



# November

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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.

## Special Thank You from Bishop Dan



Dear People of St. Paul's,

Thank you for the wonderful send-off party, for the thoughtful gifts, and for the card expressing appreciation for the things I have tried to do to support St. Paul's. I am sure any bishop gets somewhat mixed reviews in any congregation. But there are places I have felt more at home than others. St. Paul's was definitely at the top of the list of congregations that felt like home to Linda and me. I was touched that what you thought I had done for St. Paul's lined up with what I was trying to do. In many places, there has been a disconnect on that point – but not with you.

St. Paul's has been a strong congregation for a long, long time and you are just getting stronger. You have able leadership – both clergy and lay. I have high hopes for your future mission and feel blessed to have been part of your community.

Bishop Dan

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



### Results: Passing the Peace

As I read through the feedback forms there were a couple of consistent threads.

The first thread had to do with relationships. It did not matter if the feedback was in support of the experimental change or not. The answers had to do with relationships. For some, the traditional way enhanced their relationships with others, particularly with new folks. For others, the experimental way enhanced relationships because they could continue their conversation right into coffee hour.

The second thread had to do with the flow of the service. Going directly from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Table maintained a sense of worship without having a “half-time” in between, like a mini coffee hour.

My personal response is this. The passing of the peace is an outward and visible sign of our relationships/life together. It is a time of both starting new relationships...( “Good morning. I’m John. I’m glad you are here. I hope to see you at coffee hour”), as well as a time of strengthening ongoing relationships by offering them a true sense of peace, or by a quick “Congratulations about your new job. I’d like to hear the details during coffee hour.”

The Passing of the Peace is not a time to talk about sports, to discuss where you are going for lunch, or ask if someone likes their new car. These conversations are important; however, these are more suitable to have after the service.

The Peace is a time to prepare for making an offering of gifts and ourselves to God and it is a time to prepare us to share in the life-giving bread and a common cup. Because it is a time of preparation to receive Holy Communion, it should absolutely take place prior to that part of the service.

As we move forward in our Common Prayer, we need to *practice* holding onto our sense of worship in the transition between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Table. We need to *practice* becoming more aware of the relational things that should be expressed during the Passing of the Peace and as well as the things that are better shared after the service. The key word here is *practice*, which is also a key word in our desire to walk the walk and talk the talk of Jesus.

*Kirk*

## 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.

## St. Paul's LGBTQIA Gathering Nov 17

Calling all LGBTQIA members of St. Paul's! (by members I mean formal members, informal members, regular or occasional attendees) You are invited to a dinner gathering at Fr. Kirk and Tricia's house on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Fr. Kirk at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) or call him directly at 775-200-6676.

## High Church Sunday: November 25<sup>th</sup>

Come and join us at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for a High Church, or at least, Higher Church experience. Yes, we will have "Smells and Bells". The incense we will use on this day is a special hypoallergenic blend so it should be okay for everyone.

## Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Toy Angel tags and Senior Silver tags will again be available to gift selection from the tree in the Narthex beginning Nov. 18. We will need the UNWRAPPED tagged gifts back to St. Paul's no later than Dec. 9, 2018. If there are any questions, you can contact me at [Barbara.jee.papadakos@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.jee.papadakos@gmail.com) or (775) 750-1575. Thank you, Barbara Papadakos



## Wednesday Bible/Book Study

Are you interested in attending a Bible study or Christian related book study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.? If you are, please come to a gathering on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** in the Choir Room. Call the church 358-4474 or email Deacon Mike for more info. [mgoodmarge@gmail.com](mailto:mgoodmarge@gmail.com)

## November in the Food Pantry

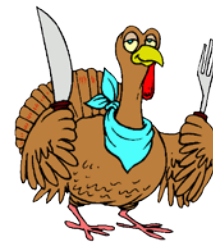
### "Food-a-Plenty!"

Bring food for a Thanksgiving Feast!



## Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck

St. Paul's will be hosting their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There is absolutely NO expectation for you to come.



