

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...



Doors, Lights, and Garden Gates

I just want to take a moment to remind everyone to make sure the doors are locked when you leave. This normally means that if you unlock it, lock it back.

Sometimes we think we did lock them, but our old doors and locks can play tricks on us. After you lock them, please push and pull on them to make sure they are secure.

I also ask that if you are the last to leave the building, please make sure the doors to the worship space are closed, as well as the glass doors in the hallway, and the doors to the parish hall. The climate controls in each of these sections are separate. If any of these doors are left open, the other sections are trying to heat or cool those sections. It is okay if they are open when something is going on in the building, we just need to make sure they are closed after everyone leaves.

We also need a reminder about the lights. If you are the last one out, please turn off all the lights, including those in the bathrooms.

The Garden: As of recently, we are showing up in the mornings and finding things "dumped" in the garden. This is very unpleasant and disrespectful to our sacred space. In response to this, we are going to begin locking the garden gates at night. The iron gates will have actual locks on them, but the wooden lych gate will just be locked with the slide on the mechanism. If you need into the garden and the gates are locked, enter the garden through the building. You can then unlock the wooden gates. Please lock the wooden gates if your event is in the evening.

In the meantime, we will pray for those who are doing the dumping.

Kirk

Bishop Dan's Annual Visit

Bishop Dan will be at St. Paul's during the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Sunday, September 10th. Everyone...please come on this Sunday and be an outward and visible sign of the life of St. Paul's.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

(BCP page 818)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Paul's Fall Concert: Sept. 22nd

Come and enjoy the tunes of "**Homemade Jam**" on Friday, Sept 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will be an evening of great Blue Grass, Contemporary, Celtic, and Old Time Rock and Roll. Tickets are \$15.00 and kids 18 and under are free. Get your tickets at the door or by contacting the parish office 358-4474 or Heather Burkhardt at 775-544-7329. heather.burkhardt@henryschein.com

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.

September in the Food Pantry

"September is Souper!"

Fill the pantry shelves with Soups, boxed, canned or even chili...



Men's Study Group: Sept 7th

The Men's Study Group is starting back up. It meets Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Like a good discussion? Come, learn, and share. All men are welcome. Contact The Rev. Mike Margerum for more information. mgoodmarge@gmail.com or Fr. Kirk 358-4474.

The 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 and their friends. The "Hill Gang" holds "once-in-a-while" quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the "Hill Gang" will be Monday evening, **September 18th at 5:30 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Boulevard in Sparks.** The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat, and drink for about an hour and a half and then adjourn to a nearby movie theater to view an action/adventure or similar film. For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

Prayers and 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 fourth 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.

Margaret Bouzek

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, Serwind, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Alyson, Victoria, Peggy, Mary, Frank, Karen, Sven, Grace, Robert, Jill, Sharon, Harry, Stan, Stefani's friends & family, Joe, Ruthie, Vedda, Elva, Doris, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Anita, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, John, Mike, Dwight, Mae & family, Al, Sue, Carol, Rocky, Lerae, Emily, David, Mark, Kathy, Keith & family, Ray, James, Bert, Susan, Trevor, Tara, Donna, Daniel, Sean, Damon, Eb, Linda, Steve, Judy, Kelly's family, Paula's family, Pinkie & family, Lisa & children, Gene, Ken, Connie, Amy, Cari, Tia, Candi, Jack, Mary Kay, Flo, Donna's family.

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

Spooner Lake Hike

Part of being good stewards of the earth is getting outdoors! Research shows getting outdoors restores mental energy, relieves stress, increases creativity and of course it can inspire feelings of awe. Please join our Earth Stewardship Committee for a 2.4 mile hike around Spooner Lake on Saturday, Sept 16. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on leash. We'll meet at St. Paul's north parking lot at 8 am and then carpool up to Spooner Lake. Bring a lunch, water, trash bags (we will leave it cleaner than we find it!) and sturdy shoes. For more information, contact Deacon Mike Margerum or Jon Mittelstadt.

