

The Epistle



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Special Worship Times

Combined 10:00 am services

10:00 a.m. January 6th (no 5 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. January 27th (no 5 p.m.)

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



A while back I learned something from a “smart phone”, and I didn’t even need to use it to GOOGLE something...for this learning, no internet was required.

Over the course of several days, a friend of mine and I were having a conversation by way of text messages. This conversation was not of any great personal depth, or we would have actually been using the “phone option” on our smart phones. If it was of great importance, we would have picked up our phones and called each other.

During the text messaging conversation, my friend responded to me in such a way that was confusing. It was really odd, and it was so odd that I double checked the message I sent him to see if auto correct changed anything that I might have misspelled. The message I sent him was just fine, but his response concerned me.

It was quickly revealed that during the course of our text conversation, my friend had shattered the screen on his phone. This damage did not allow him to clearly read my communication to him. He misread my message to him, and he was responding to what he thought I said and then in return I did the same.

I can’t help but make a connection between this shattered screen on a smart phone and the times in our lives that we too become shattered; how this brokenness spills over into how we interpret things around us.

When something happens in our lives that creates fractures, we begin to no longer see things as they really are. We can only process or comprehend bits and pieces of the truth in

the world around us. The more we process the world with fractured lenses, the more fractures we create in our relationships with each other.

If this instance with my friend had caused actual separation between us, who would be to blame? In each of our realities, the other person caused the fracture in our communication. If the miscommunication had continued, our focus could have shifted from being in a healthy relationship, to being in the middle of the destructive nature of the blame game.

As we live in relationship with those around us, it is important for us to stop seeking who is to blame and begin opening ourselves up in a way that allows us to actually see when someone else is broken. If we can begin to allow ourselves to see the brokenness others are experiencing, then we can respond to them in the light of grace and be an instrument of healing instead of being added fuel to the fire.

All of us from time to time find ourselves looking at the world through shattered lenses. When it is my turn to look at the world around me through shattered lenses, my hope is that you will know me well enough to realize it and love me enough to help bring healing. In real relationships things go both ways, so when it is your lens that becomes shattered, I hope I can recognize it and do the same for you.

May 2013 be shatter free for you and me.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk" with a small cross-like mark above the end of the name.

Change in Worship Times

January 6th Epiphany Celebration. Combined 10:00 a.m. worship with Epiphany Play. There will **NOT** be a 5:00 service on this day.

January 27th On Sunday, January 27th we will have our annual parish meeting during a combined 10:00 a.m. worship service. Since every member is HIGHLY encouraged and/or expected to attend this meeting there will **NOT** be a 5:00 p.m. service on this Sunday.

Senior Warden's Report



Happy New Year to everyone. This will be another busy year for St. Paul's.

Coming this month we have the Epiphany Play on January 6th. Many of our parishioners have been working hard on the play and I am eagerly awaiting the performance.

On January 27th we will have the Annual Meeting. This is the time when we hear the reports of the various committees and programs the parish is involved in. We will also elect 3 Vestry members. Huge thanks to those who "retire" this year: Bob Bibby, Donna Smith and Jody Rolfson.

I've been thinking about change lately. I am a traditional person. There is peace in knowing that events will occur in a regular pattern at basically the same intervals. I feel conflicted when the pattern changes in unexpected ways. How I respond to the change is the interesting part of life. Sometimes I just incorporate the new things easily, sometimes it is more difficult and I find myself protesting/complaining about the "new" pattern. Yet part of my vocation is to teach change to my co-workers. New employees are presented with a very different way of accomplishing their day to day work than in previous jobs. I can see them

assessing how they will make those changes. For some it will be easy, for others it will be difficult as they protest/complain about the new methods. We are trying new things at church as well. Again, I like traditional patterns the best, but that doesn't mean a change can't be incorporated. Let's work together to make changes easy. Look at the new event/situation with an open mind. Then make your decision about whether it should be become part of the pattern or not. Change can be easy or hard, it just depends on how you approach it.

Peace,

Margaret Bouzek

Junior Warden's Report



During the month four dead trees were removed from the North fence line before they could damage parked cars. Thanks to Mel and Megan Rolfson, Dick Stufflebeam, Gene Carse and Dan Bouzek. Mel's chipper made quick work of the smaller limbs and branches and chainsaws cut up the trunks and larger limbs. Wood chips were spread along the fence line to help control weeds. The parking lot, except rear, was patched, seal coated and re-stripped. We gained a few new spaces along the Memorial Garden fence line. Thanks also to my son Steven and grandsons Nick and Alex's Boy Scout Troop 443 for donating the greens used in greening the Church and also trees for anyone that could not afford a tree. Hope your Christmas season was wonderful and Peg and I wish you a very Happy New Year.

Bob Bibby

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Monday, January 21st

You are invited to join other members from all the Reno/Sparks Episcopal Churches in a morning of service projects being hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. From 8:30 – 10:30 we'll have the opportunity to prep and serve a hot meal to the homeless sack lunch program. From 10:30 until 1:00 there are three projects to choose from. You can make plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless, cut and sew old T-shirts into diapers to send to Central America, and make and sign Valentines for Veterans. Feel free to participate in all or part of the projects.

Monthly Receipt Summary

December 2012



Our weekly and monthly expectations for 2012 are an average \$3,891.03 per week in pledge and plate offering to meet our annual budget commitment. The following table shows the

weekly receipts from pledge and plate offerings for this period:

2-Dec	\$4,945.00	9-Dec	\$3,402.00
16-Dec	\$2,951.00	23-Dec	\$5,266.00
Monthly Total			\$16,564.00

For the 4 weeks reported here, we exceeded our goal by \$1,000 and are finishing our year ahead of our budget projections. Next Sunday, December 30th will be reported in the Epistle in January. A complete report of our performance for 2012 will be delivered at the Annual Meeting on January 28th.

We are in the final stretch on our pledge drive. We have matched last year in pledging units, but still have a way to go to achieve our goal of a balanced budget for 2013. If it is your intention to pledge, please do so soon so we can use your commitment in our planning.

The monthly treasurer's report contains more detail and is posted in the narthex, or you can direct your questions to any Vestry member, Dick Stufflebeam, or Patti Stine. (Email: dick@stpaulssparks.org)

Outreach Report



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Donations received this month were \$999.13 to the Food Pantry, \$25.00 to the Prayer's and Squares quilt ministry, \$100.00 to the Deacon's

Discretionary Fund and \$320.00 to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Proceeds of \$347.00 from lunch served at the Advent Fair went to Youth Ministries and IDM (International Development Mission) Advent Fair sales totaled \$312.00. A scrapbooking event raised \$122.23 for the Church School.

Patti Stine

Outreach Committee

January in the Food Pantry



The theme for this month's Food Pantry drive is "**Fresh & Clean in 2013**". We are collecting soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

Please help us stock the pantry shelves with these types of items that we can't get from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Thank you all so much for helping.

Pantry Volunteers are needed

Pantry Volunteers are needed on Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We are also in need of people to make food pick ups throughout the week from different locations around town. If you are interested in helping or if you know of a community group/or business that might be interested, please contact the church office 358-4474 or you can email me at bmonroy@mynews4.com.

Thanks for your support.
Barb Monroy

Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, January 27th we will have our annual parish meeting during a combined 10:00 a.m. worship service. Since every member is **HIGHLY** encouraged and/or expected to attend this meeting there will not be a 5:00 p.m. service on this Sunday.

December Worship Attendance

Worship Attendance Last Month					
Week Of:	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Thursdays	
Dec. 2nd	70	27	9	6	6-Dec
Dec. 9th	100	40	22	7	13-Dec
Dec. 16th	93	41	15	6	20-Dec
Dec. 23rd	122		11	n/a	27-Dec
Dec. 30th	101		17		
Total	486	108	74	19	
December Average Sunday Attendance = 134					

Baptismal Days: January and March

The next scheduled days for baptisms will be January 13th and Easter services, Saturday March 30th and 31st. If you or someone you know is seeking baptism, please contact the parish office to arrange proper instruction. 775-358-4474 Office@StPaulsSparks.org

Special Combined Worship Times

Combined 10:00 am services

10:00 a.m. January 6th (no 5 p.m.)
10:00 a.m. January 27th (no 5 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.

