

# The Epistle



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## August 2014

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### WHO ARE WE?

We, as St. Paul's, are a theologically diverse community who seeks to embrace our diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of belonging for all people.

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

### Sabbatical Part 2



I spent the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, Texas. Yes, it is true...being there in July is not the brightest of ideas, however it was a great week. This trip was not vacation, but continuing education. I spent each day from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (including working lunches) in training sessions to become a certified facilitator of The Daring Way. The Daring Way is a process of learning to live Whole Heartedly. It is based on the research of Brené Brown, Ph.D., LMSW. Brené is a research professor at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. She has spent the past decade studying vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame.

If you want to know a little bit about what this means, watch the following TED talks by her found at these web links.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/brene\\_brown\\_on\\_vulnerability](https://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability)

[http://www.ted.com/talks/brene\\_brown\\_listening\\_to\\_shame](http://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_listening_to_shame)

Now that I have completed my training, the hard work begins. During my Sabbatical I will be working towards fulfilling the remainder of the requirements for my certification which will allow me to lead group workshops as well as guide individuals through the process of living wholeheartedly. What I have learned and taken to heart through reading and studying Brené's research, is that wholehearted living is vital to our relationships with one another, as well as it being imperative for us to have a deeper connection with God.

*Kirk<sup>+</sup>*

## Senior Warden's Report



Fr. Kirk's sabbatical will begin at the end of the month. St. Paul's will continue doing the same good work it has done while he is gone. Remember that Sabbatical means to rest and refresh. A parish priest is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is important that we give Fr. Kirk the opportunity to be refreshed to come back ready for more work with us. Fr. Kirk will return to active parish work by Advent. In his absence, Rev. Chip Arnold will preside at most Sunday services. He will be assisted by other clergy as needed. The church office will be open its usual hours. In the event of an emergency, contact the church office. Your concern will be addressed in a timely manner.

We will have our final summer parish picnic on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be Fr. Kirk's last Sunday with us. This month we bid farewell to Aren Long, our organist. Aren has accepted another position. We wish him the very best in his future and give him many thanks for the gifts he has shared with us.

The school supply fund drive is coming to a conclusion on August 3<sup>rd</sup> so that we can have our gifts at the designated schools before classes begin. If you wish to make a donation after this time, please feel free to do so. A member of the Daughters of the King will see that your gift is delivered. We wish to thank all of you for your generous donations.

As Senior Warden, I will be assuming a larger leadership role during Fr. Kirk's absence. You can reach me through the church office. I am grateful to the team that has been planning for the sabbatical time. The committee members are: Rev. Chip Arnold, Robin Diehl, Mike Entwistle, Mike Margerum, Dan Bouzek and me. Margaret Bouzek, Sr. Warden

## Jr. Warden's Report



We are trying something new with regard to church maintenance. There are people in our church community with a love for a certain part of the upkeep of our church, so I have asked them to form groups to care for the task they love. This has been very well received and all the groups have been formed except one. It is not easy to find people who just love to pull weeds. So here is my plea since no one loves to pull weeds, I am hoping that three or four of you may not mind it and are willing to volunteer for the weed squad. If you are a weed enthusiast (not the Colorado kind) and are willing to spend a couple hours a month to help keep our church looking nice please give me a call, [775-835-8488](tel:775-835-8488). Ed Stevens

## The Daughters of the King

Are you not quite sure who The Daughters of the King are and what it is they do? Contact Margaret Bouzek at

[Margaret.Bouzek@va.gov](mailto:Margaret.Bouzek@va.gov)  
or by phone at (775) 424-3767.



## Pinterest Interest Group

Come join us in the parish hall on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts! If you have questions, or if you want to **HELP** with food and/or the craft projects, contact Tricia Woodliff at 200-6677 or email her at [triciawoodliff@hotmail.com](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com)



## Monthly Receipt Summary

### Funding the Mission, July 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 progresses.

30-Jun	\$4,026.00	6-Jul	\$2,033.00
13-Jul	\$2,706.00	20-Jul	\$1,822.00
		Online	\$4,250.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>			<b>\$14,837.00</b>

For the four Sundays in this report, we are \$3,909.00 below our projection for the period.

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 have donated to the Food Pantry. Including online donations, a total of \$1,275.00 was received this month. Other outreach included \$20.00 to Prayers and Squares, \$120.00 for School Supplies, \$5.30 to UTO (United Thank Offering), \$24.00

to our Special Music fund, and \$50.00 to the Clergy Discretionary account.

Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

## 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)

## Ordination

By the Grace of God  
and with the People Consenting  
The Right Reverend Dan Edwards,  
Bishop of Nevada, will ordain  
Rose Mary Joe-Kinale  
to the Sacred Order of Priests  
Saturday, August 9th, 2014,  
3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's the Prospector,  
87 S F St, Virginia City, NV 89440

## Memorial Garden News



In recent Epistles we advised that we are in the process of finalizing our Columbarium Special Use Permit allowance from 1980.

We are pleased to announce now that Boy Scout Alex Bibby of troop 443 Spanish Springs is taking on a portion of this project in his effort to gain Eagle Scout status. Troop 443, for those that may not know, is the scout troop that has been providing our Christmas greens in recent years.

Alex's portion of this project includes a two foot extension of each of the concrete pads to accommodate the overall project, the stone

planter boxes on one end of each pad, irrigation and drainage of same, the topiary plants as well as a modified paver area near the Narthex entry. All of this to be completed in the near future.

We wish Alex every success in this mutually beneficial endeavor.

## Columbarium News



We are advised by Premier Memorial that the Columbaria units are leaving China on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, and we should expect installation to occur the first half of September.

The first two niches will be sold by the time the units are installed and we would invite you to consider the purchase of a niche or two if you are considering these "Life Event" matters. The \$1200.00 per niche for parishioners is very competitive in this area, and I believe we are the only burial site in the City of Sparks. These niches are being sold to the general public at \$1500.00 each.

If interested, feel free to pick up an information Packet at the church office or contact Gene Carse at 233-8254.

Also, if you have noticed the Baby Memorial located on the Parish Hall wall and want to know more about it and/or how you might get a plaque placed on it for a lost child (no charge), please contact Gene.

## August in the Food Pantry

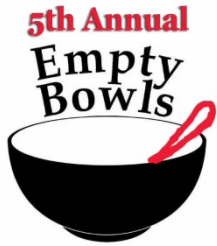
### Find a good price on Beans and Rice



This month we need Beans and Rice. PLEASE don't buy large bags. Everything we give out needs to be in its original bag.



## Empty Bowls



Empty Bowls this year is September 24, 2014 this is the 5th year and is the pantry's main source of revenue for the year and are hoping to make this a spectacular event. Bowl painting has begun. We

need about 200 bowls for a successful event. . Paint a bowl at the Playful Potter 1351 E Prater Way, Sparks Nevada. Bowls will be auctioned at the event.

We are also collecting wine donations for the event. These will be raffled in a unique way as well. Donations can be brought to the church there will be a box in the narthex this summer.

Please contact Barb Monroy if you have any questions [775-742-4856](mailto:bmonroy0216@gmail.com)  
[bmonroy0216@gmail.com](mailto:bmonroy0216@gmail.com)

## 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.



Prayer Requests

Jack, Gina, Forrest, Russ, Pat, Ronny, Larry, Rev. Karen, Anne, Betty, Barb, Sofia, Keith & family, Mickey, Philip, Nancy, Nanette, Rosemarie, Ellie, Katie, Wes, Dan, Erin, Preston, Jameson Walker, Liz, Jesse, Pattie, Julie, Shelby, Casey, Kathy, Richard, Danni, Karen, Sven, Gracie, Ralphie, Greg, Jackie, Don's family, Shelly, Sharon, Kate, Carol, Dorothy, Stacey, Jamie, Renee, Travis, Vanessa, Jennifer, Gene, Ed, Koressa, Rev. Bill, Virginia, Paul, Mari Lee and Mariesa.

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

## Epistle Ecology Shorts

Grow your own food. Besides being better for the environment, it may be fresher and nutritionally better for you. If you don't have the space try a container or two; you may find that you can grow lots in a container. Donna Margerum

## Worship Attendance

<b>Worship Attendance Last Month</b>				
<b>Week Of:</b>	<b>Sun 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Thurs 6 p.m.</b>	
6-Jul	84	11	9	3-Jul
13-Jul	111	10	10	10-Jul
20-Jul	83	14	10	17-Jul
27-Jul	151		8	24-Jul
				31-Jul
Totals	429	35	37	
Average Sunday Attendance = 116				

## Youth Group: EYC



### Summer Schedule: See Below

**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 June-August Schedule

During the summer the EYC will NOT be meeting every week. We will instead having

special outings! The EYC will be notified about these outings. If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us. If you are interested, please get in touch with Tricia and give her your contact information. She can be reached at 200-6677 or email her at [triciawoodliff@hotmail.com](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com)

## We Are Thankful...

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
(Psalm 107:1)

Watch this space in the Epistle each month for St. Paul's stories of gratitude and belonging. If you are ready to share, please contact Jon Mittelstadt ([jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com)) or any member of Vestry. We thank you for your help!



This month we are very thankful that Sheri McLaughlin has shared her answers to the following questions.

