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### The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

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Sunday Services 10:00am



## Monthly Message

from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge



Dear ones in Christ,

As we step into the vibrant month of June, we are graced with the warmth and light of summer. This season brings with it a time for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation. Many of our families will embark on summer vacations, seeking moments of leisure and connection with loved ones. We pray for safe travels and joyous experiences for all who are venturing near and far.

In the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church, we are now journeying through what is known as “Ordinary Time”. Contrary to what the name might suggest, this period is far from mundane or uneventful. Ordinary Time invites us to weave the extraordinary teachings of Jesus into the fabric of our daily lives. It is a time for us to reflect on how the gospel’s lessons can shape our interactions, decisions, and routines. This season encourages us to find the sacred in the ordinary. How can we embody Christ’s love in our workplaces, homes, and communities? How do we live out the principles of kindness, compassion, and justice in our everyday encounters? As we move through these weeks, let us be mindful of the ways we can integrate faith into the ordinary, transforming the mundane into moments of grace and significance.

Bishop Jos will visit our church on the 14th of July. Therefore, if you are interested in Confirmation, Baptism, Reception into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, please contact me as early as possible. I have received a few names for these ceremonies already. We will arrange classes in June so that these ceremonies can be conducted during the Bishop’s visit.

I am deeply grateful for the continued support and dedication of our congregation. Your generosity and involvement enable us to serve one another and our wider community effectively. As we enjoy the blessings of summer, let us remain committed to our mission of love, service, and spiritual growth. May this season of Ordinary Time inspire us all to live with intentionality and faith, recognizing the presence of the divine in the rhythms of our daily lives.

Peace+

Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal.



W.I.N.G.S.

Worship • Integrity • Nurture • God • Service

## Teen Youth Group Kick-off Party!! Sunday, June 2

*immediately following the  
10AM morning service*

We will be kicking off our new teen youth group program on Sunday, June 2nd, immediately following the 10AM service!

We will be going to: Westy's Garden Lanes, 5504 Alworth St., Garden City, for some bowling fun! Lunch will be included, and there will be **no cost** for this event.

Transportation will be arranged according to the number of youth and adults attending.

### DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

If your teen (6th thru 12th grades) would like attend our kick-off celebration and has NOT yet received a Teen Youth Group Registration form, please see or contact the **Teen Youth Group Leader, Judy Pierce**. Those families of teens that have already received their registration forms, please return your completed forms to Judy at your earliest convenience. She will be reaching out to all those that have completed a registration form, to see who would like to attend the kick-off event! Don't miss the fun!

**Teen Youth Group Leader, Judy Pierce • (916) 397-4923**





# EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**To be held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 7PM.**

Would you like to attend a bible study group, but can't make it to our Friday morning sessions at 10AM? Well, then here's an option that we hope will work for you!

**Why join?** Bible studies are a popular way for individuals to delve deeper into their faith by studying and discussing the teachings of the Bible. These studies provide an opportunity for spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of biblical concepts.

Additionally, they provide a supportive and nurturing environment where individuals can ask questions, engage in open discussions and share thoughts. They also foster a wonderful sense of community and fellowship, enabling participants to build strong relationships with other Holy Nativity parishioners.

With that, we hope you will plan on joining our bible study group:



**Thursday, June 13th**  
**7pm - 8pm**  
**All Saints Room**

(down the long hallway to the left)



**Thursday, June 27th**  
**7pm - 8pm**  
**All Saints Room**

(down the long hallway to the left)

**If you have questions, please feel free to contact:**

Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal • Priest in Charge • (754) 303-3312 • [priest@episcopalholynativity.org](mailto:priest@episcopalholynativity.org)





## Holy Nativity Annual Yard Sale

**Sat., July 20th • 8am to 2:00pm**

**Donations may be  
brought to the Parish Hall  
beginning Monday, July 15th**

**Monday - Friday • July 15th thru 19th  
10am to 12 noon**

Office staff will be there to open the  
Parish Hall for those dropping items off.

### As a reminder:

- **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?**

**Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.**

If so, please contact Lorraine Bowring (208) 284-8907 or  
Mary Buchanan (208) 371-0590

# PIE DAY! June 16



In celebration of  
**FATHER'S DAY,**  
we will have a pie day  
for coffee hour.

Everyone is requested to  
bring a pie that day to share  
and help us celebrate the  
Dads in our congregation.



## LADIES TIME OUT TOP GOLF!

**Tuesday, June 18  
10AM - Noon**

Cost is \$35 and everything  
is provided. Plus you can  
order lunch if you like.

Questions?  
Contact Sue Pahlas at  
(208) 891-3258 or  
suepy4747@hotmail.com



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

# PARADISE POINT

### Scholarship applications are available in the Parish Hall

Financial aid is available for any camper who needs assistance covering **Tier I registration** costs. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity will support up to one-half of the camp registration fee for one youth or teen camp (*not to include transportation, store money or additional purchases*). It is the responsibility of the camper's family to provide the \$50 non-refundable deposit for each registered camp and any camp fees not covered by the scholarship.

