



# September

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The Rev. Linda Smith, Deacon

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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...



### ***Just in case you have not heard.***

Following Bishop Dan's announcement, I was encouraged by clergy and lay leaders of the diocese, from various areas around the state, to pray about and discern submitting my name for the next bishop of Nevada. After the search profile was published, I read it, prayed over it, and it spoke to me. I was then further approached by clergy and laity to submit my name.

July of this year marked my 10<sup>th</sup> year as your rector. During my time here, I have not only grown to love St. Paul's, but I have grown to love our diocese and our state. There is no other place I would rather live; for me, home really does mean Nevada.

After much prayer and discerning the bishop's frequent flyer miles and odometer reading, standing together with Tricia, Cooper, Lucy, and the insights of the clergy and laity who have encouraged me to do so, I submitted my name for consideration to be the 11th Bishop of Nevada. The Search Committee's work is now complete, and I have been selected to be on the slate for the bishop election November 30<sup>th</sup>.

This decision, by far, was not an easy one. If elected, it would mean I would no longer be your Rector and priest, something that I deeply cherish. You invite me into your good times and your moments of darkness. I will always love you for your trust and support.

Now what? I want you to know that I don't have big aspirations to be a bishop *somewhere*; I only feel drawn to be *your* bishop. If the Holy Spirit guides the convention to elect me, everything will be okay. If I am elected, the diocese will support you in your

search for a new rector, and we must trust that the Holy Spirit will be active in that process too. If elected, I will still be a part of your lives, it will just be different.

What if I'm not elected? One of the joyful things I have experienced during my discernment in whether or not to submit my name for bishop, is that it was clear to me that I was not running from anything.

I love you, and I love what it means to be a part of St. Paul's. There is no other parish I want to serve.

If I'm not elected, I want to stay put. I want to continue to serve you and walk with you, growing together what it means to know Jesus and find new ways to share God's love and transform the world.

Either way, if I'm elected your bishop, or remain your priest, we need to be vigilant in lifting up each other in prayer. The Spirit is moving in all this, so let's trust in God's goodness and hang on for the ride.

With a grateful and humble heart,

## **Bishop Search Process**

On August 27, the Chair of the Search Committee, The Rev. Victoria Warren, formally presented to The Rev. Bonnie Polley, President of the Standing Committee, and to Patricia Seay, Chair of the Transition Committee, the Slate of Candidates for election as the 11th Bishop of Nevada. The Standing Committee has accepted the slate of nominees, as presented by the Search Committee, as is. The slate consists of **The Rev. Canon Lance Ousley**, Canon for Stewardship and Development, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, WA; **The Rev. Tara K. Soughers, Ph. D.**, Interim Priest, The Church of Our Savior, Somerset, MA; and **The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff**, Rector, St. Paul's, Sparks, NV. Read all about them and their answers to the essay questions at <http://www.episcopalnevada.org/Ministries/candidates-for-11th-bishop.html>

## Pastoral Care Class at St. Paul's

Carers' in Service (CIS); pastoral care & more.

Are you called to 'help' other people? Would you like to understand how Jesus was able to help others? Ever consider how Jesus encountered, talked with, listened to, and healed so many people? In the CIS group we will be studying relationships and authentic selves, and participating with Jesus to help the world. Learn more about compassionate relationships, active listening, personal spirituality, and acceptance of others.

Join the CIS class beginning September 16, 2018, from 2:45 to 4:45 in the St. Paul's nave (worship space). We will meet for 6 sessions ending October 21.

### Learning goals for the class include:

- \*Learn active listening skills
- \*Set boundaries
- \*Reflect on our own behavior when interacting with others
- \*Understand what constitutes a relationship
- \*Use group dynamics
- \*Have an awareness of diversity
- \*Have a sense of comfort in visiting and praying with others.

Please call St. Paul's, Sparks with questions about the class 775-358-4474 or Pastor Jody Lediard @ 775-846-7116.

## September in the Food Pantry

**"September is Souper!"**

Looking for Soups and other canned meals.



## Adult Formation Class

**Confirmation, Reception, Adult Baptism, Reaffirmation**

Would you like to receive the sacrament of new birth through the waters of baptism? Where you baptized as a child and want to make a mature claim of your baptism? Where you baptized as an adult in another tradition and want to be received into the Episcopal Church?

