



April

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1135 12th Street
PO Box 737
Sparks, Nevada 89432
775-358-4474
www.StPaulsSparks.org

- The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, Bishop
- The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector
- The Rev. Chip Arnold,
Associate Priest
- The Rev. Hal Woomer, Jr.
Assistant Priest
- The Rev. Mike Margerum, Deacon
- The Rev. Linda Smith, Deacon

Contents

- From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk.....2
- Holy Listening Round ONE.....3
- Holy Listening Round TWO.....3
- Episcopal Women of Nevada3
- April in the Food Pantry3
- Sunday Afternoon Book Study.....4
- Recovery Groups at St. Paul's.....4
- Prayers and Squares.....4
- Youth Group: EYC.....4
- Prayers of the People.....5
- By Your Gifts We Are Blessed5
- Daughters of the King.....5
- Host Family Needed.....6
- Home Means Nevada Presentation ...6
- Circle of Connections Phone Tree.....6

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.

Earth Day is April 22. Go and enjoy the fun!

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



Resurrection Project

Easter is upon us. The tomb is empty and in that glorious gift there is new life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Is three days enough time to collect dust? I think in some places the answer is probably no, but not here. Life in the high desert of Northern Nevada brings with it dust. Maybe you are like me, one who longs for the dust to be wiped away daily. Maybe you are also like me, one who has gotten used to the dust and thus stopped seeing it.

Maybe I began my journey into "dust blindness" because dust in itself isn't a bad thing. God picked up the dust, molded humanity from it, and breathed life into us. Upon our deaths our bodies return to the dust, and our life within it returns back to the source of our lives; we turn back into the breath of our loving God. So...dust can't be all that bad.

But Jesus didn't lay dead long enough to even collect dust, much less return back into it. Life came back into him, and like a good spring cleaning, emptied the tomb of something that would have otherwise collected dust (himself). The world would have led into their own case of "dust blindness", blindness to the new life. During the Easter season, I propose that we enter into our own spring cleaning which I am calling The Resurrection Project. During the great 50 days of Easter let's resurrect things that are collecting dust!

What do you have sitting around the house, in the garage, or in a storage unit that you don't need, something that is simply taking up space and collecting dust? Let's resurrect these items by finding them a new home. Let's get

this stuff out of the tomb, and give them new life.

There are a variety of ways to do this. You could have a garage sale. If you do, consider giving all the profits of the garage sale directly to someone in need. If you don't know anyone, you can always make a donation to the clergy discretionary fund and we'll pass it on directly to someone in need.

You could list your items as free on Craig's list or just put them on the curb with a free sign.

If you have clothing, take them to Good Shepherd Clothes Closet on Record Street. They donate clothes to those in need.

These are some ideas that allows people in need to get what they need without paying for them. Goodwill type places are okay, but if you do donate to them research to see who is actually benefiting the most by your donation.

There are others ways to get our dusty stuff, things we don't really need, into the lives of those who could really benefit having them.

Be creative and enjoy the Easter Season.
Kirk+

Kirk+

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



08-04-2014

Holy Listening Round ONE

On the evening of March 5th, twenty-eight people from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks, Nevada gathered in a common circle. This politically and theologically diverse group was composed of gun owners and non-gun owners.

Twenty-six of them gave voice to their unique personal stories in relation to guns. This was not easy.

There was no finger pointing, no blame, no solutions offered, and no "us vs them". Their purpose was not to solve any problem or convince each other of anything. They gathered to listen.

All twenty-eight of these children of God were living, breathing, outward, and visible signs of their baptisms.

When all of the sacred listening was complete, and the circle was broken, the people gathered were more connected as the Body of Christ than before the circle was formed.

They were courageous and it was holy.

Amen.

Holy Listening Round TWO

For those of you who participated in Round ONE, I invite you to Round TWO. Round one we told our stories and we listened. Round TWO we will have a topic, branching out from our first go round. During Round TWO we will listen to each other present their opinions (for 2 minutes) on whether there should be **More Gun Control or More Gun Rights**.

The same format will apply at the first time.

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.

We will just share our opinions on the topic and let it soak in.

If you did not participate in Round ONE, you are still invited to come and listen.

HOLY Listening Round TWO:

More Gun Control or More Gun Rights

Monday, April 23rd

6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to Fr. Kirk if you plan on attending. RSVP or Questions? Email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

Episcopal Women of Nevada

EWN 4th Annual Spring Tea will be on April 7th at St. Paul's. There will be a hat contest, raffles and door prizes; and traditional English Tea will be served beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20 and reservations must be made by April 2nd by contacting Margaret Bouzek at [775-232-4712](tel:775-232-4712).

April in the Food Pantry

"It's Charlie Tuna Time!"

asking for Tuna and other canned meats like Spam, etc.



Sunday Afternoon Book Study

The next book study will begin on April 22nd.

3:00 to 4:30 in the Youth Room.

The book will be *Traveling Mercies: Some thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott.

Everyone is welcome. Come and join us.

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 and Squares

The new Prayers and Squares Quilt Cabinet has been installed in the Narthex. It is beautiful and holds all the quilts and paperwork.