**Holy Nativity is pleased to be able to assist our campers with Paradise Point Camp Scholarship funding.** Applicants will be reviewed and considered for approval on a first-come, first-served basis. The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho also offers scholarship funds (see below).

Upon review, applicants will be notified by e-mail of camp scholarship approval.

### The Episcopal Diocese also provides scholarship support for campers.

For more information about scholarships available through The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho, visit the Paradise Point website at: <https://www.paradisepointcamp.org> where you will find an online application.

Click on **Youth & Teen Camps**. From the drop-down menu that appears you will find information about the various camps, rates, dates and **Scholarship Information**. You may also call or email the Diocese Office for assistance:

Paradise Point Camp Registrar  
Phone: 208-345-4440  
Email: registrar@idahodiocese.org

Paradise Point Camp registration for the 2024 camping season is open. Register today!

#### Remaining camper spots open:

- Teen Camp 1 (June 24-29)\* 56 spots available
- Youth Camp 1 (July 1-6)\* 26 spots available
- Youth Camp 2 (July 8-13) 8 spots available (8 male, female spots gone to waitlist)
- Youth Camp 3 (July 15-20) 10 spots available (1 male, 8 female)
- Youth Camp 4 (July 22-27) 19 spots available
- Teen Camp 2 (July 29- August 3) 50 spots available
- Mountain Adventure Camp (August 4-8) 11 spots available
- Beginner's Camp (August 5-8) 35 spots available
- Women's Camp (August 16-19) 5 cabins open, King Building is full
- Labor Day Family Camp (August 30- September 2) 10 cabins open, King Building rooms full
- Way of the Spirit Pilgrimage (September 13-15) Registration now open
- Adult Camp (September 27-29) 7 cabins open, 4 King Building rooms



**This September 13th to 15th**, join pilgrims from all across the Diocese of Idaho for "**The Way of the Spirit**," a new and affordable way to experience Paradise Point like never before. We're excited to offer rotational workshops, spiritual exercises, and worship opportunities

that celebrate how the Holy Spirit is alive and active in each of us!

Where does the Spirit call us to **move**?  
How does the Spirit urge us to **pray**?  
When does the Spirit ask us to **abide**?  
In what ways does the Spirit **empower** us?

Pilgrims will also be provided with a special resource journal with devotions and practices that will help make the summer months a fruitful time in preparation for making a pilgrimage. Come for hiking, fellowship, prayer, and rest in the beauty of our beloved Paradise Point! Registration is open now at [www.paradisepointcamp.org](https://www.paradisepointcamp.org).





APRIL TREASURER’S REPORT

Operating Reserve Fund	10,887.71
Be Our Guest	5,328.85
Caring Closet	2,162.83
Children’s Ministry	645.08
2 Cents-a-Meal	1,619.61
Building Fund	6,201.59
Memorial Fund	5,915.84
Paradise Point	4,507.38
Kitchen Improvements	8,808.56
New Dishwasher	300.00
Youth Ministry	1,373.00
Altar Guild Donation	1,420.73
Music	95.00
Landscaping	1,050.00
Sound System	2,400.00
Discretionary Fund	5,024.60
Full Time Priest Fund	88,103.19
Thanksgiving Baskets	130.00
Nampa and Meridian Irrigation	200.00
Christmas Families	0.00
Capital Campaign HVAC System	15,476.00
Convention Donation	1,500.00
Balance	\$163,149.97

JUNE Birthdays



Tim Atkins	.6/1
Mike Magette	.6/1
Oliver Bowring	.6/5
Amelia Lane	.6/5
Sally Crothers	.6/6
Sondra Lisle	.6/6
Matthew Zeidan	.6/7
Aziz Munayirji	.6/15
Donna Aldrich	.6/17
Craig Vondemfange	.6/18
Betsy Howard	.6/20
Darwin Buchanan	.6/21
Jenine Helms	.6/29
Peggy Herlocker	.6/30

JUNE Anniversaries



Justin & Michelle Sutherland	.6/4
David & Michelle Smith	.6/5
Vance & Marsha Wegner	.6/11
Dennis & Cindy Wolfenbarger	.6/11
Matt & Stephanie Wheeler	.6/19
Will & Diedre Votaw	.6/26
Joel & Betsy Howard	.6/28
Angelo & Barbara Samperisi	.6/30

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity JUNE VESTRY MEETING

May 22, 2024 | 7pm | St. Francis Room



**April Minutes:** Minutes were approved by e-mail.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with Sandra reading the Prayer for Vestries.

**Internet Update:** The office has been using a “Hot Spot” for internet service, which includes telephone service. This has been more than adequate for office use. Mary and Sandra had been away and had watched Sunday Services on Zoom. Both reported that the reception was 100% better than previous times. The “hot Spot” works well in the office and the Parish Hall for those times that we need internet connection. The new system that Matt has researched is \$300.00 a month. We are now paying \$130.00 a month. It was decided that it is not necessary to make a change right now as everything is working for us. Vestry realizes that this is a short-term solution and will see what the future holds for this technology.