St. Paul's Choir



The traditional choir is seeking additional voices. If you would like to participate in the choir, please join us on Tuesday evening's beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Prayers of the People

Johne, Jack, Gina, Art, Erin, Jane Ann, Russell, Forrest, Allison, Nina, Kim, Kathy, Bill, Chad, Marilyn, Doug, Russ, Keith, Casey, Victoria, Bobbi, John, Barbara, Amy, Chris, Ella, Cole, Ronny, Patty, Kim & family, Robert, Gene, Sophia, Glenn, Phyllis, Larry, Andrew, Jamie, Wyatt, Stephen, Sherre, Jim, Jeanette, Zena, Gay Gay, Joe & family, Jen & Tony, Danny, Malayni, Paisley, Ashleigh, Gloria, Bob, Lisa Rae, Fred, Peg & family, Mickey, Daniel, Nica, Lynn, Shannon, Cas, Emerson Gerald, Pat, Shane, Steve, Debbie, Victor, Marge, Rita, Rev. Karen, Richard, Stephanie, Alan, Ruthie, Jean, Dan & family, Mario, Dianne, Jameson Walker, Barb, Sean, Margaret, Linda, Quorry, Vanessa, Gary, Bernadette, Preston, Nancy, Nanette, Philip, Ben & family, Carlyn, Mary & family, Howard, Jeanette, Lane, Keith & family, Dorothy, and Adam.

Military: Lorn, Layne, Lee, Allison, Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Corey, Dakota, Tyler, Bobby, Robert, & Sierra.

Episcopal Youth Community News

Episcopal Youth Community - EYC



Welcoming all youth in grades 6th through 12th!

We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church on the first and third Sunday afternoons of the month during the school year from 12:30 to 2:30 in the lower level for lunch, 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 for more information.

January EYC Calendar

Meeting dates for January:

Theme for the month: homelessness

Monday, December 31st - Tuesday, January 1st – New Year’s Eve Lock In at Trinity from 6:00 p.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Sunday, January 6th: Meeting from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, followed by leadership team meeting open to all interested high school students from 2:30 – 3:30.

Sunday, January 20th: Meeting from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Monday, January 21st: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm MLK Day of Service at Trinity. See below for more information.

Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 21st

We will join with members from all the Episcopal Churches in a morning of service projects at Trinity. From 8:30 – 10:30 we’ll

have the opportunity to prep and serve a hot meal to the sack lunch crowd as we hand out our HUGS collection. From 10:30 until 1:00 we’ll participate in 3 other projects. We’ll make plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless, cut and sew old T-shirts into diapers to send to Central America, and make and sign Valentines for Veterans. Whew – what an awesome opportunity!

Thank you for the H.U.G.S.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual HUGS drive! The hats, underwear, socks and gloves we collected will be passed out at Trinity’s sack lunch program and Good Shepherd Clothes Closet during January. For those living on the streets, these items are so important, and often so difficult to obtain – thank you!

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Thanks to Darnell Fenderson

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The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will sponsor a Lenten Reflection Day on March 2nd. Look for more announcements in the Sunday bulletins.



St. Paul's Prayers & Squares

Do you know someone who is seriously ill or having a difficult time? Could they use a bit of encouragement and hope? The Prayer Quilt



ministry has over three dozen quilts that might be just what is needed to get someone through a trying period in their life. We would love to help you select a quilt that might just bring that smile to someone's face. Please call me: Victoria Sidener 322-2375 or leave a message at the office with Robin, 358-4474.

Need Baked Goods for a Meeting, Birthday, Anniversary, or other Gathering?

