



The Epistle 2019

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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...



The sky is falling!

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No not really but our building and property is in serious need of repair. As I am sure you have been aware of for some time, the parking lot has been crumbling for years. At some point it will come to the city's attention and become a real problem for us. Fortunately, we are not there today, but we need to begin our repair process now to prevent future problems.

In addition, the vestry mentioned at the Annual Meeting, that the roof may need some work too. Unfortunately, upon further investigation, we found that there is more work to be done up there than originally anticipated. But, don't despair. The Lord is with us. Those among us with God's given talents are starting to stand up to help, and we still pray for more.

Linda Kennedy, an experienced and internationally certified project manager, has stepped up to lead the effort to fix these problems. During the last vestry meeting, Linda presented an organization structure of volunteers to coordinate and communicate all the details that must be handled to make this happen. The Vestry approved her proposal unanimously.

The approved goal of this program (a group of related projects) is to:

Correct major physical deficiencies in the St. Paul's facility which endanger the continuation of its mission while working to do so while not seriously impacting the financial health of this parish.

Now we have the start of a plan, we need your help. Linda will be our Program Manager. She

needs four people to work closely with her as Project Managers. The four areas where we will need help are as follows:

- Fund Raising
- Stakeholder Relations (Communications)
- Parking Lot
- Roof

Each of these roles requires special talents. I know many of you have them and there are others who have the right skills, and I don't know it. We need your help. If any of these topics speak to you, please talk to Linda. She can best fill you in on what is required. Even if you are just curious, give her a call. Her phone number is 775-722-1657.

One more thing, the Vestry and Linda were very clear during our discussions. This program cannot be funded by just our parish. We must be creative and go outside "the box" to find solutions.

Blessing,

Fr. Kirk

What is Holy Week? See page 6.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Wednesday, April 17, Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19,

Stations of the Cross, 12:15 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Liturgy, April 20, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Praise Service

10:15 a.m. Egg Hunt between services

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Choir

No 5:00 p.m. Service on Easter Sunday

Flower Offering

Since flowers are not used during the Lenten season, the contributions received during this time will be used for the purchase of the flowers that decorate our altar at Easter. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones and to give thanks for God's blessings. Look for the poster in the narthex.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and evening programs end **April 17th**. The Soup Suppers run from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm at which time the evening program will begin. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to bring soup, bread & dessert.

If you have questions, please contact me at Barbara.jee.papadakos@gmail.com or (775) 750-1575.

The left-overs from the soup suppers will be distributed to the Eddy House.

Barbara Papadakos

Lenten Movie Night

The two remaining movies after the soup suppers are Shawshank Redemption (April 3) and Hotel Rwanda (April 10).

Movies Night begins at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering this year will be split between St. Paul's General Fund and **Camp Galilee Camperships**. Camp Galilee at Lake Tahoe provides a summer program for our youth to foster a relationship with the natural world, their peers, and God.

Please use the Easter Offering envelopes found in the narthex. If not, please put "Easter Offering" on your check or if cash, put it in an envelope with "Easter Offering" written on it.

April in the Food Pantry

"It's a Necessity!"

Toilet paper & hygiene products of all kinds.



Next Baptismal Day

Are you or a loved one seeking to be baptized? **If so, contact Fr. Kirk ASAP** at 358-4474 or Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

Our next baptismal days will be Easter Vigil April 20th, and Easter Day, April 21st.

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, Ella, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Ruthie, Vedda's family, Pricilla Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Brock, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Lerae, Bob, Julia, Ken, Pattie, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Sue, Ruth, Baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Al, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Bonnie, Jaemmie, Rae, Debby, Jeff, Mike, Irene, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Mac, Dawn, Mike, Christy, Gerry, Mady, Michele, Katheryn, Dave, Beth Ann, Jack, Nick's family, Ben, Jim, Marlys, Cathy, Ashley, John, Nikita, Linda, Marilyn, Elva & family, Jessica, Mary, George, Lu, Loretta, Sarah, E.C. Group, Mariana, Jerry, Dan, Kathy, Kyle, Margaret, Tom, Judy, Kathleen, Richard, Ernesto, Lance, Joe, Teddy, Ana, Jeanette, the Worthington family.

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

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:

April 7: No Meeting

Last Day of Spring Break

April 14: Filling Easter Eggs

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will be filling plastic Easter eggs with candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children. We will also eat lunch!

April 21: Happy Easter!

Help Hide Easter Eggs. Meet at 9 AM to help hide all the Easter Eggs in the garden. After hiding the eggs, you can join your family for the remainder of the service. No meeting after church. Enjoy your day!

April 28: 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. Please bring an empty

back pack to carry the bags and water bottles. We will eat lunch too. We will return to the church by 12:30.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

You are invited to participate in the **All-Night Prayer Vigil** that follows the 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on April 18th and ends at 6:00 am on Good Friday, April 19th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex with at least two slots per hour.

Contact the office if you have any questions.

Plants Needed for the Prayer Vigil

If you have plants we can use to transform the chapel into a prayer garden, please bring them to the church by Wednesday, April 17th.

