

The Epistle



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WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

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

The Lord's Prayer: Said or Sung?



The Lord's Prayer, or the "Our Father" as I called it way back when, has always been a part of my life. When I was little, like most kids growing up in a liturgical tradition, I was required to memorize the prayer. I was not back then, and still aren't now, one for memorization. It stressed me out. I was required to remember it word for word and recite it in front of Sunday school. Memorizing it was seen as some sort of measurement as to whether or not I was ready to receive Holy Communion.

Over the years I have been in different parishes who have recited different versions of the Lord's Prayer in their common worship. As Episcopalians, we have two versions of it in The Book of Common Prayer. My last congregation used the traditional, Our Father, who art in heaven...., and St. Paul's has since 1976 used the more modern version, Our Father in heaven...

Though my personal and theological connection to each version is slightly different, I find that my connection to them is still equal in nature. It is less about the words themselves and more about my relationship with the words that draws me into a sacred place and a deeper awareness of my connection to God.

Jesus gave us this prayer, less as something to be recited and memorized and more to be a guide and framework to live in relationship with God and each other. So no matter which words are said, it is our ability to participate in the shared expression of them with each other in common worship that allows the sacred connection to form. It is through the formation

of this sacred connection that allows us to move beyond the words of the prayer and live by the framework it provides for our relationship with God and each other as disciples of Jesus.

I have been asked why we stopped singing the Lord's Prayer. Over the past several years I have heard many times from visitors and newcomers how hard it is to come into such a welcoming community, yet not being able to participate in The Lord's Prayer because it was being sung.

Singing The Lord's Prayer is only a sacred experience for "insiders"; those of us who have been here long enough to connect with the words without having to try to remember the tune.

St. Paul's is attracting more and more people who are not already Episcopalians and come to us from non-liturgical traditions. When they walk through our red doors, the entire experience is foreign and intimidating. For them there may only be one familiar thing in worship in which they connect, and that one thing is being able to participate in The Lord's Prayer.

It only takes one connection to begin a journey into our understanding of belonging, so as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray...

Kirk⁺

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WEAR RED on this day.

This special Pentecost celebration is held at 10:00 a.m. and outside if the weather permits. This will be the only worship service on this day. **(NO 5:00 p.m. service)**

A Quote to Ponder

“Humility is the ‘great reward’ for souls having internalized patience in their approach to life.”

-Anonymous

Outreach Report

An update on our St. Paul’s Outreach Committee meeting: We have had several successful meetings so far. We are interested in providing the Eddy House with a meal for the teens there. We are interested in working with Robert Mitchell Elementary school on possible needs that we can help them with. We are a diverse group with many ideas and interests. In thinking about Hal’s sermon, last Sunday, do you have any “toilets” that you would like to clean in our Sparks community? If so, we’d love to hear from you. Please come join us at our next meeting, May 1, at 12:30 pm in the choir room.

Patricia Unruh, Outreach Chair

Episcopal Women of Nevada

Our Second Annual Tea is slated for May 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Paul’s Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by sending an email to: Margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Thank You!

For Helping to Build in Makueni

The Diocese of Nevada is pleased to announce that we are sending \$5,000 to our sister Diocese of Makueni to build a training center for ecological farming in an arid land. The contributing congregations were: (in the order of their generosity) St Timothy’s, St Paul’s (Sparks), St. Peter’s, St. Matthew’s, and Holy Spirit, plus some gifts from individuals in non-participating congregations. Bishops Edwards and Kanuku express their sincere gratitude to all who support this mission of agricultural and church development and international reconciliation.

Monthly Receipt Summary



Funding the Mission April 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.

27-Mar	\$6,689.99	3-Apr	\$2,796.25
10-Apr	\$2,246.00	17-Apr	\$1,894.58
		Online	\$7,410.00
March Totals			\$21,036.82

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,122) \$16,488 so we are \$4549 over the projection for this period, and \$6394 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 your gifts we are grateful.

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! Here’s how it works: someone brings dinner, someone else brings dessert and someone brings the craft. Call Barbara Monroy at 742-4856 or follow this link to let us know if you are coming and bring your best Pinterest idea.

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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 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 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:

May 1: Mother's Day Gift Making

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then make some fun gifts for your mom! We have 3 awesome projects plus a card that you can make. We will even provide the wrapping/gift bags! BAM - Mother's Day covered!

May 8: Mother's Day- No Meeting

EYC will not be meeting today. Spend some time with your mom, stepmom, grandmother or whomever is a like a mom to you! Don't forget to give her the gifts we made last week!

May 15: Growing with God

Meet in youth room at 10:15 AM. We will have a discussion about faith and the Bible and then eat lunch at the Bibby-Q BBQ, which will be held in the Parish Hall. The youth fund will pay

for your ticket unless your family already bought one for you.

May 22: EZ Air Indoor Trampoline Park

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then carpool to EZ Air to jump for an hour from 11 AM to Noon. Because of timing, snacks, but no lunch will be provided. We will return around 12:30 PM. The youth fund will cover the cost of this activity.

May 29: Memorial Day Weekend- No Meeting

EYC will not be meeting today. Enjoy your long weekend with your family!

May in the Food Pantry

"One Pan Does It All!"



Mac & cheese and other skillet dinners.

