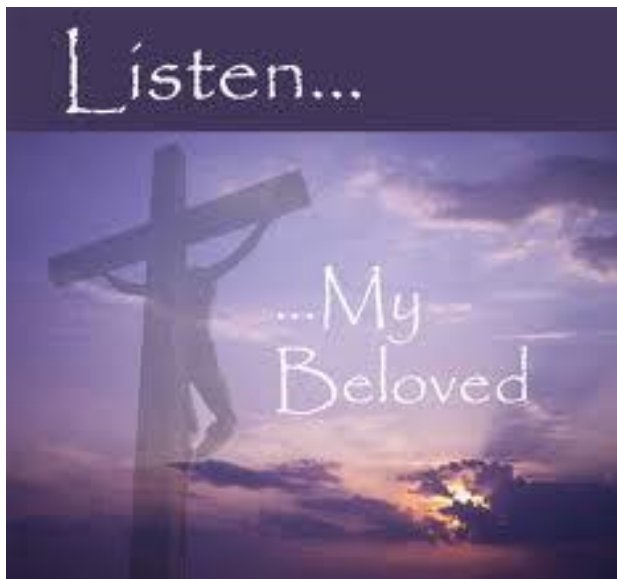


# The Epistle



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**April 2014**

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## HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP

Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday: 9am, 11am, 5pm
Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Worship 6pm
Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Night Prayer Vigil 7pm-6am
Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 12:10 pm
Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Liturgy 6:00 pm
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Sat. Liturgy (9am - 9:20 am)
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vigil with Bishop Dan 8pm
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday (9am & 11am)
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO</b> 5:00 p.m. service on Easter

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



This month for my Epistle article, I want to give you an update on what's going on in my family.

Lucy (age 7) is continuing to make positive progress in her communication and other delays due to Autism. She has just begun a new therapy called Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). This is some pretty intensive stuff, but she is responding well. I want to thank you, the members of St. Paul's, for your prayers and support...and for being understanding about her grand entrances during Communion at the 9:00 service.

Cooper (age 13) is awesome and coping with being a teenager quite well. He is a member of the Sparks Piranhas Swim Team. This has him in the pool 5 days a week doing something he loves to do. Cooper's primary ministry in the parish is serving as an acolyte and he is also an active member of the youth group.

Austin (age 26) and his wife Lanie live in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They are doing what 26 year olds without kids are supposed to do. They are having fun and enjoying life and are proud owners of their first home. They will be in town for a visit at the end of April and will come to St. Paul's when they are here.

Tricia, my wife, has been very busy juggling the different aspects of her life: Home, Work, and Church. On the home front she does what swim moms do....she is a taxi driver and cheerleader. At work she is an infant and child mental health counselor for the State of Nevada. Her specialty area is Infant and Child Trauma which keeps her very busy working with kids in foster care and the reunification of children with their birthparents. Her ministries

here at St. Paul's are singing in the Praise Team, being a Lector, and serving as one of the leaders of our Youth Group.

Tricia and I are trying to sell our house. We are not moving out of Sparks, just moving to a new place in Sparks. This has kept me busy as of late and I look forward to getting it sold and finding a new home to get settled into that will last many years to come.

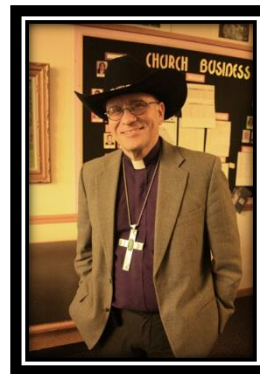
Like with all families we have our struggles, and it is through those struggles that we know we are very blessed in all aspects of our lives. Our blessings include our sense of belonging as we journey with you along the way here at St. Paul's.

Peace,

## EPISTLE TO NEVADANS

by the Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards

### What Is A Priest? & What Is A Priest for?



When you think of a priest, what images come to mind? What feelings does it bring up in you? Generally positive? Generally negative? Do you think of Fr. Tim of Mitford? Fr. Dowling? The Vicar of Dibley? Clerical sleuth,

the Rev. Claire Ferguson? A kindly priest who smiled at you when you were a child or a snarly mean priest who berated you for your missteps as an acolyte?

