

# The Epistle



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## April 2016

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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...



Thank you for a challenging Lent, a moving Holy Week, and a glorious Easter.

Since there is without a doubt a vacancy in the tomb, I think I'll climb in and borrow it for a few days.

Peace,

*Kirk*



## Senior Warden's Report



Hard to believe the first quarter of the year is already over. The vestry is working hard, lots of great dedicated, energized people working on projects. One of those projects is to compile a list of who is on each ministry team. If you are a leader of ministry team would you email me a list of who is on your team. ([bmonroy0216@gmail.com](mailto:bmonroy0216@gmail.com)) We will be reaching out to you individually as well but I would really like to get a jump start on the list.

Barb Monroy

## Food Pantry

If you have some of reusable grocery bags, (not regular plastic grocery bags), that you have collected and don't know what to do with them, the pantry could use them. We encourage clients to bring them, many do but those who are new to the pantry don't always have them. Unfortunately we can't reuse the plastic bags but we can use the reusable ones. There is crate in the narthex.



We a group of dedicated volunteers but even they get "tired" and need to take a break. If you think you might be interested in volunteering at the pantry please contact me 775-742-4856 or [bmonroy0216@gmail.com](mailto:bmonroy0216@gmail.com) for more information.

Barb Monroy

## April in the Food Pantry



*"It's in the can!"*

*Canned meats & meals like  
Tuna, Spam, Chili etc.*

## Outreach Report



The Community Food Pantry received donations in March of \$100.00. Youth Ministries received a donation of \$400.00 as a "thank you" for their help at the African Dinner sponsored by International Development Mission (IDM), and \$25.00 was given in memory of Gene Carse. Offerings received on Maudy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter will be reported in the May Epistle. April 3 at 12:15 (ish) we will have a short Outreach meeting about the Eddy House. All those interested in Outreach are encouraged to attend. Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

## Funding the Mission March 2016



For the 2016 year, our pledges and expected unpledged income is estimated to be \$214,346, and should average \$4,122 per week from those sources.

28-Feb	\$2,329.00	06-Mar	\$4,910.00
13-Mar	\$2,184.00	20-Mar	\$3,687.00
		Online	\$6,210.00
March Totals			\$19,320.00

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,122) \$16,488 so we are \$2832 over the projection for this period, and \$1845 over for the year.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex. You can also direct questions personally to any Vestry member, Roger Towne, or Patti Stine. Or contact us by email at Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org

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

## Pinterest Interest Group

Come join us in the Parish Hall on April 4th, the first Monday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun crafts!



Click on this link to RSVP

<http://doodle.com/poll/fxpmu7ir75taik62>

If you don't RSVP, come anyway. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please send an email to Barbara Monroy at bmonroy0216@gmail.com

## 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@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.Bouzek@gmail.com)

or by phone at (775) 424-3767.

## 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.



## 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 have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at [triciawoodliff@hotmail.com](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com) or Tia or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3469 or by email at [tia.mittel@gmail.com](mailto: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:

April 3: Spring Break- No Meeting  
No meeting today.

### April 10: Movie Time!!

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch then head to Victorian Square Sparks Cinemark to see a movie to be determined. We will aim to see a movie around 11 or 11:30 am so we won't return until around 1:30 pm. The price for the movie is \$6.40. Bring money for snacks if you like.

### April 17: Growing with God

Meet in youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch, and then have a discussion about faith.

### April 24: Blessing Bag Delivery

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will carpool to downtown Reno to hand out more of the Blessing Bags. We will eat lunch when we return to the church. We should be finished by 12:30.

## We Are Thankful...

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)*

Watch this space in the Epistle each month for stories of gratitude and belonging. This month we are thankful Connie Patterson shared her reflections with us.



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

My family and I have attended St. Paul's since 1996.

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

The people. The sense of belonging to a place that makes a positive difference in the community.

### How have you experienced God's generosity in your life? in your church?

God's generosity is evident in the bazillion blessings in my life! The success we experience in our outreach programs is testimony to God's generosity in St. Paul's.

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

I'm most thankful for the acceptance shown by everyone. We were a family in search of a place to belong and share our lives with.

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

Too many choices! My favorite thing about us is our ability to have fun, be joyful, and enjoy each other in all that we do here.

Thanks for sharing your St. Paul's experiences with us Connie!

## Homosexuality and Christianity

**Do you struggle with the words Gay and Christian being compatible?**

Or...

**Do you believe that people can be Gay and Christian, however you would like a deeper historical and theological understanding of your belief?**

The Episcopal Churches of Reno/Sparks, invite you to attend the first of our series called Education Saturdays. It will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 200 Island Avenue, Reno on Saturday, **April 23rd 2016 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.** Lunch is included.

Kathy Baldock, a Reno local who speaks nationwide, will be opening the series. This is an excellent learning opportunity on a critical current issue being addressed in many faith communities – inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender believers.

The free all day seminar entitled "Untangling the Mess: Separating the Truth and Mistruths about What it Means to Be LGBT and Judeo-Christian".

Baldock has diligently researched this topic and has written a book titled "Walking the Bridgeless Canyon" (2014). She is a straight Evangelical Christian mother of two straight adult children, and serves on the Advisory Board of The Gay Christian Network, the Board of The Reformation Project, as well as the director of her own non-profit organization.

Here is the general outline for the 10:00 am till 4:00 pm session, including lunch:

### Topics

- Same-sex behavior and homosexuality in history and in the culture
- Religion and Politics

- Same-sex behavior in the Bible
- LGBT Believers and their allies
- The beginnings of the gay Christian movement

**Each section includes Q & A.  
ALL questions are welcome.**

I have read Kathy Baldock's book and highly recommend it to everyone.

