

The Epistle



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Assistive Hearing Devices for Worship

Do you need help hearing the service?
Go to the back of the church on the south side
and check out a personal audio receiver!
The speaker fits over your ear and you control
the volume. You can bring your own ear buds
if you want too.

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



A Call to Prayer

During a major election year, the month of October is more than football games, soccer games, post season baseball games, and Halloween. Normally, yes, fun and games...but not this year. October 2016 is a month of serious prayer, contemplation, and soul searching.

During the past two months, we have been blessed by some powerful scriptures teaching us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If we have been taking these scriptures seriously, we know we have been challenged by Jesus to open ourselves up to following him and to live as him in the world.

Although I think it would be fun to be able to walk up to the blind, the sick, and the lame and heal them on the spot, but living *like* Jesus is not about fun and games.

I'm issuing a call to prayer. This call to prayer is that we pray for each other. We pray for our stress levels, our anger, our reactions, our forgiveness, and our reconciliation. We are called to pray for each other that we may spend more energy on figuring out who we are as *Jesus people* than we do on cheering for our favorite sports teams.

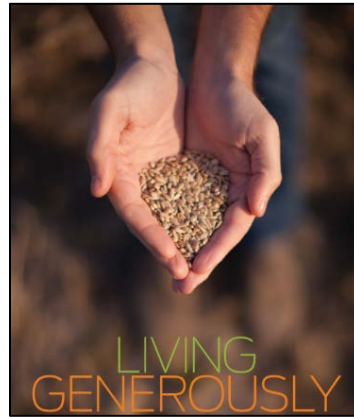
We are called to pray for each other that we might take this month of October to prepare us to make holy choices-choices that when we make them, people will know that we take being Christian seriously, or better yet, even more seriously than we do *anything* else.

I pray for you, and I ask you to pray for me and for each other. No matter what happens in the months and years to come, we are in this life together...with Jesus.

Kirk⁺

Advance Pledge Campaign

This year, Vestry and church leaders will engage in an advance pledge campaign from Sunday, Oct 2nd through Sunday, Oct 16th. During this period Vestry and church leaders



will pray over the financial needs and ministries of St. Paul's and also make their pledges in writing by filling out a pledge card. They will bring their pledge cards forward during worship on **Kick-off**

Sunday, Oct 16. We ask for prayers that Vestry and church leaders will have a deep awareness that all things come from God and will pledge cheerfully and with gratitude.

The theme for this year's giving campaign is "Living Generously". Generous living is much more than what we do with our money. Jesus showed us the way by welcoming the outcast, healing the sick, teaching, forgiving, and by ultimately giving his life so that all may have life abundant.

On **Sunday, October 16th**, the congregation embarks on our annual, five-week giving campaign. Please mark this day on your calendar and join the celebration!

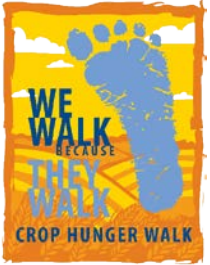
Fall Concert: October 22nd

TrainWrek! (Jill Fisher's band) will be here beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come experience 50's to present day rock & roll with some funk and a little country as well. Adult tickets are \$10.00, under 18 are FREE. Snack and beverages available. Get your tickets from Heather Burkhardt at heather.burkhardt@henryschein.com or call the office 775-358-4474

Stewardship of Creation

One of the Five Marks of Mission (developed by the worldwide Anglican Church) is “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

Crop Walk: Join Our Team



St. Paul's is forming a team for the 2016 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 16th**. 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 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 23. Thank you and I hope you join us for an afternoon of exercise and fun!

Monthly Receipt Summary



Funding the Mission September 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-Aug	\$4,574.00	4-Sep	\$2,261.00
11-Sep	\$3,023.00	18-Sep	\$1,534.00
		Online	\$6,710.00
August Totals			\$18,102.00

For the period, our budget target was (4 x \$4,122) \$16,488 so we are \$1614 over the projection for this period, and \$9333 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.

