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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...



### Upcoming Worship Changes

There are some upcoming changes in our worship schedule. Two of the changes are one-time only and the other is a weekly change. This first is that we are no longer offering the Thursday evening Healing Service. Instead we will offer a Communion Service on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. The next is our combined Pentecost service which will be held outside in The Garden. Wear Red if you got it. The third is that we will once again offer a parish wide memorial service. The details for these services are listed below.

*Kirk*

### Mid-Week Holy Eucharist

Beginning in May, we will begin holding a mid-week Communion service on **Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.** We will no longer be offering the Healing Service on Thursday evenings. We WILL however, still offer special prayers for healing and the laying on of hands with anointing for those who seek it.

### Pentecost Sunday, May 20th

Combined Service 10:00 a.m.

**WEAR RED** on this day.

This special Pentecost celebration is held at 10:00 a.m. and outside if the weather permits. There will **NOT** be a regular 5:00 service.

### "In Memory of" Memorial Service

There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process.

On **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** we will have an "In Memory of" memorial

service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service.

If you would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact Fr. Kirk at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org), [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474).

### Randy Siever, Evangeपालian



You've probably at least seen me (and my beautiful wife, Sandy) around at services now and then over the past few years. I kind of stick out in a crowd. Plus, I ride a large and fairly loud Harley so you can hear me coming and going. This past month I was hired by the Vestry to help part-time with the evangelism strategy that St. Paul's is working on (Invite, Welcome, Connect). I'm not really Episcopalian, and I come from a long line of evangelical ministry vocations over the past 40 years, so these days I think of myself as an *Evangeपालian*. We are a rare but growing hybrid amongst Episcopal churches nation-wide, including here at St. Paul's. Father Kirk and the Vestry thought I might be helpful to evangelicals (and other non-liturgical folks) who keep wandering in to understand what liturgy is about, and perhaps help translate some of the language used here that is not used anywhere outside the liturgical world. A tour guide and translator of sorts for liturgical newbies. I speak fluent evangelical, and I've been studying liturgical.

**A bit about my history:** I graduated in 1981 from San Jose State University with a degree in Philosophy, and then eventually graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Masters degree in Christian Leadership, School of Theology. I only share this because most people are stunned to learn I *have* an

education. I spent 20 years on the staff with Young Life in four different states (including here in Reno, NV from 1985-89), leaving the staff in 1997. I then moved back to Reno in 1998 to be the Pastor of Outreach at Sparks Christian Fellowship where I served for nine years. After that I spent several years travelling the country presenting seminars and workshops called "Doable Evangelism" at churches of all kinds. Once that was done I considered pastoring a church, having been ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but since it would have meant another move out of state, chose instead to become a real estate agent to provide a little income. That's still my day job.

Several years ago I met Fr. Kirk, and we have since become fast friends and partners in ministry. He invited me to present some material at a Vestry retreat three years ago (I had no idea what a Vestry was at the time), and then Sandy and I started attending St. Paul's fairly regularly just to see how this thing works. I'm fascinated by it all and am still learning about this ancient way of worship. I had NO liturgical background at all, and wasn't actually raised in any church tradition. Sandy and I attend the 9am service, usually.

I've already connected with a few "Wandering Evangelicals" here (that's the name we're going with for a mid-week group we're kicking off on May 9). We've eaten dinners together and shared our stories and answered questions. It's been really fun. We'd invite anyone at St. Paul's who is new to liturgy (especially, but not exclusively, if you're a wandering evangelical) to join us on Wednesday nights at the church, from 7-9. You are not alone. We'd love to hear your story and have you join us in this new part of the journey.

Also, we will be opening a new, quiet, living-roomish space we will call "The Lounge" right

off the narthex (in the old Christian Education office/storage space). It will be a place on Sunday mornings for newcomers to join me (and perhaps another team member) to debrief the service and have some coffee and conversation out of the traffic and noise of the narthex. It will also be available for others to use as a meeting space the rest of the week. It should be able to accommodate somewhere around eight people. The Lounge should be having its grand opening May 6 or 13. Stay tuned.

Thanks for putting up with me as I learn the ropes. Please introduce yourself to me when you see me, and do that often so I can remember your name (I'm horrible at that). This will be fun.

### May in the Food Pantry "One Pan Does It All!"

Mac & Cheese and other skillet dinners.



### Help with Parish Veggie Garden

Our Parish Veggie Garden needs your help! We need help planting, watering & weeding. A sign-up sheet is on a Narthex bulletin board, or you may contact Mary Gonzales at 505-730-7722.