We, as St. Paul's, believe in being a church where everyone belongs. This knowledge will help us in our journey.

**RSVP** by contacting Trinity Episcopal Church at (775) 329-4279 or [Office@TrinityReno.org](mailto:Office@TrinityReno.org)

### Concert at St. Paul's

Highway 40 Bluegrass

Women's Bluegrass Band

Saturday, April 30th, 6:00 p.m.

Concerts at St. Paul's are always a good time.

Tickets are \$15.00

Age 18 and under are free.

Get you tickets from the parish office or from Heather Burkhardt on Sundays. Contact the office if you have questions.

### Episcopal Women of Nevada

Save the Date

Episcopal Women of Nevada (EWN) will be having their second annual Spring Tea on May 14th at St. Paul's. More information to come. (notice the date change)

### Prayers of the People



**Prayer Requests** 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.

Christopher, Matthew, Kathy, Vernice, Jack, Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Philip, Nanette, Preston, Jameson Walker, Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Fiona, Robert, Bill, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Diana, Curt, Patricia, Sophia, Paul, William, Amber, Brian, Eileen, Connie, Sarah, Bev's family, Sixten, Hynes family, Scott, Victoria, Shannon, Jeannine, Graham, Ryan, Amanda, Cathy, Stan, Bobbie, Lorraine, Sharon, Rev. Ken, Gene's family & friends, Bill's family, Holly, Adrienne, Susan, Lucia, the Marcel family, Gill's family, Donna, Charlie, Shirley, Ashley, Sally's family, Marlys, Nancy, Bob, Tricia, Danny, David's family, Marilyn, Steinhardt family, Patty, Roberta, Linda, Rita, Trudy, Al, Walt, Dillon, Jan, Joe Ann, Jacob, Matt, Debbie, Sabrina, Maureen, Phil, Dollie, Vel, Jennifer, Brett, Kevin, Kay, Jill, Leslie, Carol, Tom, Brian, Debby, Karen, Jennifer, Paul, Michael, Alyson, Tina & family, Mary Lou, Ed, Lana & Vibianna.

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

### Party time. Don't "Mis" it!

St. Paul's is having a party you won't want to "MIS!"

Saturday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m.

It's just for fun! It's a potluck!

Bring something new, something you've always wanted to try, and come to the parish hall dressed as a word or phrase that contains the letters "MIS" or "MISS."

Be creative! Be fun! Use your imagination and twist it up a bit! Need some ideas?

Misfit, mistake, mishap, missionary, Miss America, mistletoe, near miss, misguided, mismatched..... So many words, but which can you make happen?

Prizes for the best costume and a "people's choice" award. Even if you don't want to partake in the word play come anyway! You

can sit at a table for people who "misunderstood" the theme.

Drinks will be provided. Just bring a food or dessert item to share please.

For more information, contact Linda Devon at [lsd4764@hotmail.com](mailto:lsd4764@hotmail.com).

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church Presents

# Highway 40

Women's Bluegrass Band

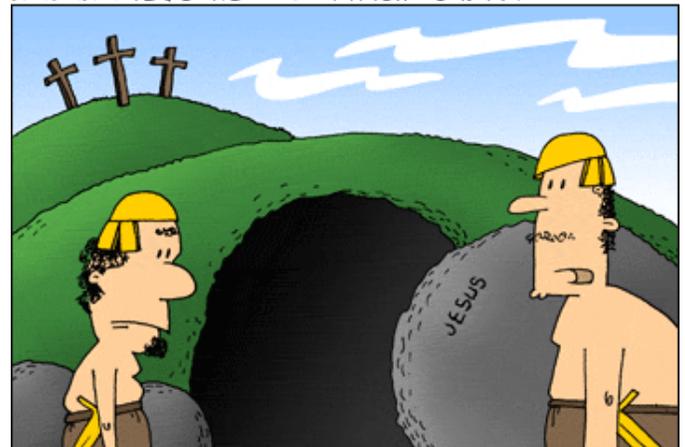
Saturday, April 30, 2016

6:00 PM

\$15.00

(18 and under are free)

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(See John 20:1-18)

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BETCHA TEN SHEKELS THOSE CHRISTIANS HAVE  
FIFTY NEW SONGS BY THIS WEEKEND

## Coming Events



### *April 2016*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 2, 2016</b>	<b>D.O.K</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 3, 2016</b>	<b>Outreach Meeting</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 4, 2016</b>	<b>Pinterest Interest Group</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 9, 2016</b>	<b>Prayers &amp; Squares</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 9, 2016</b>	<b>“Mis”-Party</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 11, 2016</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr. 15, 2016</b>	<b>St. Paul’s Women’s Get-away (thur Sunday)</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 16, 2016</b>	<b>Preacher’s Workshop (@ Trinity)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 16, 2016</b>	<b>D.O.K.</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 18, 2016</b>	<b>Stewardship Meeting</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 23, 2016</b>	<b>Education: Christianity and LGBTQ (at Trinity)</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 25, 2016</b>	<b>Epistle Deadline</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 30, 2016</b>	<b>Concert: Highway 40 Bluegrass</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>

### Recurring Events

#### 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 No longer meets here @ St. Paul’s, call 355-1155 for other meeting venues.

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 in the morning is the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck.

\*Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month the Pantry is open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.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*

- Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Contemporary*
- Sun., 9:05 a.m. Children's Sunday School*
- Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Traditional*
- Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music*
- Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion*