

# The Epistle



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## January 2018

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### Sad News about Father Towner

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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...



2017 is now behind us. For some it was a difficult year, while for others it brought new and exciting adventures.

I want to thank you for being a part of St. Paul's, because it is here within the life of the church that we stand together through these ups and downs.

As far as St. Paul's goes, we have had more ups than downs this past year and that can only be attributed to those of you that call it home. Home is where the heart is and the more we participate in the family of Christ, the greater connection we have with God and each other.

I'm sure as with any year, 2018 will bring with it both struggles and celebrations. I'll certainly pray for more celebrations, but I know if the struggles do arrive, we will grow together through the lessons they will teach us.

There is no other congregation I would rather serve in order to learn these lessons. Thank you for loving and supporting my family and may the new year bring you enough of whatever it is you need to both experience the belonging of Jesus and share it with all.

*Kirk<sup>+</sup>*

## Angel Tree

Thank you St. Paul's for the wonderful participation (100% of all tags) of the gifts for the Salvation Army Toys and Silver Senior gifts. This year's response was more than we had expected. Thank you for your generous love. Merry Christmas from Barbara & Peter Papadakos.

## Ordination of Peter Skewes-Cox

February 3, 2018

By the Grace of God  
and with the people consenting  
The Right Reverend Dan  
Edwards, Bishop of Nevada  
will Ordain



Peter Dunne Skewes-Cox  
to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
Saturday, February 3, 2018, 2:00 P.M.  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

200 Island Avenue, Reno, Nevada

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: Red Stoles

**Please contact Peter at the address below if you expect to attend.** There is a Reception for all guests following the service and they are trying to get a headcount for food.

If you are unable to attend and want to send Peter a message, you can contact him at [pdscsr@gmail.com](mailto:pdscsr@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 1279, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

**St. Paul's was blessed by Peter during his time with us last school year. Let's bless him with our presence on this big day!**

## 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. Contact Fr. Kirk at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) for more information.

## January in the Food Pantry

**"Let's Baby that Baby!"**

Collecting diapers, wipes and baby food.



## “Wired Word”???

“The Wired Word” is currently offered twice on Thursdays. The 11:00 a.m. is offered to anyone and the 7:00 p.m. is a men’s study group.

If you join one of these groups, you will receive an email with a news story, scripture links, and possible questions we might discuss. If you have lots of time, you can read the news story, the scriptures, and begin to process the questions. If you have a little time, you can read just the news story. If you have no time to prepare, just come and join in.

These groups are a safe place to begin talking about our own understandings about God, as well as a place to practice open communication with those who might have views that differ from your own.

If you want to join us, just show up. The 11:00 a.m. group meets in the choir room and the 7:00 p.m. men’s group meets in the youth room.

## 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’s family, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Sixten, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Alyson, Victoria, Peggy, Mary, Frank, Robert, Jill, Sharon, Harry, Stan, Ruthie, Linda, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Anita, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Mark, Ray, Julia, James, Bert, Daniel, Sean, Tara, Donna, Eb, Judy, Gene, Lisa & children, Ken, Patti, Tia, Candi, Susan, Ed, Frankie, Laura M., Josefina, Alfred, Ann, Dorothy,

Stuart, Al, Sue, Christina, Jack, Dave, Penny’s family, Nick, Robbie, Michael, Suzette, William, David, Deb, Kathleen & family, Kirk, Sherryl, Polly, Karen, Dale, Sandi, Greg.

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

## Prayers and Squares

### *Prayers and Squares Quilt Raffle.*

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Raffle was a tremendous success. \$1,032 was raised to purchase supplies to create more beautiful quilts for people in need of our prayers.



## 12-Step Recovery Eucharist December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

12-Step programs are something that everyone can use to create healing and wholeness in their lives. There are some of us that need the structure of the 12-Steps, and experience their blessing every day. Join us and bring a friend.

## Recovery Groups at St. Paul’s

Mondays: Spanish Language Ala-non @ 5p.m.

Tuesdays: Spanish Language Ala-non @ 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women’s AA @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Fridays: Spanish Language Ala-non @ 6 p.m.

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## 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](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com) or Tia Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 or [tia.mittel@gmail.com](mailto: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:

### January 7: No Meeting

## By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

Proceeds from wreath sales was designated to help offset the cost of new LED lights for the sanctuary. After paying the invoice from Sherwood Forest Farms, \$666.60 will go towards the new lights. Other donations for the month included \$1,070.00 to the Community

Food Pantry, \$174.99 to United Thank Offering, and \$70.00 to Clergy Discretionary. I will report on the Christmas Offering in the next Epistle.  
Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

## 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.

## Annual Parish Meeting

January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual parish meeting during a combined 10:00 a.m. worship service. Since every member is **HIGHLY** encouraged and/or expected to attend this meeting there will not be a 5:00 p.m. service on this Sunday.

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## **2018 Convention Delegate**

During our next Diocesan Convention (November 30-December 1, 2018) we will elect our new bishop.

