

# The Epistle



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### **“Souper Bowl” Sunday February 5th**

On February 5<sup>th</sup> there will be two money bowls in the narthex, one for the Patriots and one for the Giants. The team that collects the most money gets bragging rights and the money raised goes to feed the hungry.

## The Rector's 2012 Annual Report



### Mark 1:14-20

The Church is a complex system of relationships. I'm not just talking about St. Paul's; I'm talking about the Church worldwide; I'm talking about all the people who believe in Jesus Christ.

We are a part of that complex system of relationships, a system that started with the words, "Follow me".

Jesus came to Galilee and proclaimed the good news of God saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the *good news*." First, John proclaimed this message and then Jesus proclaimed it too. Jesus proclaimed it; however, if proclaiming the *good news* was enough, all we would read about in the Gospels was how Jesus went to Galilee and proclaimed the *good news*. Then he went to Samaria and proclaimed the *good news*... and Capernaum proclaiming the *good news*, and Bethany and Caesarea Philippi and Jerusalem proclaiming the *good news*.

Proclaiming is not enough; simply telling people something is not enough. Jesus knew the importance of us to be in an actual relationship with God as well as actual relationships with each other. With this, Jesus takes a bold step and says, "Follow me."

Jesus called Simon and Andrew, and James and John and as they walked away from the boats on the beach Jesus was no longer one; now Jesus was five.

As Rector, it is my job to report on how well we responded to Jesus when he invited us into relationship, when he said to us, "Follow me".

The first step in following Jesus is to Worship. We are called to worship.

The 2011 Average Sunday Attendance was 135. This is the first time in at least the past 3 years that our attendance at Sunday worship has increased. This is *good news*. Our worship together builds our relationship with God and each other. The first and foremost reason this building exists is to give this community a place to gather together and worship. An Average Sunday Attendance of 135 is great...we are growing and our growth has to continue. The Average attendance for the first three weeks of December was more than 135 (excluding Christmas)...it was 153. (with Christmas it is 176).

We need to celebrate our growth and we need to focus on our potential. Our previous Easter attendance is the measure of our current potential and our current potential is 350. We can celebrate 135 but what would it be like if we reached our current potential? What if we reached 350? To reach our potential we have to continue what Jesus started; as we are walking along we have to share our experiences of Christ and our experiences of St. Paul's with others. We have to invite others into relationship. One of the other things Jesus said was "Come and see". We can't be afraid to say "Come and see"...it is simply an invitation, but if you are feeling really bold you can say, "Follow me"...walk with them and guide them into this new experience.

How are we doing with our Christian Formation/Education? This has been a struggle for the clergy. We design classes and offer them. There have been some that were well attended, but more often just a few attend, or even at times none show up. I think because of this, we have offered fewer adult formation opportunities, and I take responsibility for this. If we don't offer them you can't take them. I will strive to do better in this area.

How is our outreach? How are we at taking our faith outside these the church walls? From what I see, as a parish we are going great things. Through the food pantry we fed over 32,000 people this year and that is 10,000 more that last year. This is *good news*! But

## Senior Warden's Annual Report



Fr. Kirk tells me that it is my responsibility to talk about the business side of the parish. I'm not much of a business person. I don't like creating and keeping budgets. But I do like to have enough money to pay for what I want and need, I just don't like all the figuring that goes into it.

We struggled with our financial situation all year. We tried to keep you all informed as we went through the year as to how we were progressing. We started our budget planning by beginning our stewardship campaign earlier than usual. Heather Burkhardt championed our campaign. Many of you received a personal call from someone on the Vestry. In spite of this, our income projections showed a shortfall. Our budget process over the last several years has forced us to cut from the budget the planning for our rector's sabbatical, the future search for a new rector and the building fund. This year, as a last resort, we were forced to cut staff positions. The Vestry is saddened and frustrated by this turn of events. We are doing everything possible to keep the church operating. We continue to provide opportunities for church growth by offering special events. While these are worthwhile projects, they will not move us to financial security. St. Paul's is a vibrant, alive parish. We provide a spiritual place for our parishioners to come closer to God. I know that we will continue to provide this ministry for years to come. We just need to really work hard together to keep the business operations going. It is never too late to make a pledge to the financial support of the parish. Why do we use pledges? It allows each person to look at their personal budget and set aside monies to support their church. Study the budget we are presenting this year. Extraordinary gifts have made it possible to meet our budget for this year. Without them, we would be facing a very grim year. God provides for good work in this

the *good news* is not just coming from our food pantry. What I have learned in being in relationship with you is that you are participating in outreach ministry beyond the things associated with St. Paul's. You are doing ministry in your everyday lives. This is *good news*.