People have a wide array of feelings about priests, partly because priests really are a mixed bag. There are all sorts. A major goal of Oliver Cromwell's revolution in England was to get rid of priests. John Milton agreed. He was excited to see priests replaced by Puritan presbyters who would be like lay people only

trained to preach. But some years later, he saw that it hadn't worked out so well. He famously wrote:

“New presbyter is but old priest writ large.”

The things he had despised in priests didn't go away even when priesthood was driven underground. Young Thomas Jefferson opined, “History . . . furnishes no example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government.” Of course the Protestant states were equally unsuccessful in maintaining a free civil government. (Think Geneva. Think Salem). Maybe he eventually noticed that. The old Thomas Jefferson died with a well-worn Book of Common Prayer in his bedroom. He was buried by a priest. But the sentiment persists that priests are somehow anti-democratic.

As a priest, meeting strangers always made me feel like a walking Rorschach inkblot. Some strangers immediately loved and respect me far beyond my due. Others promptly despised me for things they imagined I had thought and done – which I had not and would not.

Almost everyone is conflicted, ambivalent, or mixed up about priests. Priests are the most uncomfortable about it of anyone. They want to be priests – but many are embarrassed about it. Male priests are apt to swear a bit more loudly and talk overmuch about trucks. Priests who have been consecrated, “set apart,” to be in some sense different (not better, but different), emphatically insist that they are the same. It gets very confusing for women priests who on the one hand rightly rebel against the patriarchal authority tradition of which priests have historically been a part; but on the other hand notice that the status of previously male professions often goes down once women are admitted to them – a case of residual sexism lived out in a scorched earth policy. I have

known laity who despise priests at the same time they want to become priests. There is a lot of ambivalence afoot.

In the 70s and 80s, we thought one way of dealing with our ambivalence might be to keep priests in their home congregations (Canon 9). They would be “prophets without honor in their own country” and so could do less harm. (There were of course other reasons for Canon 9 – this is just the reason that fits our present question.) It did not work out that way. Some Canon 9 priests fit that mold. But others became, as we say in Total Ministry circles, “local Popes” running everything. Other Canon 9 priests functioned pretty much like seminary-trained itinerant priests. That may be why the Church repealed Canon 9 about a decade ago. We realized as Bishop Kelsey (Northern Michigan) put it, “A priest is a priest is a priest.” I might put it, “A priest is still a priest wherever they are trained or deployed.” Meanwhile seminary-trained full time paid rectors are often – but not always -- the priests most committed to spreading authority among the laity.

So the realities about priests – both in the flesh and in our minds -- are complicated and do not fit any neat patterns. I have no nifty way to clear all that up. I wish I did because ambiguity and ambivalence do not make for good relationships. \*\*\*Invariably, where the congregation and the priest have a positive, creative relationship of mutual respect, the congregation flourishes and the mission moves forward. When the relationship is twisted – as in: the priest dominates the congregation so that lay authority is repressed; or when the congregation disempowers the priest so that priestly leadership vanishes; or when the priest and congregation gridlock in a power struggle – the congregation wastes away and the mission falters.\*\*\*

St. Paul was forever trying to patch up relationships between priests and congregations. The classic ancient argument for respectful relations between priest and parish is The 1st Epistle of Clement, (c. 97 A.D.) which was regularly read aloud in some congregations for centuries. <http://www.ewtn.com/library/patristc/anf1-1.htm>

Working through to a healthy partnership in Christ is an interpersonal process. Priests and laity have to sort it out in their own way. There is no manual. But I can offer a little clarity on what a priest is and what a priest is for in the hope that might be a helpful resource.

### **1. Priesthood is Sacramental – Which Means Priests Are Not Better But They Are Different.**

Sacraments are material stuff (bread, wine, water, oil, people) with God moving and acting through them. The Universe is sacramental because God is moving and acting in everything. (William Temple). But if we try to pay attention to God everywhere in general, we don't see God with much clarity anywhere in particular. So we designate certain times, places, things, and people as holy. That means two things: (a) We pay attention to God in a particular way; and (b) God actually shows up and manifests with greater clarity. That's what we mean by "sacrament."

Ordination is the sacrament that sets a person apart ("consecrate" means to set apart) to serve God in a special way and to represent a special aspect of God. Priests are set apart to bless, consecrate, and absolve on behalf of the Church. For example, anyone can say his or her own blessing of another person. We are all called to bless each other. We do it whenever someone sneezes. We are all called to forgive each other and reassure each other of God's forgiveness. But priests pronounce

the Church's blessing. They speak for the universal Church. The priest is the local face and the local voice of the Church.