Blood Drive: Oct 16th



Sign up in Narthex if you'd like to donate, this will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 8:45-11:15 a.m.

Outreach Donations

In September, St. Paul's received a Refugee Matching Challenge donation up to \$1,000 with an additional donation of \$39.30. Other donations received for the month include Prayers and Squares (\$35.00), Blessing of the Animals (\$100.00), The Community Food Pantry (\$55.00), and United Thank Offering - UTO (\$50.09). Memorials were received for Tom Vannoy (50.00), Gene Carse (\$100.00), and Linda Devon's mother (\$50.00).

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades 7-12 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 2: Fall Break - No Meeting - Enjoy your break!

October 9: Service Project- Cleanup

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will be doing a service project for the church. We will clean up the playground area at the back of the church and also pick up trash in-between the church parking lot and Sparks High School field. Lunch and games too!

October 16: CROP 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.

October 23: Fly High Trampoline Park

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then carpool to Fly High in Sparks. Your parents will need to fill out a waiver online before you can participate, so go to their website at Fly High Reno, fill it out and submit. We will jump for an hour from 11 AM to Noon and then carpool back to the church and be back by 12:30 PM. Wear comfortable clothes.

October 30: Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then participate in a fun Halloween inspired scavenger hunt. We will return by 12:15 pm.

Prayer Team

James 5:16” . . . pray for each other so that you may be healed.” NIV

We pray for everyone’s Special People and in partnership with the requester, Special People are on our Prayer Team List for about two months, unless someone requests more or less time.

We meet about every four months to update our Prayer List. We share prayer requests and updates and great food. We close our time together in prayer. Compassion and confidentiality is important.

Everyone prays differently. Here are some quotes from our Prayers: “I like to pray in the morning”, “I like to pray in the evening”, “I like to pray a part of my list each day”, “I feel closer to our Lord and people when I am praying for them”, “Praying is a helpful way to do something for others”, “I like to pray for my loved ones and those who are loved by others”, “When I see a need, I can help with that need through prayer”.

All are welcome to become part of the Prayer Team. We believe our Lord hears and answers everyone’s prayers.

Prayers of the People

To make a Prayer request, fill out a purple prayer slip located outside the parish office and put it in the prayer box. You can also call Robin in the office 775-358-4474, or contact Rita Truelove, at honda07rita@gmail.com, or 775 971-9321.



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. **Let’s pray for:** Forrest, Diane, Russ, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Philip, Nanette, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker,

Jaemie, Rev. Bill, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Brett, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Sixten, Mike, Scott, Graham, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Holly, Marilyn’s family, Donna, Carol, Karen, Jennifer, Alyson, Penny, Mary Lou, Tina & family, Craig, Tim, Pam, Victoria, Peggy, Ed, Milt, Mary, Maureen, Frank, Chris, Matthew, Danny, Beau, Karen, Robert, Brian, Nancy, Dan, Sandy, Tammy, David, Stacey, Reed, all community service personnel, Madison & family, Duane, Kim, Gladys & family, Leia, Eileen, Cathy, Ashley, A.J., Jill, Gabriella, Dorothy, Cate, Sharon, Don, Mac, Kristen, Trina, Linda & family, Harry, Arden, David, Lee, Kris’s family, Mason, Elvito, Stan, Frank & family, Stephanie, Joe, Jack, Shirley, Ellie, Bob, Kathy, Lani’s family, Theo & family, Susan, Jacquie, Jane, Leslie, Katie, Jessica.

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

“Hill Gang” Men’s Group

The “Hill Gang” is an informally structured men’s fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The “Hill Gang” holds “once-in-a-while” quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the “Hill Gang” will be Monday evening **October 17th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Boulevard in Sparks.** The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat, drink, lie and brag for about an hour and a half and then adjourn to a nearby theater to view an exciting, class “B” movie. You know, something like an action/adventure film that your wife, girlfriend, or significant other would rather not see. For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul’s

Wednesdays: Women’s AA @ 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p. m.

