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## BISHOP'S VISIT SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

**We will have a Potluck Dinner** immediately after the service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



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Sunday Services 10:00am



## Monthly Message

from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

– Matthew 11:28-29

As we embrace the summer season, many of us look forward to vacations and staycations, seeking rest and rejuvenation. Just as a summer getaway refreshes our bodies and minds, Jesus invites us to find true rest in Him. Let this time be an opportunity to lay down your burdens, renew your spirit, and draw closer to God. In doing so, you will find a deeper, soul-refreshing peace that transcends any earthly respite, a reminder that true rest is found in the gentle and humble heart of Christ. As the summer sun continues to shine brightly, we are filled with gratitude for the beauty and warmth of this season. Whether you are traveling or enjoying a staycation, I pray for your safety and joy.

I am so thrilled to announce that Bishop Jos will be visiting Holy Nativity on Sunday, July 14th. This is a significant and joyous occasion for our congregation. Bishop Jos will be officiating several important ceremonies, including Confirmation, Baptism, Reception into the Episcopal Church, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Please join us in upholding the candidates for these ceremonies in your prayers. Their commitment and dedication to their faith are inspiring, and they need our support and encouragement as they prepare for this sacred milestone.

I invite every parishioner to participate in making Bishop Jos' visit a truly blessed and memorable day for our church. 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 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 Reginold Pananchikkal



## Holy Nativity Annual Yard Sale

**Saturday, July 20th • 8am to 2:00pm**

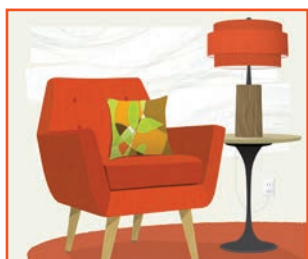
**Donations may be brought to the Parish Hall  
beginning Monday, July 15th**

**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.

### SCHEDULE

Monday, July 15th: ..... 7pm to 8pm Set-up  
Tuesday, July 16th: ..... 10am to 12pm Sorting  
Wednesday, July 17th: ..... 10am to 2pm Sorting  
Thursday, July 18th: ..... 10am to 2pm Sorting and Pricing  
Friday, July 19th: ..... 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?  
Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.**

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





## Teen Youth Group **CAR WASH** SATURDAY, JULY 20 9AM - 2PM

Our Teen Youth Group will be having a car wash on the same day as the Annual Yard Sale. Donations will be gratefully accepted. All funds received will go toward the Teen Youth Group Account to cover various expenses.

### Let's provide some snacks!

We all know you can't work on an empty stomach. So we'll be providing lunch for our teen work crew. If you would be willing to help provide bottled water, chips, granola bars or cookies, etc., to complete their lunch, that would be great.

If you are willing to help provide lunch items, contact  
Teen Youth Group Leader, Judy Pierce • (916) 397-4923





## NEW DISHWASHER!



Holy Nativity has a sparkling new commercial dishwasher thanks to a generous grant from the **Idaho Episcopal Foundation**.

The previous dishwasher could not be repaired. It had been in place for many, many years. So Holy Nativity submitted a grant with the **Idaho Episcopal Foundation** for the purchase of the dishwasher itself as well as professional installation, which was a really good thing as it turned out to be a fairly complicated install.

But now we're up and running! It's great to have this nice new appliance that sanitizes the dishes and saves us lots of time....not to mention dishpan hands. Hooray!

## BISHOP'S VISIT

### SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

The Annual Bishop's Visit will be Sunday, July 14th. The service that day will include Baptisms, renewal of Baptismal Vows and Confirmations. This will be a wonderful time of celebrations!

**We will have a Potluck immediately after the service** to complete this wonderful day. Holy Nativity will provide chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*Don't miss this wonderful day of celebration.*

### LADIES TIME OUT

#### Happy Hour

#### at Kona Grill

at the Village  
Monday, August 5th  
4:30pm

Enjoy a beverage  
and some happy  
hour snacks at  
this beautiful setting  
at the Village