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 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:

Sunday, September 3: Labor Day Holiday
Weekend- No Meeting

Sunday, September 10: New School Year Kickoff Meeting!

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will do some get acquainted activities, brainstorming for activity and program ideas, eat lunch and have fun!

Sunday, September 17: Service Project-Cleanup

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will be doing a service project for the church. We will help harvest some vegetables from the church garden and also pick up trash in-between the church parking lot and Sparks High School field. Lunch too!

Sunday, September 24: Miniature Golf at Coconut Bowl/Wild Island

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then carpool to Coconut Bowl and play a round of outdoor miniature golf. Bring \$5 for golf.

Let All Creation Praise

The Season of Creation offers worshipers an opportunity to turn their attention toward God the creator and toward our relationship with the whole creation. It's an optional season for the church year running between Creation Day on September 1 and St Francis of Assisi Day on October 4. At St. Paul's there will be a focus on creation at our worship services on Sunday, October 8. For more information about how Episcopalians celebrate the Season of Creation,

see <http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/united-states-ecumenical/episcopal-creation-season>.

“Voices of St. Paul’s” Project

How did you come to the Episcopal Church originally, and to St. Paul's specifically? Whether a cradle Episcopalian or from a different faith tradition (or none!), we want to hear your story! We'll collect these to highlight online, and maybe even make a small book later on. All this will help us get to know each other better and be a resource for people considering St. Paul's as their church home. The project kicks off this month! If you want to be among the first to tell your story, click on this [link](https://goo.gl/forms/sVxVRm3wg7xGMVjh2) <https://goo.gl/forms/sVxVRm3wg7xGMVjh2>! And, if you have time to help coordinate the effort, contact Father Kirk (kirk@stpaulssparks.org) or Daniel Villanueva (cdu4ever@aol.com) We'll also be at coffee hour most Sundays in September if you have any questions!

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

St. Paul's received the following donations in August:

Prayers and Squares - \$50.00

School Supplies - \$133.00

The Community Food Pantry - \$55.00

Clergy Discretionary Account - \$25.00

Seminarian Support for Bryan Callan - \$800.00

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Episcopal Women of Nevada

Please come to our annual meeting on October 5th at 2 pm at Trinity Cathedral in Reno. Our Province 8 ECW representative, Evita Krislock, will be our speaker. In order to have a sufficiently large room, please RSVP to Barbara Schafer at schaferb75@yahoo.com or Constance Skidmore at cwskid@att.net by Oct. 1. We look forward to seeing you there.

Election of Officers:

Treasurer: Stephanie Tall (Trinity Reno)

Nomination from floor

Southern Vice President:

Nominations from floor

Member dues of \$10 must be paid to be eligible to vote for new board members and any bylaws updates. Dues may be paid at the annual meeting or may be sent to: Pattie Rackley, 4991 Newport Court, Reno, NV 89506. Make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Nevada with EWN Dues in the memo. Pattie will send you a receipt for your records.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

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

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

Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

The Daughters of the King



Ladies - Ever wonder just what Daughters of the King actually do? Are you interested in spending a little bit of time in study and prayer a couple of times a month? Are you interested in laughing and sharing in a safe environment? Are you looking for a way to be more involved with St. Paul's ministries, but haven't quite figured out what that way is? Please come and learn about this ministry tradition for yourself. We can't wait to share with you.

Contact Connie Patterson or Margaret Bouzek for information.

Ushers Needed

We are in desperate need of new ushers for both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. This is a ministry for anyone who can be friendly and has the ability to count. (This qualifies most of us.) Please consider joining the team. We would like to have enough people in this ministry that ushers would only get scheduled once a month. Please contact Walt Coopman 775-343-8818 or Fr. Kirk 755-358-4474.

Blessing of the Animals

The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held this year during the 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday, October 8th. Yes, during the service and yes it will be loud at times (and we will have Holy Communion too.)

Please bring your pet in an appropriate carrier or restraint.

