



The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

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

Fall Worship Hours:

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30

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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.

So justice is driven back,
And righteousness stands at a distance;
Truth has stumbled in the streets,
Honesty cannot enter.
Truth is nowhere to be found,
And whoever shuns evil becomes a prey
(Isaiah 59:14-15)

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

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

The land acknowledgement – We remember and honor the indigenous people of this land; in particular the Nimiipuu nation who are the original stewards of this land. And they are our neighbors today living and loving and working in their 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 us, 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 for all nations and tribes and the people of the world.

Church Staff:

Vicar: Rev. Beverly Hosea
Minister of Music: Sarah Graham
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The Vestry:

Sr Warden Team: John Willows, Diana Hughes
Jr Warden Team: Maxine Hubbell, Dean Newcombe
Members: Hilary Gruehl-Laughrey, Marilyn Harris, Madison Winn, Emily Wicks
Treasurer: Lisa Martin
Vestry Clerk: Joan Nuxoll

The Messengers:

Newsletter Development: Luella Loudenback
Contributing Church Family: Barb, Nancy, Andrea, Harold, Deloris, Beverly, Sarah, Lisa

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

As a member of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, I and my 3,000 other sisters and brothers in this worldwide Anglican order take joy in the flutter of attention given throughout the Church to St. Francis of Assisi around October 4. Here at Nativity we have commemorated St. Francis with an annual blessing of animals, which has been popular in so many places. It is a good way to remind us of our interconnection with the whole of creation, something St. Francis understood on a very profound level. Some of the key aspects of his life that have had such an impact on the world include his renunciation of material wealth in his radical embrace of “Gospel Poverty,” that is, poverty as exemplified by Jesus himself. The Stigmata, the wounds of Christ on the cross that St. Francis also bore, witness to Francis’ personal realization of oneness with Christ, of being in Christ, as the Apostle Paul wrote about. Alone in the woods of Mount La Verna Francis was in intimate connection with his environment. The distinction between self and environment was gone, for that distinction is, in reality, arbitrary and dependent. One cannot be distinct from environment; we are ourselves part of the environment. Admittedly this is not as easy for us to recognize, because we can separate ourselves off from the environment so readily. We step inside a building, climb into our cars, set the thermostat, screen the windows, plant our gardens in neat rows and remove the weeds, spray for cockroaches and ants in the kitchen. We place ourselves over and against the environment building artificial barriers.

It was after this time when Francis received the stigmata that he composed his famous Canticle of Creation. In it he expresses this interrelationship and interdependence of all living beings in creation including Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Fire, Sister Water, Brother Wind, and our sister, Mother Earth, all the primal elements, and all of them speaking in each their own way the praise of Creator God. Francis is the ecological saint, who saw the intrinsic connection between us humans and all the other creatures, indeed the whole planet, the entire ecosystem, the interconnection that binds up all our destinies together. Therefore, we must both honor and serve them for the sake of us all. And also listen to them. From Job, chapter 12:

7 "...ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
8 ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
9 Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
10 In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being."

The animals can teach us if we will let them. The birds of the air have been trying to tell us, but will we listen? Their very disappearance speaks volumes to us! I grieve that it is more and more likely that I will not again hear the song of the meadow lark or the haunting call of the loon that graced my growing up years. And should we not all tremble at how this gives us warning of the likelihood of our own extinction in the face of the madness of our own self-destructive behavior that ignores their message?

From the Vestry

Transition Committee

The Vestry is now actively looking for people for appointment to the Transition Committee looking ahead in the Calling Process. Members of the Transition Committee are tasked with:

- Administration transition - gathering office lists of committees, ministries, policies, vestry documents, etc. for the incoming clergy and preparing the clergy’s office
- Rectory preparation - minor repairs and spiffing up the house and yard

Planning parish celebration and farewell for Vicar.

Planning welcome celebration for the new Priest-in-Charge

If you are approached by a Vestry member about joining the Transition Committee, consider it prayerfully; say yes

Fall Stewardship Drive

Watch for a letter in the mail from the Vestry, Wardens and Finance Committee. Our Fall Stewardship Drive is now underway. Since we are in the process of calling a full time Priest-In-Charge, making your pledge now will help the Vestry in planning the budget for 2022. 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.

The Vestry continues to be committed to the maintenance and upkeep of the Church



Transition can be a precarious thing....

Small Group Reports

Harold Crook reminds us that small groups are an important part of Nativity Church's outreach and discipleship ministries, and that we can play a positive role in supporting small groups and small group leaders, especially including: The Wednesday morning Zoom group, the Friday morning prayer group, the Sacred Ground group, and Delores' proposal for a group focusing on reconciliation. The following are summary reports for some of the current groups going on at The Church of the Nativity.

Sacred Ground

A new Sacred Ground Circle is beginning this fall. Please let Beverly or Barb (in the office) know if you would like to join the new circle. Meetings will be Sunday afternoons—approximately once per month. Information on Sacred Ground from <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/message/>

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.

Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love."

In May 2017, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President Gay Jennings invited the whole Church into Becoming Beloved Community, a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. Together, we have begun walking the labyrinth with Jesus, stepping forward and turning back and getting centered on a deeply spiritual path that covers four quadrants:

- Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race
- Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community
- Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus
- Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions"

Sacred Ground represents a concrete way for us to enter and walk the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth, especially as we practice in the Pattern of Jesus. This 10-session curriculum uses films and readings to introduce stories, images, and language for grasping racial identity and experience across the spectrum. More than a teaching tool, Sacred Ground aims to call us from our small worlds and small screens and into intentional, sustained circles in which we can pray, watch, share our own stories, reflect, ponder, reckon, heal, and commit to action. Think of it as a pilgrimage in place."

Baptized for Life

Baptized for Life (BFL) The Wednesday morning Baptized for Life (BFL) Small Group is exploring materials for deepening our faith through SMALL GROUPS in our congregation. We have chosen to preview a five week program developed by Anglican Arch-Bishop, Justin Welby in his concern for healing our world-wide brokenness. Bishop Welby asks what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The study uses biblical and contemporary stories while seeking transforming relationships in our lives and in the world. We are called to be fully human—not superhuman! Our own brokenness is the raw material which God can use to transform us into people who can make a difference in this broken world. The subject of the study is reconciliation and forgiveness; thus, the name of the study is difference. The course studies the nurturing habits of being curious, being present and reimagining to follow Christ Jesus and be part of God's action in the world today. Check out the course for more info: (<https://difference.rln.global>) . Our BFL group will run the course with the hope of offering it to the full congregation, in person, as one of our seasonal offerings in 2022. Meetings are planned for the first Thursday of each month. Tentative time of day is 5:30-6:30. Upcoming dates- 10/7; 11/4; 12/2. Thank you ~ *Harold Crook and Deloris Davisson*

The Chancel Choir

Due to the rising COVID-19 cases in the Valley, the commencement of the choir is being pushed out to October 17th.

The Chancel Guild

Nine women met September 13th and enjoyed fellowship, cookies, Cheetos and apples. Nancy Rosch led a devotion titled "Listening to the Heartbeat of God".

Maxine Hubbell reported that we made \$4,032.25 from the rummage sale. We discussed possible places to donate our funds. The following are for consideration: Helping Hands Rescue, Woven As One, YWCA, The Humane Society and Willow Center. We always use part of the proceeds to provide a Christmas bonus to our church staff, to show our appreciation.

Johnette Moore agreed to send out cards to those in need. We said the birthday prayer for all the summer birthdays.

On October 4th, eight members snacked on food rummaged from the kitchen, since no one had signed up to host. Thankfully, we now have hosts signed up through May. Nancy Rosch read about St. Francis, from The Great Cloud of Witnesses, and then recited the hymn "All Creatures of our God and King", the words of which were written by St. Francis. Johnette Moore reported that she sent out the cards requested last month and took names of those to send to this month. It was noted that it is time to start gathering offerings for our December meeting, where we package them to give away through our Food Pantry. Maxine Hubbell reported that \$50 more dollars had been given to us from the rummage sale. We voted on dispersal of the proceeds from the sale. We are giving \$500 each to Camp Cross scholarships for Nativity parishioners, Lewis Clark Animal Shelter, Willow Center for Grieving Children, the YWCA and Christmas bonuses for church staff. These passed by unanimous vote. Rev. Beverly Hosea closed us with a prayer of St. Francis. Our next meeting is November 1st with Maxine Hubbell hosting. ~ Thank you. *Nancy Rosch*

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.

Saturday Suppers in August: On August 28th, Rosemary Daubert's team served pulled pork tacos with chopped tomatoes, sliced olives, salsa and sour cream, an apple and cookies to 67 folks.

Saturday Suppers in September: On September 11th, Rachel Walsh's team served baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit and jello, rolls and frosted brownies to 80. Lori Clark's team served on September 25th. 65 People were served. The menu was ham, pasta, garden salad, garlic bread and brownies.

Coming Up in the Month of October:

Maxine and Don Hubbell's team will serve on October 9th. Leslie and Rick Smith's team on October 23rd.

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. If interested, please call Nativity office or Rosemary Daubert (208-743-9689) Saturday Supper Coordinator. Many thanks to
Rosemary Daubert

Community of Hope

In preparation of becoming lay pastoral caregivers, Fran Caradine, Deloris Davisson, and Nancy Rosch completed a fourteen-week course that is based on the spirituality of St. Benedict. The Church of the Nativity attendees joined others from St. James, Pullman and St. Marks, Moscow.