Seminarian Serving at St. Paul's



St. Paul's seminarian for this school year is Peter Skewes-Cox, a third year student in the Masters of Divinity program at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific

(CDSP) in Berkeley, CA, one of the ten seminaries of the Episcopal Church. Peter and Colleen live in Kingsbury, Nevada, in the Tahoe Township of Douglas County and now attend St. John's in the Wilderness Church in Glenbrook, located on the grounds of Camp Galilee. Peter commutes down to Berkeley during mid-week classes and comes home for the long weekend. He will be with us on Sundays and other events during the school year until his graduation next May. CDSP requires students to do Field Education at a parish other than their home parish. When Peter asked Bishop Dan where he should go to learn how to do ministry in Northern Nevada, Bishop Dan sent him to talk to Father Kirk about St. Paul's. Peter will participate in liturgy at all three services, preach, attend Vestry, stewardship, prayer, outreach and other ministry meetings and generally try to learn how St. Paul's lives out our identity as a Place of Belonging for All People. Based on his early experience, Peter says "St. Paul's is a place of tremendous spirituality and service – A Place of Belonging and more."

Peter and Colleen have been married 38 years, and raised their family of five children in San Francisco where Peter worked as a tax partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in the Silicon Valley until his retirement last June when they made the move to Northern Nevada. Their church community was the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in San Francisco where Peter was baptized 60 years ago and Colleen served as the co-director of the Sunday School for 32 years

while Peter took on a number of lay roles. Their family has grown to include two married children and four grandchildren. Peter has an A.B. degree in Physics and Applied Mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

"Wow Cards" in a Pew Near You

If Jesus came to St. Paul's, what might we do to make him say, WOW!? Vestry is asking for ideas for new ministries and activities at St. Paul's. If you have an idea or a light-bulb suddenly goes off during worship, write down your idea



on a "WOW Card" (found in the pews) and place it in the offering plate. This fall we will display all the "WOW Cards" in the Narthex.

Refugee Ministry

Matching Donation Opportunity

Make a donation to support the Refugee Resettlement Ministry and your donation will be matched up to the first \$1000 total given.

Turn your \$10 into \$20, turn your \$50 in \$100!

We offer a big THANK YOU to the anonymous giver of this matching donation opportunity.

Let's try to turn \$1000 into \$2000 by Sunday, October 16th.

Make donations payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and put Refugee in the subject line.

September in the Food Pantry

"Baby, it's Chili out there!"

Chili, beans, soups and comfort food to take off the chill....



Letter from Bill Vannoy

Hello Everyone, most of you do not know me. My name is Bill Vannoy and my family has been a part of St. Paul's since 1961 when it was just a Mission located on C. Street. We moved to Florida in 1986. My wife came home in 2009 and is in the Columbarium. I came back to be around my children in late 2013.

The reason we started at St. Paul's was twofold. First, my wife was raised as an Episcopalian, while I was pretty much a heathen. Secondly, my son was three, almost four, and all of his playmates were going into kindergarten. He was as big as they were and was heartbroken, so we told him he could go to "Sunday School". There we all came under the influence of "Saint Kathleen Sweeny".

It was not long until my wife was in the choir and I was a lay reader. My wife went on to be a Sunday School teacher and then an assistant to Kathleen, and eventually Sunday School Director for a while. I took over as head of the lay readers in the mid-late 60's. We were deeply involved in the creation of the facilities that are now St. Paul's. All three of our children, including my son Tom, went through all of the phases of the church, baptism, confirmation, six levels of Sunday School, EYC, and everything that goes with being committed to the church. Tom was an acolyte/altar boy for Father Paul and even wrote the first Sanctuary Drama performed at St. Paul's. All five of my grandchildren have been baptized at St. Paul's. I tell you this to show a history of a family raised in the church.