Check out Sally Sue's Bakery at www.sarahlightfoot.blogspot.com

Sally Sue's Bakery is run by our very own Sarah and Hayley Lightfoot. ALL proceeds go to St. Paul's Church. For orders and questions call Sarah 830-8964 or Hayley 813-1955. Visit the website for a pricelist and pictures of their past works.

Epistle Ecology Shorts



Up against the fence on the North Church parking lot there are several maple trees. Four of these trees died this year and needed to be removed before they caused damage to the fence or a parishioner's car. Dick Stufflebeam, Dan Bouzek, Bob Bibby, Gene Carse, Megan Rolfson and Mel Rolfson cut these trees down on Friday Dec. 7th. This in its self is not remarkable, except that all four trees were repurposed. They were cut into firewood, which will be used to heat a home, and all of the small branches and twigs were chipped into mulch. The mulch was spread between the fence and the parking lot. All of these trees were used and nothing was thrown into the trash! We are sad to have lost these trees, but are very happy that they were reused.



Submitted by Mel Rolfson, Eco-palian

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I THINK YOUR LIGHTS MIGHT BE TOO BRIGHT THIS YEAR

January Coming Events



January 2013

Wednesday	Jan. 2, 2013	Epiphany Play Practice	6:00 pm
Thursday	Jan. 3, 2013	Epiphany Play Practice	6:00 pm
Thursday	Jan. 3, 2013	<i>No Healing Service</i>	
Saturday	Jan. 5, 2013	Epiphany Play Practice	1:30 pm
Saturday	Jan. 5, 2013	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 6, 2013	Combined Worship with Epiphany Play	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 6, 2013	Epiphany Celebration Continues	11:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 6, 2013	<i>No 5:00 p.m. service</i>	
Monday	Jan. 7, 2013	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 8, 2013	ACTIONN Meeting	4:15 pm
Thursday	Jan. 10, 2013	Healing Service with Holy Communion	6:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 12, 2013	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Thursday	Jan. 17, 2013	Healing Service with Holy Communion	6:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 20, 2013	Prayer Team Meeting	12:00 pm
Thursday	Jan. 24, 2013	Healing Service with Holy Communion	6:00 pm
Friday	Jan. 25, 2013	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 27, 2013	Parish Breakfast	9:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 27, 2013	Annual Parish Meeting & Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 27, 2013	<i>No 5:00 p.m. service</i>	
Thursday	Jan. 31, 2013	Healing Service with Holy Communion	6:00 pm

Recurring Events

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday

AA meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

Choir Practice (Check with your Choir Director)

Praise Team (Check with your Team Leader)

AA (Women's group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Alanon meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Classroom 40

Food Pantry is open every Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE January 1 thru January 31

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Day	Date	Time	Service	Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers		Healing Ministers	Ushers	Projector	Altar Guild	Sunday School Teachers
				OT	Psalm	NT/Prayers	EM1	EM2					
Su	1/6/12	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany	N/A		N/A	Gene C	Patti S	Marge P	Walt C/Steve S	Jody	Patti S/Lynne S	Family Service
												Eileen C	
Su	1/13/12	9:00 a.m.	1st	Nancy L		Linda K	Mike E	Pat E	Tricia W	Jeff D/Dick S	Peggy	Dianne M/Margaret B	Jeannine F & Erin & Keith A
		11:00 a.m.	after	Penny M	Penny M	S. Sleeman	Victoria S	Marge P	Connie P	Dan B/Shirley R			
		5:00 p.m.	Epiphany	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer			
Su	1/20/12	9:00 a.m.	2nd	Tricia W		Linda D	Deb S	Tracee R	Brenda S	Gene C/Janice W	Mel	Pam & Sarah L	Sheri M & Heather B
		11:00 a.m.	after	Mary E	Mary E	S. Oddo	Dan B	Barb S	Marge P	Mike E/Jack S			
		5:00 p.m.	Epiphany	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer			
Su	1/27/12	10:00 a.m.	3rd	Margaret	Margaret	Deb S	Fran D	Patti S	Mike E	Dave S/Bob B	John	Patti S/Lynne S	Nancy L & Ellen H
			after									Eileen C	
			Epiphany										