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

Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Philip, Nanette, Preston, Jameson Walker, Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Fiona, Robert, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Diana, Curt, Patricia, Sophia, Paul, Eileen, Sixten, Mike, Scott, Graham, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Holly, Sarah, Lucia, Gill's family, Donna, Cathy, Ashley, Sally's family, Marlys, Kathy, Marilyn, Patty, Linda, Al, Walt, Dillon, Gladys, Jan, Joe Ann,

Jacob, Matt, Debbie, Sabrina, Maureen, Phil, Dollie, Kevin, Kay, Jill, Leslie, Carol, Tom, Brian, Debby, Karen, Jennifer, Paul, Michael, Alyson, Tina & family, Mary Lou, Lana, Vibianna, John, Evelyn, Craig, Tim, Pam, Victoria, April, Peggy, Isaac, Sherryl & Ed.

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

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@gmail.com
or by phone at (775) 424-3767.



Graduation Sunday: June 5th

Graduation Sunday is June 5th. During our worship on this day we will recognize those graduating from High School, Community College, University, Post Graduate Programs, Other Certificate Programs, etc.

If you fit in this category, please let Fr. Kirk know as soon as possible.

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

St. Paul's Prayers & Squares



Prayers and Squares is a ministry that is dedicated to making and gifting lap quilts to persons who are ill or in need of special prayer. There is no charge for the quilts.

Those who participate in the ministry gather on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall from 9-noon to work on the quilts. We have a lot of fun working on the quilts.

Interested people are invited to join us to learn how they can share in making the quilts (and have a fun time too!). You don't need to be proficient with a sewing machine as there are lots of other tasks involved.

Why I participate in Prayers and Squares

I wanted to share why I find participating in Prayers and Squares ministry so rewarding. I have always enjoyed sewing, but had never made a quilt before. Victoria Sidener and I had a conversation about starting a group here and we were off and sewing! She provided the group with several quilt patterns to start. I love putting different fabrics together to create a quilt that will bring comfort to the recipient. We have a great time getting together when we sew to share what we are working on, new ideas and so forth. We have given out 320 quilts since we began sewing.

Margaret Bouzek

Ordination on May 21st

It's finally time for the Rev. Hal Woomer's ordination to the priesthood. Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st for this glorious celebration.

Lectio Divina Bible Study

Come and join us in the parish hall for this Holy Spirit guided study of scripture. Make new friends and find new ideas and ways of looking at scripture. No homework required ☺

Combined Men's and Women's Group

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

Contact The Rev. Mike Margerum for more information. mgoodmarge@gmail.com or 775-229-2695.

"In Memory of" Memorial Service

There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process.

On **Sunday, May 29th at 5:00 p.m.** we will have an "In Memory of" memorial service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service.

If you were unable to attend your loved ones funeral, or if there was not a public worship service for them, please let Fr. Kirk know and he can include them in this special service. Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org, 775-358-4474.

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AS A GOOD SHEPHERD I CARE FOR YOU AND STUFF, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU ARE STILL FOOD

8th Annual BIBBY-Q

This year's Bibby-Q deep pit barbeque will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 AM after the combined 10:00 Pentecost service.



Deep Pit Style Beef, Bob's Beans, Salads, Rolls, and Drinks.

The proceeds this year will go to help the Prayer's & Square's Quilt Ministry.

Adults \$15.00

Children \$ 5.00

Tickets available after worship services on May 1st & May 8th. You can also get your tickets in the Parish Office from 10:00 to 1:00 during the week.

Joint Reno/Sparks Episcopal Picnic

The first annual Joint Reno/Sparks Episcopal Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, May 22nd at 12:30 p.m.**

Trinity will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs and St. Paul's and St. Catherine's will supply the side dishes. The location of this event has not yet been announced.

We would like you to sign up for this event so that Trinity can know how much meat to provide. They will also be supplying the drinks/plates/napkins/etc.

This is a great way to fellowship with other Episcopalians in the area, so let's all join in the fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

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



May 2016

Sunday	May 1, 2016	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	May 2, 2016	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 5, 2016	Priest Conference (thru 5/7)	
Saturday	May 7, 2016	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Monday	May 9, 2016	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 14, 2016	EWN Spring Tea	1:00 pm
Saturday	May 14, 2016	Prayers & Squares (Cancelled)	
Sunday	May 15, 2016	<i><u>Pentecost</u></i> (10:00 a.m. Service <u>Only!</u>)	10:00 am
Sunday	May 15, 2016	<i>Bibby BBQ</i>	11:30 pm
Sunday	May 15, 2016	No 5:00 p.m. service	
Monday	May 16, 2016	Stewardship Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	May 21, 2016	D.O.K. (Cancelled)	
Saturday	May 21, 2016	Ordination-Priesthood <i>Hal Woomer, Jr.</i>	11:00 am
Sunday	May 22, 2016	<i>Dean Jeff's visit</i>	
Sunday	May 22, 2016	Joint Episcopal Picnic (location TBA)	12:30 pm
Wednesday	May 25, 2016	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Monday	May 30, 2016	Memorial Day (office closed)	

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. **(no EYC May 8th & 29th)**

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. **(temporarily postponed)**

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., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Traditional
Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music
Thur., 6:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion