



August

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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...



Change is Coming

I'm not a big fan of change when it's done just for the sake of change, however sometimes change is important. In our worship we are used to seasonal changes in the liturgy: a variety of service music, confessions, absolutions, and prayers. Our liturgy, the way we experience God's story in worship, brings a richness into our lives and helps us form deeper bonds with each other and God.

No matter the changes we experience in a Holy Eucharist service (Prayer Book or Praise), we follow the structure given us in The Book of Common Prayer, p. 400.

That structure says we are to:

Gather in the Lord's Name

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The proclamation and response may include readings, song, talk, dance, instrumental music, other art forms, silence. A reading from the Gospel is always included.

Pray for the World and the Church

Exchange the Peace

Either here or elsewhere in the service, all greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prepare the Table

Some of those present prepare the table; the bread, the cup of wine, and other offerings, are placed upon it.

Make Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving is said by the Priest in the name of the gathering... The people respond AMEN!

Break the Bread

Share the Gifts of God

The Body and Blood of the Lord are shared in a reverent manner...

These parts of the service are the outline for worship and they are divided into two sections: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Table. The divider for these two sections typically falls between the Exchange of the Peace and Preparing the Table. It is in this time that we make an offering back to God symbolizing all the gifts we have been given and it is a time that we offer ourselves to God's mission to the world through Jesus.

The Exchange of the Peace is a time that we prepare ourselves for that offering. This preparation is a time of response to the absolution we have just received from God. Theologically, the Exchange of the Peace is a time to go to your neighbor/fellow church member and reconcile with them before coming up to receive Holy Communion.

I want to reclaim the theological connection with the Exchange of the Peace, and I want to reclaim the preparation time of offering ourselves to God. What I *don't* want to do is lose the joy and fellowship contained within the current expression of the Passing of the Peace. In order to regain our needed holy preparation time, reestablish a connection between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Table, and maintain the current spirit of the Peace, I want to try something new.

Following the Confession of Sin and Absolution, I (the Presider) will invite you into the theological intention of the Peace. The Presider will ask you to bring to your awareness an individual, or a group of individuals, in which you have a need for reconciliation; i.e. someone you are not yet ready to forgive, or someone that is not quite ready to forgive you. The Presider will ask you to hold that person (or group of people) in your awareness as you go forward to consume and

be consumed by the real presence of Jesus in the sacramental bread and wine.

We would then proceed directly into the offertory followed by the Liturgy of the Table. In order to make this a smooth transition, we would relocate special blessings and prayer quilts to their proper place within the Prayers of the People. Due to the 9:00 children being in Sunday School during the Prayers of the People, we would bless them just prior to the Gathering Song (opening hymn.) All of the kids present that day would help with that blessing.

The joy and fellowship that currently exists during the Passing of the Peace would happen at the end in conjunction with the Dismissal following the closing song (recessional hymn). It would sound like this: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God." The hug-fest can begin! If you are one who is uncomfortable with the current Passing of the Peace, you can head on out to coffee hour in the parish hall. This change would eliminate the post-lude exit music.

My desire is to begin this liturgical change in September which will allow you to get used to the idea, as well as ask questions if you have any.

Blessings, 

Sunday Summer Book Study

The book we are currently reading is ***The Dream of God*** by Verna Dozier. We meet Sundays, from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Youth Room.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Students, teachers, staff: Bring your backpack, school bag, lunch box, etc., to church on Sunday, **August 5th** for the annual blessing!

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist

Need a mid-week pick-me-up? Join us for our mid-week Communion service on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

August in the Food Pantry

"Breakfast of Champions!"

Cereal & other breakfast foods.



Paint a Bowl for Empty Bowls

Arrive at The Playful Potter during open hours (1351 E. Prater Way, Sparks, NV). Tell them you are there for Empty Bowls and they will assist you. Paint as many bowls as you wish at \$10 per bowl.

The Empty Bowls event is the major fundraiser for The Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's.

Laundry Love

Are you looking for a new ministry? Laundry Love might just be a great fit for some of us here at St. Paul's. What's it take to participate in Laundry Love?...a roll of quarters, a box of laundry soap, some cookies, a couple hours once a month, and a little love.

We are collecting laundry soap (bring it to the church and put it in the old nursery next to the parish hall) and we are collecting quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters :-)) \$\$ can either be handed to Linda, or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have an interest in helping start this monthly ministry at St. Paul's, contact Linda Devon at LSD4764@hotmail.com.

Adult Class: Check the bulletin board

Baptism/Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation

We are Collecting School Supplies

Bring Elementary supplies to the parish hall.

Bring us your plastic shopping bags

We are collecting used shopping bags. Yes, that is correct! You now have a place to drop off that enormous stash of grocery bags that live above the refrigerator. We will be setting a day in the future (after we have enough bags) to create sleeping mats for the homeless. For now, we need your plastic grocery bags. Please put them in a bin in the parish hall. These mats are crocheted with a jumbo crochet hook.

Empty Bowls: September 26th

The Empty Bowls event is the main fundraising opportunity for The Community Food Pantry. It will be held on Wednesday, September 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Sierra Resort. Tickets are \$35 for a fun evening of food, fun, raffle and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday or in the parish office during the week. Come join the fun!

Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Our next prayer walk will be Thursday, August 30 from 6 to 7:30 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 6 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 Patricia Unruh with any questions. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday Hikes

Attention hikers who want to enjoy the outdoors together in fellowship. We will join

other Washoe County groups and citizens on hikes organized by the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation. You can sign up in the Narthex, contact Jon Mittelstadt for information, or just show up at the parks.

Saturday, August 11, 9 am at Rancho San Rafael Park (1.2 miles, basic difficulty, no dogs)

Saturday, August 25, 9 am at Galena Creek Regional Park (1.6 miles, moderate difficulty).

St. Paul's Men's Escape Weekend

The annual St. Paul's Men's Escape is upon us. The dates are Friday evening, August 17th through Sunday afternoon, August 19th. The location is Camp Galilee at Lake Tahoe. Those of you who have attended in the past are pretty comfortable with the strict agenda we follow, which is:

WE DO NOT HAVE AN AGENDA (unless relaxation and fellowship constitute an agenda). Undoubtedly, some will hike Spooner Lake, some will swim and tan, some will kayak, some will play horseshoes, many will read, several will play cards or board games. We will all have time to visit, spin tales and tell lies, laugh and get to know each other a little better. It is totally a worthwhile experience and in one of the prettiest places on God's blue marble.

The fee is \$155.00 and includes lodging and 6 great meals.

I know people have busy lives, but if you can fit this in I think you will be glad you did. If you can commit now I would really appreciate it, but if your plans are still fluid just let me know as soon as you can. Payment can be made as late as August 10. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and reference Men's Escape in the memo line. I'm not the guy to ask, but the techies among you can probably

do this through our online service, Tithe.ly. And even though you pay, it would be helpful if you would let me know either personally or by email. realstuff775@charter.net

In love and faith, Dick Stufflebeam

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, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Victoria, Mary, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Ruthie, Linda, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Mark, Julia, Eb, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Jack, Sue, Nick, Michael, Suzette, William, Lisa, Nancy, Ruth, Dee, Ana, baby Bo, John, Doris, Celine, Pattie, Hailey, Zac, Mikey, Rita, Don, Cate, Dylan, Nolan, Cindy, Danny, Matthew, Kirk E, Jason's family, Ted, Al, Deonne's family, Dale's family, Sharon, Peggy, Jody, Craig's family, Stan, Stephen, Bonnie, Mata family, Frankie, Kelly, Sandi, Kay, Jimmy, Tammy, Jason, Toni, Peter & family, Jaemie, Michelle, Tom, Janice, Jana, Donald, Rae, Debby, Dennis, LuAnn, Daniel, Jeannine, Amber, Jeri, Shelby.

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

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.

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 Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com.

Painting Bowls at Playful Potter

We will get together after church to go to lunch and then to Playful Potter to paint bowls for the "Empty Bowls" fundraiser for the Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's. The date will be announced by email and on Facebook.