This makes a difference for how the priest acts. Priests are not as free as lay people to express how they happen to feel at the moment. They speak for the Church rather than their own personal opinions and preferences. So lay people listen to the priest differently. They are entitled to expect priests to speak from the Tradition rather than their personal inclinations. The fact that the priest has set his or her ego agenda aside is the main thing that authorizes the priest to exercise spiritual leadership in the congregation. Being different is hard and priests often feel uncomfortable in their role. There is tremendous pressure to jump out of role and into personality, so we can blend.

What happens when the priest fails to speak for the Church – either by being silenced or by interjecting personal opinions instead of Church teaching? Life goes on. None of us fulfills our role perfectly all the time. We slip. We get confused. We create muddles. But acting priestly means serving as the Church's agent, not espousing our own spirituality as our own principal. That's what the priest is striving to do and what the people are hoping for.

This does not mean that priests are the most moral, the most prayerful, the most wise people in the Church. They are the voice, the agents if you will, of our group morality, prayer, and wisdom. Sometimes I hear people say they expect the priest to be better than they are. Those folks are apt to be disappointed. Priests are first and foremost human, which means they are as fallible as anyone. A priest should be moral enough, prayerful enough, and wise enough to tap into the Tradition and represent it. But priests are not pinnacles of

spirituality, just representatives. Their leadership does not lie in their superiority as persons, but in their setting aside of their personal selves to represent the Church.

## **2. Priests know things.**

There is in fact a great deal to know about the faith and the Church. Priests are required to know a lot. They have to know Scripture, theology (systematic, moral, and ascetic), and liturgy – what to do when and why we do it that way. They have to know Church history. There are rubrics to follow, canons to be worked with. There is a large field of knowledge called “congregational development.” That includes evangelism, stewardship, pedagogy, community organizing, team building, and other such processes – which are not just homemade ideas. You can get a doctoral degree in congregational development.

The specialized knowledge of priests is often overlooked. Business people for example bring needed expertise to the management of the Church. However, they have quite a learning curve because the Church is different. In a business, leaders are usually the ones who pay people to do their bidding. In the Church, people are not so easily motivated as in the workplace. In fact, the people priests purport to lead are often the ones paying them. That changes the power dynamic considerably. That’s just one of the many ways in which Church leadership is a different kettle of fish from business leadership. Priests generally know a bit about these things.

When people know something, it is prudent to pay attention to their input. We may not defer to them. Knowing stuff doesn’t mean one can’t still be wrong. But there is such a thing as expertise in the Church. Priests have to know a good deal to get ordained. Then, if they honor their vows, they continue to study and learn

more to make them better leaders for the mission. As in all fields, some do more continuing education than others. But we hope and expect all are doing some as they promise anew each year with the renewal of their ord

## **3. Priests are connected.**

One of the biggest misunderstandings about priesthood is the notion that any one person can have in sufficient abundance all the gifts and talents that a priest needs. Quite the contrary, no one has those gifts to that degree. That’s why priesthood does not belong to an individual. Each individual partakes of the priesthood of the community of priests. In principle, priests are friends and colleagues. They communicate with each other, support each other, advise each other, share insights and expertise with each other. The greatest asset a priest can bring to his or her congregation is a connection to the other priests who collectively know a whole lot more than any individual possibly could.

We are not as strong on community as we might be. We have some Lone Rangers. We generally fail to connect as often or as closely as we might. But we are considerably more connected than we were a few years ago. When the priests become friends, two things happen: (a) they become better at what they do; and (b) a link is formed between congregations so that congregations can better support each other.

## **Conclusion**

We are blessed in this diocese with a goodly fellowship of priests. None are perfect but they are competent, committed, and caring. I am not sure we always treat them as well as God might wish. I am not sure we exercise good stewardship of them. We do not always fund their continuing education or even pay for

necessary duties such as attendance at diocesan gatherings. We do not allow them the time off they need to refresh their spirits for ministry. We do not always show them the respect we might show another professional of comparable expertise. We do not always recognize their knowledge and experience as valuable resources. Some of us are quicker to blame than to commend.

