

The Epistle



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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.

Senior Warden's Report

October 2014



Happy Fall! My summer went by much too quickly. I enjoy fall with the cooler weather and the beautiful colors of the trees. It is a season where I feel re-invigorated. I am ready to face new challenges.

We will have the blessing of the animals on Oct. 5th. My cat doesn't like to travel in the car so I'm going to bring his picture. I hope you will bring your pets to the blessing. We will not have an Oktoberfest this month. I've heard rumors that something may be planned in November so watch for announcements about that.

The Diocesan Convention will be held in Ely from Oct. 10-12. Your delegates are Bob and Julia Stoddard, Pat Entwistle, Dan Bouzek and Susan Palwick. I will attend as Senior Warden and Mike Entwistle will attend for Junior Warden Ed Stevens. Our clergy, Rev. Chip, Rev. Sherryl, Deacons Mike and Linda, are also attending. Please pray for our safe travel to and from Ely as well as for good work to be done at the convention.

One month of Fr. Kirk's sabbatical has passed now. Only 2 more months to go! Please remember that you may contact me via the church office or any vestry person if you have any concerns.

We will have the election of new vestry members at our annual meeting in January. If you have been considering how to be more involved in the parish, please speak to one of the current vestry members. We elect 3 new members each year. The people whose terms expire this year are: Margaret Bouzek, Linda Devon and Eileen Caspersen.

We will begin our Stewardship Campaign this month. Our theme is Walking The Way. Please pray about how you belong to St. Paul's.

In His Peace,

Margaret Bouzek, Senior Warden

Monthly Receipt Summary



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks
Funding the Mission
September 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.

31-Aug	\$2,636.00	7-Sep	\$3,759.00
14-Sep	\$2,754.00	21-Sep	\$3,238.00
		Online	\$3,270.00
Monthly Total			\$15,657.00

For the four Sundays in this report, we are \$3,270.00 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)

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

Outreach Report

The Food Pantry was the big winner in September. Ticket sales and donations for the Empty Bowls event benefiting the Food Pantry



totalled \$2835.00. The Food Pantry received additional donations of \$660.00. Other outreach for the month included \$50.00 to the Prayers and Squares quilt ministry, \$22.51 to UTO

(United Thank offering), \$50.00 to the Clergy Discretionary Fund, \$100.00 to Youth Ministries for EYC lunches, and \$300.00 for Church School funding.

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

October in the Food Pantry

"It's No Trick"



Bring treats to fill the shelves at St. Paul's Food Pantry.

Cereal, canned fruits and veggies, tuna, Mac & Cheese, etc. too

Empty Bowls – THANK YOU

This was our 5th year of Empty Bowls and it was an awesome event, as of this writing we are still counting! But an early figure as of today is \$10,001. I expect to hit \$12,000, by the time all is said and done. Your participation and support of this event is truly outstanding. Our servers of the evening were Dave Funk-Umpqua Bank, Cherie Jamason-Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Bill & Connie-Alice Radio, Todd Marini-Hot August Nights, Todd McKenize-McKenize Properties, Bruno, Keenan and Allison-Reno Bighorns, Don Handlin-Wet Hen, and David Wise-U.S Olympic God Medal Winner. Mike Alger-KTVN was the MC and Brandon Wholey-KRNV read the story of Stone Soup.

A very special thank you to – Jeannine Funk, Jody Rolfson, Linda Devon, Nicole, Katie & Jade Hickman, Eileen Caspersen, Sandy Houston who helped with the planning and setup for this event. And extra special thank you to Lindy and Pete Mandas whose generous donation from Hobey's sponsored the tent, which gave us the extra space needed as this event continues to grow.

Thanks again for all your support.

Barb Monroy

Gimmie 5 Campaign:

Think of an amount of money you would not miss each month, money that you spend on that item that you really don't need. \$1 buys 3 meals for a family in need our community. The Community Food Pantry helps fill the gap for those families in our community who are working, but need to choose between rent and food. Not a choice most of us ever have to make, but the reality is too many people in our community have to make a choice. Your small reoccurring donation of \$5 made when combined with everyone, will make a huge

difference. Just like the story of Stone Soup when many come together they made an amazing soup. When many of us come together we can make an amazing difference in the lives of those in our community.

You can make a donation at www.emptybowlsrenosparks.com/donations.

Healing Service Change

Beginning on Wednesday, October 1, we will be having a Healing Service at 12.30 pm. There are two reasons for this.

1. Many in the community who attend the Food Pantry have ailments. If we can post a Healing Service that they can attend, we may be serving them in a whole new way.

2. The 12.30 p.m. time slot is a lot easier for those with vision issues to attend. Getting to church at 6 p.m. when it is dark in winter is often difficult.

That being said, I welcome your input and am willing to continue with both the 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday and the 6.00 p.m. on Thursdays if the need is there.

Sherryl Netzler, Pastoral Care

St. Paul's Prayers & Squares

Flu season is fast approaching and I am sure that we will be getting requests for more quilts soon. We had five on the altar rail, Sunday the



21st and four more on Sunday the 28th! Our supply is dwindling rapidly! We will be meeting on October 11th to again create more quilts to help folks through their tough times.

You do not have to sew! Just come and iron for us!! Or you can cut our small squares to sew together to create a pretty design!! We love having a good supply to allow you to

select one that would appeal to the patients needing encouragement, comfort, or hope, etc. Come to the Parish Hall at 9:00 A.M. We usually are done before Noon. We would love to show you how to get involved in a new project that will bring you much satisfaction! Victoria Sidener, 322-2375.