### 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.

### Episcopal Women of Nevada

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the EWN Tea on April 7th. A great time was had by all.

## **“Hill Gang” Meeting**

The “Hill Gang” is an informally structured men’s fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and their friends. The “Hill Gang” holds “once-in-a-while” quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the “Hill Gang” will be Monday evening, **May 21st, 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.

## **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 or Jon Mittelstadt at 775-722-3469 or by email at [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:

## **May 6: Blessing Bag Handout**

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then carpool to downtown Reno to hand out Blessing Bags to individuals in need. We will eat lunch beforehand and return by 1:00 PM. We will have youth call for rides before we head back to the church.

## **May 13: No Meeting- Mother’s Day**

No meeting today. Enjoy your family time.

## **May 20: Pizza and Games**

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM for a pizza party and games. We will be calling all youth 7-12 grade to come to this party if you can. We hope to see everyone there!

## **May 27: No Meeting- Memorial Day**

### **Weekend**

Enjoy your holiday weekend.

## **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, 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, Ray’s family, Vivian & family, Julia, Ebert, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Jack, Sue, Nick, Sandi, Lisa, Nancy, Ruth, Willie, Dee, Michael, Suzette, Judy, Audrey, Jacky, Rachel, James, Donna, Tara, Daniel Sean, Ana, baby Bo, John, Doris, Celine, Jean, Mike, Mickey, Pattie, Hailey, Zac, Rita, Don, Cate, Nickolas, Dylan, Nolan, Cindy, Danny, Matthew, Kirk E, Al, Jason’s family, Ted, Maeghan, Bruce, Grayson & family.

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



## Prayers and Squares Ministry

The 500th Quilt from the Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry was recently blessed and given to a person in need of our prayers.

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a handmade quilt. Quilts are made by the Prayers & Squares volunteers, with threads left free to be tied with a knot when a silent prayer is offered for someone in need. Anyone, a friend, or relative can request us to pray for them.

### THERE IS NEVER A CHARGE FOR A QUILT

Quilts are blessed at any of the services, placed in the narthex, and parishioners offer silent prayers and secure them with a knot. Quilts have been made for people with medical, emotional or spiritual concerns, difficult family situations, and personal crisis of grief.

To request a quilt contact Margaret Bouzek, [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com) or Peg Bibby, [ragladypeg@att.net](mailto:ragladypeg@att.net) or the Parish Office, or any member of the ministry.

## Laundry Love...A New Ministry

Are you looking for a new ministry? Fr. Kirk thinks Laundry Love would be a great fit for some of us at St. Paul's. What's it take to participate in Laundry Love?...a few rolls of quarters, a box of laundry soap, some cookies, a couple hours once a month, and a little love. If you have an interest in helping start this monthly ministry at St. Paul's, contact Fr. Kirk at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org), 775-358-4474.

## Earth Stewardship Activities

Attention hikers (of any speed or fitness level) who want to enjoy the outdoors and also benefit the Truckee Meadows Park

Foundation. We will meet this summer to hike at various local parks on the fourth Saturday of each month. The hikes begin at 9 am. Well behaved dogs on leash are welcomed. For more information, contact Deacon Mike Margerum or Jon Mittelstadt.

Saturday, May 26 at Wedekind Park.

Saturday, June 30 at Davis Creek Park (hike and church picnic).

Saturday, July 28 at Mayberry Park.

On Saturday, June 30, there will also be a church picnic with family activities at the Davis Creek Park group campground site. (More information coming soon).

## Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Our next prayer walk will be Saturday, May 19, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Prayer walks are a way to connect with St. Paul's neighbors and listen for God's call.

We'll meet in The Garden at 5 pm, and have a group prayer before we leave. As we walk St. Paul's neighborhood, we look for signs of hope and need, and how God calls us to both. We pray either silently or aloud softly. We don't draw attention to ourselves, but we do stay open to interaction with people on the way. Afterwards, we meet back in The Garden to share our prayers and observations. Contact Jon Mittelstadt or Patricia Unruh with any questions. Everyone is welcome!

## Coffee Hour Cookies

It's time to restock the coffee hour cookies and treats...the freezer is bare.

Please bring your NUT FREE goodies in freezable containers, (zip locks work great), and put a date on the container. Please place them on the counter in the kitchen or in the white freezer closest to the serving window.

## Funding the Mission

**April 2018**



The first quarter of 2018 finished on a positive note. Our operating receipts totaled \$74,422 and our operating expenses totaled \$71,413.