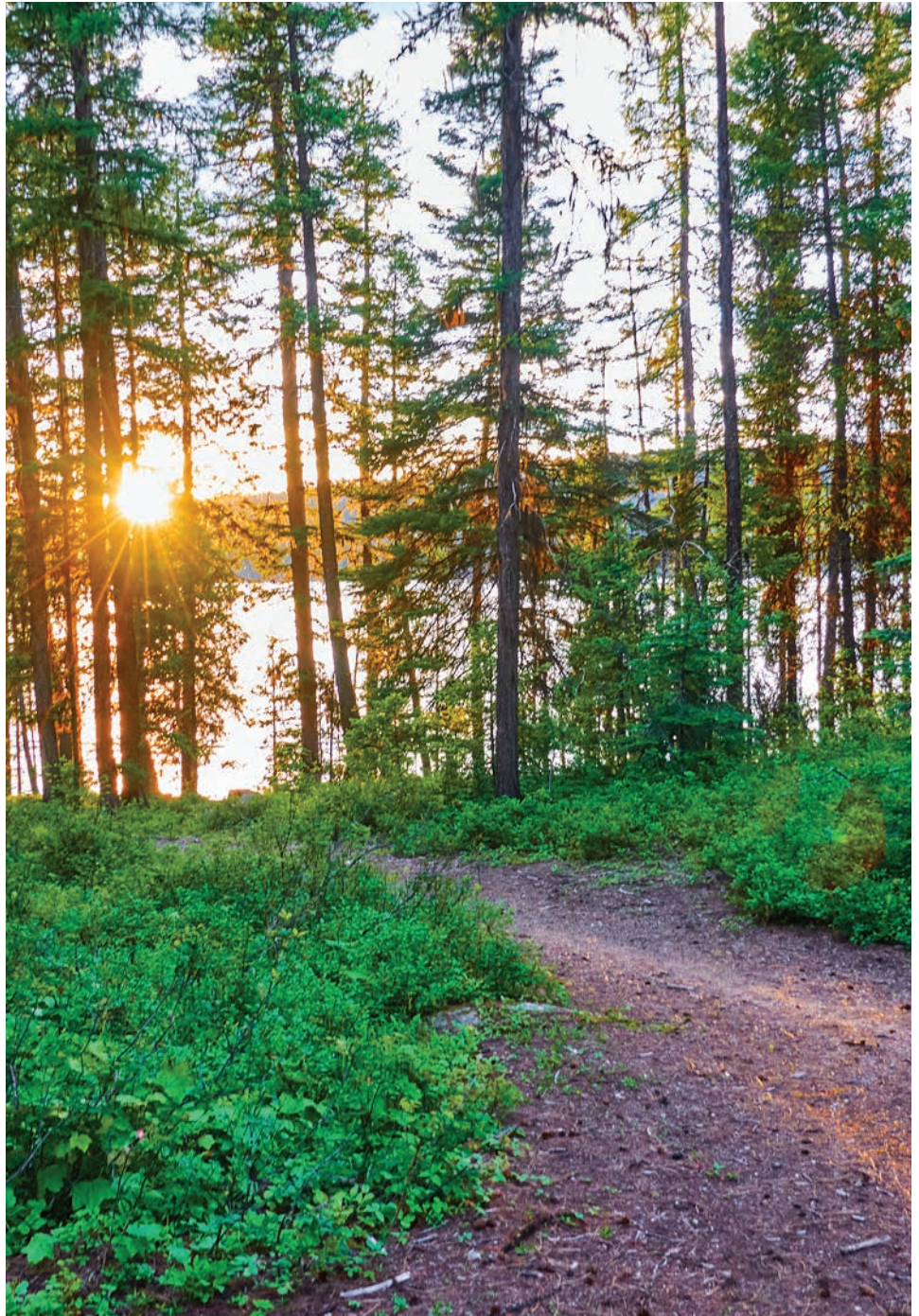






**September 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>,** join pilgrims from all across the Diocese of Idaho for "**The Way of the Spirit**," a new and affordable way to experience Paradise Point like never before. We're excited to offer rotational workshops, spiritual exercises, and worship opportunities that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

Financial aid is available for any camper who needs assistance covering costs. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity will support up to one-half of the camp registration fee.

Registration is open now at  
[www.paradisepointcamp.org](http://www.paradisepointcamp.org).



