

The Epistle



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October 2015

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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 . . .

Celebrations of Ministries, New and Old



I want to thank **Patty Allen** for her long stint as the Clerk of our Vestry and celebrate her passing the baton/pen and paper to a new Clerk. Patty has done a wonderful job over the years and brought life to the group. I'm sure she could tell a story or two...maybe she will write a book? Patty has been a true blessing and she will be missed.

I want to welcome **Susan Gordon** as the new Clerk of the Vestry and celebrate her willingness to begin this new ministry. Susan will bring with her a set of unique gifts and a unique perspective. I am looking forward to working with her.

I want to celebrate **Linda Kennedy** for her time as the coordinator of our coffee hours. This is a behind the scenes kind of ministry but a very important one. Linda has passed the reigns along to **Ann Church**. Coffee hour is an extension of Holy Communion, a time to visit with and listen to Jesus within each other. Thank you Ann for keeping it going. If you want to help with coffee hour please let us know and we'll get you in touch with Ann.

I also want to thank and celebrate **Mel Rolfson** for not only keeping our projection system running, but for coordinating our projection team and for running the worship slides on the Sunday rotation. Mel has recently stepped down from this ministry which has created an opportunity for others with computer skills to share those skills with the parish. If **you** have computer skills, come see me...we need your help.

In January, following the annual meeting, there will be a changing of the guard in our

Treasurers office; **Dick Stufflebeam** needs a break. I celebrate his decision which will give Dick the opportunity to explore new ministries. My hope is to find a team of good people to rotate in this ministry every three years, but for now I'm seeking just one. I ask for your prayers that I find the right person to fill this position. I also celebrate **Patti Stine** and her ministry of Assistant Treasurer and her willingness to continue in the assistant role. Dick has always said that Patti does all the hard work and he gets the glory. This is true and I'm grateful for their team work in the Treasurer's office.

Each of us has a variety of talents/skills to share within the community of St. Paul's. As we live and grow in Christ through our worshipping community, it is important for our spiritual growth that we use our talents. Please make time to visit with me and I can help you discern how your talents can best be used.

St. Paul's belongs to all of us. If each of us does our part, it will allow us to have the time and energy to focus beyond our walls and do the ministries that reflect the life and light of Jesus.

Peace,

Senior Warden's Report



Empty Bowls for 2015 is in the books, what an amazing event. The community came together and raised more than \$12,000 for the food pantry. Thank you so much for all your support. This year we included pictures of clients in our presentation, they were most eager to say THANK YOU to you as well. I can't tell you how many times we hear how clients are touched by your graciousness. Special

thanks to Eileen Caspersen, Linda Devon, Dave & Jeannine Funk, and Jody Rolfson, their great ideas and enthusiasm help make this a great event.

Barb Monroy

Monthly Receipt Summary
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks
Funding the Mission: October 2015



For the 2015 year, our pledges and expected plate income is expected to be \$212,756, and should average \$4,091 per week from those sources.

30-Aug	\$2,581.00	6-Sep	\$2,020.00
13-Sep	\$3,389.00	20-Sep	\$2,569.00
		Online	\$5,093.00
September Total			\$15,652.00

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,091) \$16,364 so we are \$712 under the projection for this period, and \$1,464 under for the year.

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.

Cropwalk - October 18

St. Paul's is forming a team for the 2015 CROP Walk to benefit Church World Service. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will stay local and will benefit the Kids Café of the Food

Bank of Northern Nevada, The Ridge House and our very own Community Food Pantry.

The walk registration and "rally" begins at 1:30 PM at the Snowflake Pavilion at Idlewild Park on Sunday, October 18th. Be sure to wear your red Community Food Pantry T-shirt and comfortable shoes. Organizers are asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food item with you to the rally/registration time. The walk begins at 2 PM and will make a 3 mile loop around the area. There are rest stops along the way that provide snacks and drinks. Return transportation will be provided from the rest stops for those unable to complete the circuit.

Last year, the EYC and a few adults from our church participated. It would be awesome to have a larger team and presence at the event. Last year the weather was beautiful and the snacks along the way were awesome!

If you would like to participate, contact Tia Mittelstadt at tia.mittel@gmail.com or by phone at 775-722-3329 for a registration/donation envelope. In addition to contacting Tia, you can register online at crophungerwalk.org, but it is not necessary.

