



February

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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...

40 Days of Change



Ash Wednesday is February 14th. On this day, we begin our 40 day journey into the season of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, the green life from the waving palms of Palm Sunday will reappear as lifeless black ash upon our foreheads. The black ash reminds us of our mortality and at the same time it reveals the cross of life sealed upon our foreheads at baptism.

Life, mortality, and life eternal.

During the season of Lent we are called to slow down, simplify, study, pray, and reconnect to our true selves as we sift away the things that create separation in our lives.

This is a time of intentionality, which means that for 40 days the normal patterns in our lives change. We change things that are keeping us from the love of self, each other, and God.

For some, this change will mean adding something in our lives that is missing, something that will create growth and connection: mindfully walking, praying, reading scripture or other spiritual books, meditation, attending a Lenten book study or class, gathering for family meals, worshipping every Sunday, stations of the cross, etc.

For others, this change will mean stripping away a variety of obstacles that stand in our way to the fullness of life: means of numbing, (i.e., alcohol, food, drugs, porn, gambling), bitterness, worry, pride, small view of God, ungratefulness, fear of others, fear of failure, our comfort zone, feelings of unworthiness, impatience, comparison, blame, over commitment, apathy, hatred, perfection, trying to fit in, etc.

We know that because of the routines in our lives, change can be hard...but it will be worth it. As we create new patterns in our lives through the 40 days of Lent, we will create new pathways in our mind. 40 days of new repetition will rewire ourselves from the harmful to the holy. We just have to do it.

Walking into holy change is not something we do alone, we must do it together. I invite you into the sacredness of this Lenten journey. You know where to find me if you need help.

Kirk

New Bishop Search Potluck

EVERYONE is encouraged to attend the New Bishop Search Potluck beginning at 5:00 p.m. on February 10th. During this time we will have a holy conversation with members of the Bishop Search Committee to help them put together a profile of who we are as a diocese and who we are seeking in a new bishop. This might be the only opportunity to give personal input into the search process. Please come, listen, and share your thoughts. If you have any questions, email kirk@stpaulssparks.org

Donate Last Year's Palms

Did you take home a blessed palm frond from last year's Palm Sunday service? If so, bring them to the church on a Sunday, now through February 11th. They will be burned and used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Menu: Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Orange Juice and Coffee
Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 per family.



Ash Wednesday Services

February 14th

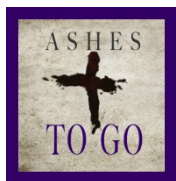
12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.



Ashes to Go

Wednesday, February 14th



1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On the sidewalk by the Library.

If you just can't make the Ash Wednesday services but you still want to receive imposition of

ashes, come and see us out on 12th Street.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning February 15th 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Each Thursday during Lent, The Stations of the Cross (The Way of the Cross) will be offered from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This service moves the participants around our worship space (Nave), listening to and experiencing the scriptures from the arrest of Jesus to his crucifixion.

Lenten Soup Suppers



Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Feb. 21. There will be a sign up board for soups, breads or desserts to bring for supper. Soup

Suppers are from 5:15 pm to 6:05 pm.

Barbara Papadakos

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 6:05 p.m. in the church beginning February 21st, following the Soup Suppers.

Animate Faith is a 6 or 7 session adult faith formation course. (We'll condense it to 6 weeks)

In each Animate Faith session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from

the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. Contact Fr. Kirk if you have questions. Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

Thursday Night Book Study

"The Beer Drinker's Guide to God:

The Whole and Holy Truth About Lager, Loving, and Living" by William B. Miller

Starts: Feb 15th 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(6 weeks)

First Assignment: Chapter 1-4.

Location: We will meet at

O'SKIS PUB & GRILLE*

840 VICTORIAN AVE SPARKS NV

(*Unless otherwise announced)

Books are available on Amazon.

Sunday Afternoon Book Study

"Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People" by Nadia Bolz-Webber

****Warning:** Nadia is a Lutheran Pastor whose confessional style of writing could offend some of you. If you find the occasional curse word offensive (including the **F-Bomb**, i.e., a four letter word that rhymes with truck) or if you are uncomfortable with reading about someone else's sins, then this might not be the book for you. **On the other hand**, if you can get passed the curse words and the open confessions, and find joy in **redemption and reconciliation**, then maybe this is the right book for you.

Either way, you have been duly warned.

Starts: February 18th 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(6 weeks)

Location: St. Paul's Youth Room

First Assignment: Chapter 1-3.

Books are available on Amazon and probably at Barnes & Noble.

Rev. Chip on Stage

If you have never seen Rev. Chip act onstage, here is your chance. Go see him, now through Feb 17th in *The Lion in Winter* at the Bruka Theater, 99 N Virginia St, Reno. Get your tickets at the theater, or to ensure you have a seat, get them online at www.bruka.org.

Collections for “Blessing Bags”



The EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will once again be collecting items for “Blessing Bags” and we need your

help! A blessing bag is a Ziplock bag stocked with food, toiletries, and other items one might need while living on the street. The youth will distribute some of the bags to people in need in downtown Reno. On a future Sunday, the youth will also help the congregation assemble bags to take to their cars and be handed out when needed.

We are doing the donations similar to the tags we pull at Christmas for toy donations. Tags with suggested donation items will be on a tree in the Narthex. You can pick a tag and then bring your donation back to the church by the deadline of **Sunday, March 4.**

Toiletries should be travel or hotel sized, and food items should be in small, individually wrapped packages. The point is for them to fit into a gallon sized Ziplock bag.

Some of items that will be listed on the tags are: gallon sized Ziplock bags, granola bars, cereal bars, snack crackers, small peanut butter packets, small beef jerky packets, small almond packets, small boxes of raisins, applesauce or fruit cups/pouches, juice boxes/pouches, packets of trail mix, gum, small and regular sized bottled water, pop top meat or sausages, hand sanitizer bottles or wipes, baby wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, wash cloths, shampoo, lotion, combs, nail clippers, deodorant, socks, lip balm and travel sized tissues.

“Hill Gang” Meeting: Feb 19th

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, **February 19th, 2018 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.

Memorial Service for Father Towner

There will a memorial service for Fr. Paul Towner at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd. Fr. Paul was the former Rector and cornerstone of St. Paul's for over 30 years. Former members of Fr. Paul's Adult and Children's Choirs are invited to come and sing the anthem during the service. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m.

February in the Food Pantry

**“Breakfast
is Served!”**

Breakfast cereals of all kinds both hot and cold, breakfast bars, plus other breakfast foods, such as applesauce and jams.



Electric Skillets/Griddles Needed

If you have a large electric skillet/griddle that we can borrow for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, please email Kirk@Stpaulssparks.org or 775-358-4474.

We don't need a ton of them, so contact Fr. Kirk before you bring them. Thank you!

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:

February 4: SuperBowl Party at Tia and Jon's House at 3:15 PM

Meet at Tia and Jon's house at 3:15 PM (address will be sent in the monthly email). Join us in cheering on the Patriots or the Eagles in the big game! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will provide drinks and chili. Parents are invited to come and join in the fun!

February 11: Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will watch a video on the Old Testament prophets. We will discuss and also eat lunch. Games to follow.

Tuesday, February 13: Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner

The dinner will be from 5:30 to 7 PM. The youth will be helping set up and serve. Please come and help before, during and after!

February 18: Breakout Room

We will meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room then carpool to one of the Breakout Room businesses. It will be a blast to see if we can figure out all the clues. More details to come!

February 25: Service Project

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will be doing a service project. More details to come.

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, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Trudy, Lori, Dick, Barbara, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Ryan, Rev. Ken, Alyson, Victoria, Mary, Frank, Jill, Harry, Stan, Ruthie, Linda, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Anita, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Mark, Ray, Julia, Ebert, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Laura M., Josefina, Alfred, Ann, Dorothy, Jack, Penny's family, Nick, Robbie, Michael, Suzette, William, Kirk, Polly, Karen, Dale, Sandi, Greg, Lisa, Anthony's family, Gil, Ted's family, Nancy, Denise's family, Ruth, Willie, Dee, Hunter, Shirley, Bob B., Jean, Peyton, Everett.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto.

The Yaqub Family

Calling all joy seekers to get to know the Yaqub family.

We have been blessed with a group of refugee volunteers who have “gone above and beyond” to help make our Syrian refugee family, the Yaqub’s, first year in their new home as stress-free and welcoming as possible as they learn English and adjust to this new culture. I think that those of us who have grown to know Muhammed, Aisha, Rozhva(10), Rosem(9), Adnan(6) and Lujain(3) would agree that we have gotten much more education and learned more of Christ’s lessons about compassion and tolerance and acceptance than any other volunteer work we have ever done.

Now that several of our refugee “mentors” have fulfilled their volunteer obligations and have moved on to other projects, we are asking those of you who have thought about participating in the past and newer members of St. Paul’s who may not know about our co-sponsorship with the Northern Nevada International Center at UNR to help fill in to assist the Yaqubs, one of the several refugee families who have been vetted and allowed to come to our community.

As they say, the more the merrier; and for those of you who for some reason have yet to take the first step to get to know the Yaqubs personally, we invite you to jump in with a baby step, or one foot or make a big splash with both feet. Even if you are able to give just a couple of hours of your time to drive one of the kids to a medical appointment (they arrived here without any medical care for at least four years while they were living in a tent camp in Iraq after escaping from Syria) or to take them to a fun event in the area (we just went to the quarterly book sale at the Reno Town Mall where the kids gobbled up books like crazy), they and the rest of the refugee committee

would love to have you join us. If you have any special skills (budgeting, car or scooter knowledge, willingness to tutor them to pass the DMV driving test, etc.), that would be icing on the cake.

Just give me a call, send an email, or see me after service, and I’ll be happy to give you information and answer any questions you may have. I can guarantee that you will have more fun and fill your hearts with joy while doing a wonderful service for a deserving family.

Pat Entwistle

“Wired Word”???

Some have asked for more information about what the format of the class we offer called “The Wired Word.” We offer it on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

If you join a group, 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 at 11:00 a.m. in the choir room.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul’s

Mondays: Spanish Language Ala-non @ 6p.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.

