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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...



Holy Listening: Guns

Dear St. Paul's,

I recently had an epiphany, or even better, a Lenten rebuking. I have said over and over again that we/society needs to listen to one another. My rebuking came in that I have missed some opportunities over the years to provide a space for this. My reasoning was fear based..."We, the members of St. Paul's, are politically and theologically across the board and yet we don't fight. Why stir the pot?"

In giving into the fear of possible broken relationships, I have cheated you out of a safe and holy venue to do what I've been preaching about...listen to one another. It's like praying without action...telling people to listen to one another without giving them a safe place to practice. Sometimes we just need a little rebuking to shove us in the right direction.

I am inviting you to the following gathering. It is for those who call St. Paul's their church home. Since we need to practice listening, I don't think we are ready to open it up to people who don't attend St. Paul's.

In order for us to learn to listen, we need people willing to share their stories. Be them perceived as positive or negative, we need a safe opportunity to share and hear each other's stories about our relationship with guns. We need to hear what effect gun violence has had on us personally. We need to listen deeply to what we have at stake in this topic and how we came to be where we are.

In listening to our stories, we are not gathering to find a solution to any problem. The goal is

not to convince others that we are right and they are wrong; it is not a time of separation, but connection. This is a time of living into what it means to be the Body of Christ...a flawed group of imperfect people doing the best we can to walk together.

Holy Listening: Guns

Monday, March 5th, 6:00 p.m.

As a people of faith, we are called to have ears that listen. In order to learn how to listen, we need people willing to share their thoughts on difficult topics.

Would you like to have an opportunity to voice your opinion about guns?

Would you like an opportunity to have others listen to your story about the positive or negative roles guns may have played in your life?

Would you like to do so in a safe environment where you can be heard?

Come and share with us your perspective without fear of altercation or intimidation.

We will create a safe place for each other.

We will pray with each other.

We will see Christ in each other.

We will listen to each other.

We will breathe in the Holy Spirit.

We will disagree with each other.

We will be Christ for each other.

We will continue to love & respect each other.

No fear. No shame. No judgment.

No blame. No disrespect. No interruptions.

No debate. No arguments. No winners.

No intimidation. No open carry. (please)

Come and talk openly, so we can learn to listen.

Kirk⁺

Memorial Service for Fr. Towner

There will be 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.

Flower Offering

Since flowers are not used during the Lenten season, the contributions received during this time will be used for the purchase of the flowers that decorate our altar at Easter. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones and to give thanks for God's blessings. Look for the poster in the narthex.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner YES or NO?

At this time we have not sold enough tickets to hold the dinner.

So.....GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE ...

The **last chance to purchase tickets** for the dinner will be Sunday **March 11th**.

If you want a great meal and some of Dan's homemade beer, buy your tickets soon!

More Information listed below!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Dan and Margaret Bouzek will sponsor the St. Patrick's Day dinner again this year after taking a break last year! The Bouzek's provide the food and the homemade beer for the event.

The dinner will be held on March 17th with serving beginning at 5 pm.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to purchase a new quilt display cabinet for the Prayers and Squares quilts. The quilt cabinet is custom made with glass doors so the quilts can be seen and accessed easily.

There will be a raffle with proceeds to be used for the cabinet. Prizes have been made by the Prayers and Squares team.

First prize is a beautiful quilt made by Julia Stoddard; Second prize is placemats and napkins; Third prize is baked potato cooking bag and rice bag.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15 for adults; \$5 for children under age 12.

Dinner includes a corned beef dinner and one beverage. Beverage choice will be homemade beer, soda, water, coffee or tea.

Raffle tickets will be \$2 each. The drawing for the raffle will be at the dinner.

EXTRA Staffing Emergency Shelter

"Due to the extreme cold nights that Reno is experiencing and homeless levels that are exceeding current overflow capacity, the decision has been made to open an additional location to house homeless people for 14 nights from Monday February 26th through March 11th. If this sounds like a ministry you'd like to participate in, please contact Fr. Kirk at the church office, or email Erin Anderson (erin@trinity-ai.com.)

Lenten Soup and Study

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers. There is a sign up board for soups, breads or desserts to bring for supper. Soup Suppers are from 5:15 to 6:15 pm with an evening program to follow.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1st, immediately following the 9:00 AM service in the Garden. Children ages toddler through 5th grade are invited to participate. The EYC will be filling the plastic Easter eggs on **Sunday, March 25th**. Please bring **individually wrapped candy** and plastic eggs to the church by the 25th. If you would like to fill the plastic eggs with candy and bring them to the church before Easter that is also appreciated. Thank You!!

March in the Food Pantry

“You Can’t Have One Without the Other!”

**Peanut butter
and Jelly!**



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:

March 4: Organizing Blessing Bag Donations

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch and then organize all the donations. If we have time we will play a fun board game.

March 11: Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will watch a video on the Old Testament and discuss. Lunch will be provided.

March 18: EZ Air and Laser Tag

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then carpool to EZ Air to jump and play laser tag from 11 AM to Noon. We will return around 12:30 (ish). You must have a parent signed waiver on file to jump. If you have never been there, please look on their website and get that filled out beforehand.

March 25: Blessing Bags and Easter Eggs

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. Directly after the service we will be filling Blessing Bags in the Parish Hall. Parish members will be invited to make a few bags to put in their cars to hand out when needed. EYC members will be filling bags to give to Parish members who don't want to fill their own and also to hand out downtown at a later date. We will also be filling plastic Easter eggs with candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children. At some point we will also eat lunch!

April 1: Happy Easter! Help Hide Eggs

Meet at 9 AM to help hide all the Easter Eggs in the garden. After hiding eggs you can join your family for the remainder of the service. No meeting after church. Enjoy your day!

