



The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
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Fall Worship Hours:
Sundays 8:00 & 10:30

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity Gathers to
celebrate fellowship, community, diversity and the love of God.

We honor each other through the sacred liturgy

-one bread, one cup-
-body, mind, and spirit-
All are welcome.

In the time of the global pandemic, we observe Nativity's policy on mask wearing.

A Land Acknowledgment: *We remember and honor the indigenous people of this land, in particular, the Nimiipuu nation who were the original stewards of this land. And they are our neighbors today, living, loving, and working in the region still. We give thanks for them and commit to living as good neighbors with them. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to use, it belongs to God, and we are all relatives in this life, called to be stewards together of God's creation. Help us learn from past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace of all nations and tribes.*

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Vicar: Rev. Beverly Hosea

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Sexton: Susan Pearson

The Vestry:

Sr Warden Team: John Willows, Diana Hughes

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All submissions for the newsletter are due by the 15th of the following month.

Please include: name; all submissions are subject to editing

CHURCH LEADERSHIP NEWS

From the Vicar

November, Thanksgiving, pledges for 2022 and United Thank Offering

As reliable as the leaves changing colors in the fall is the annual Stewardship Pledge Ingathering. But stewardship is more than just making a pledge each fall to the church. From the website for [The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#) (TENS) consider this mission statement: *We are children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ who feel called to a ministry of transformation through stewardship. We are sojourners who, along with many others, have some sense that it is through an understanding of holistic stewardship and a practice of gratitude and generosity that we will grow spiritually, that we will grow more and more into the likeness of the loving, generous God in whose image we are created. We believe that it is by virtue of our baptism that we are called to this ministry of stewardship.*

As a Franciscan I turn often to the environment, to God's creation, of which I am a part, and what I frequently notice is the generosity of creation. There is a huge abundance displayed in so many ways. The tree outside the church office window right now is loaded with fruit, small red berries crowding each other on every branch. In a few months during the harsh days of winter, when the squirrels' hoard of acorns grows low, I will be able to watch them have brunch every day off that tree. It will take several weeks before that supply has been depleted. The abundance of that single tree is a tiny reflection of the generosity of all creation. Everything we need is freely given without grumbling, without anxiety about the future, spontaneously given because that is the intrinsic nature of each part of creation.

On Sunday, November 7, which is **All Saints Sunday**, we will place all the PLEDGE CARDS received by that time on the Altar during the Offertory, and we will pray over them as though they are seeds being sown for harvest in 2022. The pledge cards are seeds of promise for the coming year with our prayers for the calling of a new Priest-in-Charge, for the end of the COVID epidemic, for the return of everyone we haven't seen for much too long back in the pews again. It is like saying grace at the beginning of a meal. We say thank you before we have even tasted the meal, both in gratitude for what we have been given and faith in what we are about to receive.

November, of course, is a good month for expressing gratitude because of Thanksgiving. Giving thanks and being intentionally aware of what we can be grateful for is particularly important right now. It's been a rough time, so practicing being thankful for something every day is like taking a spiritual vitamin every morning.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The little blue box is considered a symbol for a daily practice of gratitude in the Episcopal Church. Parishioners are encouraged to place coins in the blue box daily with and acknowledgement of something we are grateful for and giving thanks to God. We have the little blue boxes available now if you don't have one at home, and on **November 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day**, we will have a special ingathering at the Offertory.

Finding something to be grateful for every day is a good way to deal with the stresses of the current times. We have been through so many trying situations, but there is still much good to recognize, acknowledge, express our gratitude for and celebrate. To help with that please consider using the UTO [November 2021 Gratitude Challenge Booklet](#). Follow the directions and send photos to share in *The Messenger* and weekly emails.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 ~Vicar Beverly Hosea

From the Vestry

Transition Committee- The Vestry continues to be very busy preparing to begin the Call for the Priest in Charge. At the October 20th meeting the decision was made to meet each week in preparation for the call process. The Transition Committee is charged with for tasks: administration preparation, rectory preparations, going away celebration for the Vicar, and planning the welcome celebration for the new Priest-in-Charge. If you are approached by a Vestry member about joining the Transition Committee, please consider it prayerfully - and say yes. The members of the Vestry ask for your continued prayers and support.

Fall Stewardship Drive

Letters have been sent in the mail from the Vestry, Wardens and Finance Committee. Our Fall Stewardship Drive is well underway. Making your updated annual pledge now will allow the Vestry to plan for the 2022 budget. Pledging is a spiritual practice of exercising faith and expressing gratitude for God's gifts of creation, love and sustaining grace, especially through this time of making it through a pandemic.