Epistle Ecology Shorts



Buy low- or no-VOC paint with natural pigments to avoid toxins. They great for the environment and the price is not much different than the more harmful paints.

Donna Margerum

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

Barb, Jack, Gina, Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Mike E., Barbara, Larry, Rev. Karen, Anne, Sofia, Keith & family, Mickey, Shirley, Philip, Nancy, Nanette, Erin, Preston, Jameson Walker, Pattie, Julie, Casey, Kathy, Richard, Karen, Sven, Gracie, Shelly, Sharon, Stacey, Jaemmie, Vanessa, Jennifer, Gene, Ed, Koressa, Rev. Bill, Virginia, Mariesa, Vernice, Marilyn, Fiona, Ruth, Sian & family, Tishelle, Michael, Lisa, Alysandra, Kay, Erma, Cherie, Buck, Brenda, Alex, Dick, Trudy, Lorrie, Harry, Sherrie, Ray, Mike G, Mary, Maeghan, Sam, Nicole, Dave, Bob, Karen-Marie, Stephany, Linda and Amy.

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

Plus Size Swap

Big Beautiful and Broke is calling all curvy women! Join us Saturday, October 18th, in the Parish Hall, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will host a plus size swap. Bring your gently used clothes size 14 and up! Swap them for new ones, free of charge! Raffle and door prizes too! Bring a friend for extra raffle tickets. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Emily Treischel 775-657-0241 for information.

Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) grades 6-12 are invited to come and 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? Come give it a try!

Jon and Tia Mittelstadt are the adults leading EYC while Fr. Kirk and Tricia are on sabbatical. Jon and Tia have worked with St. Paul's EYC for the past year and have led youth group programs in their previous churches for over 20 years.

Welcome to the new 6th graders! EYC will meet in the youth room from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM unless listed differently in the schedule. Please join us for the following activities in October:

October 5: No meeting due to Fall Break

October 12: We will meet briefly after church in the youth room at 10:15/10:30 AM to touch base about the CROP Walk. This will be a

quick meeting to make sure everyone has the forms and permission slips they need. No lunch will be served today.

October 19: CROP Hunger Walk

We will meet at a later time on this date so we can participate in the CROP walk to raise money for the Community Food Pantry and two other organizations. Meet at 1 PM at the church to carpool to Idlewild Park where the event will take place. Be sure to wear your Community Food Pantry T-shirt. We will give you more information and pledge sheets so you can raise funds for the organizations. We will be walking 3 miles.

October 26: Halloween/Haunted Scavenger Hunt

We will meet at 10:30 AM, eat lunch and then embark on a Halloween Scavenger Hunt! We will be traveling by car (Tia and Jon driving separate cars) to see which team wins.

If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us. If you are interested, please get in touch with Tia or Jon and give them your contact information. They can be reached at 775-722-3469 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com or jon.mittel@gmail.com.

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
or by phone at (775) 424-3767.



Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is BACK!!! Thursday, October 30, 2014 5:30-7pm. Contact Barb Monroy for more information: bmonroy0216@hotmail.com or 775-742-4856.

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 or 775-229-2695

We Are Thankful...

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

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) or any member of Vestry. We will thank you for your



help! This month we are very thankful that Jody Rolfson has shared her answers to the following questions.

How long have you attended St. Paul's? My family and I have been

attending St. Paul's for 13 years.

What about St. Paul's makes it a church home for you? The first time I attended St. Paul's I felt at home. We first came to St. Paul's because we heard how incredible the Priest was. We heard correctly, but we really fell in love with the church family at St. Paul's.

How have you experienced God's generosity in your life? In your church? I have met some of the most incredible people at St. Paul's. I feel blessed with so many friends. I absolutely love working at the Food Pantry. It is one of my favorite things about St. Paul's.

What is one thing about St. Paul's you are most thankful for? My good friend Linda Devon! "Welcome to St. Paul's....meet your best friend"!

Please share a favorite story about your time at St. Paul's and/or tell a little about one of your favorite church activities. Several years ago, we had an "International Dinner", there were many wonderful dishes prepared by many of the St. Paul's parishioners. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and camaraderie. I love our fellowship activities at St. Paul's!

Thanks for sharing with us Jody!

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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.

Coming Events



October 2014

Saturday	Oct. 4, 2014	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 5, 2014	Blessing of the Animals @ 5 o'clock service	5:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 6, 2014	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 9, 2014	<i>Diocesan Convention thru Oct. 11th Ely, NV</i>	
Saturday	Oct. 11, 2014	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 12, 2014	Book Study	3:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 13, 2014	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 18, 2014	Big, Beautiful & Broke Clothing Swap	10:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 18, 2014	Daughters of the King	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 19, 2014	Book Study	3:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 23, 2014	St. Paul's Clergy Meeting	3:30 am
Saturday	Oct. 25, 2014	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 26, 2014	Book Study	3:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 30, 2014	Trunk R Treat (St. Paul's Parking Lot)	5:30 pm
Friday	Oct. 31, 2014	<i>Nevada Day! 150 years....</i>	

Recurring Events

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Rector is on Sabbatical through November, 2014

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

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or (Check with your Choir Director)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or (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 Parish Hall

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

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 12:30 p.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

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Walking Together in Faith

Our regular Sunday worship times

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Praise Service,

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

5:00 p.m. Traditional Service no music.