What about our fellowship? I think for a lot of us we are doing this quite well, but I know there is growth to be had. We need to continue to share our lives with each other beyond Sundays and beyond special parish events. When we get to know each other and strengthen our relationships, we strengthen the Body of Christ.

How are we serving God in general? What is your ministry? Some of you have more than one. Does your ministry give you joy and energy? It should...we don't do ministry out of obligation; we do ministry out of response to God grace. If your ministry does not bring you joy then it is time to explore a new ministry. We all are ministers of Christ, and we all need a ministry. Some ministries are behind the scenes like altar guild or prayers and squares quilting group. Other ministries are more out in front and physical like working in the food pantry or acolyting. All ministries are equal we just have to find the right one for each of us.

If you did not have an answer when I asked about your ministry, then it is time to find one...it is who we are called to be.

Every Church in every denomination is struggling right now. They too are struggling with membership and finances. They too are having to cut positions and clergy. The communities that will survive will be those who continue to remember who they are called to follow. Those who survive will not get locked up in fear about what might happen or guilt about what they should or should not have done. The faith communities who survive will keep their eyes, ears, hearts, and hands open as they stay focused on following Christ...and then have the courage to not only follow, but to lead God's people by word and example into a healthy relationship with God. Amen.

parish. Listen to God and follow your heart in giving to the support of the parish.

Staffing is changing. As I mentioned above, the Vestry had no choice but to cut 2 of our staff positions this year. A reality check for us right now is: "Who will we cut from our staff next year?" We pray that we don't have to answer that question.

Worship numbers continue to grow. We praise God for continuing to grow our parish and for every member of this church. Continue to invite others to join in our worship. We are about community building. We like to have fun while we work. There are frequent events in which you can participate according to your interests. Try a few out that you haven't joined in yet. Offer to assist in the events. Get to know your church family members better

I am hopeful about St. Paul's future. I pray that you are, too.

Margaret Bouzek, Senior Warden

## Junior Warden's Annual Report



During 2011 we held three Work Days along with completing several other individual projects.

Work Day projects included trimming trees/bushes, cleaning up the exterior, weeding and sprucing up the Memorial Garden. The irrigation was removed from the Columbarium wall and decorative rock installed. Trim was on the West side of the building, the Parish Hall and touch up painting was done in the Nave. During the April work day, everything stored in the Parish Hall was sorted, thrown away, recycled or stored neatly. Other Work Day projects included installing steps and handrails on both sides of the Altar and improvements made to the outside lighting. The pump on the fountain in the Memorial Garden was replaced in August.

Again the year, the biggest headache was toilet problems, especially in the women's bathroom. It has gotten to the point now that when Fr. Kirk sends me an email he starts it with "It's not a toilet problem" Problems have ranged from the normal clogs to replacing seats and roto-rooting drain lines. To the most recent hole in a water line pipe that flooded the furnace room and Sunday School classroom. Hopefully the problems are over for now.

Our biggest projects this year were installing a new dishwasher in the kitchen, Mel Rolfson's video project, installing attic stairs and flooring above the Sacristy, and the new flooring in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall.

These projects and many other day to day repairs could not have been accomplished without the help of many. Thanks to all that gave up Saturdays to help on the work days or other projects and special thanks to Gene Carse, and Dick Stufflebeam. Gene and Dick have encountered just about every problem in the past and know who to contact or how make the necessary repairs.

During 2012 we will again have Work Days in the Spring and Fall. Due to budget constraints, no major projects are planned this year. Thanks again for all that helped with the many projects this past year.

## Annual Reports: Children, Youth and Families



Despite economic challenges, the work begun by St. Paul's in 2006 in conjunction with Trinity and St. Stephen's to develop children, youth and family ministries has continued to grow. Our work at St. Paul's is guided by direction from the national church: to help children develop a relationship with God by engaging their minds and spirits, to help them form their Christian beliefs and the practices of our tradition, and to

engage them as full and active members of our faith communities. This is done by developing faith communities which welcome and include them, and nurture their families. Achieving these goals requires a comprehensive approach including education, worship and community. Our programs at St. Paul's continue to change as we look for new ways of welcoming and nurturing children and their families.