Treasurers Report

The Church is 3/4th of the way into the fiscal year. The Church is approximately 8% under for expenses. The maintenance of the church has been ongoing; most recently the side trim on the building was painted. Thank you for everyone who contributes to the beauty of the church~ Thank you, Lisa Martin

The Food Pantry

I am told that during the week of the 19th of October, while the faithful food pantry warriors were working away at the Church, a couple came by and donated \$100.00. The donation was made in appreciation for all that the Church does in commitment to feeding those in need.

Church Flowers

Thank you, Lori Clark, Jean Baker, and Marilyn Harris for the flowers. The flowers behind the parish hall and garden and for the flowers filled the altar all summer long. Additionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving is the first Sunday of Advent and now is the time to start thinking about Poinsettias. Thank you~ Maxine Hubbell

SMALL GROUP REPORTS

Small groups are an important part of our Church's outreach and discipleship ministries. Some of the ongoing groups include: The Wednesday morning Zoom group, the Friday morning prayer group, the Sacred Ground group, and Delores' group focusing on Reconciliation. The following are summary reports for the some of the current groups going on at The Church of the Nativity.

Baptized for Life

Baptized for Life (BFL) meets the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates- 11/4; 12/2. If you have questions reach out to ~ *Harold Crook or Deloris Davisson*

The Chancel Choir

The choir is in place and making joyful sounds at the 10:30 service on Sundays.

The Chancel Guild

Meets on the first Monday of every month, next meet- November 1, 2021 at 1 pm. In December the Chancel Guild will meet on the 6th to make hygiene packets for our food pantry to distribute. This doesn't happen without your donations; please donate any of the following and place in the box in the Parish Hall (or on the table by the kitchen): soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, hand sanitizers, sanitary products, razors, shaving cream we make packets for men and women~ Thank you very much~ *Nancy Rosch Secretary*

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

From a recent Wednesday morning healing Eucharist Jerry Pierce shared this passage from the readings for the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist and Physician. Celebrated on October 18, Jerry framed the reading in the context of our current times and reminds us of the importance of being mindful about this passage by referring to **2 Timothy 3:16-17**; “*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work*”.

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

*Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
That he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing,
for the sake of preserving life.*

Small Group Bible Study

The Small Group Bible Study continues to meet the third Wednesday of the month at 1 pm at the Church. The next group will be on November 17, 2021. All are welcome ~ Thank you Anne Rhoads

Newcomers Book Club

This group meets in the Vestry room on the 2nd Monday of the month, this means for November, it's the 8th.

Sacred Ground

Sacred Ground Circle had its first meeting on the 24th of October. The Group will meet once a month Sunday afternoons. Please let Beverly or Barb (in the office) know if you would like to join the new circle. Information on [Sacred Ground](#). Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Saturday Suppers

Saturday Suppers our free community meal, continues to thrive during this time of COVID. All meals are served in take-out cardboard boxes or paper sacks as a precaution during the COVID pandemic. We coordinate with our Food Pantry as to what might be available for our menus. We turn in receipts for bought food to the office for up to \$70. We have five teams who organize their own menus and ways of serving. Each team serves five times a year, the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, except during the Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks We have a need for a few new team members.

On October 9th, Maxine and Don Hubbell's team served 67 take-out boxes with roast pork, potatoes, coleslaw, bread and brownies.

On November 13th, Rosemary Daubert's team will serve pulled pork tacos with chopped tomatoes, sliced olives, shredded cheese, sour cream, and cookies. Saturday Suppers will not be served during Thanksgiving week. If you wish to be part of this Community outreach. Call Rosemary Daubert (208-743-9687) or Nativity's office Thanks!

Saturday Supper: sharing food with the neighborhood, joy with the 15 cooks and servers. October 23, 2021

The WICKS family, Bob, Emily, Etta, Mae, Russell, and Ethan handed out food. Thanks, all



Nativity's twice a month SATURDAY SUPPER
All are WELCOME IN THIS PLACE



Mary Lou's Apron courtesy PEO Rummage Sale



Good and faithful organizer of Saturday Suppers. Thanks Rosemary...



Marilyn' family preps.



FROM the DIOCESE

Men's Retreat

The annual Diocesan Men's Retreat will be held this year via Zoom November 19-20. Men from around the Diocese will gather. The retreat will be led by Rev. Bill Osborne and the Diocesan Men's formation team. To register and find out more follow this link [The Men's Retreat](#).