### 1. How long have you attended St. Paul's?

My entire life, except 8 years I lived in CA.

### 2. What about St. Paul's makes it a church home for you?

There is definitely comfort in familiarity, but for me it is more about the diversity of St. Paul's congregation. We celebrate each other's differences knowing we are unified in God. St. Paul's is an accepting, welcoming environment and I love our continuous efforts to open our doors to everybody. Come as you are!

### 3. What is one thing about St. Paul's you are most thankful for?

Changing with the times and being progressive. Can you believe girls couldn't serve as acolytes when I was child? I love that St. Paul's and the Episcopal Church as a whole treats all people as equals. Do unto others.

### 4. Please share a favorite story about your time at St. Paul's and/ or tell a little about one of your favorite church activities.

I will never forget all the wonderful years spent at Camp Galilee as a camper. We are so lucky to have this little slice of heaven so close to home. If you haven't been to Camp Galilee-GO! Nature is the art of God eternal.

**Thanks for sharing with us, Sheri!**

## 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

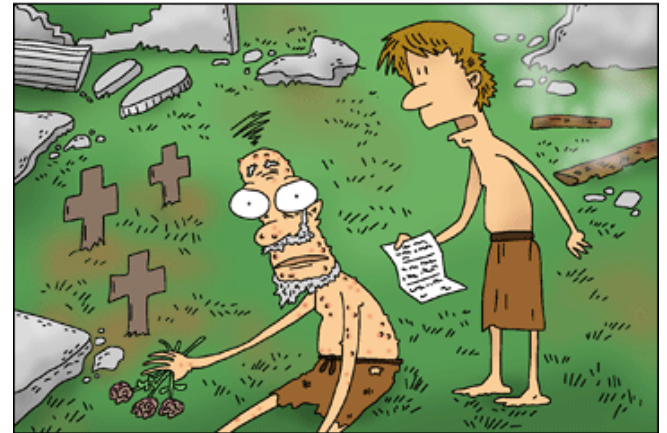
Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### 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

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## 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.

## Letter from Aren Long to St. Paul's

As most of you have heard, I am leaving St. Paul's - my final Sunday will be August 17th. I'd like to take this time to give a brief history of my time at the church and express some of my thoughts.

I was hired as the temporary organist for St. Paul's in the summer of 2012. At the time, I wasn't actually an organist, and beyond the "Christian classics," I wasn't too familiar with the Episcopalian hymnal. On top of that, at the tender age of fifteen, playing for a church service seemed very overwhelming. I was merely a convenient, temporary substitute for my older brother, Neal, who worked at the church prior.

In the weeks leading up to my first Sunday, I underwent vigorous "training." Working alongside Father Kirk and Margaret Bouzek, I spent hours at the organ console and began learning about the multiple music traditions and procedures. Over the course of the summer I honed my skills, and eventually became convinced that playing for a church wasn't so bad after all. And believe it or not, by the end of the season, I was fortunate enough to be hired as the official organist of St. Paul's.

Fast forward to the following spring, when Margaret announced her retirement as choir director. There was a month left before the start of the summer schedule, and again, I was considered a temporary substitute while St. Paul's looked for a new director. I chose to close out the remainder of the spring season by having the choir sing simple hymns, believing that a new director would eventually be chosen.

With summer coming around the corner, and with Margaret enjoying her music-free life, (and with the choir out of session for the summer) I knew I had to find a way to keep the music interesting. I had previously flirted with the idea of recruiting my musical friends to help out with the music but I never had the time, resources, or confidence to do it. But for that summer I figured I'd give it a shot. Thus, the special music program was born. Granted, it wasn't called anything back then - I guess I only thought of it as a temporary solution.

I remember my first service with special musicians very well. It was a string quartet with three women and myself. I made a lot of mistakes – I chose some weird music, I didn't have the foresight to include a fourth player so the quartet didn't diminish into a tri-tet when I had to sit at the organ, and I even let the musicians leave after playing the offertory song in the middle of the service.

However, it was really well received. I began to realize that music has a lot of potential to breathe life into a church service. If I remember correctly, it was John Hannah's idea to set up a special music fund that would monetarily support any musicians I believed would add to the service. And with Dick Stufflebeam's guidance and support, another temporary solution became a permanent addition.

Near the end of the summer of 2013, it became apparent that I would end up directing the choir in the upcoming fall season. The very idea terrified me – I had less choral experience compared to my instrumental work, and I didn't know if I had the confidence and knowledge to lead and train a group of people on a weekly basis. I remember desperately hoping that the Lightfoot sisters would take the position, adding their college experience to the music program.

