

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.

Summer Sunday Worship Times

(Times are staying the same. NO change this year)

9:00 a.m. Praise Family Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
with Organ and Choir

5:00 p.m. Traditional Service
without music

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

I Apologize Up Front



I keep hearing it in some form or fashion, so I'll just name it for what it's been. 2016 has been pretty shitty. I apologize if my choice of words offends you; it is not my intent. Some words just don't work: lousy, nasty, crummy, bad, terrible, awful, dreadful,

rotten, crappy...these words just don't describe it. Horrible and horrifying might fit, but not quite. Shitty just fits. It's a word one would not expect to find in the rector's monthly newsletter. I think that's why it fits. It startles us a bit and throws us off balance.

Balance: "A condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions." When we name something or speak the truth to a situation, we can begin to find balance, we can begin to find healing. We have had too many funerals in 2016, leaving painful holes within us. These losses of relationships have left us out of balance, but it is okay. We are supposed to be out of balance right now; love does that.

Staying off balance is not who we are. We are resurrection people. As hopeful people of the resurrection, we embrace the painful joy that comes with death and new life. We embrace our love for those we've lost as it weaves within our eternal relationship with our loving God.

Since we have now named 2016 for the darkness it has been, we can begin to experience the healing light around us. We can find it in our gratefulness of special memories. We experience it in the love, compassion, and support we both freely give and humbly receive and we are clothed by it

during our prayers, worship, and within the sacraments.

As we move forward, we must remember there is no timeline for us to regain our balance. We must also remember that since the healing light of Christ is both given and received, finding balance is done in relationships and not alone.

Kirk

Monthly Receipt Summary



Funding the Mission June 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.

22-May	\$1,190.00	29-May	\$2,015.00
05-Jun	\$4,649.00	12-Jun	\$3,070.00
19-Jun	\$2,004.00	Online	\$8,240.00
June Totals			\$21,168.00

For the period, our budget target was (5 x \$4,122) \$20,610 so we are \$558 over the projection for this period, and \$7806 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.



A tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's Bibby-Q.

A total of \$1,270 was raised for the Prayers and Squares ministry, and will be used to purchase fabric, batting, thread and other materials to complete quilts to be blessed and given to persons in need of comfort during difficult times. If you have a family member or friend in need of special prayers and a quilt please contact Margaret Bouzek, Rev. Sherry Netzler, Peg Bibby or any Prayers and Squares quilters.

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.

<http://doodle.com/poll/3bep8qqpfb3nsy8q>

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

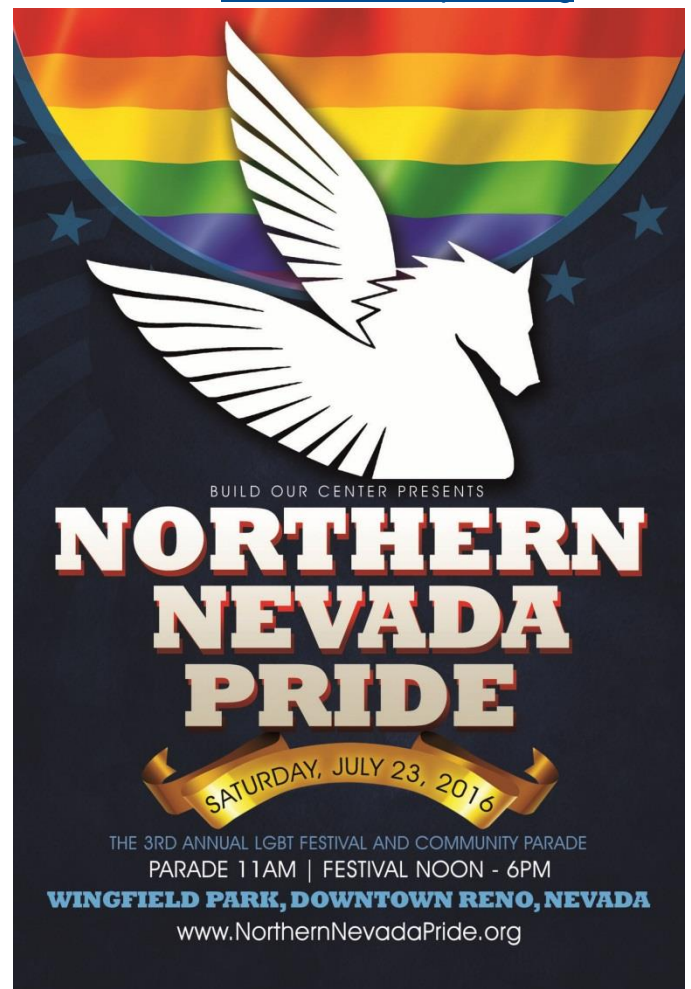
or by phone at (775) 424-3767.