Maybe this goes back to the ambivalence we feel about priests, which has been stirring since 50 A.D. (1st Corinthians). Maybe this is just how it is. Still, I have seen congregations treat their priest with care and I have seen priests treat such congregations with corresponding kindness. It is possible, even when the priest is not perfect, perhaps especially when the priest is not perfect. When it happens, the congregation flourishes and the mission advances.

Blessing Always,

Bishop Dan

### From Deacon Mike



When I was newly ordained an old priest told me that the secret to a pastoral visit with someone was for the visitor to leave his/her preconceived notions and judgments at the door, and go in with an open mind; In other words to see that your own Toga was on straight.

I lived in a small town in Eastern Nevada when I was a Kid. My dad worked in a casino and my mom was a homemaker. They both had degrees from The University of Washington so their educational level was good. They weren't slouches, but they were not accepted to a certain protestant church in the

town because dad worked at the casino. My mom met a lady at the Episcopal Church who accepted them and our life in the church started. How do we meet people at the front door of the church? Is your toga on Straight?

When in this small town I heard lots of story's about the ranchers and shepherders who came to town for supplies and markets. One story was about a Basque shepherd that came to town in his old truck, usually in his bib overalls, and with a dog or two. He wasn't scrubbed and washed perfectly of course and could barely speak English. Can you imagine? He went into a bar for a drink and the bartender threw him out. So because he had just sold a large band of sheep and because he didn't trust banks he went to his attorney and pulled out a wad of bills from his overalls. He bought the bar and went back and fired the bartender. How do we treat those who come to Church not quite dressed the way we would expect? Is our toga on Straight?

I met a man who got out of prison last summer. I will call him George for this story. He was in the Kairos program we sponsor. He is paranoid and schizophrenic. In Prison he was picked on because he was easy prey. He is heavily drugged to keep him from freaking out and causing harm (prison is our treatment system for many mentally ill). He finally was put into a room with a man named Fred who is serving many life sentences and probably will never get out. Fred has more tattoos on him than skin and scares me to think of meeting him on the street. But this man treated George with dignity and respect and protected him from abuse. Fred saved George's life. His toga was on Straight.

How do we leave our preconceived judgments at the door of meeting someone new? I know I am judged by what I wear, by

how I speak, by how I smell. And I try to fit in with the crowd that is around me. But sometimes I want to grow my mustaches long and hairy and don't cut my hair because it does upset others. And we need to be upset so we can see that we do judge others. And that our judgments usually are wrong. We need to love others to keep our Togas on Straight. Amen.

Deacon Mike Margerum

## Senior Warden's Report



Hi everyone!

As some might say "Spring has Sprung!" I was hoping for a wet spring to make up for the dry winter, but alas it has not materialized. The trees and flowers don't seem to mind.

Spring flowers are my favorite because they bloom no matter the weather.

Recently, I wanted to attend an activity one evening. I was tired and considered not making the effort to attend. I made myself go, thinking I would just sort of watch and not do too much. When I arrived, I was immediately energized by the others in attendance. Before I knew it, the event was ending and I had had a good time! I don't think I'm the only one who has this happen. We have a lot going on at home, work and church. We don't need to do everything but choosing just one new activity to "charge up" our spirits is awesome.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Kitchen Shower for our church kitchen. A registry and list of needed items is being prepared now. Look for announcements and invitations soon.

The next event for the 5 Marks of Mission is the Spring Spruce Up Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A group is working on identifying locations that could

use our help. These projects will generally be minor home repairs, painting, yard work and so forth. Groups of 5-8 people will be needed for each project. We will have sign-up sheets available right after Easter. Let's pull together to make this a big success.

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## Jr. Warden's Report



First, I would like to thank Fr. Kirk for the nice introduction that he wrote about me in the last Epistle. Being very new in the job I don't have a great deal to report. With the help

of Ken Stine the drip system is up and running and the fountain is on.

I have received inputs from most of the group of men who I will call the Building Committee which will help to plan upcoming projects for the church.

April 19 will be our first parish work day, and we need all the help we can get. Spider Man AKA Dick Stufflebeam will head up the reinstallation of the banners. It being Spring I hope that many of you will come and help spruce up the grounds. As for me, in answer to Fr. Kirk's prayers, I will lead a group in an attempt to clean out the north furnace room. If we fail, I hope you will attend a memorial service in our honor.