But that is not the story. When our children grew up (youngest is now 51) we left them to their own devices as to going to church. Well, we were in Florida so there was not much choice. But their decision was theirs and they chose not to attend church, except for baptism's and funerals. Their Choice. My Son passed away on August 25, 2016, at 11:15 AM

(his mother passed away at 11:15 also on August 10, 2009). At the time he became ill he was 6'2 and weighed 350 lbs. He was a Registered Nurse (the same as his mother) and worked at St. Mary's, both as a floor nurse and supervisor for over 20 years. For the last three years he was Chief of Nursing for Tahoe Pacific Hospital with beds at both NNMC and South Renown. When he passed away we came out of his room and were met by 20-25 Nurses, Administrators, Janitors, Aides, and all sorts of people. We were told that while he was ill at NNMC there were more St. Mary's Nurses, Techs and Aides coming in and out than they had ever seen. The Nurses he hired and supervised over the years were all in and out. A top executive from Renown who had worked with Tom said he was the only Nursing Supervisor he could ever trust. Another Nurse told me that through his teaching, supervision, and patient compassion, Tom became an Icon in the Nursing community of the Reno/Sparks community. Ask Russ & Pat Williamson.

This is not a eulogy of my son directly. I bring all of his great qualities up, because I have a very firm belief that his upbringing and St. Paul's early life teachings helped mold him into what he was: a gentle, loving, caring, giant of a man, literally.

If you have children, grandchildren, or friends who have grown up in the church and now do not want to attend, because of kids, jobs, football, or whatever the cause, just remember this: The Child may leave the Church.....but....The Church will never leave the Child. I have proof.

The Daughters of the King



Are you not quite sure who The Daughters of the King are and what it is they do? Contact Connie Patterson at 359-4675.

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 for more information.

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 Prayers & Squares

We are pleased to say that we had 8 people attend our September sewing day. We were able to accomplish a lot. Linda Kennedy taught us a new quilting pattern, Thank you Linda!



Some of the women in the group have been creating some new and traditional items for our Christmas craft sale. The sale will be on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 between services and after the 11 am service. We will be set up in the Parish Hall to make the items more accessible!

If you are interested in joining us, we look forward to seeing you on our next sewing day which is Oct. 22 from 9 am to noon in the Parish Hall.

Trunk or Treat: October 30th

Trunk or Treat is BACK!!!

Sunday, October 30,
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 trunk to tailgate 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.

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

All Saints' Day is November 6th.

This is a time when we remember our family and friends who have died. The All Saints' book is on a stand at the back of the church on the north side. Please print clearly the full names of those you wish to remember on that day. You can also email the names to office@stpaulssparks.org.

The names are not limited to those who died in the past year, so add as many names as you wish.

Coming Events



October 2016

Saturday	Oct. 1, 2016	Pet Blessings in the Park	9:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 1, 2016	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 2, 2016	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 2, 2016	Pro/Claim: Engaging the Baptismal Covenant	1:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 3, 2016	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Thursday	Oct. 6, 2016	Diocesan Convention (Las Vegas thru 10/8)	
Sunday	Oct. 9, 2016	Pro/Claim: Engaging the Baptismal Covenant	1:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 10, 2016	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 15, 2016	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 16, 2016	St. Paul's Blood Drive (8:45 am to 11:15 am)	8:45 am
Sunday	Oct. 16, 2016	Crop Walk (Idlewild Park)	1:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 16, 2016	Pro/Claim: Engaging the Baptismal Covenant	1:00 pm
Monday	Oct. 17, 2016	Stewardship Meeting	5:30 pm
Monday	Oct. 17, 2016	"Hill Gang" Men's Group	6:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 22, 2016	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Oct. 22, 2016	Fall Concert: <i>TrainWrek</i>	6:30 pm
Sunday	Oct. 23, 2016	Pro/Claim: Engaging the Baptismal Covenant	1:00 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 25, 2016	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 30, 2016	Trunk or Treat (3-5 in Parking Lot) 🎃	3:00 pm

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. (**postponed until further notice**)

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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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.

COME AND SEE!

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