Quote of the Month: "Good-Bad"

"The way I see it, every life is a pile of good things and bad things. The good things don't always soften the bad things, but vice versa, the bad things don't always spoil the good things and make them unimportant."
— The Doctor, Season 5, Episode 10

11:00 Choir Beginning Sept. 6th

Are you interested in joining the 11:00 choir? That's awesome! You'll be a welcomed addition to a wonderful ministry. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 6th. **Come and give it a try.** Questions? Contact Fr. Kirk at 358-4474. Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

Empty Bowls Event

The Community Food Pantry will hold its annual fundraiser on Wednesday, September 27, at the Eldorado, 6 pm. Empty Bowls is our annual fundraiser, and this event funds our operation for a year. This simple soup supper is served by local Celebrity's and bowls painted by the community at large are auctioned. Raffle & Silent Auction Tickets are \$30. Contact Barbara Monroy at bmonroy0216@gmail.com or Linda Devon lsd4764@hotmail.com for Tickets.

Wine Donations for Empty Bowls

The Empty Bowls committee is adding a "Wine Pull" to the Empty Bowls event. We are in search of bottles of wine. If you have a bottle of wine you would be willing to donate, either one of your favorites or one in your pantry that you probably won't use, please bring the bottle to the church by Sunday, September 3rd with a note attached telling us your name and the approximate price of the wine (if you know it). If you would like a receipt for taxes, please note that also. At the event, the wine will be wrapped. Attendees will donate and then pick a mystery bottle of wine. The Empty Bowls event which benefits The Community Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at the El Dorado. Tickets are \$30 for a fun evening of food, fun, raffle and silent auction. Come join the fun! Thank you.

Do You Want to Get Involved?

Have you wanted to get more involved with things at St. Paul's but have been hesitant? There are lots of ways you can contribute, some worship related and some not. Contact Fr. Kirk at Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org for more information.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Interested in an in-depth bible study class? EfM (Education for Ministry) 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 \$360 per year, you can check out their website for more info <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>. The commitment is only 1 year at a time. We meet for 36 weeks of the year, with time off at the holidays and for Holy Week. Connie Patterson is the mentor for this course. If you have an interest in learning more about where our Faith comes from, please contact Connie for more details (cp4675@att.net) or 771-1264.

Visitor Only Parking Signs

We will soon have three parking spaces designated for visitors only. The current plan is to have two on the north side and one on the south. These new signs will be green... you can't miss them. I ask a couple of things:

- 1) Please don't park in them. They are for our guests/visitors.
- 2) If you see someone parking in them and you don't know them, say hi to them and welcome them to St. Paul's.

Thank you.

Coming Events



September 2017

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| Saturday | Sept. 02, 2017 | D.O.K. | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | Sept. 07, 2017 | Men's Study Group | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | Sept. 09, 2017 | Dedication to St. Catherine's | 4:00 pm |
| Sunday | Sept. 10, 2017 | Annual Visit from Bishop Dan (9:00 and 11:00) | |
| Sunday | Sept. 10, 2017 | Youth Group (EYC) <i>Kickoff Meeting</i> | 10:15 am |
| Monday | Sept. 11, 2017 | Vestry Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| Saturday | Sept. 16, 2017 | D.O.K. | 10:00 am |
| Sunday | Sept. 17, 2017 | Prayer Team Meeting | 12:30 pm |
| Monday | Sept. 18, 2017 | Hill Gang Meeting @ Blvd. Pizza | 5:30 pm |
| Friday | Sept. 22, 2017 | "Homemade Jam" Concert | 6:30 pm |
| Saturday | Sept. 23, 2017 | Prayers & Squares | 9:00 am |
| Monday | Sept. 25, 2017 | Epistle Deadline | 12:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Sept. 27, 2017 | Flu Shot Clinic in the Food Pantry (until noon) | 9:00 am |
| Wednesday | Sept. 27, 2017 | Empty Bowls Dinner (El Dorado Casino) | 6:00 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

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 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 (postponed)

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, Praise Service*
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