## **Children's Ministries Annual Report**

In 2011 we were able to:

- Provide nursery care on Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers.
- Offer a Sunday School program during the 9:00 service, which provides education to two age groups: preschool and early elementary children, and older elementary children. Our curriculum is centered in Godly Play, with supplemental materials and art activities. This program is possible thanks to our group of wonderful teachers: Jeannine Funk, Erin and Keith Anderson, Sheri McLaughlin, Heather Burkhardt, Nancy Lightfoot, Katie Lou Hickman, Jade Hickman, Donna Smith, and Tricia Woodliff.
- Refresh our Sunday School space with new paint, thanks to the help of Pancho Monroy and his crew, some new furniture, a thorough cleaning and decorating - making it a much more welcoming environment.
- Provided activities to engage children and their families; such as Blessing of the Backpacks, Blessing of the Pumpkins, Halloween Carnival, O Antiphons banners, Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, and waterplay at the park in summer.
- Offer a joint Vacation Bible School program to children from all 3 Episcopal churches during the Christmas school break.
- Offer a first Sunday of the month Family Service designed to welcome and

engage children and adults, which has also included training children to serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

- Create a special space in the church for children to quietly play during the services when child care and/or Sunday School is unavailable. This space includes a rocking chair for parents with babies.
- Offer Galilee camper scholarships and financial support to our Sunday school programs through regular scrapbooking events coordinated by Sheri McLaughlin and Nicole Hickman.

## **Children's Ministries Outreach**

This year we began Wednesday School, a one day a week free preschool program for children ages 3 – 5. The economic situation in our area has meant that many families can no longer afford preschool for their children. Research indicates that children who enter kindergarten without any preschool readiness programs are 12 to 18 months behind their peers, and often never catch up. Our program serves 20 children and their families.

## **Youth Ministries Annual Report**

Our tri-parish youth ministry program – Episcopal Youth Community – serves 25+ youth in grades 6 -12. We meet at least twice a month at Trinity for dinner, program, and activities; we also have monthly service projects, and social events or activities.

In 2011 we were able to:

- Hold our 5<sup>th</sup> annual HUGS drive, collecting hats, underwear, socks, gloves, and this year – jackets.
- Serve the community of Yakima, Washington for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual (and largest) mission trip – this was a life changing event for all of us!
- Participate in the Episcopal Youth Event, gathering with 1500 youth and adults from the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis last June.

We offered a workshop on “Micah 6:8 - Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.” We were the only youth group to run a workshop at EYE!

- Assist with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Empty Bowls event
- Participate in diocesan convention in October
- Staff the multi parish Vacation Bible School – Epiphany Camp
- Hold our annual Transitions Liturgy at St. Paul’s honoring those youth who were entering high school, and those graduating from high school.



## St. Paul’s Community Food Pantry Annual Report



In 2011, St. Paul’s Community Food Pantry served 7,782 households, for a total 32,638 people. We had distribution on 100 days. 35 volunteers logged nearly 5000 volunteer hours and 183 tons of food passed

through our doors.

We joined in partnership with Quail Surgery Center for a special Christmas outreach that gave 180 additional households food for the holidays, this fed 857 people.

The Empty Bowls fund raiser made nearly \$8,000 and we had great turn out and support from the community at large. We participated in the Nevada’s Big Give and raised \$400. We are looking to participate in the same fund raisers in 2012.

If you picked up the weekly food bank order or from other locations who collect food for us; please stand up:

- ❖ If you have stocked the shelves; please stand up
- ❖ If you helped on distribution days; please stand up
- ❖ If you have donated items or helped in a monetary way; please stand up
- ❖ If you have prayed for those who we serve and those who volunteer; please stand up

Thank you to all who support this ministry, it is successful because of you.

Respectfully,  
Barbara Monroy  
Jan 22, 2012

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My life has been enriched, and I have been so blessed to be a part of this wonderful work at St. Paul’s! Although I will not continue to serve this community as an associate priest for children’s ministries, I am very excited to continue the work we have begun with youth ministries. We have amazing young people, and I look forward to our future adventures. I am so grateful to all of you at St. Paul’s who have generously supported and nurtured me and these ministries over the last 6 years – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Kathy Hopner

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## Administration Annual Report



The following are the items we had to deal with this last year on the administration side of St. Paul's:

1. Due to budget issues, major personnel decisions related to the Youth Minister and Nursery Manager positions were made.
2. A cash deposit policy and procedure was needed as the new courier for our bank did not handle cash.
3. Changes to security procedures were made due to the burglary that took place during a 5pm service.
4. New events which were open to the public helped St. Paul's become more visible in the community.
5. The issue of non-parishioners using our rear parking lot for athletic events at Sparks High School has been a problem for us this last year. We are continuing to work on a permanent solution to ensure parking for Sunday services and other church activities are not a problem for our parishioners.
6. Working with the Library and the County to get a sign placed on 12th Street advertising St. Paul's has been frustrating, but it looks like we have worked out a solution and should have a sign some time this year.
7. A business size card inviting people to come to St. Paul's was designed and became available to all parishioners to give to friends and neighbors.