Annual Convention

On October 16, 2021 the convention was held virtually, more information about the convention can be found in this link [57th Annual Diocesan Convention](#)

Episcopal Relief and Development

A Prayer for Times of Disaster by the Rev. Lyndon Harris

O God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger, and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally, remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Learn more here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Woven as One

Woven as One is the Diocesan capital campaign. Since February 2020 the intent of the fundraising efforts is to provide engaging and meaningful programs across the diocese and at Camp Cross. The goal was to raise 3.6 million dollars over three years; this goal was deferred to September 2020 in the light of the global pandemic. As of April 2021 1.3 million dollars have been raised.

[Sunday Worship Services: Worship with the Diocese](#)

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Knitting Group 10-noon	Morning Prayer 9am	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday Services 8:00am 10:30 am Eucharist Service All Saints Sunday Remember to turn in your pledge card. Pie day	Chancel Guild MTG 1 pm	Book Club 10-11:30 am Vestry Rm Warden & Vicar Zoom 1pm Al-Anon 7pm Library	Healing Eucharist 7am Small Group Bible Study 9am	Knitting Group 10-noon BFL Team Meeting 5:30 pm Veterans Day	Morning Prayer 9am	Saturday Supper-Rosemary Daubert's team
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28	29	30				
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COVID 19 RESOURCES

According to the KLEW news website- Vaccine supply continues to be limited and as a result, appointments for the vaccine are limited and PH-INCD and area vaccine providers anticipate a significant surge in demand. Here is a list of resources to guide community access to the vaccine and other questions that you may have. General questions about COVID-19 may be able to be answered here [We Can do This](#)

- **Vaccine /Public Health Hotline: District 2 – North Central Health District** 208-748-0400 or 1-866-736-6632 Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; [https://www.idahopublichealth.com/Contact Us Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](https://www.idahopublichealth.com/Contact Us Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19))
 - Click "Find a clinic,"
 - Check off COVID-19 vaccination and adults
 - Enter 83501 zip code
 - Hit search and scroll down to "Lewiston Public Health Idaho North Central District."
- **COVID Idaho Vaccine Registration Site:** <https://www.idahoprepmod.com/>

We are encouraging everyone to get vaccinated from age 16 up. There is no financial cost to the individual getting vaccinated. The following is a list of sites by counties in Idaho:

Nez Perce County:

Valley Medical Center; (208) 746-1383
[2315 8th Street, Lewiston ID 83501](#)

CHAS Health, Lewiston Clinic/Medical, Pharmacy & Telehealth/CHAS
[1203 Idaho St., Lewiston ID 83501](#)

St. Joseph's Regional Medical; (208) 273-2511 COVID-19 vaccination scheduling line, St. Joe's patients only.
[338 6th St., Lewiston ID 83501](#)

Appointments made by phone:

- Tristate Hospital – by appointment only, 509-769-2215 to schedule.

Appointments scheduled ON-LINE Only:

- **Albertsons:** Lewiston and Clarkston locations. Must register on-line for an appointment at Albertsons.com, select Pharmacy

Another Vaccine Option:

- The Nimiipuu Health | Community Health Department is offering vaccines on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Anyone can call and schedule- Phone (208) 843-2271.

COVID Vaccine Information Washington: [Clarkston COVID-19 Updates and information](#)

- **Tri-State Memorial Hospital:** (509) 758-7475 [Tri-State COVID Vaccine Clinics](#)
- **Costco: For Washington residents only** –Must register on-line for an appointment at Costco.com, select Pharmacy.
- **Albertsons:** Lewiston and Clarkston locations. Must register on-line for an appointment at Albertsons.com, select Pharmacy

** If you know of someone who needs help in finding how to sign up for a vaccination, please share the above information. **Lisa Martin** can assist with making on-line appointments. Thank you Lisa!

More information here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/covid-vaccine-toolkit/>

The Messy Messenger~

I sit here in reflection of all that I am grateful for as I pull the newsletter together for you all. I am grateful that- I am alive, I am healthy, I have important meaningful work, all of our children and grandchildren and our Addi are healthy. I have a faith family. Aaron is here with me most of the time now, we bought a great little house with a view, and I am finally beginning to feel at home here in the LC Valley; so many gifts. I am blessed to have a stable safe life, this means that I can take on commitments like this and stretch myself by being of service. As I review the writings and contributions here in the Messenger, I am filled with gratitude that I can be a part of it all, a faith family, a community where each of us can contribute in whatever way fits for them. I feel humbled by the energy that it takes to develop the level of engagement this Church has with the community and at a moment's notice we can be there for one another. I have lived a lifetime living my life through a lens of gratitude and giving thanks so that practice is not new to me but it is good to be reminded and this year at this time, I am filled with unfettered gratitude for all that my God has divined for me. And now you go, what are you grateful for? Thank you for letting me be of service. Your messy messenger ~ Luella Loudenback



*We worship into the image of Christ;
we are sent forth to offer God's love to all in the name of Christ*