Would you like to reaffirm your commitment to God and the mission of the Church? Do you just want to come to class and learn some stuff?

If you said yes to any one of these questions, this is the right class for you. This is a 5 - 6 week class beginning on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., September 5th. We will gather in the St. Paul's Lounge.

## Healing Ministry Class

**(Our healing team offers prayers for healing in the back of the nave (worship space) during Communion time on Sundays.)**

Do you have a gift for helping people through prayer or touch, but you're not sure how to go about it, or where to start? I have a class for you. If you are interested, please contact me and we will set up the dates, times and class requirements then.

Brenda Stracner, 775-354-1164

[NurseStracner@aol.com](mailto:NurseStracner@aol.com)

## 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. **Last day to paint a bowl is Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The cost is \$10 per bowl.

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

## 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!

## 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, Brennan, Danny, Matthew, Kirk E, Jason's family, Ted, Al, Deonne's family, Dale's family, Sharon, Peggy's family, Jody, Craig's family, Stan, Stephen, Bonnie, Mata family, Frankie, Keith, Kelly, Sandi, Kay, Jimmy, Tammy, Jason, Toni, Peter & family, Jaemie, Michelle, Caitlin, Tom, Janice, Jana, Donald, Rae, Debby, LuAnn & family, Daniel, Jeannine, Amber, Jeri, John, Shelby's family, Sheri, Christian, Orlene, Jeff, Mike.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Make Grocery Bag Sleeping Mats

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

Come to the parish hall and help make sleeping mats for the homeless. There are jobs for all ages and skill levels. We need people to: layer bags, cut bags, connect bags into a chain, and crochet using a jumbo Q sized hook.

## By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

Outreach ministries are a very important part of who St. Paul's is. Donations have been received for the Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry (\$125.00), Laundry Love (\$25.00), the Community Food Pantry (\$145.00), United Thank Offering (\$17.00), Clergy Discretionary Fund (\$175.00), Robert Mitchell School (\$25.00), and School Supplies Fund (\$135.00)

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

## 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 Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 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:

### **Sunday, September 2:**

Labor Day Holiday Weekend- No Meeting

### **Sunday, September 9:**

New School Year Kickoff Meeting!

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will do some get acquainted activities, brainstorming for activity and program ideas, eat lunch and have fun!

### **Sunday, September 16:**

Urban Air Trampoline Park

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will carpool to the new trampoline park called Urban Air. You need to have your parent fill out and submit the waiver form that is online at [urbanairtrampolinepark.com](http://urbanairtrampolinepark.com) Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of entrance. The EYC fund will cover the rest. We will stay there for at least an hour- maybe a little more. We will have the kids call when we are leaving.

### **Sunday, September 23:**

Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will watch a video and discuss. Lunch and games to follow.

### **Sunday, September 30:**

To Be Determined

Meet at 10:15 am. On the 9th we will discuss ideas for this date. Stay tuned! We will update on Facebook and by email.

## **Prayers and Squares Ministry**

Prayers & Squares 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](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com), Peg Bibby at [ragladypeg@att.net](mailto:ragladypeg@att.net), the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

## **Episcopal Women of Nevada**

The Annual Meeting of EWN will be September 15th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, NV.

A Sacred Circles Workshop will be presented by Evita Krislock, Province 8 ECW President.

The meeting cost is \$15. Lunch is on your own. If you have questions or wish to register contact Margaret Bouzek at 775-232-4712 or [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com).

## Special Worship Time

### Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 14th

Only ONE worship service that day at 10:00 a.m. This will be **Bishop Dan's last visit** to St. Paul's and we want to send him off with a bang! Special Luncheon will follow the service.

## Ecclesiology

From an Episcopal Church Dictionary

From the Greek ekklesia, "church," and logia, "doctrine," the term refers to the doctrine of the church. The Greek word ekklesia (from ek, "out of," and kalein, "to call") describes the church as those "called out" by God from worldly existence to a new life in Christ. The account of the origin of the church on Pentecost (Acts 2) emphasizes the gift of the Holy Spirit to all the disciples. The church is described in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians as the body of Christ, with Christ as the head. The Johannine image of "vine and branches" (Jn 15:5) shows that life for the Christian is participation in the life of Christ. In the Treatise on the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Book V, Richard Hooker emphasizes the importance of participation in the life of Christ through participation in the life of the church (especially the sacraments). The church is described in the creeds as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members, including lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. A doctrine of ministry is usually included in ecclesiology. Recognition of the importance of the ministries of all baptized persons has led to a renewal of interest in ecclesiology.