Respectfully submitted  
Ed Stevens

## 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 @ 6:00 p.m.

## Monthly Receipt Summary

### March 2014



For the 2014 year, we expect to receive \$237,863 from our pledge, challenge pledge, and plate income and should average \$19,822 per month from those sources.

The table below helps us keep track of where we are as the year proceeds.

2-Mar	\$3,327.00	9-Mar	\$2,612.00
16-Mar	\$3,973.00	23-Mar	\$3,151.00
		Online	\$3,670.00
Monthly Total			\$16,733.00

For the four weeks in March, we are \$1,566 below our target.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex. You can direct questions to any Vestry member, Dick Stufflebeam, or Patti Stine.

(Email: [dick@stpaulssparks.org](mailto:dick@stpaulssparks.org))

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE:** By all your gifts, we are blessed. For all your gifts we are grateful.

### Outreach Report



Thanks to all who donated to Project LUCI (Lanterns for Africa). St. Paul's was able to send a check to the Diocese for \$1235.00 which purchased 130 lanterns.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a great success. After expenses, profits for Youth Ministries was \$402.35.

Other outreach for the month included \$383.61 to the Food Pantry, \$185.00 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Disaster Relief for Lenten Soup Suppers, \$288.50 to ERD Jerusalem Church for Ash Wednesday, \$20.00 to Camp Galilee camperships, \$40.00 to the Community Garden Project, \$22.00 to the Special Music Fund, \$50.00 to Clergy Discretionary Fund, and \$265.00 to Daughters of the King.

Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

### Easter Offering

This year's Easter offering will be split between St. Paul's General Fund and Eddy House. Started by Lynette Eddy, Eddy House provides residential housing for young adults who have "aged out" of the foster care system, giving them educational goals and teaching them life skills. Work experience is provided by Lynette Eddy's restaurant, Z-Pie, which donates 100% of its profits back to Eddy House. Please give generously as the spirit moves you.

### Lectio Divina Bible Study

Come and join us in the parish hall for this Holy Spirit guided study of scripture. (no homework required ☺)

#### Combined Men's and Women's Group

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Men's Group

Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Contact The Rev. Mike Margerum for more information. [mgoodmarge@gmail.com](mailto:mgoodmarge@gmail.com) or 775-229-2695

### Prayers of the People

Please help us keep our Prayer Chain List up to date. Let someone in the Prayer Chain Group or Robin in the office know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.



Johne, Jack, Gina, Art's family, Forrest, Russ, Pat, Sherre, Barbara, Ronny, Larry, Rev. Karen, Anne, Joe's family, Betty, Barb, Sofia, Keith's family, Mickey, Philip, Nancy, Nanette, Rosemarie, Tom, Janell, Ellie, Katie, Wes, Bill, Dan, Erin, Preston, Jameson Walker, Dennis, Liz, Jesse, Pattie, Julie, Anita, Molly, Curt, Shelby, Lennah, Casey, Kathy, Richard, Cole, Joe Ann & family, Danni, Karen, Rori, Will, Willow Rose, Durwood, Greg, Chris, Ralphie and Rose Mary.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Tyler, Sierra, Owen, Larry, Brian, Lt. Col Bruce, Jordan and Evanne.

Deceased: John Giordano, Joe Presley

### Got Shoes?

Deacon Mike is collecting new and gently used **men's shoes** to donate to the Restitution Center. The Restitution Center helps inmates transition from being incarcerated into finding jobs upon release. There is a barrel in the narthex for you to put the shoes. Thank you.

### Need Baked Goods for a Special Party? Meeting? Birthday?



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 or Hayley 626-8519. Visit the website for a pricelist and pictures of their past works. Check out Sally Sue's Bakery at [www.sarahlightfoot.blogspot.com](http://www.sarahlightfoot.blogspot.com)

### April in the Food Pantry

#### "April Showers"

Just like the garden needs rain... We need "showers of stuff" to



feed & provide for the needy.

We need food, personal hygiene items, toilet paper; even diapers are in great demand.

Shower us with the items you may choose to help us with our mission.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

If you can't make it to the store, we will gladly shop for you. Monetary donations are always welcome.

### Epistle Ecology Shorts




One of the marks of mission we strive for is to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. This "gift of creation" that we have seems like a hard goal to achieve. Eco-palians believe that our religious traditions see the sacred in nature and that people grow spiritually through a strong relationship with the earth.