All in all things ran rather smoothly with the administration of St. Paul's this last year. My thanks to Dick Stufflebeam, Patti Stine, Father

Kirk, Heather Burkhardt, Donna Smith and Patty Allen for all their help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Stine  
Vestry Administration Apostle

## Liturgy and Worship Annual Report



Altar Guild: We welcomed two new members to our St Paul's Altar Guild, Margaret Bouzek and Eileen Caspersen. I would like to thank all of our Altar Guild members, Patti Stine, Dianne McVickers, Victoria Sidener,

Lynne Snell, and Sarah Lightfoot and our new members. I would also like to thank all of our angel helpers.

Acolytes: We welcomed our new head of our Acolytes, Keith Anderson. We would like to thank Mike Entwistle, who passed the baton to Keith, for his years of devoted service.

Projection: Thank you to Mel Rolfson and his helpers for our new projection system. What an awesome job!!

Faithfully,  
Pam Lightfoot

## Projection Team Annual Report

Goal of the Projection Team: Provide consistent and professional operation of the projection system and consistent and professional presentation of content (PowerPoint, photos, videos, etc) to enhance the Church experience.

Goal of the Projector Project: To replace the current projection system with newer technology, getting the cables off the floor, getting the projector light out of parishioner's eyes as they return to their seats from communion, and make the projection system

so simple to operate that anyone interested, could run it with minimal training.

Benefits of the Projector Project: Easier to clean the sanctuary without the cables, projector stands and PC cart on the floor. Eliminates the cable trip hazard. Minimize wear and tear on the equipment from the setup and teardown of the projection system. Eliminates the projector light in your eyes when returning to your seat after taking communion. Makes it easier to see the screens over people's heads. Gives the clergy and acolytes a view of the screens. Reduces the complexity of running projection thereby allowing more people to run the projection system. Allows the connection of audio from the projection PC to the sound system in the choir loft. Allows connection of the projection PC to the St. Paul's Server and the shared drive thereby easing the transfer of PowerPoint and other content for Services. Allows connection of projection PC to the internet for content streaming.

Recognizing Time, Treasures and Talents: Soctoberfest. Dottie and James Stufflebeam, Dan and Margaret Bouzek, and many others. Stan Caspersen memorial monies.

Construction and installation: Gene Carse, Dick Stufflebeam, Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Bob Bibby, Dan Ward, John and Jeremy Hannah, Jeff Devon, Ken Rackley, Mel and Jody Rolfson.

Respectfully,  
Mel Rolfson

## Service & Fellowship Annual Report



2011 flew by so quickly, and I'd like to remind everyone of some of our wonderful Fellowship events:

- In January 2011 we honored our parish family and celebrated Lucy Woodliff's birthday with an "I Love Lucy" party. Costumes and jello-molds were judged and enjoyed!
- February brought about our 3<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke Night. Folks donned costumes and performed like Stars! As usual, there was dancing and much laughter!
- The Youth provided another great Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, and we were joined by members of Trinity Episcopal Church and other members of our community.
- Once again the St. Patrick's Day dinner was delightful! Many thanks to Dan and Margaret Bouzek and their helper's!
- Lenten Soup-Supper's were well attended. We are blessed to be able to join together during this time for fellowship and reflection. Thank you to everyone who provided meals and especially to the Clergy who prepared the weekly lessons and discussions.
- Spring (though it still felt like Winter) brought the end of the school year and the annual St. Paul's Parish Picnic. The Bibby's provided a phenomenal meal of "Bib-b-que" and sides. Just remembering it makes my mouth water.
- Fall arrived and with it came the Oktoberfest celebration hosted by the Bouzek's and crew. Great food-great fellowship-great beer and great times abound! Once again it was proven that you don't leave St. Paul's hungry!
- Thanksgiving was celebrated again this year. Fr. Kirk and his family have blessed us with gifts of brotherhood, community and extended family. Everyone is welcome at this warm reception. I can't imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without "Grandma's Cheesy Grits" casserole! Traditions evolve with each gathering.

- Various other events at St. Paul's include, SPGW (St. Paul's Girls Weekend) at Galilee, Hill Gang, and new in 2011 "Men's Escape" – Men of St. Paul's retreat at Galilee.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Holly Stevens for her work as Parish Photographer and Scrapbook Queen! Her efforts are tireless and very much appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with our coffee hour over the past year. Suzanne Byrne helped by coordinating weekly hosts in 2011. We have commitment from a few folks to step in for 2012 coordination, but we could use a few more hands in this very special mission.

Sincerely,  
Jody Rolfson

### Evangelism Annual Report



When I became a Vestry member two years ago, I had no idea how to do evangelism. That is why I took on that role. I felt like this was a challenge I needed to meet to help our

parish grow and thrive.

At the beginning of this year I set a few goals that I hoped to achieve. Some I made and some I fell short of. One of my goals was to have some kind of event for our newcomers so each of you could meet your Vestry and we meet you.