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## MAY 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
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$163,149.97</b>



## JULY Birthdays

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
Mike Rosenberg	7/10
Lauren Sutherland	7/11
Phillip Lane	7/14
Heather Lane	7/16
Kalvin Loveland	7/18
Joshua Dollins	7/19
Lorraine Bowring	7/22
Lee Clausen	7/24
Barbara Samperisi	7/24
Linda Shearman	7/25
Vance Wegner	7/26
Gale Nehrig	7/27
Jade Dollins	7/28



## JULY Anniversaries

Laddie and Andrea Tlucsek	7/7
Scott and Jennifer Erickson	7/8
Bob and Linda Burnz	7/12
Aziz and Michele Munayirji	7/22

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity JUNE VESTRY MEETING

June 19, 2024 | 7pm | All Saints Room



**Minutes:** Minutes of the May Meeting were approved by e-mail.

**Call to Order:** 6:58pm with Cindy reading the Prayer for Vestries.

**Financials:** Jerrod Horn reported that income was about 20% over budget. If this trend continues, we will be 115-120% over budget. Expenses have been flat. Coffee hour has been over budget, and this will be addressed for next year's budget. Sandy explained that everything is more expensive, and we do have many more people attending. This budget item will be addressed in next year's budget calculations. The new pricing schedule is now in place with Fishers, the leasing company for the office copier. Still no answer about past problems in billing.

**Priest's Report — Fr. Shibu:** Fr. Shibu had another meeting with Ellen Blackmon, Deacon at St. Michael's Cathedral. She asked if we were contributing our \$600.00 to the Kenya Mission Project. It was suggested last month that our new Youth Group take this on and do a fundraising project. Mary will contact Judy Pierce about this possibility.

Fr. Shibu would like to have a meeting with the parents and volunteers to discuss any interests and potentials of the Youth so we can better address their needs. He also reported that the work on the fireplace chimney in the Rectory has been completed. Vance Wegner donated the funds to have this done. Thank you, Vance! Jennifer Anttonen contacted Fr. Shibu and said that the Zoom broadcast is coming through loud and clear on Sundays.

Fr. Shibu said that there were about 10 people at the first evening bible study.

He asked that he be allowed to have some time off to go to Florida for an October 26th wedding of the daughter of his dear friends Thomas and Merci who visited last week. Vestry had no problem with this time off.

**Senior Warden Report — Mary Buchanan:** Per our decision to allow the Boise Rescue Mission to bring in a barrel for our contributions of personal care products to help the women they serve each day. The date of August 1st was selected.

Last month we discussed the possibility of having stained glass windows made for 12 windows in the Sanctuary. Mary and a group met with a Stained-Glass artisan in Boise, and he quoted a price of \$56,000.00. The Vestry was reluctant to approach the congregation so soon after our HVAC campaign. We may circle back to this idea around the first of the year.

The new commercial dishwasher has been installed. She allowed money in the grant request to hopefully cover that cost.

**Junior Warden Report — Phil Street:** The street sign has some lights burned out and Yesco is scheduled to repair that.

One sprinkler line is not working, and Phil said he could not repair it himself. Bell Sprinkler will be out to repair it.

The closer to one of the Parish Hall doors is broken. Vance suggested that Phil contact the gentleman who did the refinishing of the doors earlier. He should be able to repair it.

The window trim on all our windows needs repainting. Phil will get bids and depending on cost will decide whether to go ahead or wait until next budget year.

The ceiling in the Parish Hall needs to be repaired. Phil will get estimates.

**Fellowship -- Sandra Koerner:** Sandy reported that she will be gone from July 3 through August 7th. She has arranged for people to make coffee Sunday Morning in her absence.

Silverware holders have been reconfigured so that the handles of the utensils are facing upwards. Potluck on July 14th for the Bishop's visit.

**Outreach -- Barbara Samperisi:** Barbara said that a few new members have been coming to help with the Be Our Guest meals. More help is always welcome. Michele is still in England dealing with family issues.

Barbara would like to see us do more for our High School graduates, like provide a small "scholarship" for those who are active in the church. The Vestry was unsure if it would be fair for all. We do provide all graduates with a Pray Book during a Sunday service.

Barbara would like to see a change in the way we handle the scheduling of flowers, perhaps sharing if two families want flowers for the same date.

"Dine out" program: Many restaurants allow an organization to set up an evening for people to come in for a meal, with the required flyer, and receive 10% donation on the total money spent that evening. Barbara did a survey of area restaurants a year ago and would like someone else to take this on if we approve. No action has been taken on this yet.

**Youth Sunday -- Jerrod Horn:** June 30th will be Youth Sunday. Jerrod needs a few people to help with the games. Youth have been lined up to be greeters, ushers, readers and provide special music.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. with the Vestry saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

*Karen Ryker*  
Karen Ryker, Vestry Clerk



## 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