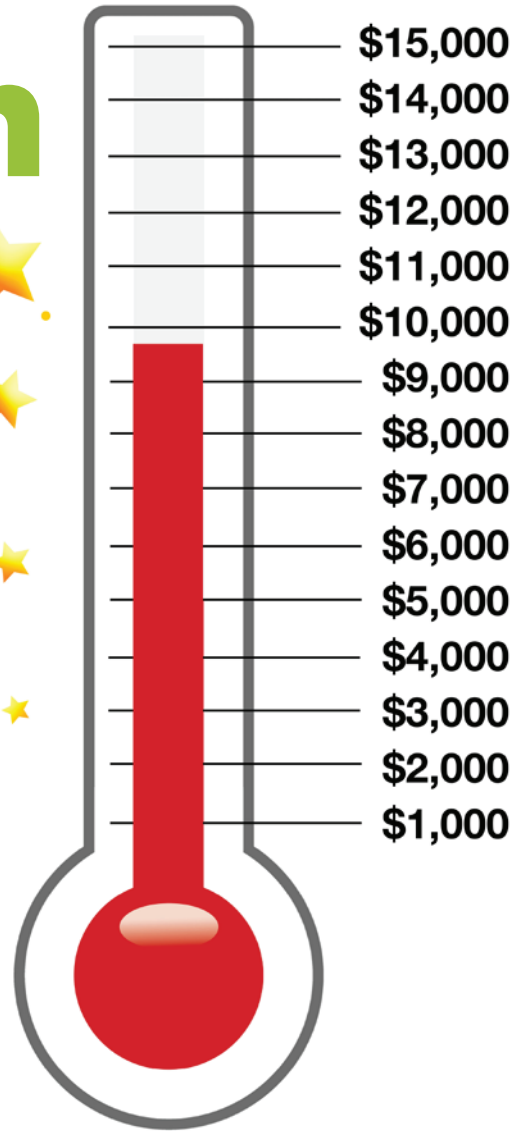


**If you have any questions please contact:
Judy at 916-397-4923 or Carl at 916-837-4953.**

Investing For Growth



\$9,876



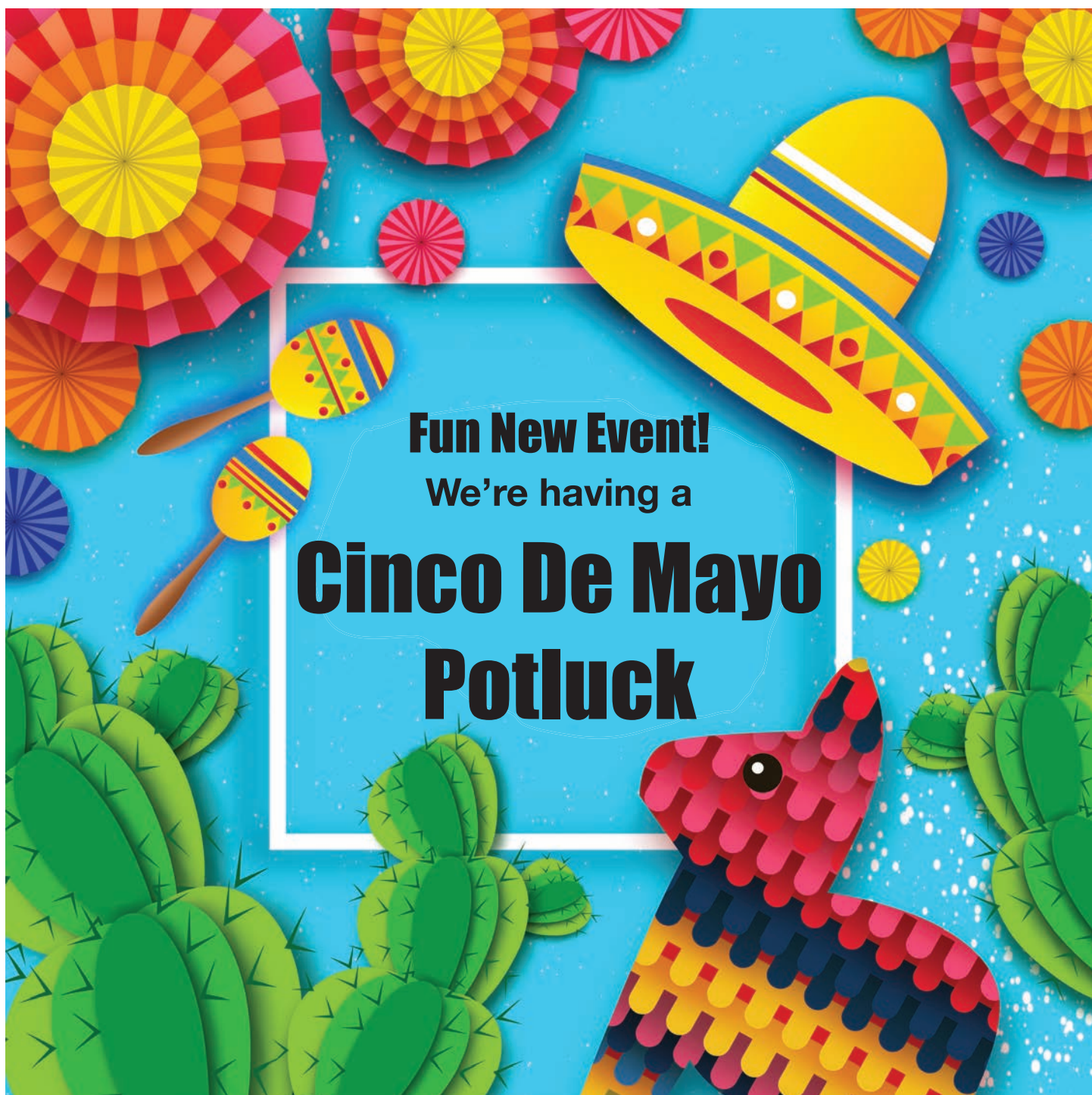
Making GREAT progress towards our goal!!!