September 9: Regular Meetings Begin

EYC will meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt.

Our group meets in the Parish Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, where quilts are cut out, sewed, and prayer threads inserted. Knowing how to sew is not necessary as there are many other tasks involved in making the quilts. Everyone is welcome. When the quilts are completed they are placed in the new Quilt Cabinet in the Narthex. Anyone can view and select a quilt for someone in need.

To request a quilt, contact Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com, Peg Bibby at ragladypeg@att.net, the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

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

Episcopal Night at the Aces

Friday August 17th, 7:05 PM
Reno Aces –vs- Salt Lake City Bees
Tickets are \$16
Sales start June 24th!

If you want tickets or have questions, see Daniel Villanueva after a service.

Galilee's Annual Women's Retreat

August 31 – September 3, 2018
RESURRECTION MOMENTS: Celebrating Life Now and the Life to Come

Join your sisters in Christ for a weekend of fellowship and formation, as we honor the stages of our journeys. Come and celebrate with us resurrection moments already present in our lives and prepare for the resurrection of the life to come. The retreat starts with dinner on Friday evening and ends after breakfast Monday. The fees are \$210-\$260 depending on choice of lodge. All prices include lodging, meals from Friday dinner

through Monday breakfast, and the program. There is an option without lodging details on the flyer.

See the flyer on the bulletin board, or email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org and he will email you one.

Funding the Mission



For the second quarter of 2018, our operating receipts totaled \$61,972 and our operating expenses totaled \$64,974. This gave us an operating deficit for the quarter of \$3,002. However, the budget predicted a deficit of \$6,326 for the quarter, so we came in \$3,324 better than anticipated, but still “in the hole”.

Looking at the entire first six months of 2018 presents a more positive view of our finances. Our first six month's receipts exceeded our six month expenses by \$7 versus the budget predicting a \$3,824 deficit.

Although this six month surplus is nowhere near as large as last year's at this point, it is still a positive result, and positions us well for the next six months.

I expect certain normal expenses to be higher in the last six months, and additionally, we are currently in the process of replacing a failed air conditioning unit which was not budgeted at all. So to repeat, being able to head into the last half of the year with a surplus is very good news as the budget for final six months of the year is listing an \$11,666 shortfall.

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.

Roger Towne, Treasurer

St. Paul's End of Summer BBQ

End of Summer BBQ is set for Sunday, August 26, at 6pm. Come together for an evening of fellowship and fun. If you would like to help with this event; contact Barbara Monroy at bmonroy0216@gmail.com, 775-742-4856.

Coming Events: August 2018

Wednesday	Aug. 01, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Saturday	Aug. 04, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Aug. 05, 2018	Annual Blessing of the Backpacks	
Sunday	Aug. 05, 2018	Episcopal 101 in the Lounge	10:20 am
Sunday	Aug. 05, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Sunday	Aug. 05, 2018	Sunday Book Study <i>"The Dream of God"</i>	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Aug. 08, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Monday	Aug. 13, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Aug. 15, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Friday	Aug. 17, 2018	<i>Episcopal AceBall</i>	7:00 pm
Saturday	Aug. 18, 2018	<i>Men's Retreat (Galilee) thru Sunday</i>	
Saturday	Aug. 18, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Wednesday	Aug. 22, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Saturday	Aug. 25, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	Aug. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	Aug. 26, 2018	<i>End of Summer BBQ</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Aug. 29, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Thursday	Aug. 30, 2018	<i>Laundry Love Ministry</i> – Laundromat on Oddie	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

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.

Last Thursday of the Month, Laundry Love Ministry – Laundromat on Oddie Blvd. 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

Thank you for your 2018 pledges

St. Paul's Vestry and Stewardship Team thank you for your 2018 pledge to St. Paul's! Your time, talents and financial support makes the mission and ministries of St. Paul's a reality. As another way to say thank you and celebrate, there will be a dinner in the Parish Hall on Friday, November 2nd at 6 pm. We will celebrate all the ministries of St. Paul's members, both those done directly with the church as well as those done with other community organizations. Mark your calendar now.

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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