There is not a minimum pledge amount to participate, but everyone is encouraged to give and collect donations from friends and family. If you cannot participate but would like to donate, you can go to our team page at crophungerwalk.org and donate online, sponsor a walker from our church or give your donation to the church office made out to CWS/CROP. All money needs to be turned in no later than October 25.

Thank you and I hope you join us for an afternoon of exercise and fun!

October's WURST Potluck



Octoberfest is turning into a bratWURST potluck this year. Dan and Margaret Bouzek are sponsoring a WURST Potluck on October 17th beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be grilled bratWURST, hot dogs and beverages for a cost of \$5 per person. We will have polka music for your listening pleasure. Bring your favorite potluck food to accompany the bratWURST.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch Potluck

St. Paul's will be hosting our 8th Annual Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at



1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There is absolutely NO expectation for you to come, however everyone in the parish is invited. This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home. So, for those who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. Paul's community. If you would like to prepare a turkey or a ham please let us know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing...and mashed potatoes too...Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie.

There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer). If you can sign-up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide), but if you forget to sign-up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will

provide. The parish hall will be open at noon and we'll eat at 1:00 p.m.

For more details contact John Hannah at ramblindad.john@mymail775.net, or call the parish office, 358-4474.

Join the "Outreach Committee"

On Sunday, October 18th at 12:15 pm we will have a meeting for the Outreach Committee to look at St Paul's responses to the needs in the world around us. We are doing an excellent job feeding the hungry in our community, and we send out money to needy charities each year, but...

How do we respond to the refugee crisis in Europe; how do we respond to racism in Sparks, Nevada; how do we respond to "mass" incarceration in our prisons? I do not like the word "duties" when it comes to our responses. And I don't like to hear that we have a duty to do something. Maybe I don't like it because it is something I have been thinking about, but failed to do.

You see because I/we are Christians I/we do have a level of compassion for those who are in need no matter where or who they are. I/we just need to see what that is in our own lives. So what do I/we do at St Paul's to reflect that compassion?

The Outreach Committee is a good place to answer these questions. We can research them and propose an answer to the Vestry and Father Kirk for their comments and approval. We have many questions about social issues that need to be discussed.

If you are interested please come to the meeting or contact Deacon Mike Margerum. mgoodmarge@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is BACK!!!

Thursday, October 29,

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This is a HUGE parish and neighborhood



event! Come, park your car in our lot, and serve candy to the kids as they go car trunk to car trunk seeking a sugar rush. You are invited to come in costume...it's more fun that way.

Contact Barb Monroy for more information: bmonroy0216@gmail.com or 775-742-4856.

Most Heartfelt Thanks

To the caring people who are St. Paul's,

Most heartfelt thanks for all you have done for me this summer – the prayers, good thoughts, cards, offers of help, visits, flowers, the bright, cheery quilt filled with knots of prayers and just knowing you were there cheering me on.

I have been acutely aware of God's healing and your support. I feel they work together. They have carried me through to this point, and I am grateful for your continued care. I have always been at St. Paul's in spirit and look forward to being with you in person – soon I hope, though recovery is slow.

With much love and huge thanks,

Mary English

Epistle Ecology Shorts

Buy local. Things not shipped long distances help reduce our global warming footprint. Patronizing local businesses keeps money circulating in our local economy.

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.

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.

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

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.



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



Prayer Requests

know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.

Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Philip, Nancy, Nanette, Preston, Jameson Walker, Karen, Sven, Gracie, Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Marilyn, Fiona, Robert, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Diana, Curt, Vickie, Ted, Patricia, Sophia, Julie, Baby William, Amber, Brian, Paul, Eileen, Gloria, Mary, Al, Connie, Steve, Nathan, Hannah, Trisha, Jody, Elaine's family, Sarah, Jerilyn & family, Sadie, Rita & family, baby Naomi Joy & family, Laura, Amanda's family, Bev, Maeghan, Cora & family, Cliff, Milt, Greg, Sixten, Mike, Lisa, Mary, Joe, Marge, Evelyn, and Scott.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Jordan, Evanne, Carl, Alex & Suzanne.

Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in 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 and with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world. We invite you to come join us for food, fellowship and fun! If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at triciawoodliff@hotmail.com or

Tia or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3469 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com.