Come and Make Blessing Bags

After the 9 AM and 11 AM worship service on **Sunday, March 25th**, everyone is invited to come to the Parish Hall and make a Blessing Bag or two to put in your car to hand out to individuals in need. The EYC members will be there to assist you if needed. There will also be premade bags available if you don't have time to make your own.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to make this service project possible.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mon, Tues, Fri: Spanish Ala-non @ 6:00 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.

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's family, 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, Nancy, Denise's family, Ruth, Willie, Dee, Hunter, Shirley, Bob B., Jean, Peyton, Everett's family, Judy, Angie, Audrey, Jacky, Rachel's family, James, Ana, John, Donna, Tara, Daniel, Sean, Baby Bo, Doris, Celine, Hailey, Zac, Pattie.

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

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@stpaulssparks.org

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

By Your Gift We Are Blessed

The "Souper Bowl" fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday collected \$138.10 for the Community Food Pantry. The Food Pantry received other donations of \$130.00. Other donations received included \$47.00 to Daughters of the King, \$200.00 to the Memorial Fund for Dorothy O'Boyle, \$50.00 to the Clergy Discretionary Fund, \$25.00 for Camp Galilee camperships, and \$178.00 from Ash Wednesday services for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Shrove Tuesday Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner by coming out and eating pancakes and other yummy food! We served approximately 60 people. Thank you to those who lent us griddles and electric fry pans. Please be sure to take yours home if you haven't already. Thanks also to the youth, parents and others who helped out. \$160 was raised and will go to the church's general fund.

Next Baptismal Day

Are you or a loved one seeking the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? If so, contact Fr. Kirk. Our next baptismal days will be Easter Vigil March 31st, and Easter Day, April 1st.

Lenten Reflection Day

The Daughters of the King are sponsoring a Lenten Reflection Day for all women of the church. It will be held on March 10th from 9:00 am to noon closing with lunch. The program will be: The Sacred Art of Listening and includes a Eucharist.



For information, contact Connie Patterson 771-1264 or Margaret Bouzek 424-3767.

Spring Concert: Westwind

Saturday, March 24th
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The band Westwind is coming to St. Paul's! Come and enjoy Americana, Bluegrass, Gospel and Classic Country.

TICKETS \$15.00 KID'S 18 and under are free.

Get tickets at the door or contact
775-358-4474 or 775-544-7329
heather.burkhardt@henryschein.com
Snacks and drinks available

Plants Needed for the Prayer Vigil

If you have plants we can use to transform the chapel into a prayer garden, please bring them to the church by Wednesday, March 28th.

Prayers & Squares Quilt Raffle

Prayers & Squares is selling raffle tickets for a King Size quilt, made by Linda Kennedy, and many other prizes. Proceeds will help pay for a new quilt cabinet to hold all the quilts and paperwork. Tickets are \$2.00 each and the drawing will be held at the St Patrick's dinner March 17th. Thank you for your support.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Wednesday, March 28, Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 30,

Stations of the Cross, 12:10 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Liturgy, March 31, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Praise Service

10:15 a.m. Egg Hunt between services

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Choir

No 5:00 p.m. Service on Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

You are invited to participate in the **All Night Prayer Vigil** that follows the 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on March 29th and ends at 6:00 am on Good Friday, March 30th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We encourage you to have a partner so no one is alone. You will receive directions on entry and exit.

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(See John 19:17-37)

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"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ... I LEAVE LIFE."

Coming Events *March 2018*



Thursday	Mar. 01, 2018	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Saturday	Mar. 03, 2018	D.O.K. (cancelled)	10:00 am
Saturday	Mar. 03, 2018	<i>Fr. Paul Towner Memorial</i>	2:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 04, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Mar. 04, 2018	Book Study: <i>Accidental Saints</i>	3:00 pm
Monday	Mar. 05, 2018	Holy Listening: Guns	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 07, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (<i>Study at 6:15</i>)	5:15 pm
Thursday	Mar. 08, 2018	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Thursday	Mar. 08, 2018	Book Study at Spiro's Bar and Grille	7:00 pm
Saturday	Mar. 10, 2018	DOK Lenten Reflection	8:00 am
Sunday	Mar. 11, 2018	Book Study: <i>Accidental Saints</i>	3:00 pm
Monday	Mar. 12, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 14, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (<i>Study at 6:15</i>)	5:15 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 14, 2018	St. Paul's at the Tent Shelter <i>8:30 pm to 5:30 a.m.</i>	8:30 pm
Thursday	Mar. 15, 2018	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Thursday	Mar. 15, 2018	Book Study at Spiro's Bar and Grille	7:00 pm
Saturday	Mar. 17, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Mar. 17, 2018	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	5:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 18, 2018	Book Study: <i>Accidental Saints</i>	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 21, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (<i>Study at 6:15</i>)	5:15 pm
Thursday	Mar. 22, 2018	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Thursday	Mar. 22, 2018	Book Study at Spiro's Bar and Grille	7:00 pm
Saturday	Mar. 24, 2018	Prayers and Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Mar. 24, 2018	Blue Grass Concert	6:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 25, 2018	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (Regular Worship Times)	
Sunday	Mar. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 25, 2018	Book Study: <i>Accidental Saints</i>	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 28, 2018	Lenten Soup & Study (<i>Study at 6:15</i>)	5:15 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 28, 2018	Tenebrae	6:00 pm
Thursday	Mar. 29, 2018	Maundy Thursday and All Night Prayer Vigil	6:00 pm
Friday	Mar. 30, 2018	Stations of the Cross	12:10 pm
Friday	Mar. 30, 2018	Good Friday Liturgy	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

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. 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

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