

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...

¿Hablas castellano?



Do you speak Spanish?

If so, I need your help to share the Gospel with our neighbors. As a parish located in a neighborhood, the vestry and I believe it is important that we share the Gospel and Holy

Communion with those who live here.

We hope to, in the near future, offer a Spanish language worship service. We will need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Worship Leaders, and even Lay Preachers.

Please don't be shy. Sharing the Gospel is not always easy, but we can do this together.

We don't have days/times yet, but please contact me and let me know if you can help.

Gracias,



Padre Kirk

Men's Study Group

The 7:00 p.m. men's Thursday evening study group is using "The Wired Word". This is a resource that looks at current events in relation to scripture. Each week participants are emailed or given a print copy of news articles, scriptures, and other resources to explore. It is not required to read the information beforehand -- you can just show up for the group if you wish. This group is such that you may come every week, or as your schedule allows. If you would like to receive the topic each week before class, please contact kirk@stpaulssparks.org. For more information contact Mike Margerum at mgoodmarge@gmail.com.

EWN Tea

Episcopal Women of Nevada will hold their 3rd annual Tea on May 13th at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Mad Hatter's Tea will begin at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. A hat contest will be held as well as a number of Silent Auction items.

If you would like to provide the china settings for a table, please contact Margaret Bouzek (see contact information below).

Checks should be made out to: Episcopal Diocese of Nevada with EWN Northern Tea in the memo.

Tickets/reservations may be made by one of the following:

- 1) Call Margaret Bouzek at [775-232-4712](tel:775-232-4712)
- 2) Send a check for the number attending to:
Margaret Bouzek
c/o St. Paul's Episcopal Church
P O Box 737
Sparks, NV 89432
- 3) email Margaret at:
margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Acoustic String Band Concert

St. Paul's presents Unionville Blue Grass Band! Come join us on Saturday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's. Snacks and drinks will be available. Tickets are \$15 and kids under 15 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Heather Burkhardt. If you have questions, contact the church at [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474) or heather.burkhardt@henryschein.com.

Weekly Bible Study

Come and join us in the Choir Room for this ongoing Holy Spirit guided study of scripture. Make new friends and find new ideas and ways of looking at scripture. No homework required. This combined Men's and Women's Group meets Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

May in the Food Pantry

“One Pan does it all!”

Things like Mac & Cheese or 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.

Diane, Pat, Barbara, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Bill, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Keith, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Sixten, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Carol, Alyson, Sue, Nick, Penny, Victoria, Peggy, Mary, Frank, Karen, Sven, Grace, Robert, Jill, Dorothy, Sharon, Trina, Harry, Stan, Stephanie, Joe, Ruthie, Vedda, Steve, Elva, Geneie's family, Doris, David, Eileen, Linda, Scott, Marge, Heidi, Dillon, Madeline, James, Bob, Carol & family, Arlene, Bryan, Ann, Kathy, Hailey, Wendy, Jason, Genny, Emily, Brock, Anita, Vickie, Robbie, Lynn, Katie, Vicky, Taylor, Dolly, Karen's family, Tom, Ian, Laurel, Joan, Chris, Matthew, Danny, Beau, Alex, Bruce, John, Mike, Jeff & family, Joe, Josefina, Alfredo, Dwight, Mae and family, Carolyn.

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

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 if you have any questions.

Pinterest



Our Vegetable Garden Needs YOU!

It is time to tend, weed, water, plant, weed, tend, water, tend, weed, water, harvest and tend the vegetable garden in the back of the church. The harvest goes to the food pantry. Fresh vegetables are a blessing to those in need.

My name is Mary Gonzales and I have been a member at St. Paul's for the last two years. I love to garden and have volunteered to organize and labor for the vegetable garden this year and I need volunteers to help.

There is a sign-up in the church lobby. If you have time to water, weed, tend, and harvest (only a few hours per week) join the Garden team.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or ideas for the garden, Mary 505 730-7722.



He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate -- bringing forth food from the earth: Psalm 104:14

Eco-palian Shorts

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

Buy low- or no-VOC paint with natural pigments to avoid toxins. They great for the environment and the price is not much different than the more harmful paints.

Treasurer's Report: April 2017



The first quarter of 2017 finished on a very positive note. Our operating receipts totaled \$69,270 and our operating expenses totaled \$63,241. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$6,029. The budget predicted a deficit of \$5,030 for the quarter, so in total we came in \$11,059 to the good.

However, on a cautionary note, I do not believe this trend will continue at this rate over the next three quarters.

On the expense side, we spent about \$2,400 less than we budgeted, but 75% of this "savings" is earmarked for building repairs and maintenance that will likely be spent later in the year.

On the receipt side, we received unpledged donations totaling around \$2,500 more than budgeted which is a good indication of parish growth. However, the remaining difference from the budgeted receipt amount is primarily due to some parishioners paying their entire annual pledge amount in the 1st quarter. Thus we should expect pledge receipts to be under budget in the following quarters.

But even with these cautionary notes, we should consider these results as very positive news and an indication that we are on way to reversing the trends of the last few years.

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 **IMPORTANT**

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

"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 28th 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 would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact Fr. Kirk at Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org, [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474).

Pentecost Sunday, June 4th

Combined Service 10:00 a.m.

WEAR RED on this day.

This special Pentecost celebration is held at 10:00 a.m. and outside if the weather permits. There will also be a regular 5:00 service.

Graduation Sunday: June 4th

Graduation Sunday is June 4th. 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.

Annual Bibby-Q June 4th



MARK YOUR CALENDER

This year's BIBBY-Q will be held on Sunday June 4th after the combined 10:00 service.

This year's proceeds will go toward supporting the Youth Group and their trip to the national youth event.

Make plans now to attend and enjoy!

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

Tickets: Adults \$15.00 Children \$5.00

It's almost time to look for Bob selling tickets, or contact the parish office 358-4474.

UTO Spring Ingathering May 7th

United Thank Offering Coin collection boxes will be collected on May 7th. The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. If you need a new box, contact the office.

Assistive Hearing Devices for Worship

Do you need help hearing the sermon and worship 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.



Blood Drive: June 25th

Save the date if you'd like to donate. This will be on Sunday, June 25th from 9:00-11:15 a.m.



Episcopal Joint Parish Picnic

(This event is on the same day as St. Paul's Annual Bibby-Q. Stop by this event after our celebration.)

SUN., JUNE 4, AT 12:30 PM, IDLEWILD PARK SNOWFLAKE PAVILION

The congregations of Trinity, St. Catherine's, St. John's (Glenbrook), St. Paul's, St. Peter's and St. Patrick's (Incline Village) are invited to come and enjoy each other's company at a wonderful spring picnic! Some special events and raffles are being planned. Save the date!

If you would like to help, please contact Kait Flocchini or Rayann Pezonella-Brown, or the office (775-329-4279). There is a Planning Committee Meeting for the Picnic on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM. Please join us!

Hand Bell Concert: June 10th

The Wesley Bell Ringers will perform at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature 15 teenaged ringers playing more than 150 handbells and handchimes.

In 1963, The Wesley Bell Ringers, a music ministry of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, UT, began with 9 youth ringers and 25 bells. From the very beginning, though, it was expected that if you wanted to participate you would be dedicated to the group, commit to play handbells to the best of your ability, and most importantly, to caring for, and about, the other members of the group.

The 15 current ringers are the most recent of the 482 youth who have participated in the

choir. The experiences have never changed. The choir developed a reputation for musical excellence that continues to open doors to exciting opportunities.

The previous 52 summer tours have taken the choir to all 50 states and most of the Canadian provinces. They have performed at the US Capitol, Cathedral of the Pines National Monument, Mt. Rushmore, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Disneyland and Disneyworld. The choir has participated, as the featured choir, at numerous handbell festivals around the United States, and performed for The National Music Educators convention.

Performances with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Utah Symphony Orchestra have been repeated honors over the choir's history.

The 2017 concert includes the music of Claude Debussy, Camille Saint-Saens, and notable handbell composers Cynthia Dobrinski and Jason Krug, as well as exciting selections from the 2016 Christmas season.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 1135 12th Street in Sparks, NV. Admission to the concert is free, and a free will offering will be collected.

That awkward moment at church
when you go for a handshake...



... and they go for a hug.

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 Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 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 7: Church Garden Cleaning and Planting

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will be working on the church garden and planting seeds. Lunch will be served and we'll save a little time for fun. Please bring work gloves.

May 14: No Meeting- Mother's Day

No meeting today. Enjoy your family time.

May 21: Blessing Bag Handout and McDonalds

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then go to downtown Reno to hand out Blessing Bags to individuals in need. Afterwards, we will go to McDonalds for lunch. We will return by 12:30.

May 28: No Meeting- Memorial Day Weekend

Enjoy your holiday weekend.

Coming Events



May 2017

Monday	May 01, 2017	Pinterest Interest Group	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 06, 2017	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	May 06, 2017	No Card Night This Month	
Sunday	May 07, 2017	UTO Spring Ingathering	9:00 am
Sunday	May 07, 2017	UTO Spring Ingathering	11:00 am
Sunday	May 07, 2017	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	May 08, 2017	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Monday	May 15, 2017	Stewardship Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 20, 2017	District Stewardship Meeting @ Trinity	9:30 am
Saturday	May 20, 2017	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	May 20, 2017	Concert: <i>Unionville Acoustic String Band</i>	6:30 pm
Sunday	May 21, 2017	Prayer Team Meeting	12:30 pm
Thursday	May 25, 2017	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	May 27, 2017	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	May 28, 2017	"In Memory of" Memorial Service	5:00 pm

Coming up early next month....

Sunday	June 4, 2017	Pentecost: One combined morning service <i>(In the garden weather permitting...wear red)</i> <i>(There is a regular 5:00 p.m. service.)</i>	10:00 am
Sunday	June 4, 2017	Graduation Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday	June 4, 2017	Annual Bibby-Q	11:00 am
Sunday	June 4, 2017	Episcopal Joint Parish Picnic – Idlewild Park <i>(Drop by after the Bibby-Q and visit with the other parishes)</i>	12:30 pm
Saturday	June 10, 2017	Wesley Bell Ringers Performance	7:30 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

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

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

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 Group, "The Wired Word", Thursday Evening at 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. Unless otherwise noted.

*Fourth Wednesday of the month in the morning the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck are here.

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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