EYC will meet in the youth room from 10:15 AM until 12:15 PM unless listed differently in the schedule. Please join us for the following activities:

October 4: Miniature Golf (outdoor) at Coconut Bowl/Wild Island

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then carpool to Coconut Bowl to play miniature golf on the outdoor course which opens at 11 AM. The youth fund will pay for this fun outing. Bring money for snacks if you like. We will return by 1:15. Sixth Graders are welcome to come to this meeting.

October 11: Pizza and Cookie Making Fun

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will make our own pizzas and then bake cookies! Yummy! We will also play some of the fun games we have in the youth room- foosball, air hockey and ping pong. Sixth graders are welcome to come to this meeting.

October 18: 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 (check-in and "Rally" for event is at 1:30; event starts at 2 PM). Be sure to wear your Community Food Pantry T-shirt and wear comfortable shoes! Let us know if you don't have a CFP T-shirt. We will give you more information and pledge sheets so you can raise funds for the organizations. We are asking each youth to raise at least \$10 (either by pledges or your own funds). We will be walking 3 miles. We participated last year and it was a lot of fun! The weather was beautiful and an added bonus was snack stations all

along the route. We will have the youth call parents as we are leaving the event.

Sixth graders are welcome to participate.

October 25: Confirmation Meeting

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will watch one of the videos from Re: Form and discuss. The Re: Form videos and discussion are being used as our confirmation curriculum. These videos and discussions are for anyone in 7th through 12th grade even if you are not eligible or don't plan to be confirmed. Those who have committed to confirmation-attendance is mandatory! Lunch will be provided. Seventh grade and above are welcome to attend.

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

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(See Matthew 6:19-21)

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We Are Thankful...

Worship the Lord with joy! Enter his presence with joyful singing! Psalm 100:2

Watch this space in the Epistle each month for stories of gratitude and belonging. This month we are thankful David and Lynne Snell share their reflections with us.



David and Lynne Snell have been walking the way with the people and clergy of St Paul's for 16 years. It has been a wonderful and meaningful experience in many ways. We have found new relationships which we are very thankful for. We come together to fellowship each week, to give thanks for all of God's blessings, to hear the word, receive absolution, and to receive and share the Lord's meal. Our prayers are that the spirit of St. Paul's will continue for many years. You may have noticed our new red door. David was involved in the RED DOOR project. He enjoys helping the junior warden and others in projects around the church. David serves on the vestry and is an usher. Lynne serves on the vestry and is involved with altar guild and stewardship. Looking forward to many more years at St Paul's.

Thanks for sharing your faith experiences with us David and Lynne!

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! To sign up, follow this link. <http://doodle.com/poll/fpau5epfxxyzxgn3> If you want to volunteer to bring food or your best crafty Pinterest idea you can do that at this link too. You can also contact Barb Monroy to sign up or to get some more information.

775-742-4856 bmonroy0216@gmail.com

Coming Events



October 2015

Saturday	Oct. 3, 2015	Blessing of the Animals (@ Ardmore Park) 9 am to 12 pm	
Saturday	Oct. 3, 2015	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 4, 2015	Confirmation Class	12:30 pm
Monday	Oct. 5, 2015	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 7, 2015	Book Study <i>Reading the Bible for 1st time.</i>	6:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 8, 2015	Diocesan Convention (Carson City) thru Saturday	
Saturday	Oct. 10, 2015	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 11, 2015	Confirmation Class	12:30 pm
Monday	Oct. 12, 2015	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 14, 2015	Rector's Book Study	6:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 17, 2015	D.O.K.	9:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 17, 2015	The "Wurst" Potluck!	5:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 18, 2015	Blood Drive (8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)	8:45 am
Sunday	Oct. 18, 2015	Confirmation Class	12:30 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 21, 2015	Book Study today	6:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 25, 2015	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 25, 2015	Confirmation Class	12:30 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 28, 2015	<i>*Food Bank Truck & SNAP program only!</i>	9:00 am
Wednesday	Oct. 28, 2015	Rector's Book Study	6:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 29, 2015	<i>Trunk or Treat (5p.m. to 7p.m.)</i>	5:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 29, 2015	NO Healing Service tonight due to Trunk or Treat	

Recurring Events

Winter Worship Hours in effect - Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. 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 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays 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 Thursday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

*Fourth Wednesday of the month is the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck **ONLY**.

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

Sun., 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Style Varies)

Sun., 10:05 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music

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