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Great new event on May 5th
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Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message

from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge

Dear ones in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The May lectionary comprises two main features. We observe the 9th of May as Ascension Day and the 19th as Pentecost. The Great Commission that

Christ gave to His disciples just before the Ascension is a reminder of our Christian responsibility and mission. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples are among those who have accepted Christ’s call with all their hearts and waited. This happened on the tenth day after the Ascension. When Peter preached at pentecost, more than 3,000 people were baptized and joined the church. Therefore, the day of Pentecost is considered the birthday of the global church. In the Gospels, we see a lazy and impatient Peter, but in Acts, we see a cheerful and courageous Peter, because he had the Holy Spirit within him.

We also need this transformation. May the spirit of strength come to the weary, the spirit of renewal to the tired, and the spirit of courage to the fearful in this Pentecostal experience and meditation. When we are renewed by the Spirit, we gain a vision of our mission.

As you all know, we are planning to start a youth group in our church. Initial work is underway. This is our commitment and responsibility toward future generations. Therefore, this initiative can be seen as very important, and I request your prayers for its success.

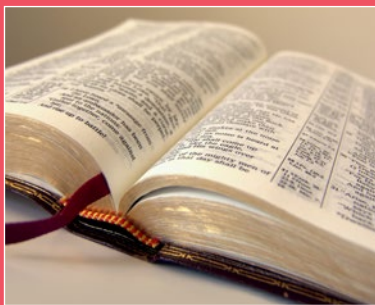
You will receive updates on the progress of this later. God bless you all.

Peace+

Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal.

Lector & Acolyte TRAINING

Saturday, May 18th



Acolyte Training • Sat., May 18 • 10AM - 12PM

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

Basic requirements: regular attendance at church and tall/strong enough to carry the cross.

Lector Training • Sat., May 18 • 1PM - 2:30PM

Any adults or teens interested in the ministry of being a Lector are invited to attend this training (*about 90 minutes, depending on how many attend*).

Basic requirements: regular attendance at church and the ability to read aloud in front of a group of people – and accurately, clearly, loudly, and slowly.

Depending upon how many people attend each training, times may be extended, or another meeting scheduled, as each training will include practice sessions. **Also, please note:** All folks currently functioning in either of these roles are strongly encouraged to attend these training sessions, regardless of previous training. We all need our training refreshed every now and then.

Please RSVP:

If you are planning to attend (or have questions), please email or call Fr. Shibu or Rev. Alice so that they can have enough handouts prepared. If you are interested but can't attend on May 18th, please call or email so that we can consider other training sessions at a later date.

Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal
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Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
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Investing For Growth! A Fantastic Success!



Have we told you lately how awesome you all are!?!? If not, let us make it perfectly clear that we are simply amazed and filled with appreciation that the wonderfully generous congregation of Holy Nativity stepped forward so quickly in such a big-hearted way to help meet our goal. By the time this newsletter is circulated, the new HVAC System will be in place, fully paid for, thanks to all of you. We cannot thank you enough for your awe-inspiring generosity!!

The Vestry of Holy Nativity

Fr. Shibu Pananchikkal
Jerrold Horn, Finance Chair
Mary Buchanan, Senior Warden
Phil Street, Junior Warden
Karen Ryker, Clerk
Richard Jones, Sexton
Jon Anson
Sandra Koerner
Barbara Samperisi
Cindy Wolfenbarger



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.

Originally, proceeds were going towards the HVAC Capital Campaign, but since we have met that goal, all proceeds will go towards providing funds for our new Youth Group Program!

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!



Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity Is Starting a Youth Group

Let's Invest In Our Youth!

Why start a Youth Group? A Youth Group can provide wonderful opportunities for action, fellowship, and inclusive conversation that empowers teens outside of their school environments.

Holy Nativity Youth in 6th through 12th grades will be able to join in community to cultivate vital relationships with one another, society, and God.

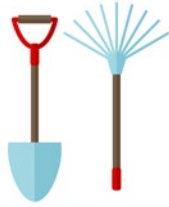
We will envelop the kids in love and worship while keeping in mind that the **kids learn best through fun and fellowship** with their peers and other teens.

We want them to have FUN, and lots of it! Whether it's during Super Sundays, when we do anything from bowling to laser tag to scavenger hunts or barbecues - we'll immerse them in great activities that enhance friendships.

Our Youth Group will go beyond Holy Nativity's walls, putting their faith into action through serving others and by being involved in service events. Through various worthwhile outreach programs, our teens will recognize the importance and fulfillment of serving those in need.

We are still in the planning phase, but making progress. **Judy Pierce** has offered to be our Youth Group Leader and we're hoping to involve others as well. We appreciate everyone who is willing to help make our Youth Group a terrific success and wish to convey our special thanks to Judy Pierce!

It's Time For Spring Yard Clean-up



Saturday, May 4th • 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!



YARD SALE JULY 20th

Start setting things aside to donate to the Annual Holy Nativity Yard Sale

Beginning in June, sign-up sheets will be in the Parish Hall for those who are willing to help out.

Questions? Lorraine Bowring (208) 284-8907



BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in joining or leading an evening Bible Study Group?

There has been some interest in starting this up for people who work during the day.

If so, please contact Mary Buchanan at (208) 371-0590

Ladies Time Out at the Morrison Center | Boise, ID

Boise Music Week • Sat., May 11th • 2PM

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Production of

Cinderella

Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.