Monthly Receipt Summary



Funding the Mission **January 2018**

If you missed the annual meeting in January, I reported that for the year, our receipts exceeded our expenses by \$7,367. This was incredibly good news compared to our outlook at the beginning of the year when we prepared a budget that projected a \$21,181 deficit. This surplus allowed us to increase the funds in our “rainy/day savings” account from a balance of \$21,427 at the beginning of the year to our current balance of \$28,794. Although expense control contributed somewhat to the surplus, offerings by parish members that were well in excess of what was pledged, and other unanticipated donations were by far and away the main factor.

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@stpaulsspark.org

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

The Daughters of the King

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.

Staffing Emergency Shelter

Last winter, as many as 20 some vulnerable people lost their lives sleeping out in the elements in Washoe County. This year, the City of Reno and the related organizations (CAC and VOA) tasked with helping those citizens could not afford the staff needed to accommodate more overnight beds, although they are able to provide facilities and equipment. So, community organizers and a large coalition of local faith-based organizations have stepped up to take on the staffing of a (second!) emergency overflow shelter in downtown Reno this winter.

St. Paul's has joined the effort. Last month, eight of us worked from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. over two separate nights to help keep folks safe, dry, and warm. We are committed to six more shifts, and need at least three volunteers each night. The work is easy — signing clients out and in, passing out bedding, sometimes lending an ear, and primarily being present, so people can get some rest in safety and peace.

Those of us who've worked have found it rewarding and, notably, calm (even a bit boring, you'll want to bring a book!) We've also stepped a little outside our comfort zones, and learned firsthand about representing Christ. If this sounds like a ministry you'd like to participate in, please contact Robin, Fr. Kirk, at the church office, or email Erin Anderson (erin@trinity-ai.com.) Your help is needed, and appreciated.

Spiritual Exercises - Ignatius Loyola

What: Prayer Practicum: Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola

Where: Trinity Cathedral, Reno

When: Wednesdays Feb 28 – May 16, 2018
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Classroom A

Orientation: Sunday, February 25, after the 10:30 Eucharistic Service, in Bishop Lewis Chapel, thirty minutes

Cost: \$90 .00, some scholarships available

Checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. Julius M. Rogina, Ph.D., Priest and Clinical Psychologist

Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola is practicum in Christian prayer. More specifically, it is personal and group experience of Ignatian practices in Christian prayer and self-awareness. The movements of the Exercises will be presented to you, inviting you at each step to become comfortable with the presence of God in your life. You will learn to listen to the workings of God's Spirit in your daily life events. You will learn to practice active attentiveness to God's love and generosity. You will be guided to discover for yourself the all-encompassing importance of Jesus of Nazareth and the Christ of our Christian worship. From the beginning to the end of the journey through the Spiritual Exercises you will engage in the daily practice of self-awareness, compassion, and gratitude.

To enroll or for more information e-mail Fr. Julius at jmrogina@sbcglobal.net or call Trinity Cathedral (775) 329-4279.



Lenten Things at a Glance

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb. 13th 5:30pm-7:00pm

Ash Wednesday Services

Feb. 14th 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm

Ashes to Go (on 12th Street)

Feb 14th 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday Stations of the Cross

In the church (nave)

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening Book Study (6 wks)

Begins Feb. 15th 7:00 pm

"The Beer Drinker's Guide to God"

O'Skis Bar and Grille, 840 Victorian Ave.

Sunday Afternoon Book Study

Begins Feb. 18th 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Youth Room

"Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People"

by Nadia Bolz-Webber

**Warning: Read the warning on page 3

Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers

Parish Hall

Begins Feb. 21. 5:15 pm

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

In the church (nave)

Begins Feb. 21. 6:05-ish pm

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REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?

Coming Events



February 2018

Saturday	Feb. 03, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 03, 2018	Peter Skewes-Cox Ordination (Trinity)	2:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 04, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Saturday	Feb. 10, 2018	Vestry Retreat	9:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 10, 2018	Bishop Search Potluck (St. Paul's)	5:00 pm
Monday	Feb. 12, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 13, 2018	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:30 pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday	Feb. 14, 2018	Ash Wednesday	
Wednesday	Feb. 14, 2018	Ash Wednesday early service	12:05 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 14, 2018	Ashes to Go (on 12 th Street)	1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 14, 2018	Ash Wednesday late service	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 15, 2018	Book Study at O'Skis Bar and Grille	7:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 17, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 17, 2018	Food Pantry Volunteer Get-together (Blvd. Pizza)	11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 18, 2018	Book Study in the Youth Room	3:00 pm
Monday	Feb. 19, 2018	"The Hill Gang" Men's Meeting (Blvd. Pizza)	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 21, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (Study at 6:05-ish)	5:15 pm
Thursday	Feb. 22, 2018	Book Study at O'Skis Bar and Grille	7:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 24, 2018	Prayers and Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 25, 2018	Book Study in the Youth Room	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 28, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (Study at 6:05-ish)	5:15 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

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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.

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
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