### Finance Chair • Jerrod Horn

**Office Copier Expense:** Jerrod reported that we received a bill for \$600.00 from the copier company for overages. Jerrod contacted our service representative for an explanation. He has not received documentation to support this charge and will continue to pursue this matter. We could have problems with the internal copier count, which is relayed to Canon and then billed through Fishers, the leasing company. We may have to once again keep a log of copies made.

**Financial Report:** Jerrod presented the financial statement to the Vestry. Income has been strong, over budget, but will traditionally drop off in the summer. We are in good shape, financially.

**Quickbooks Conversion:** The new Quickbooks will be installed, with 5 user access. This program is less

expensive for the first year and then about the same price as the program we are currently using.

### Priest's Report • Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group has been given the name W.I.N.G.S. (Worship, Integrity, Nurture, God, Service). The initial gathering will be on June 1 with bowling and a meal.

**Kenya Mission Project:** Ellen Blackman, Dean at St. Michael's is involved with the Kenya Mission Project. Each Anglican priest is paid with one cow. Each cow is priced at \$600. The Diocese is asking for each parish to purchase a cow. The vestry thought that this might be a great opportunity for the Youth Group to hold a fundraiser. Jerrod suggested that we match the funds raised to show solidarity.

**Parking On Church Property:** Fr. Shibu reported that many vehicles were in the parking lot last Wednesday. This may have been overflow from the library...we're not sure.

**Fellowship Dinners:** Fr. Shibu and his family attended the Fellowship Dinner at Jerrod and home. He encouraged us to continue this mission as he feels it is so beneficial to get to know other parishioners.

### Senior Warden's Report • Mary Buchanan

**Paradise Point Application:** Mary passed out the Paradise Point scholarship application for review. We will give up to 50% of the fee as a scholarship. The Diocese also has funds available for scholarships. The non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is the responsibility of the family.

**Sound Equipment:** The sound equipment currently stored in the Blue Room can be given to the Youth Group to sell for funds for their use.

**New Commercial Dishwasher:** The commercial dishwasher has been ordered and will be delivered between



May 30th and June 7th. Phil will contact the plumber we use and let him know the dishwasher is on the way.

**Boise Rescue Mission:** The Boise Rescue Mission is asking for donations of female personal care products. They currently serve 120+ women every evening at their shelter and desperately need hygiene supplies. They will provide a barrel to hold donations and will pick it up at the end of the campaign. The vestry agreed to be involved in this mission.

**Blood Drive:** A parishioner asked about the church co-hosting a Blood Drive. After reviewing all that would be involved it was decided not to pursue this project.

**VOD Duties:** Mary went over the duties of the Vestry On Duty each Sunday. It is important to make sure the church is locked, and lights turned off.

### Junior Warden's Report • Phil Street

**HVAC System:** Phil reported that the new HVAC equipment is installed and working. While the company was here, Phil had them program all the thermostats.

**Water Damage Repairs:** The water damage repairs have been completed and paint in all Educational wing rooms has been touched up. Everyone agrees they did a great job.

**Ground Clean-up:** Clean-up day was successful even though only one Girl Scout and one Boy Scout came to help. Nonetheless, a lot was accomplished.

### Fellowship • Sandra Koerner

**Cinco de Mayo:** Sandy reported that the Cinco de Mayo potluck was a big success and the silent auction brought in about \$400.00.

**Knitting Retreat:** Thanks to Cindy Wolfenbarger for arranging the Knitting Retreat at St. James church in Payette. Twelve ladies attended and Larissa provided the delicious meals. They had a truly wonderful time together.

**Bishop's Visit:** The Bishop's visit is scheduled for July 14th. Fr. Shibu said that he thinks over 9 people have expressed an interest in being baptized that day. We will have a potluck for coffee hour.

### New Business to Come Before the Vestry:

**Stained glass windows:** Richard Jones was approached by a parishioner asking why we did not have stained glass windows. They were removed when the Catholic Diocese sold the property us. We would all love to have stained glass, but recognize this could be a fairly large expense as we have 13 windows in the Sanctuary. Richard volunteered to do some research and speak to local stained glass artists.

**Children's Sunday:** June 30th will be "Children's Sunday". Jerrod has 4 interesting games for the children during coffee hour. He asked that he be allowed to spend up to \$75.00. Vestry approved this expense.

**Basketball Hoop replacement:** When the old shed was cleaned out in preparation for the new one, the basketball hoop was discarded. Richard has kindly offered to replace it.

**Adjourned:** 8:16pm with the vestry reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Karen Ryker, clerk



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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan  
Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal  
Church Musician: Heidi Roberts  
Senior Warden: Mary Buchanan  
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  
Newsletter: Mary Buchanan  
Website: Mary Buchanan