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	1,544.09
Building Fund	1,341.18
Memorial Fund	5,915.84
Paradise Point	4,365.38
Kitchen Improvements	8,808.56
New Dishwasher	300.00
Youth Ministry	1,400.73
Altar Guild Donation	1,050.00
Music	95.00
Landscaping	1,050.00
Sound System	2,400.00
Discretionary Fund	4,999.60
Full Time Priest Fund	87,803.19
Thanksgiving Baskets	130.00
Nampa and Meridian Irrigation	200.00
Christmas Families	0.00
Capital Campaign HVAC System	15,876.00
Convention Donation	1,500.00
Balance	\$156,502.77

May Birthdays



- Ally Henninger5/1
- Nathan Burnz5/5
- Kay Grooms.5/13
- Wrenn Vondemfange.5/13
- Paul Horn.5/15
- Rick Peterson5/21
- Amritha Reginold.5/23
- McKenzie Votaw5/27

MAY Anniversaries



- Barney and Liz Carlson5/1
- Tom and Alice Farquhar-Mayes.5/16
- Carl and Judy Pierce.5/17
- Al and Sallie Crothers5/30

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

MARCH VESTRY MEETING

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



Minutes:

The minutes of the March Meeting were approved by e-mail.

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 with Cindy reading the Prayer for Vestries.

Idaho Episcopal Foundation:

Janet Hasson, Executive Director, gave an overview of the programs offered by the Foundation. The foundation now has \$6.6 million in assets. She spoke also of the guidelines for investments as put out by the Episcopal National Church. Forms were distributed to send money for investment and to withdraw funds. Ron added that the first quarter of this year had a good return. Janet is available to return on a Sunday to give a presentation and be available later for questions.

Finance:

Jerrod Horn reported that he does not have a report this month. Sue is on vacation. Jerrod feels that we keep only two months expenses in the checking account. We could easily invest the balance in the Foundation as they are readily available. No action taken at this time.

Youth Group • Father Shibu:

Father Shibu and Mary had a meeting with Christopher Harding, Youth Group leader at St. Michaels. Father Shibu is extremely interested in starting a youth group for Middle school/High school students. Several ideas were discussed, including who would be interested in facilitating this group. A few names were proposed, and a meeting would have to be arranged with these people. To fund a

youth group, it might be possible to have the proceeds of the Cinco de Mayo celebration designated for this as we have already reached our Capital Campaign goal for the HVAC replacement. Jerrod said that some money could be found each month from unused budget items to help fund the group. It is important to get the kids involved again in the worship service as ushers, readers, greeters. Cash offerings on Youth Sunday could be used to fund youth activities also. The Youth Group could use the “blue room” in the Parish Hall as it is near the kitchen. Those involved as Youth Group Leaders will have to take the “Safeguarding God’s Children” course.

Coffee Time • Father Shibu:

Someone asked Fr. Shibu if he would like to offer a “coffee time” outside of the church to get together with parishioners. Although it was agreed that this might be a good idea, there is a lot going on right now for Fr. Shibu so we will postpone this.

Hired Nursery Helper • Mary Buchanan:

The suggestion of hiring a person for the nursery was brought forward. We have at least 4 ladies in the congregation that have signed up for nursery duty. We seldom have very young children so the vestry would not be willing to pay someone at this time. In the future we could even set up a Zoom link in the nursery if parents want to stay with their children.

Rectory Fireplace • Mary Buchanan:

Vance Wegner asked for the Vestry’s approval to have the Rectory chimney cleaned by a chimney sweep and inspected so that it could be utilized by Fr. Shibu and his family this fall. The Vestry approved and Phil will follow up with Vance.

Water Damage Repair Work · Junior Warden:

Phil has received three bids to repair the walls in the Sunday School wing. Two were \$4500 which is \$200 less than what the insurance company paid. Phil proposes we go with Waite Homes, LLC....Taylor Waite, contact. Vestry approved this work.

HVAC Replacement:

DML is ready to replace the HVAC systems starting next Wednesday and finishing on Thursday. We need to contact Barb at the Diocese to get the \$10,000 promised for this project.

Yard Spring Clean-up:

Spring clean-up has been rescheduled for May 4th. The Girl Scouts will be available to help.

Restrooms in Parish Hall · Cindy Wolfenbarger

Cindy Wolfenbarger discussed the bathroom floors and her desire to have new flooring installed. She also suggested the partition in the Ladies' Parish Hall bathroom could be removed. The Cleaning Service has been paid to clean these floors, but it has not yet been done. Any additional work will be postponed for the time being.

Evening Bible Study · Jerrod Horn:

Jerrod asked if a Bible Study could be formed for the evenings to accommodate those parishioners who work during the day. We did have a group before Covid, meeting in a parishioner's home.

Jerrod and Claudia will host a Fellowship dinner on May 18th in their home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 with the Vestry reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Karen

Karen Ryker, Clerk



Paradise Point Summer Camp

Registration is open for all adult and children camps.

Register at: paradisepointcamp.org

The youth camps are filling up fast.

Scholarship money is available for adults and children.



Episcopal Church of the HOLY NATIVITY

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



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Sunday, May 5th: 3-5pm
Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel
11 N Latah St, Boise, ID

- 3pm:** Event Start
- 3:30pm:** Discussion with local faith leaders
- 4pm:** Light dinner with diet impact discussion
- 4:30pm:** Interactive GHG/climate system simulator

Want to host a station? Questions? Please email: Idaho.IPL@gmail.com