A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in the Quilt Raffle and St Patrick's Dinner. A total of \$1,901 was raised for the cabinet. The balance will be met with this year's BibbyQ. Mark your calendars, this year's event will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th.

Winners of the raffle are:

Beth

Lindy Mandas

Linda Devon

Patty Allen

Sandy

Deb Stiver won the King Size quilt

Thanks again for all your help.

Margaret Bouzek/Peg Bibby

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:

April 1: Happy Easter! Help Hide Easter 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!

April 8: Spring Break- No Meeting

April 15: Blessing Bag Delivery

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then carpool downtown to hand out Blessing Bags to people in need. Bring an empty back pack to carry the bags and water bottles. We will eat lunch too.

April 22: Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will have a program, discussion and lunch.

April 29: Go to a Movie!

Meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room. We will have to fill in the details later as the date gets closer. We will email and post details on Facebook. If a movie doesn't work out we will do another fun activity.

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's family, Stan, Ruthie, Linda, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Anita, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Mark, Vivian & family, Julia, Ebert, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Laura M., Josefina, Alfred, Ann, Dorothy, Jack, Penny's family, Sue, 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, Bo, Doris, Celine, Hailey, Zac, Pattie, Mike, Mikey, Rita, Don, Cate, Nikolas, Dylan, Nolan, Cindy, Danny, Matthew. And those who have died: Melissa.

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

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

Many thanks to Dan and Margaret Bouzek for hosting the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Proceeds from the dinner as well as the quilt raffle will be used for the purchase of the new Prayers and Squares quilt cabinet in the narthex. The dinner raised a total of \$1193.00, and quilt raffle ticket sales totaled \$708.00 for a grand total of \$1901.00. Other donations for the month were as follows: \$266.00 to Prayers and Squares quilt ministry, \$18.00 to Daughters of the King, \$10.00 to the Community Food Pantry, \$65.00 from the Lenten Soup Suppers to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), and \$60.00 to the Clergy Discretionary Fund. Memorials were received for Fr. Paul Towner (\$195.00) and Harry Stewart (\$50.00).

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Daughters of the King

For information about the Daughters of the King, contact Connie Patterson at 771-1264 or Margaret Bouzek at 424-3767.



REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



04-08-2013

Host Family Needed for German student!

The UNR Honors Program is looking for a family to host a German student sponsored by the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. He or she will arrive mid-August 2018 and remain until late June 2019.

Host families receive a monthly stipend ranging from \$250-400 depending on cost of living. It is expected the student will have his/her own room, follow all house rules, and take part in required chores. The student must also purchase a used car – that's built into the student's budget – so except for the first couple weeks helping the student get to UNR, the Social Security Office, and DMV, the host family is not a taxi service. Host families can also request a specific gender of student, a nonsmoker, etc. - no family is automatically assigned someone.

The student will take classes at UNR and perform a community internship both semesters. The UNR Honors Program assists in both enrolling the student in classes and finding an appropriate internship. Typically students also use some weekends and holiday breaks to travel.

I've been coordinating the program since 1999 and it has been in existence nationwide for 34 years, so please let me know if you have any questions or want more information. Looking forward to hearing from you at (702) 218 8709, or at dvillanueva@nshe.nevada.edu!

Blessings, Daniel Villanueva

Home Means Nevada Presentation

On April 15th at 1:00, we will host a presentation about the issue of affordable housing in our area. Please join us. For more information contact Erin Anderson at erin@trinity-ai.com

Circle of Connections Phone Tree

Do you live alone? Would you like a daily phone call to check on you?

If so, we are creating a Circle of Connections Phone Tree. Those who wish to participate will both make a phone call and receive one each day. Each set of partners will arrange between themselves the time frame of the call. The expectation of the call is that it be just a quick check-in, however if a friendship forms and you talk a little longer, that's okay too.

If you are interested in participating, contact Fr. Kirk and he will give you more details. 775-358-4474 Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



(See John 19:17-37)

04-18-2014

"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



April 2018

Sunday	Apr. 01, 2018	Easter Sunday	
Sunday	Apr. 01, 2018	Easter Egg Hunt between morning services	10:15 am
Sunday	Apr. 01, 2018	Outreach Meeting (Cancelled)	
Sunday	Apr. 01, 2018	No 5:00 p.m. service on Easter	
Saturday	Apr. 07, 2018	EWN Spring Tea	1:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 07, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Monday	Apr. 09, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 14, 2018	Altar Guild Luncheon	2:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 15, 2018	Home means Nevada Housing Presentation	1:00 pm
Friday	Apr. 20, 2018	Girl's Weekend @ Galilee through 4/22	
Saturday	Apr. 21, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 21, 2018	Prayer Walk	10:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 22, 2018	<i>The Very Rev. Jeff Paul's annual visit</i>	
Wednesday	Apr. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 28, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am

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. 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.**

Food Pantry open the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (now through September)

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
(1135 12th Street)
P. O. Box 737
Sparks NV 89432

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Phone: 775-358-4474

Fax: 775-313-0806

E-Mail: office@stpaulssparks.org

Web Site: www.stpaulssparks.org

Place Label Here

*St. Paul's
Episcopal Church*



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