I remember a meeting I attended earlier in the year. I learned for some of you who join a new congregation a grieving process must take place for the church you left behind. With these principles in mind we held three newcomer classes in May 2011.

As we each talked about where we had been and where we hoped to go in our new

relationships at St. Paul's, I felt a strong bond beginning to form. We have nurtured that bond and it grows stronger every day.

We still have challenges ahead as we face the New Year. Our future is uncertain. Each of us must be dedicated to take on the task of helping St. Paul's grow and thrive so our parish family can be strong, resilient, and faithful during these troubled times.

I look forward to the work we must do in 2012 to become fruitful in the future of St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Smith

### Pastoral Care Annual Report



I was pleased to be assigned as the liaison from the Vestry to the committees under the Pastoral Care label. I enjoyed becoming better acquainted with the leaders of these groups and their services to

St. Paul's.

The Daughters of the King elected new officers this past year: President-Patti Rackley, vice president- Margaret Bouzek, secretary- Victoria Sidener, and treasurer- Marge Parent. The members meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the choir room at 10:00 A.M. Three new members were initiated this past year: Julia Simoncini, Donna Smith and Julia Stoddard, who was a member-at-large for many years. Please meet with us if you are interested in joining this Order. We meet for meditation, study of scripture, fellowship, etc. The Prayer Quilt Ministry is our special project.

Dottie Stufflebeam, chairman of the Helping Hands would like to thank all for their support in providing comfort to those in need, for giving so generously when a special event has been

in need of a reception or luncheon, and for setting up and cleaning up after these events.

The Prayer Chain group meets quarterly to review the prayer lists to bring them up to date. They meet for a snack lunch and fellowship in the choir room. When asked for six words that best describe this group, they were: compassion, prayer, responsibility, non-judgmental, forgiveness, and confidentiality. Please call Rita Truelove or the parish office with prayer requests.

Prayers and Squares meet in the Parish Hall on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. If you do not care to sew, we have need of someone to press the materials, put in the ties, etc. There is no fee for the quilts, but donations of materials and cash are always welcome. Call one of us if you know of someone who is ill and in need of comfort and hope.

Linda Smith has been sent to Trinity for Deacon training and has not been available as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor for some time. Deb Stiver and Victoria Sidener took special training last year and have now received their licenses to take communion to the shut-ins on Sundays after the church services.

Marge Parent, Shirley Reed, and Victoria Sidener deliver the flowers from the altar to those in need on Monday mornings. If you would like to join this group of women, please call one of them.

Visiting with the shut-ins on the phone or in person is always a pleasure. They need to know that they are not forgotten, even if they cannot attend the services.

Thanks you for the opportunity to serve in these capacities.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Sidener

## Treasurer's Annual Report and 2012 Parish Budget



The treasure's report and the 2012 parish budget are too long to be printed in the Monthly Epistle.

Those who attended the annual parish meeting were given a printed copy of both. If you did not attend the annual parish meeting and would like a copy sent to you, please contact Dick Stufflebeam or Patti Stine. at (Email: [dick@stpaulssparks.org](mailto:dick@stpaulssparks.org)) or contact the parish office at 775-358-4474.

## Outreach Report



The following is the outreach report for the month of January. Additional Christmas offerings of \$70.00 received this month will be split between St. Paul's general fund and scholarships for Camp Galilee. Youth Ministries collected an additional \$448.00 from wreath sales, bringing their total proceeds to \$856.45. They also received a check for \$200.20 for wrapping gifts at Amazon. Other donations included \$50.00 to Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, \$50.00 to International Development Mission (IDM) Kenya Clinic, and \$200.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Albert Garcia.

Patti Stine  
Outreach Committee

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## January Worship Attendance

Worship Attendance Last Month					
Week of:	Sun 9 a.m.	Sun. 11 a.m.	Sun 5p.m.	Thurs 6p.m.	
Jan 1st	90	10am only		13	5-Jan
Jan 8th	92	40	18	10	12-Jan
Jan 15th	85	32	10	6	19-Jan
Jan 22nd	128	Annual Meeting			26-Jan
Jan 29th	91	54	17		
Totals	486	126	45	29	
<b>Average Sunday Attendance in January was 131</b>					

## Episcopal Youth Community News



Welcoming all youth in grades 6th through 12th! We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday evenings twice a month during the school year from 5:30 to 7:30 in

the lower level for dinner, program and activities. We also plan service projects, activities and events throughout the year. Occasionally our schedule or location may change – please see the calendar below. Please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474 for more information.

### Episcopal Youth Community Calendar for February

Welcoming all youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>! We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:30 to 7:30 in the lower level for dinner, program and activities. Occasionally our schedule may change. Please see below and/or call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474 for more information.