## A Special Request from Bishop Dan

Bishop Dan writes:

Dear Church Leaders,

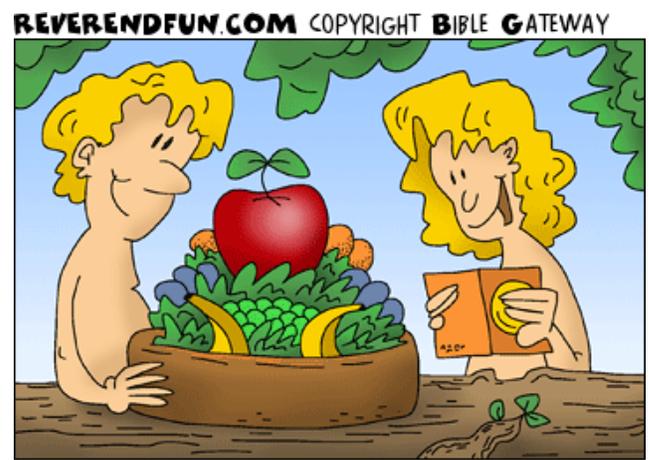
We have received the Diocese of Cuba back into The Episcopal Church, but there is no money to cover the cost of pensions for the priests serving there. Each Diocese is undertaking to raise its fair share of what it will take to make this work in Cuba.

Nevada needs to raise \$6,000. I will pay the first \$500 from my discretionary fund. I ask each parish to help in whatever way seems best to you. We just need to raise another \$5,500.

+Dan

Because the Cuban government does not consider clergy "employed", upon their retirement they will be treated as if they never worked and will have zero assistance / retirement to live on. If you would like to help with this project, please use the envelopes in the pew and write Cuba on it. If donating by check, just write Cuba on the subject line and toss it in the offering plate.

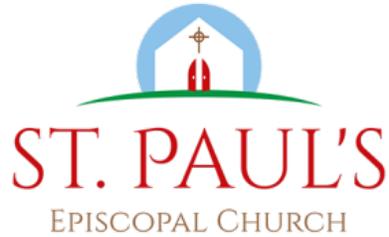
Thank you.



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## Coming Events



### September 2018

Saturday	Sept 01, 2018	Women's Annual Retreat (at Galilee, thru Monday)	
Saturday	Sept 01, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Wednesday	Sept 05, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 05, 2018	Adult Formation Classes (in the Lounge)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Sept 08, 2018	NW Mission District Meeting (St. Patrick's Incline)	10:00 am
Sunday	Sept 09, 2018	<b>St. Paul's Ministry Fair &amp; Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
Sunday	Sept 09, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	Sept 10, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 12, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 12, 2018	Adult Formation Classes (in the Lounge)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Sept 15, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Sept 15, 2018	EWN Annual Meeting (Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah)	11:00 am
Sunday	Sept 16, 2018	Pastoral Care Class	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 19, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 19, 2018	Empty Bowls Meeting	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Sept 19, 2018	Adult Formation Classes (in the Lounge)	6:30 pm
Saturday	Sept 22, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Sept 23, 2018	Prayer Team Meeting	12:15 pm
Sunday	Sept 23, 2018	Pastoral Care Class	3:00 pm
Monday	Sept 24, 2018	Empty Bowls Bag & Tag	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 26, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 26, 2018	<b>Empty Bowls Dinner</b> (at Grand Sierra Resort)	6:00 pm
Thursday	Sept 27, 2018	<b>Laundry Love Ministry</b> – Laundromat on Oddie	6:00 pm
Saturday	Sept 29, 2018	Come Help Make Plastic Bag Sleeping Mats	9:00 am
Sunday	Sept 30, 2018	Pastoral Care Class	3:00 pm

### Recurring Events

**Sunday 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 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 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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*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*