Northern Nevada Pride: July 23rd

St. Paul's will once again participate in the Pride Parade and Festival to show support for our Northern Nevada LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

The parade (NEW ROUTE this year) will start at 11:00 am and proceed west on California, then turn right onto Arlington Ave. ending at Wingfield Park, where the Festival will start at noon. If you would like to walk in the parade, please meet Fr. Kirk at 10:30 a.m. on California Ave. between S. Virginia and Forest St. You'll see the crowd.

Last year we had a blend of 30 LGBTQ and Straight representatives of St. Paul's. Let's try to double that this year! If you don't want to walk in the parade, volunteer to sit at St. Paul's booth during the festival. To volunteer at the booth, or if you have questions, contact Fr. Kirk 775-358-4474 Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org



Summer Book Study, July 10th

Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and the Devil for Doubters and the Disenchanted – by Richard Beck

3:00 to 4:30 in the Youth Room Sunday afternoons beginning July 10th.

You may be able to get the book at a local bookstore, but it is on Amazon.com



Editorial Reviews

"Richard Beck is one of the most important and fascinating minds in contemporary Christianity, and this exploration on the devil and demons is his best work yet. Lively, engaging, and profoundly relevant, Reviving Old Scratch manages to both tickle and challenge, inform and delight. Beck forges a fresh way forward that avoids the conservative tendency to overspiritualize the devil and demons on the one hand and the progressive tendency to reduce these powerful forces to social issues on the other. A must-read for skeptics and thinkers, Reviving Old Scratch surprises in all the right ways. I couldn't put it down!"

--Rachel Held Evans, Author of *Searching for Sunday*

"I'm grateful to Richard Beck for helping us reclaim that which was clearly important to Jesus: casting out demons and contending with evil. While I'm not sure if I believe in spiritual warfare, I'm certain I've experienced it, and Reviving Old Scratch allowed me to come several steps closer to reconciling these seemingly irreconcilable statements. Beck manages to take demons, the devil, and spiritual warfare and pull them into the reality we live in today, and for that I am grateful."

--Nadia Bolz-Weber, Author and pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints

Outreach Report

Are you perhaps interested in more information regarding the Eddy House or what we can do for the refugees coming to our area? How curious are you about Prayer-Walking or the 360 Blueprint program? Want more information about volunteering at the Food Pantry? Or do you have an idea for Outreach in the Sparks community? Please join us for our next meeting on July 10 at 12:30pm or feel free to contact Patricia Unruh, 775-856-9779, Lavendarme11@icloud.com

Outreach at Eddy House

On June 3, St. Paul's Outreach Committee provided a meal to the youth at the Eddy House YOUth Resource Center. On the menu were baked potatoes with chili, shredded cheese, sour cream, bacon, onions, and broccoli. Cookies and juice were also provided. The YOUth Resource Center, located at 423 East 6th Street, Reno, is a walk-in center for homeless, runaway, foster, and other at-risk youth to come for a hot meal, take a shower, do laundry, or just hang out in a safe environment. We received a tour of their facility and learned that "The YOU" sees between 30-50 youth a day. The average age of both boys and girls is between 15 and 19, although the program is open to ages 12 to 21. In addition to providing meals, the Outreach Committee is exploring other ways that St. Paul's can help.

Patti Stine, Outreach Committee

July in the Food Pantry

"Let's 'Can' this hunger!"

Canned fruit and vegetables – any food that comes in a can!



Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

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

SUMMER EYC SCHEDULE

There will be no regular meetings during July.

Sunday, July 24: Fun at Donner Lake

Meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room. We will carpool to Donner Lake to have lunch, do a little hiking and a little swimming. Bring walking shoes plus swim suit, sandals, sunscreen and towel. Parents are welcome to come too!

Painting Bowls at Playful Potter

In August we will get together after church to go to lunch and then to Playful Potter to paint bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser for the food pantry. The date will be published in the next Epistle.