However, everyone in the parish is invited. This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home. So, for those of you who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. Paul's community. If you would like to prepare a turkey or a ham please let us know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing...and mashed potatoes too... Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer). If you can sign-up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide) but if you forget to sign-up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will provide. The parish hall will be open at noon and we'll eat at 1:00p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact John Hannah at [jhannah.church@mymail775.net](mailto:jhannah.church@mymail775.net) or 775-527-9444.

## United Thank Offering

Our UTO Ingathering will kick off on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the month of November.

Please place your blue boxes (mite boxes) in the offertory plate when it is passed to you. If you don't have a box and would still like to

donate, there are UTO envelopes in a basket on the northeast table in the narthex.

Remember that every penny donated to this wonderful Episcopal mission is given in grants to very worthy causes! If you have any questions please contact Jori Trimbell, 870-6409.

### **Laundry Love**

Laundry Love is booming! We will continue collecting quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters :-)) Donations can either be handed to Linda Devon, or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

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

### **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, Fr. Mike & Pastor Jody, Ella, Patricia, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Mary, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Steve, Ruthie, Vedda, Eileen, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Bob, Brock, Vickie, Katie, Vicky, Alex, Matthew, Lerae, Julia, Kathleen, Ken, Patti, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Sue, Nick, William, Nancy, Ruth, Dee, baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Ted, Al, Sharon, Peggy, Stan, Bonnie, Jaemie, Michelle, Janice, Rae, Debby, Jeff, Mike, Olga, Mary Lou, Frank & family, Val, Emily, Julie, Sandy, Irene, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Kathy, Rita, Ana, Cate, Mac, Dawn, Joe, Jerry, Gerry, Christy.

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

### **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.

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:

#### **November 4: Coconut Bowl**

Daylight Savings is today so set your clocks back or you'll be early! Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will then carpool to go bowling, play pool and have lunch at Coconut Bowl. We will return by 12:30. Please bring \$5 to help cover costs.

#### **November 11: Growing with God**

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat lunch, watch videos and discuss. Games to follow.

#### **November 18: Leaf Raking**

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will go rake leaves for some of the elderly people



in our congregation. Please bring work gloves and your favorite rake. Be sure to wear warm clothes (but not too warm because you will be raking and bagging) and sturdy shoes. We will return a little later around 12:30 PM.

### **November 25: No Meeting- Happy Thanksgiving!**

### **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.

### **Funding the Mission**

#### **October 2018**

For the third quarter of 2018, our operating receipts totaled \$63,878 and our operating expenses totaled \$67,114. This gave us an operating deficit for the quarter of \$3,236.

Our total receipts for the quarter nearly matched what we had predicted. Our problem for the quarter was on the expense side. As anyone who visited Fr. Kirk's or Robin's office in July observed, it was very warm in there. We ended up having to spend \$4,300 completely replacing one of our air conditioning units.

Looking at the results for the year so far, we find that we have spent \$4,480 more that we have received in the first nine months. Again,

the air conditioner was a big contributor to this deficit.

Heading into the final three months of the year, I am confident that we will significantly beat our annual budget which predicted a \$15,491 deficit, and hopefully we can come closer to breaking even or maybe even running a surplus for the second year in a row.

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.

### **Transforming Generosity**



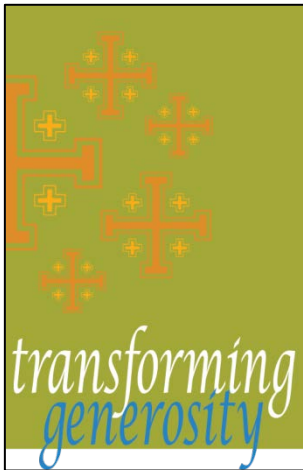
#### **Four Things to Know about St. Paul's Transforming Generosity Pledge Campaign:**

1. A pledge is a spiritual discipline and a response to God's love and grace in our lives. It helps us live generously following the way of Jesus (Matthew 6:19-21).
2. A pledge is an estimate of how much money you will give to St. Paul's in the coming year. Pledges are not a binding contract, they can be revised up or down depending on your circumstances next year.
3. Pledging allows Vestry to make a budget for the year ahead and plan for new and existing ministries at St. Paul's.
4. A pledge is a way to share in the work of God at St. Paul's, in our parish, and in the world.