How do you develop a strong "relationship" with the earth? Get away from Big Super Stores and go Outside – to a park or just outside your home. Another simple thing you can do is take a look at the plants and birds as you go into church each Sunday. We have some really cool birds and later in the year we should see some beautiful plants. Take a look! I guarantee you'll like what you see.

Donna Margerum

### Pinterest Interest Group

Come join us in the parish hall on the first Sunday of the month at  6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts! For questions call Tricia Woodliff at 200-6677 or email her at [triciawoodliff@hotmail.com](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com)

## St. Paul's Prayers & Squares

The "Prayers and Squares" ministry is a special "outreach" tool to share the love of Christ. The quilts bring a tangible example of the love we all share with those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. You do not have to know how to sew, or like to sew, but can also just join us for the fellowship we all share.



We meet on the second Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall from 9 A.M. to noon.

We gladly receive donations of materials, thread, etc. and cash to purchase necessary supplies.

If you would like to join us, or if you would like to request a quilt for someone, please contact Victoria Sidener 322-2375.

## Episcopal Women of Nevada



Episcopal Women of Nevada (EWN) is a state wide organization for all women in the Episcopal Church in Nevada. The

group will be having their Northern Nevada meeting at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin at 10 am. A short program and business meeting is planned. Please come and find out about all the exciting things Episcopal Women in Nevada are doing!

## Garden Concert: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Come and enjoy the bluegrass and country sounds of "Homemade Jam" 7pm-9pm. Tickets \$15...Kids 17 and under are FREE.

Call the office for tickets or for more information. 775-358-4474

## All Night Prayer Vigil

(Sponsored by the DOK)



At the Maundy Thursday service the readings tell us how Jesus prayed in the garden. He prayed all night long with his followers. Even though they fell asleep, we remember this night by keeping a Vigil of Prayer. The chapel will be set up for you to spend an hour in prayer. The prayer vigil begins at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service through 6 am on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. We would like to have 2 people pray together each hour.

If you have plants we can use to place in the chapel for this time, please let the church office know. Please bring them to the church by Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Plants Needed for the Prayer Vigil

If you have plants we can use to place in the chapel for this time, please let the church office know. Please bring them to the church by Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Genesis 3)

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AT THE EDEN NURSERY

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER  
Worship Schedule  
is on the Front Cover.**

## Special Music for Easter



As some of you remember, the church was fortunate enough to have special musicians for Christmas. A string quartet and trumpet were brought in and added so much to the service. It was a huge success and we'd love to do something similar for Easter. A special music fund exists to help support these special musicians. To continue that support, there are "special music" donation envelopes available for use. Simply drop a contribution into the designated envelope and toss it into the collection tray. Voilà!

## Kitchen Shower

Our church kitchen has become a bit worn and weary. The towels are ragged and torn, dish soap can be hard to find and even less available are paper towels! Need a serving utensil? Good luck finding one that fits the need! What can we do to spruce things up? Why, we can have a Kitchen Shower! It will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**A gift registry has been set up at Target under the name Devon/Bouzek.** We have some large items that for your consideration as well. Perhaps you would like to get a group to go in on a larger item. Donations of \$\$cash\$\$ are also welcome. Come and join in the fun of sprucing up the kitchen!

Margaret Bouzek and Linda Devon

## Parish Clean Up Day

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

Come and help clean the place up for Easter! Bring your trimmers, rakes, ladders, etc. Church Banners will be hung that morning too.

## Youth Group: EYC



**10:30 to 12:30 Sundays in the Youth Room**  
(Meets each week unless otherwise noted)

**What is EYC?** EYC is an Episcopal



Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) grades 6-12 are invited to come to participate. The focus will be different each week, but you can count on whatever the EYC is doing it will stimulate our growth with God, our growth with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world.

Not sure about the EYC thing? We invite you to come and see.