#### Youth Group Meeting Dates for February:

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting from 5:30 – 7:30 at Trinity Episcopal Church

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Service project – work at Northern Nevada Foodbank – meet at Trinity at 8:15a.m, returning between 11:30 - 12:00, weather permitting.

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church

## New Beginnings Youth Retreat Weekend

**Do you have a student in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**

**Save the Date!**

New Beginnings is a weekend retreat for junior high school students focusing on the 2 greatest commandments: loving God with all of our heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The retreat is led by a team of youth and adults from the diocese who help young teens explore the key relationships in their lives through games, activities, discussions, music, skits, and worship. Developed in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida over 10 years ago, New Beginnings weekends have welcomed young teens in dioceses throughout the United States

When: May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Where: Camp Galilee at Lake Tahoe

Who: Students in grades 6-8 of the current school year.

For more information contact Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or [kathrynhopner@att.net](mailto:kathrynhopner@att.net)

### Youth Mission Trip 2012 – Navajo Reservation - Fort Defiance, Arizona

We are very excited to announce our 5<sup>th</sup> annual mission trip! All youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to join us this summer as we travel to the Navajo Reservation in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The Navajo Nation encompasses 27,000 square miles and extends into the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Sustaining a viable economy in current times has been challenging; the Navajo nation has a 50% unemployment rate, with 43% of its people living below the poverty level. Our youth will join the staff of YouthWorks and other youth from different churches around the United States to serve in the communities of Window Rock and Fort defiance in places like children's programs, elderly centers, housing rehabilitation projects and thrift stores for a fun, exhausting, life-changing adventure! On our way home, we will also visit the Grand Canyon. Cost is \$350 per person. Please contact Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 for more information.

## Safeguarding God's Children

Safeguarding God's Children is a program developed by the Episcopal Church to provide participants with the information they need to protect the children they care for in their personal lives, and in the ministries in which they serve from sexual abuse. Safeguarding training is required every three years for all church staff, Vestry members, Eucharistic Visitors, and anyone who works with children. The training informs participants of the ways predators gain access to and groom children for abuse and it outlines the safeguards the Church has put in place to protect children and youth in our churches, schools and diocesan institutions.

We will offer the following training at St. Paul's: Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

We will offer the following training at Trinity: Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the library  
Special session for parents: Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. service) in the library.

## February in the Food Pantry

### "Souper Suppers"

The special items being collected for the food pantry this month are soup, mac and cheese, boxed dinners, etc. Thank you for helping feed the hungry with your donations.

## Prayers of the People



Dan, Davisha, Johne, Carol, Judy, Sharon, Berenice, Art, Jane Ann, Russell, Karen, Forrest, Brandon, Nathaniel, Leah, Pat, Nina, Jill, Tyler, Bill, Mike, Susanne, Michelle, Bobbi, Victoria, Ryan, Lupe, Dave, Harriett, Nancy, Dawn, Erin, Preston, Allison, Kim, Kathy, Marilyn, Frank, Chad, Deborah, Russ, Alan, Keith, Charlie, Kathy, Casey, Donna, Joyce, Penelope, Tara, John, Karen's family & friends, Rev. Sandy Oetjen, Barbara, Jeremy, Eddie, Jeanie, Jack, Gina, Jim, Doug, Bobby & family.

**Military:** Lorne, Layne, Lee, Allison, Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Corey, Dakota, Darkhorse Marines, Nevada Air Guard and all those serving our country.

## Eco-palian News



Take a few minutes and look at the new bulletin board in the Narthex. You'll see the certificate saying we are a "cool congregation". The notebook on the table with the bulletin board has many tips on recycling, fair trade, making your home green, and lots more; It also tells why we want to take care of God's creation. The kitchen is now 'up and running' with real dishes and silverware. Be sure to watch for more action and, as always, if you would like to help just let us know.

## Epistle Ecology Shorts



Reuse everything you can. Instead of trashing items, try using them for a different purpose. Plastic tubs with lids are great for leftovers, craft projects, paint, etc. Keep a supply of "GOOS" (Good On One Side) paper.

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## The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ron Petersen African Dinner



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ron Petersen African Dinner will be held Saturday evening, March 3 at the California Building in Reno's Idlewild Park. The dinner is a joint fund-raiser for International Development Missions and UNR's Student Association for International Water Issues (SAIWI). Funds raised support the Kenyan medical mission of IDM, a charity that began as a mission of St. Paul's and the Diocese and the SAIWI students, whose many projects help provide clean drinking water in developing nations and a hands-on educational experience. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for students. The event includes silent auctions, student project presentations, African cuisine and live entertainment. The event sells out every year so get your tickets early. For info or tickets contact Deb Stiver at 356-6474 or [stiver@unr.edu](mailto:stiver@unr.edu).

## Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

### WORSHIP TIMES

Here at St. Paul's

12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Downtown at Trinity Church

7:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

## Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mondays: AA Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Gama-Non Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
and Ala-Non Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:

(aka, Fat Tuesday for all you heretics)

Please join us for our annual  
pancake supper as we welcome  
the season of Lent.



6:00 – 7:30 St. Paul's Parish Hall  
Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Cost: \$7.00 per person, \$18.00 per family

All proceeds benefit the Youth Group

## Women's Lenten Study and Day of Reflection

On March 10th, in the Parish Hall from 9:00 A.M. until 2 P.M. the Daughters of the King are sponsoring a day of prayer, scripture study, meditation, fellowship, and a soup lunch. This event will close with Holy Eucharist at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Anglican Prayer Beads and make a set for yourselves.

This special day is open to all woman of the parish and not just members of the Daughters of the King. A donation of \$10.00 will cover costs of materials, food, etc.

Call Victoria 322-2375 or Marge 786-4555 for further information or reservations. (We would like to know how many to cook for!)

## Lenten Soup Suppers



Lent is here again and with it comes our Wednesday evening Soup Suppers. They will begin on February 29<sup>th</sup> and continue for the following 6 weeks. The sign up board for soups, bread and desserts can be found in the Narthex. The suppers will begin at 5:30 PM followed by a Lenten study "Living Simply". If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Papadakos at 329-2295 or at [gh-50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gh-50@sbcglobal.net)

The Episcopal Church Center and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Presents:



# Re-Creating Aging:

## *Elder Formation in the Episcopal Church*

### **A Workshop on Lifelong Christian Formation for Older Adults**

The process of aging has never been a one-size-fits-all kind of proposition. This **FREE** workshop is for all clergy and laity who are involved or interested in our elder community. Best practices and new directions in elder faith formation and ministry from across the Episcopal Church will be shared in this workshop.

## **All are Welcome to Attend!**

Saturday, March 24, 2012

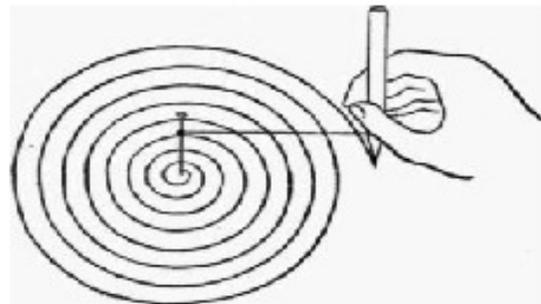
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **St Paul's Episcopal Church**

1135 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sparks, NV 89431  
775-358-4474

*To Register or for more information please contact  
[frendorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frendorff.school@gmail.com) or call St. Paul's parish office.*

Our workshop facilitator will be Ruth-Ann Collins, the Episcopal Church Center staff officer for Lifelong Christian Formation. She serves as the staff liaison to the General Convention Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation & Education, as well as the Older Adult Taskforce.



# Do you want to learn how to build power for justice?

**Come and learn how to become a more effective leader to create meaningful change!**

**WHAT:** ACTIONN LEADERSHIP MEETING

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb 11, 2012

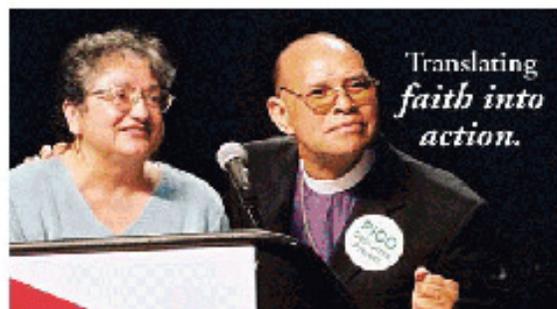
**TIME:** 10:00am to 3:00pm

**WHERE:** St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

3000 North Lompa Lane

Carson City, NV 89706

775-882-1968



ACTIONN (Acting in Community Together in Organizing Northern Nevada) is a new faith-based community organization that is coming together to help build leadership for the common good. We are committed to acting on our shared values to help build a more just world. This effort is being led by dozens of local congregations and faith leaders who are building this new organization.

ACTIONN is supported by the PICO National Network, a national network of faith-based organizations with more than 1,000 member institutions representing one million families in 150 cities and 17 states. PICO is one of the largest community-based efforts in the United States and together we are lifting up a new vision for our region and country that unites people across region, race, class, and religion.