Have questions, or didn't get a letter and pledge card in the mail? Please let Fr. Kirk or a member of Vestry know if we can answer questions or help in any way.

## Ingathering Sunday

**Sunday, November 18**, is Ingathering Sunday. Please return your pledge card before November 18 or place it in the offering plate that day. If you didn't receive a letter about this year's pledge campaign, please contact the church office or speak with a member of Vestry. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the narthex.



## Eco-palian Shorts

Wrap your Christmas gifts in reusable materials, such as cloth scraps, scarves, and cloth bags. Or wrap gifts in recyclable paper, such as the Sunday paper comics and colored paper bags. Wrapping your Christmas gifts may become a fun activity for the whole family.

## Ten Actions for Saving the Planet

1. Put every dead household battery in a Bowl and then recycle them when it's full. (Use the bowl won at Empty Bowls. They can be taken to any Batteries plus Bulbs store.)
2. Take public transportation, bicycle, or walk once a quarter where normally you would have driven.
3. When at a fast food restaurant, skip the beef. It usually isn't very tasty and it saves methane from entering the atmosphere.

4. If available, when entering a building always use the revolving door. They keep the weather out better thus saving energy.
5. Use the salad plate at a buffet. You probably will waste less food and you can always go back.
6. Try organic beer. Conventionally grown hops are typically sprayed with chemicals up to a dozen times a year.
7. Don't grab so many napkins at fast food outlets – start with how many you get by with at home.
8. Pick up and recycle at least one recyclable item a month when out and about. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power the average home television for 3 hours.
9. Consider purchasing carbon offsets when you have been indulgent in spewing carbon into the atmosphere. But research the outfit you are considering using – some are not very effective, and a few are a scam.
10. Check product labels and if it contains palm oil, choose an alternative. Production of palm oil contributes to a variety of environmental and ethical problems (mainly rainforest destruction).

In Conclusion: A Quote from E. O. Wilson; a somewhat controversial American biologist who said "It's obvious that the key problem facing humanity in the coming century is how to bring a better quality of life – for 8 billion or more people – without wrecking the environment entirely in the attempt".

## Coming Events



### November 2018

Friday	Nov. 02, 2018	Stewardship Dinner Celebration	6:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 03, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Nov. 03, 2018	<i>Concert- Kathy Barwick &amp; Pete Siegfried</i>	6:30 pm
Sunday	Nov. 04, 2018	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
Sunday	Nov. 04, 2018	<i>End of Daylight Saving Time</i>	
Sunday	Nov. 04, 2018	EYC	10:15 am
Sunday	Nov. 04, 2018	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 07, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Monday	Nov. 12, 2018	<b>Office Closed for Veteran's Day</b>	
Monday	Nov. 12, 2018	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 14, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 14, 2018	Bible/Book Study Gathering	1:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 17, 2018	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Nov. 17, 2018	LGBTQIA Dinner at the Woodliff's house	5:30 pm
Sunday	Nov. 18, 2018	<i>Stewardship Ingathering</i>	
Wednesday	Nov. 21, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Thursday	Nov. 22, 2018	<b>Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Lunch</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Saturday	Nov. 24, 2018	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 25, 2018	<i>High Church Sunday at the Traditional Service</i>	11:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 25, 2018	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 28, 2018	Mid-Week Holy Eucharist	12:15 pm
Thursday	Nov. 29, 2018	<i>Diocesan Convention (Elko) thru Nov 30th</i>	
Thursday	Nov. 29, 2018	Laundry Love (Laundromat on Oddie Blvd.)	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.**

\***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*