## EYC March Schedule

**EYC April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Meet after the 9:00 service to go to the Coconut Bowl to Bowl and eat lunch

**EYC April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Growing with God Day. Last of the TED Talks.

**EYC April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Day, No EYC

**EYC April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday, Funday in the Youth Room!

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Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Presents

# HOMEMADE JAM

## BLUEGRASS EXTRAORDINAIRE

Saturday, April 26, 2014

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

TICKETS

\$15.00

Call the Parish Office

at 358-4474

or Heather at

544-7329

[Heather.burkhardt@henryschien.com](mailto:Heather.burkhardt@henryschien.com)

Desserts and drinks available

**KID'S 17 AND UNDER FREE**

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Coming Events



## April 2014

<b>EVERY Monday During Lent</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>EVERY Wednesday During Lent</b>	<b>Lenten Soup and Study</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>EVERY Sunday During Lent</b>	<b>Lenten Book Study</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>

Thursday	Apr. 3, 2014	Deacon's Conference (at St. Paul's) <i>Thurs. thru Sat.</i>	
Thursday	Apr. 3, 2014	Lectio Divina – Bible Study	11:00 am
Thursday	Apr. 3, 2014	Healing Service with Holy Eucharist	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 3, 2014	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 6, 2014	Confirmation/Reception Adult Baptism	12:30 pm
Monday	Apr. 7, 2014	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 10, 2014	Lectio Divina – Bible Study	11:00 am
Thursday	Apr. 10, 2014	Healing Service with Holy Eucharist	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 10, 2014	Men's Bible Study Group	7:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 12, 2014	Prayers and Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 13, 2014	Palm Sunday	
Sunday	Apr. 13, 2014	Confirmation/Reception Adult Baptism	12:30 pm
Monday	Apr. 14, 2014	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 17, 2014	<b>Lectio Divina – Bible Study</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

**THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE IS LISTED ON THE COVER OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

Saturday	Apr. 19, 2014	Parish Clean Up Day	9:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 19, 2014	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 20, 2014	<b>NO 5:00 o'clock service on Easter</b>	
Thursday	Apr. 24, 2014	Lectio Divina – Bible Study	11:00 am
Thursday	Apr. 24, 2014	Healing Service with Holy Eucharist	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 24, 2014	Men's Bible Study Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Apr. 25, 2014	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 26, 2014	Episcopal Women in Nevada	9:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 26, 2014	<b>Homemade Jam Concert in the Garden</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sunday	Apr. 27, 2014	Kitchen Shower	10:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 27, 2014	<b>11:00 service with DOK Installations</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

### Recurring Events

- EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:30 in the Youth Room
- 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 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 37A
- 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 April 1 thru April 30 *** rev. 3/31/14															
Day	Date	Time	Service	Lectors				Eucharistic Ministers			Healing Ministers	Ushers	Projector	Altar Guild	Sunday School Teachers
				OT	Psalm	NT	Intercessor	EM1	EM2	Youth					
Su	4/6/14	9:00 a.m.	5th of Lent	Youth	TBA	Youth	Youth	Youth	Barb S	Pat E	Pattie R	Gene C/Bob B	Mel	Patti S/Lynne S	Family Service
		11:00 a.m.		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Volunteer	Volunteer			Dan B/Jack S		Eileen C	
		5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer				Volunteer			
Su	4/13/14	9:00 a.m.	Palm	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA	Patti S	Chelsea S	Connie P	Dick S/Dave S	John	Dianne M/Margaret B	Jeanline F & Erin & Keith A
	Palm	11:00 a.m.	Sunday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Volunteer	Victoria S	Deb S	TBA	Wait C/Mike E			
	Sunday	5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer			
Th	4/17/14	6:00 p.m.	Maundy	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA		Altar Guild	
	Maundy		Thurs.												
	Thurs														
Fr	4/18/14	12:10 p.m.	Good	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA				TBA		Altar Guild	
	Good	6:00 p.m.	Friday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA				TBA			
	Friday														
Sa	4/19/14	9:00 a.m.	Holy												
	Holy	8:00 p.m.	Saturday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA				TBA		Altar Guild	
	Sat.														
Su	4/20/14	9:00 a.m.	Easter	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA	Fran D	Gene C	Brenda S	Janice W/Steve S	Peggy	Pam & Sarah L	Sheri M & Heather B
	Easter	11:00 a.m.	Sunday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Susan G	David G	TBA	Mike E/Dan B			
	Sunday	5:00 p.m.													
Su	4/27/14	9:00 a.m.	2nd	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA	Tracee R	Marge P	Tricia W	Rich S/Dick S	Jody	Patti S/Lynne S	Nancy L & Ellen H
		11:00 a.m.	Sunday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Victoria S	Dan B	Pattie R	Wait C/Shirley R		Eileen C	
		5:00 p.m.	Easter	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer			Volunteer			