Obviously, I didn't get what I hoped for. So, with the new church year starting, I got to work. I researched choral techniques and talked to some conductor friends of mine. I searched and searched for new choir anthems that would spark interest and be easier to perform and teach. I really wanted to rebuild the group from scratch while developing a sense of unity and purpose.

It definitely wasn't easy and, looking back, I can now see my mistakes. I see where I hit the gas pedal too hard or where I was too easy going. I definitely hurt some feelings along the way, and I remember spending hours trying to figure out how to solve problems that I caused. But at the end of it all, there was improvement. And out of that improvement grew genuine joy, both for the choir and for the congregation.

So now, two years and fifty pairs of crazy socks later, here we are. I have been offered the organist position at First United Methodist Church, downtown on the river. I believe that the only way a person can achieve success and happiness is if they push themselves to new heights, and the Methodist church seemed like the next logical step in my artistic evolution.

I would like to extend a very special thanks to the staff and vestry of St. Paul's, especially Robin Diehl and Father Kirk. Without your constant support and encouragement, I do not believe that I would have achieved as much as I did during my employment at the church.

I would also like to thank every member of the choir. I know it wasn't always easy, but your hard work and dedication really paid off. The amount of progress you made is unheard of in some of the most professional choral groups. I sincerely hope that all of you learned

something and will continue to implement that knowledge in the years to come. I sure will.

Finally, I want to thank every member of the congregation. Your constant support, love, and energy made my time at St. Paul's a memorable and enjoyable experience. For those of you that donated to the special music fund, thank you so much. It was more successful than I could have ever hoped for. I hope that all of you enjoyed the music that the musicians and I provided.

It saddens me to know that I won't be seeing many of you for a long time. But I am extremely grateful for the experience and it makes me happy to know that the memories – and more importantly, the music – will live on.

Aren Long



## Regular Sunday Worship Times

Our regular Sunday worship times begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

- 9:00 a.m. Praise Service
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 5:00 p.m. Traditional Service no music



## Coming Events



### *August 2014*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 2, 2014</b>	<b>EYC to Six Flags</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 3, 2014</b>	<b>Family Worship &amp; blessing of the backpacks</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 3, 2014</b>	<b>D.O.K (on SUNDAY)</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 3, 2014</b>	<b>Sabbatical Meeting</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 3, 2014</b>	<b>Book Study</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 4, 2014</b>	<b>Pinterest Interest Group</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 9, 2014</b>	<b>Prayers &amp; Squares</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 10, 2014</b>	<b>Book Study</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 11, 2014</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 16, 2014</b>	<b>St. Paul's Men's Retreat @ Galilee thru Sun.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 16, 2014</b>	<b>Daughter's of the King (CANCELLED)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 17, 2014</b>	<b>Aren's last Sunday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 20, 2014</b>	<b>Sabbatical Meeting</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 24, 2014</b>	<b>Parish Potluck</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 24, 2014</b>	<b>Book Study</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 25, 2014</b>	<b>Epistle Deadline</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 28, 2014</b>	<b>St. Paul's Clergy Meeting</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

### Recurring Events

EYC will meet on special occasions during the summer,  
and will be announced prior to the event.

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

**Lectio Divina – Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m.**

**Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Men's Bible Study Thursday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.**

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 August 1st thru August 31st revised 7/25/14

Day	Date	Time	Service	Lectors				Eucharistic Ministers		Healing Ministers	Ushers	Projector	Altar Guild	Sunday School Teachers
				OT	Psalm	NT	Intercessor	EM1	EM2					
Su	8/3/14	10:00 a.m.	8th	Youth		Youth	Youth	Youth	Pattie R	Steve S/Dave S	Mel	Dianne/Margaret	Family Service	
		5:00 p.m.	Pentecost	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer				
Su	8/10/14	10:00 a.m.	9th	S. Gordon	S. Gordon	Linda K	Nanette F	Eileen C	Patti S	Connie P	John	Mike/Victoria	Jeannine F & Erin & Keith A	
		5:00 p.m.	Pentecost	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer				
Su	8/17/14	10:00 a.m.	10th	Sue O	Sue O	Nancy L	Nancy L	Patricia U	Dan B	Marge P	Peggy	Patti/Eileen	Sheri M & Heather B	
		5:00 p.m.	Pentecost	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer				
Su	8/24/14	10:00 a.m.	11th	Victoria S		Deb S	Penny M	Marge P	Fran D	Brenda S	Jody	Dianne/Margaret	Nancy L & Ellen H	
		5:00 p.m.	Pentecost	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer				
Su	8/31/14	10:00 a.m.	12th	Lindy M	Lindy M	Brenda S	Tricia W	Chelsea S	Deb S	Mike E	TBA	Lynne/Victoria	TBA	
		5:00 p.m.	Pentecost	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer		Volunteer				