**\*This training is completely FREE, registration form on the back of this flyer\***  
Lunch is provided\* Translation & child care available for everyone that registers in advance\*

# Worship Leader Schedule

<b>WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE 02/01 thru 02/29</b> <span style="float: right;">*** rev. 01/26/12</span>													
Day	Date	Time	Service	Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers		Healing Ministers	Ushers	Projector	Altar Guild	Sunday School Teachers
				OT	Psalm	NT/Prayers	EM1	EM2					
Su	2/5/12	9:00 a.m.	5th after	Youth		Youth	Tracee R	Youth	Brenda S	Dick S/Steve S	Ken	Dianne M/Margaret B	Family Service
		11:00 a.m.	Epiphany	Keith L	Keith L	S Oddo	Marge P	Donna S	Connie P	Dan B/Walt C		"	
		5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer		"	
Su	2/12/12	9:00 a.m.	6th after	S. Sleeman		Jade H	Pat E	Mike E	Tricia W	Janice W/Bob B	Mel	Pam & Sarah L	Jeannine F
		11:00 a.m.	Epiphany	Millie M	Millie M	Victoria S	Donna S	Barb S	Ken R	Jack S/Shirley R		"	Erin A
		5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer		"	Keith A
Su	2/19/12	9:00 a.m.	Last of	Lindy M		Deb S	Fran D	Linda D	Marge P	Jeff D/Dan W	John	Patti S/Lynne S	Sheri M.
		11:00 a.m.	Epiphany	Donna S	Donna S	Holly S	Dan B	Ken R	Connie P	Mike E/Walt C		& Eileen C	Heather B
		5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer		"	
Ash	2/22/12	12:10 p.m.	Ash	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA	n/a
Wed		6:00 p.m.	Wed.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA	n/a
Su	2/26/12	9:00 a.m.	1st in	Heather B		Brenda S	Deb S	Patti S	Patty R	Dave S/Dick S	Ken	Dianne M/Margaret B	Donna S
		11:00 a.m.	Lent	Penny M	Penny M	Margaret B	Marge P	Victoria S	Mike E	Shirley R/Dan B		"	Nancy L
		5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer		"	

## Coming Events



### February 2012

Wednesday	Feb. 1, 2012	Godly Yarns Knitting/Weaving Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 2, 2012	St. Paul's Clergy Meeting	4:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 2, 2012	Healing Service with HE	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 4, 2012	Daughters of the King	11:00 am
Monday	Feb. 6, 2012	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 8, 2012	Godly Yarns Knitting/Weaving Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 9, 2012	Healing Service with HE	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 11, 2012	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 11, 2012	ACTIONN Training, in Carson City	10:00 am
Wednesday	Feb. 15, 2012	Godly Yarns Knitting/Weaving Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 16, 2012	Healing Service with HE	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 18, 2012	Episcopal Day at Northern NV Food Bank	
Saturday	Feb. 18, 2012	Scrapbooking	9:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 18, 2012	D.O.K. Chapel	11:00 am
Monday	Feb. 20, 2012	President's Day <i>office closed</i>	
Tuesday	Feb. 21, 2012	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday Service	12:10 pm
	Feb. 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 22, 2012	Godly Yarns Knitting/Weaving Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 23, 2012	Healing Service with HE	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 25, 2012	Vestry Retreat	
Saturday	Feb. 25, 2012	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 26, 2012	Adult Preparation Class	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 29, 2012	Godly Yarns Knitting/Weaving Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 29, 2012	Lenten Soup Supper & Study	5:30 pm

#### Recurring Events

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday  
 AA meets every Monday at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Choir Room  
 Choir Practice (Check with your Choir Director)  
 Praise Team (Check with your Team Leader)  
 Baroque Choir Practice every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Nave  
 AA (Women's group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Parish Hall  
 Alanon meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Classroom 40  
 Food Pantry is open every Wed. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM & Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
 Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Choir Room

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### Winter/Spring Holy Eucharist Worship Schedule

Sun., 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Sun., 9:05 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Sun., 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Choir & Organ

Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Worship No Music

Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion

## ADULT PREPARATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.

This six week class is for those who seek to become a Christian through **Holy Baptism** and for already baptized Christians to make their adult commitment to Christ through **Confirmation**. This class is also for those who have already made their adult commitment to Christ in another faith tradition and want to now be officially welcomed and **Received** into the Episcopal Church. Other Episcopalians are encouraged to attend this class if they would like to **Reaffirm** their commitment to Christ. Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation will take place during the Easter Vigil on April 7<sup>th</sup>. This six week class is every Sunday during Lent beginning Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch is provided at 12:15 p.m. and class is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you want to attend this class, or if you want more information, please talk with Fr. Kirk (358-4474) or sign-up in the narthex (entry hall).

If you seek preparation for infants, children, or youth under the age of 16, please contact Rev. Kathy, 358-4474.