After announcing the need to replace our HVAC System, the total expense of this replacement, and how we planned to begin a Capital Campaign to bring in the funds to cover the cost, the congregation of Holy Nativity collectively came together to make some impressive headway with this effort.

To date, we have raised \$9,876 and we couldn't be more pleased. We're very close to achieving our goal.

UPDATE: We do need to inform you that in our last newsletter, we explained that we needed to consider an upgrade to our sound system. So we contacted Valiant, a local Audio Visual System company, asking to have their technician give us an idea of cost. After looking over our system, he determined that although it certainly isn't the newest system out there, it works and really only needed a few adjustments. The young man (Jacob) did not charge Holy Nativity for his consultation and simply said he was happy to help us out - what a blessing!! So with that, we have reduced our Capital Campaign amount down to \$15,000 to cover just the cost of the HVAC replacement.

We very sincerely appreciate everyone who has given to this campaign thus far. We're SO close. If you haven't made your donation as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider giving to this campaign. If we all work together and everyone gives something, no matter the amount, the result can far exceed what we may think is possible. If we share in the giving then we will also share in the joy of the accomplishment. Holy Nativity must do what is necessary to maintain our church buildings and thus invest in our continued church growth.



Fun New Event!
We're having a
Cinco De Mayo
Potluck

Join us for a potluck Cinco de Mayo style!
We'll enjoy a fiesta immediately following the church service which will also include a **Silent Auction** and a **Trivia Game with Prizes!**

Sign-up sheets will be in the Parish Hall.
Proceeds to go towards the HVAC Capital Campaign.

Sunday, May 5th
Immediately after the church service.

If you would be willing to help by providing an item for the Silent Auction that would be awesome!

Bible Study Crew Enjoying Lunch Together



Pictured left to right: Terry Jones-Brady, Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal, Sue Pahlas, Rev. Jennifer Anttonen, Linda Burnz, Bob Burnz, Larissa Blount, Barbara Samperisi, Darlene Stattner, Fran Brown and Mary Kay Martin.

Ladies Time Out at Idaho City Hot Springs



Pictured left to right: Larissa Blount, Michelle Sutherland, Linda Burnz, Kay Grooms, Sue Pahlas, Janice Avera and Juanita Garza

Save The Date • Ladies Time Out

Boise Music Week • May 11th

Production of

Cinderella

Details to follow.



Thank you, Fr. Shibu and Vestry, for letting me take preorders and host a Girl Scout Cookie booth at Holy Nativity, and thanks to the entire parish for your support in buying Girl Scout cookies. I sold 86 packages of cookies during presale and 52 packages at my booth. That's 11 cases plus 6 more!

I am currently working on my Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting. I will finish it by September 2024. Then I will start the Gold Award.

My plan at the moment is to make cards and to play my violin for retired military as a thank you for serving America. This is important to me because my dad was in the U.S. Navy, my uncle is in the U.S. Army now, and my papa was in the U.S. Army (1959-1962).

Sincerely,

Lillian Dwight



It's Time For Spring Yard Clean-up

Saturday, April 6, 2024 • 10AM



PLEASE mark your calendar and come down to help us clean up the church grounds. We need to do some basic sprucing up and if we get plenty of help, it shouldn't take long.

The Girl Scouts will help us out that day. We'll have coffee and donuts for all who show up to help. **Please join us.**

Many hands make light work!



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“TIMBER!!!”

The large pine trees at the West end of the educational wing have been removed. The main reason for this is that they drop lots of needles into the rain gutters of the church to the point where they become plugged and won't drain. This causes a problem resulting in water damage to the walls. So to prevent further damage, the trees needed to go. Meridian Tree Service did an excellent job!





FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Reserve Fund	10,762.71
Be Our Guest	5,328.85
Caring Closet	2,162.83
Children's Ministry	645.08
2 Cents-a-Meal	1,389.09
Building Fund	1,814.18
Memorial Fund	2,915.84
Paradise Point	4,289.38
Kitchen: New Dishwasher	300.00
Youth Ministry	1,373.00
Altar Guild Donation	1,090.73
Music	95.00
Landscaping	1,050.00
Sound System	2,300.00
Discertionary Fund	4,999.60
Full Time Priest Fund	87,503.19
Thanksgiving Baskets	130.00
Nampa and Meridian Irrigation	200.00
Christmas Families	0.00
Convention Donation	1,500.00
Balance	\$138,658.04

April Birthdays



- Jennifer Erickson 4/1
- Father Shibu 4/2
- Harrison Galbreath 4/4
- Christian Hungate 4/9
- Stephanie Wheeler 4/12
- Sherry Meyers 4/16
- Jon Anson 4/17
- Joel Howard 4/18
- Michelle Sutherland 4/18
- Clay Lisle 4/19
- Rob Burnz 4/24
- Karen Ryker 4/26
- Jonathan Mullin 4/28
- Dennis Wolfenbarger 4/28

APRIL Anniversaries



- Richard and Lorraine Bowring 4/30
- Jerry and Donna Lofton 4/30

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity
MARCH VESTRY MEETING

March 20, 2024 | 7pm | St. Francis Room



MINUTES:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by e-mail.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with Sandy Koerner reading the Prayer for Vestries.

CHRISTIAN HUNGATE:

Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes presented a wonderfully written report from the Discernment Committee concerning Christian Hungate and his desire to become ordained. Christian is a very impressive and intelligent young man with a deep desire to be ordained. After discussion, all were in favor of signing the form giving the Vestry's approval of Christian Hungate being considered for Postulancy.

FINANCE:

- **Budget Adjustment:** Jerrod Horn explained that we had budgeted more than was required for Fr. Shibu's Pension Plan. After adjusting the budget for the correct amount, it will save us approximately \$2000 per month. This revision cuts our annual deficit in half. Jerrod will re-allocate the money and put it in an account for other expenses.
- **February monthly income** was a little light, but this is typical for this time of the year.
- **Copier Contract** issue has hopefully been solved. The new contract will start in April. This should help to alleviate overages and make it easier to check it each month.
- **HVAC Capital Campaign:** We received \$4,210 more for the HVAC Capital Campaign so we have almost \$10,000 which is 2/3 of the way toward our goal!
- **Water Damage:** Our Insurance Company has offered to pay us \$4,715 towards repairing the water damage caused to the walls in the educational wing. Phil Street will obtain bids from 3 contractors to repair the damage.

PRIEST'S REPORT:

- **Youth Group:** Fr. Shibu stated that he is in the process of forming a youth group for Holy Nativity. He is in communication with some other Youth leaders and making plans. Once a plan is in place, he will be contacting parishioners who have youth.
- **Hospitalizations or Illnesses:** Fr. Shibu asked that we please be sure to notify him if there are hospitalizations or illnesses within our parish so he can call on those individuals.

JUNIOR WARDEN:

- **Tree Removal:** Phil told us the trees at the west end of the educational wing will be removed on Mar. 27th. A week later the gutters will be cleaned out.
- **Plumber:** A plumber will be coming on Friday, Mar. 22 to check the water heater in the Rectory.
- **Cleaning Company:** We have negotiated a new contract with ResCom to do the cleaning of the church buildings. The plan is to have them come in on Saturdays. They have been provided a listing of tasks that are expected.

SENIOR WARDEN:

- **Audio System:** Mary reported that she and Fr. Shibu met with Jacob from Valiant Integrations to discuss our audio system. Although our system is outdated, it works, but just needed some adjustments. This was done and the sound was much better last Sunday. This being the case, we have adjusted the Capital Campaign down to \$15,000 to only cover the HVAC replacement costs.
- **Cinco de Mayo:** It was suggested that we have a Cinco De Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5th. There will be sign-up sheets for Mexican potluck dishes. We discussed the idea of a piñata for the youth. There will

also be a silent auction. Funds raised will go towards the HVAC system.

- **Appreciation:** Mary also expressed her deep gratitude for all the work Jerrod has been doing for the vestry, especially with the copier issue.

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Coffee Hour Coverage:** Sandy will be out of town until May 2nd. Barbara Samperisi and Darwin Buchanan will help out with Coffee Hour while she is gone.

BE OUR GUEST MEALS:

- **Be Our Guest:** Barbara said that for some reason, the numbers of guests has been low at the meals. Michelle M. is gone for a few weeks so the volunteers are doing their best until she gets back.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy
Cindy Wolfenbarger

All proceeds go towards resurfacing our parking lot!

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CAR SHOW

& FOOD TRUCKS

TAMARACK GROVE ENGINEERING

Kenny's ROD SHOP

Touch-a-truck event at noon!

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

10 AM - 2 PM
704 S. LATAH STREET, BOISE

Register your vehicle here!



Episcopal Church
of the
HOLY NATIVITY

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
 Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal
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 Junior Warden: Phil Street
 Finance Chairman: Jerrod Horn
 Sexton: Richard Jones
 Treasurer: Sue Pahlas
 Office Manager: Cindy Wolfenbarger

Fellowship: Sandra Koerner
 Ministry Schedule: Mary Buchanan
 Sunday School: Carrie Magette
 Altar Guild: Clare Barrett
 Food Bank: Richard Jones
 Women’s Group: Sue Pahlas
 Worship: Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal
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