September 11: Regular Meetings Begin

EYC will meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room. More details will be published soon.

By Your Gift We Are Blessed

The following contributions were received in June:

Food Pantry - \$155.00

Helping Hands - \$100.00

Praise Team - \$40.00

Clergy Discretionary - \$906.00 (this includes \$831.00 from Hal Woomer's Ordination)

Memorials received for Evie Arnold - \$495.00

-- Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

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, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Robert, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Patricia, Rob, Sophia, Paul, Sixten, Mike, Scott, Graham, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Holly, Sarah, Donna, Marilyn, Jan, Sabrina, Kay, Jill, Carol, Tom, Brian, Karen, Jennifer, Alyson, Penny, Sue, Nick, Mary Lou, Lana, Vibianna, Evelyn, Craig, Tim, Pam, Victoria, April, Peggy, Ed, Sheila, Jaime, Bill's family, John's family, Linda's family, Doris, Dan, Milt, Chip & family, Mary, Elizabeth, Lesley, Gabica family, Maureen, Yesika, Gene, Michael, Bethany, Frank, Jessica, Leon, Chris, Matthew, Danny, Beau, Jessica, Wade, Joy, Sandy, Edith, Susi, Mike & family, Susi, Mike & family.

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

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.

St. Paul's Men's Escape Weekend: Camp Galilee August 19-21

Beginning with dinner on Friday, August 19th through lunch on Sunday the 21st, the men of St. Paul's are invited to a fun weekend at Camp Galilee at Lake Tahoe. This is not a "Spiritual Retreat", but a time for the guys to have fun and to get to know each other a little better. There are a variety of options in which to spend your time including: swimming, kayaking, hiking, playing cards, watching movies, or just chilling on the beach or in the shade reading a book.



The cost is around \$148.00 per person which includes 6 excellent meals! To sign up or for more information, contact Dick Stufflebeam 313-3217.

Budget Visioning Meeting

Please join Vestry members in the Parish Hall between the 9 and 11 am worship services on Sunday, July 31 for an update on the status of St. Paul's 2016 budget and to brainstorm ideas and goals for 2017 and beyond. Please bring your dreams for community outreach, Christian education, stewardship, etc., to share at this meeting. This is the first step in developing our 2017 budget. All are invited.

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

Paint a Bowl for Empty Bowls

Paint a bowl and help feed the hungry! It's easy. You don't have to be an artist! Just go to The Playful Potter 1351 E. Prater Way, Sparks, NV. Tell them you are there for Empty Bowls, pay your \$10.00, and they will set you up. When you are done, your bowl will stay at the store to be glazed. It will be delivered to the event on September 28th and will be silent auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Empty Bowls event is the major fundraiser for The Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Interested in an in-depth bible study class? EfM (Education for Ministry or as we prefer to call it Exploring Faith Matters) is a 4 year course sponsored by Sewanee- The University of the South. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith. Year One is a study of the Old Testament, Year Two is a study of the New Testament, Year Three covers the history of Christianity and Year Four focuses on Christian ethics. There are weekly small group meetings that combine students from all years. The cost is \$350 per year, you can check out their website for more info <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>. Connie Patterson is the mentor for this course. If you have even the slightest bit of interest, please contact Connie for more details (cp4675@att.net)

Coming Events



July 2016

Friday	July 1, 2016	Southwestern Pilgrimage Concert	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 2, 2016	No Food Pantry today	
Saturday	July 2, 2016	No D.O.K.	
Monday	July 4-12	Fr. Kirk on Vacation	
Monday	July 4, 2016	Fourth of July (<i>Office closed</i>)	
Monday	July 4, 2016	No Pinterest Interest Group	
Saturday	July 9, 2016	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	July 10, 2016	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	July 11, 2016	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	July 16, 2016	D.O.K. Meeting	10:00 am
Monday	July 18, 2016	Stewardship Meeting	5:30 pm
Saturday	July 23, 2016	“CommUNITY Pride” Parade/Festival	11:00 am
Sunday	July 24, 2016	EYC field trip to Tahoe/meet EYC Room	10:15 am
Monday	July 25, 2016	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	July 31, 2016	Budget Visioning Meeting (everyone welcome)	10:15 am

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 the month of July)**

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) **(Postponed for the summer)**

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