### **Here are our Delegate Nominees**

**Nominee Name:** Erin Anderson

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 43 Years

#### **Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

I am excited to see how the Episcopal Church and especially St. Paul's has been growing and changing in recent years. The chance to participate in the selection process for our next bishop seems like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help the Diocese grow, as well. I am also interested to learn more about the church beyond our lovely little home, and perhaps bring back some inspiration!

**Nominee Name:** Keith Anderson

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 17 Years

#### **Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

As a St. Paul's parishioner for the past seventeen years, I am interested in experiencing the convention, as well as having a voice and choosing the next bishop. I feel like I have a good understanding of the things that we value as a congregation, and I think I could do a good job representing that.

**Nominee Name:** Dan Bouzek

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 24 Years

#### **Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

I have served on the vestry and am a member of several committees in the parish. I would be honored to serve again.

**Nominee Name:** Margaret Bouzek

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 24 Years

#### **Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

I have attended numerous conventions as a delegate. I am on a number of committees in the parish that keep me current with the thoughts of the congregation. I am currently president of Episcopal Women in Nevada. I have been a deputy to General Convention 5 times. I am past senior warden of the vestry. I would be honored to serve again.

**Nominee Name:** Jill Channing

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** I have attended St. Paul's Church since the week I moved to Nevada—June 16, 2016.

#### **Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

I feel called to represent St. Paul's at the Convention because I can listen carefully, contribute to discussions, and collaborate well with others. I live only one mile from St. Paul's and have been active in parish life as well as the life of the local community. I have come to understand the diversity of St. Paul's membership and hope to bring that understanding to the Convention. As a representative, I will continually turn to prayer to guide me and those with whom I share this experience. In finding our next bishop, I will be open to God's will for our diocese and our faith community.

**Nominee Name:** Marge Parent

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** Almost 70 years

**Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

I joined St Paul's as a child on Pyramid Way in Way in the late 1940s. I have been a teacher, vestry member, delegates, Jr choir mistress and more. I have worked on getting new priests, and watched when we have lost bishops suddenly. I know we have a lot to do in the next year; it will involve meetings, and discussions, and possibly debates. I feel that my knowledge of our St. Paul's family and with everyone's input, and God's help, we will get a great Bishop.

**Nominee Name:** Debra Stiver

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 36 years

**Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

My faith and belief in the ministries, life, and work of the Episcopal Church strengthens each passing year and I believe we are called to actively participate in that life. I would like to serve as a convention delegate because I believe I can bring both experience in church governance and knowledge of the history of the Episcopal Church in Nevada to the decision making process for the election of our next bishop.

I have served as St. Paul's senior warden and have been active as a vestry member, previous convention delegate, outreach chair, member of a rector search committee, committee on sex trafficking in Nevada, and worship leadership. Over the past 45 years, I have lived in many communities throughout Nevada including Las Vegas, Yerington, Ely and

Sparks and I believe this has provided me with insight into Nevada's diverse communities.

**Nominee Name:** Dick Stufflebeam

**How long have you attended St. Paul's Church?** 30 Years +

**Why do you feel called to represent St. Paul's at Convention?**

One part is personal in being able to renew relationships across the Diocese. I very much enjoy that fellowship. Replacing a bishop is a serious duty. I think my experience as a treasurer at St. Paul's and on Standing Committee can be useful.

I have read and understand the expectations and responsibilities above and, if elected, I agree to fulfill them.

### **“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. If you want to tell your story, click on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/sVxVRm3wg7xGMVjh2>! If you have any questions contact Daniel Villanueva ([cdu4ever@aol.com](mailto:cdu4ever@aol.com)) or call the parish office at 358-4474.

### **Snow Shovel Crew**

We need: (contact Fr. Kirk)

1. Someone to organize a crew to shovel snow at the church on Sunday mornings when it snows.
2. People to volunteer to be on the Snow Shovel Crew to show up early to clear the snow.

## Coming Events



### *January 2018*

Sunday	<b>Dec. 31, 2017</b>	<b>Praise Service... only one morning service</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Sunday	<b>Dec. 31, 2017</b>	<b>12-Step Recovery Eucharist with music</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Wednesday	Jan. 03, 2018	<b>No Food Pantry</b>	
Saturday	Jan. 06, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan. 06, 2018	Epiphany Play Rehearsal	1:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 07, 2018	Epiphany Play (all three services)	
Sunday	Jan. 07, 2018	<b>No EYC today</b>	
Sunday	Jan. 07, 2018	<b>No Outreach Meeting</b>	
Monday	Jan. 08, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan. 17, 2018	St. Paul's at the Shelter	8:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 20, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Thursday	Jan. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 27, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 28, 2018	<b>Annual Parish Meeting <u>Combined</u> Service</b>	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 28, 2018	<b>No 5:00 p.m. service this Sunday</b>	

***January 7<sup>th</sup>, The Epiphany Play all three services.***

### 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

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#### **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

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tues. & Fri. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

The Wired Word – Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist Thursday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

Men's 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*