Course curriculum included content covering: Theology of Pastoral Care, Listening Skills, Prayer, Christian Meditation, and Silence, Spiritual Gifts, Confidentiality, Grief: Coping with Loss, Pastoral Care for Seniors, and Care for the Caregiver. Lay ministry participants deepened their listening skills while learning to be present with others. Participants are called to continue to their spiritual growth as part of learning to listen from the heart. ~ *Nancy Rosch*

From the Diocese

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/>

Episcopal News Service

Pauli Murray, one of the first women ordained an Episcopal Priest in 1977 and a civil rights trailblazer; this article is about her life and experiences; <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/28/my-name-is-pauli-murray-brings-trailblazing-episcopal-women-story-to-a-wider-audience/>. A new movie just recently released documents her extraordinary life.

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

Diocesan Fall Formation curriculum opportunity.

This fall, we are offering a series by Brian McLaren, “Seeking Aliveness.” It is a 4-part video and discussion series that can be further expanded into a larger curriculum by using the videos in tandem with McLaren’s book, *We Make The Road by Walking*. [Find the Seeking Aliveness Videos and Discussion Guide here.](#) Andrea responds to some of your questions below:

Why this curriculum? We have been gearing up for a year focused on discipleship, and this curriculum is a thoughtful way to begin that conversation in your congregation. Brian McLaren’s book on which this series is based is all about basing our discipleship, how we follow Jesus, in the narrative of Scripture. A couple of our congregations in the Diocese are beginning a year of progressing through the Bible, so this series dovetails nicely in that same vein.

Is it required to use this curriculum? No, it is not required. We hope this offering is seen as a gift and something that you can easily incorporate into your formation classes and plans for the fall. That being said, we are beginning a diocesan-wide emphasis on discipleship, so this curriculum can be a wonderful introduction into that.

How can this curriculum be accessed and used? You will be able to stream these videos directly from the folder above on any smart TV or computer, or else stream videos over a virtual platform such as Zoom. You can also download the videos if you prefer – reach out to me to get set up with the necessary permissions to do so. The series comes with a great discussion guide that you can use for conversations following each video segment.

How do I access the curriculum? If you are having issues accessing the Google drive, try a different browser as a first fix attempt. For example, Firefox has safety measures in place that make it difficult to access Google drives, while Chrome does seem to consistently work.

* If you are interested in working through curriculum provided by the Episcopal Church towards the Church’s commitment to social justice a circle will be starting this fall (meeting at least once a month). Please let Vicar Beverly or Barb know so that you will be added to the list.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY – THE MESSENGER OCTOBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	1 Morning Prayer 9AM	2	3 Blessing of the Animals 1PM
4 Chancel Guild 1 PM	5 Warden & Vicar Zoom 1PM Book Club 10- 11:30 Vestry Rm Al-Anon 7PM	6 Healing Eucharist 7AM Small Group Bible Study 9AM	7 Knitting Group 10- noon BFL Team Meeting 5:30 PM	8 Morning Prayer 9AM	9 Saturday Supper-Don & Maxine	10
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25	26 Book Club 10- 11:30 Vestry Rm Al-Anon 7PM	27 Morning Prayer 7AM Salvation Army Meal	28 Knitting Group 10- noon	29 Morning Prayer 9AM	30	31

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 \(COVID-19\)](#)

- 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.idahoprepmo.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:

Latah County:

[Gritman Medical Center](#), www.gritman.org/vaccine

[CHAS Health](#): Latah Clinic | Medical, Dental, Pharmacy & Telehealth | CHAS, 803 S Main St #120, Moscow, ID 83843

[Northwest Pharmacy](#): 525 Pine St, Potlatch, ID 83855

Clearwater County:

[Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinic](#): Coronavirus – St. Mary's & Clearwater Valley Hospital & Clinics (smh-cvh.org), 208-476-5777, 301 Cedar, Orofino, ID 83544

Latah County:

[St. Mary's Hospital](#): Coronavirus – St. Mary's & Clearwater Valley Hospital & Clinics (smh-cvh.org), 208-962-3267, 701 Lewiston Street, Cottonwood, ID 83522

[Syringa General Hospital](#): 607 W Main St, Grangeville, ID 83530

Lewis County:

[Samiah Clinic](#): 208-935-2585

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 feel confident to say that we are all in transition, the seasons are in transition, (see the leaves changing and the pumpkins everywhere)- the church is in transition (see images of the freshening up that is going on elsewhere in the Messenger). The Church leadership is in transition as the call for a priest is upon us and each family in this faith community is also in their own ways, in transition. Despite the movement and change, the faith community continues to work together to get the word out about what is going on around here; oh and the messages of getting the message out about our God. One small part of the transition is the Messenger Newsletter. When I volunteered to edit the thing, I had no idea what I was getting into- I love words and spelling and editing and I thought it would be fun. HA! Well, it is fun, in as much as I had to cry and fret a bit to come to the place of knowing I can only do what I know best and so this is the first go at getting the word about what's going on in the Church as I understand from each of the messengers in our faith family. Thank you for letting me be of service- your messy messenger Luella Loudonback