Easter Candy & Filled Eggs Needed

Grab a bag of empty Easter Eggs from the Narthex and fill them with individually wrapped candy. **You can also just donate individually**

wrapped candy and the youth will fill the eggs.

Please return the filled eggs and/or candy **no later**

than Palm Sunday, April 14th.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Easter Sunday, April 21

Time: Directly after the 9 AM worship service

Where: In the St. Paul's Garden

Ages: Toddler through 5th Grade

Bring your basket, but we'll have some extras

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 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. 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.

Laundry Love

Laundry Love is a fast-growing ministry of St. Paul's. This once a month ministry helps people do their laundry so they can use their limited funds on medicine, rent, etc. Doing a load of laundry is expensive, so they continually collect quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters). Monetary donations can either be handed to Linda Devon, or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at LSD4764@hotmail.com.

St. Patrick's Dinner Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the St. Patrick's Day dinner a success. Special thanks to Deb Stiver who took over the food preparation. Thank you also to those who donated items to the silent auction and raffle.

Looking forward to next year!

Dan and Margaret Bouzek

Plastic Bags

We are **no longer** collecting plastic bags.

Thank you.

EWN Spring Tea: April 6th

"Tea Around the World" Episcopal Women of Nevada are holding their annual Spring Tea on April 6th at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. The tea begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost of the event is \$20. Reservations can be made by contacting Connie Skidmore at cwskid@att.net. This is always a nice event and an opportunity to get together with others from the area.

Church Picnic and Camping

Davis Creek Park June 28-30, 2019

Our summer church camp-out will be Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30, 2019, at the group site at Davis Creek Park (Washoe County) once again. On Saturday, June 29, there will be a hike at 9:00 am, church potluck picnic at 12:30 pm, and family activities that afternoon. Those who wish to camp Friday night and/or Saturday night should bring their tent or RV (no charge). There will be a prayer service Sunday morning. Please mark your calendar. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex next month.

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

Annual Bibby-Q Deep Pit Feast!

Save the Date: June 9th (Pentecost)

What is Holy Week?

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Pilgrims to the holy city worshipped as they followed the path of Jesus in his last days. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Tenebrae (Wednesday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Palm Sunday

The Sunday before Easter at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is recalled. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria in about 381-384. During this observance there was a procession of people down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. The people waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. The liturgy of the palms is the entrance rite for the service. The congregation may gather at a place apart from the church and process to the church after the blessing of the branches of palm.

Tenebrae (Wednesday evening)

This form of the monastic office (matins and lauds) moves from light and darkness and is structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. The distinctive ceremonial of Tenebrae includes use of fifteen lighted candles. One candle is extinguished as each of the fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm but it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise is made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph.

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday in Holy Week. It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "new commandment," from Jn 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." The liturgy for Maundy Thursday provides for celebration of the eucharist and a ceremony of the washing of feet. Following this, the altar is stripped, and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

Good Friday

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. The liturgy includes the reading of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross). The eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday

The Saturday after Good Friday, which recalls the day when the crucified Christ visited among the dead while his body lay in the tomb. It is also a day that we reflect on what it would be like if Jesus was not resurrected. There is a short simple liturgy with collects and readings.

Easter Vigil or Great Vigil

The liturgy intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter and consists of four parts: The Service of Light; The Service of Lessons; Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist.

Easter Day

The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. 1) Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief.

Coming Events



April 2019

Wednesday	Apr. 03, 2019	Lenten Soup & Movie <i>*Movie starts @ 6:00 p.m.</i>	5:15 pm
Thursday	Apr. 04, 2019	Meditation class with the Buddhists	8:30 am
Thursday	Apr. 04, 2019	Bible Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 04, 2019	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Saturday	Apr. 06, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 07, 2019	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	Apr. 08, 2019	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr. 10, 2019	Lenten Soup & Movie*	5:15 pm
Thursday	Apr. 11, 2019	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
Sunday	Apr. 14, 2019	Palm Sunday	
Wednesday	Apr. 17, 2019	Lenten Soup	5:15 pm
Wednesday	Apr. 17, 2019	Tenebrae	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 18, 2019	NO Bible Study Today	
Thursday	Apr. 18, 2019	Maunder Thursday Liturgy and Prayer Vigil	6:00 pm
Friday	Apr. 19, 2019	Good Friday/Stations of the Cross	12:15 pm
Friday	Apr. 19, 2019	Good Friday Liturgy	6:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 20, 2019	Holy Saturday Liturgy	9:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 20, 2019	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 21, 2019	Easter Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt (between 9:00 & 11:00 am)	
Tuesday	Apr. 23, 2019	Empty Bowls Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 25, 2019	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 25, 2019	Laundry Love	6:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 27, 2019	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 28, 2019	Housing Planning Meeting	12:30 pm

Recurring Events

Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at 12:15 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 Practice (Check with your Team Leader)

Thursday Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. in the Youth room.

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

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**

NEW*Food Pantry Mobile Unit, Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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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