This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$3,009. The budget predicted a surplus of \$2,502 for the quarter, so we beat our quarterly budget by \$507. Overall giving for the quarter exceeded expectations by around \$3,000. This generosity more than covered some unexpected building repairs. We fixed weather damage to the ends of some roof beams, and we performed some overdue maintenance on our fire suppression and alarm systems.

If you haven't been in the Parish Hall recently, be sure to check out the brand new carpeting. This improvement was funded outside of the 2018 budget by using a combination of money from our long-term building reserve account as well as memorial funds.

The first quarter of the year typically sees higher receipts than the rest of the year, due to some members of the church paying their annual pledge in advance. Consequently the 2018 budget predicts operating deficits in each of the next three quarters. However, I am hopeful that with reasonable expense control and faithful stewardship, we can significantly reduce and maybe even eliminate those deficits.

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](mailto:Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org)

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

### “Coffee Hour” Moving to Parish Hall

In the last few months, the Vestry has been taking steps to move the “Coffee Hour” into the Parish Hall. Now that the new carpet is installed and round tables have been purchased, the move will be happening on **Sunday, May 6**. The move will allow for more of us to fit in one space, encourage us to linger a while, get to know each other better, make it easier to hear each other and round tables will encourage conversation. Another bonus is the noise and crowd from the 9AM service will not interfere with the 11 AM service.

Please make the trip back to the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 6 and enjoy coffee and fellowship!

### 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](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org)

### Are You Graduating Soon?

We would like to recognize those graduating from High School, Community College, University, Post Graduate Programs, Other Certificate Programs, etc.

If you fit in this category, please let Fr. Kirk know as soon as possible.

# CALLING ALL GOLFERS AND SORT-OF GOLFERS



**ANNOUNCING THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KENYA GOLF TOURNEY**

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT**

***INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS***

**PROMOTING HEALTH CARE, CLEAN WATER**

**AND EDUCATION FOR THOSE IN NEED**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

**WHERE: The Beautiful SOMERSETT CANYON 9 EXECUTIVE COURSE**

**COST: \$30 PER GOLFER (INCLUDES LUNCH)**

**CHECK-IN BY 8:30 A.M. WITH SHOTGUN TEE-OFF AT 9 A.M.**

**The Event Will Also Include GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES**

**Don't Play Golf? Hole Sponsors are Welcome**

**The Tournament is a Scramble – No Individual Scores Count!**

**Golfers of all abilities can participate and help fund IDM Projects in Kenya**

**Single, doubles, 3-somes and 4-some are Welcome**

**(Note: No Riding Carts are Available on this Par 3 Course – Pull Cards are Available)**

**CONTACT DEB STIVER for INFO or SIGN UP**

**STIVER@UNR.EDU OR 356-6474**



## 10th Annual BIBBY-Q



This year's Bibby-Q will be held on Sunday May 20th after the  
10 AM Pentecost Service

Deep Pit Style Beef, Bob's Beans, Salads, Rolls, Drinks.

Proceeds to Prayer's & Square's Ministry Quilt Cabinet

Adults \$15.00  
Children \$ 5.00

Tickets available after Services May 6 & May 13 OR Parish Office  
Get your tickets early so we know how much food to prepare



## Coming Events



### May 2018

Wednesday	May 02, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:15 pm
Saturday	May 05, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	May 06, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	May 06, 2018	Sunday Book Study ( <i>Traveling Mercies</i> )	3:00 pm
Wednesday	May 09, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:15 pm
Sunday	May 13, 2018	Sunday Book Study	3:00 pm
Monday	May 14, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 16, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:15 pm
Saturday	May 19, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	May 20, 2018	Pentecost <b>(wear red!) Combined Service</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Sunday	May 20, 2018	<i>Bibby-Q</i>	
Sunday	May 20, 2018	<b>No 5:00 p.m. service on Pentecost</b>	
Sunday	May 20, 2018	Sunday Book Study	3:00 pm
Monday	May 21, 2018	Hill Gang Meeting (Blvd. Pizza)	5:30 pm
Wednesday	May 23, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:15 pm
Friday	May 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Saturday	May 26, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	May 27, 2018	Sunday Book Study	3:00 pm
Sunday	May 27, 2018	<i>In Memory of "Memorial Service"</i>	5:00 pm
Wednesday	May 30, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:15 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. 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

#### **Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing Wednesday at 12:15 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Place Label Here



*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*  
*Wed., 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer and Anointing*