



May

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WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you belong here. Our understanding of belonging extends to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered. Belonging here has no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we. You are worthy, so come as you are.

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



Young Voices from the "Pulpit"

Perspective is important when we process the world around us. This is also true with the way we process the Gospel. It is through our experiences, not our age, that give us our perspective.

We tend to pay more attention to what Jesus did and said to the poor if we have ever needed assistance ourselves. We tend to pay attention to the Gospel message of hospitality if we ourselves have been the stranger whose life was changed by receiving it. We have a tendency to believe more fully in the equality of being a Child of God when worldly powers keep trying to take away our equality.

Perspective of the experiences in our lives bring unique voices to the Gospel. Some of the voices you listen to following the Gospel reading on Sundays are old; others are even older. We now have an opportunity in the coming weeks to listen to the Gospel from the perspective of some young, yet wise voices. I have offered our three high school graduating seniors a chance to share the Gospel with the congregation in the form of a "Senior" sermon. All three courageously accepted my offer.

The schedule is as follows:

May 5th, Chelsea Herdt

May 19th, Cooper Woodliff

June 2nd, Malia Carter-Hargrove

Please come and lend an ear to these voices. Their perspective might just teach you something.

Blessing,

Fr. Kirk

Adult Class: Episcopal 101 Confirmation, Reception Reaffirmation, Adult Baptism

Wednesdays, May 15-June 26, 2019

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (no meeting May 29)

Sign up at Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

We'll Gather in the Youth Room.

Are you new to the Episcopal Church and want to dig in and explore? **This class is for you.**

Have you been around for a while but have never been Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church? **This class is for you.**

Have you never been baptized? **This class is for you.** Have you been confirmed, but you would like to reaffirm/renew your commitment to Christ through St. Paul's? **This class is for you.**

Would you just like to come and learn more about the Episcopal Church and what it means to live out your faith? **This class is for you.**

This class is an adult preparation class for Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and Adult Baptism.

What are Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and Holy Baptism?

Confirmation: Confirmation is the affirmation of one's baptismal vows. It is a sacramental rite in which baptized persons make a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength through the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. Confirmation is not required to become full members of Christ's Body; baptism takes care of that. But for those who were baptized at an early age they are expected, when mature and ready, to make a public affirmation of their faith.

Reception: Persons presented for Reception are those who have been baptized with water in the name of the Trinity, have previously made an adult public affirmation of faith in any other Christian Tradition (either at their adult Baptism or on a separate occasion), and now

desire to live their faith within the fellowship of the Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation: Reaffirmation is suitable in a variety of situations for persons who have previously been Confirmed or Received. Have you returned to church after a period of being gone? Have you recently experienced some transition in your spiritual or church life that has changed your perspective? Was your Confirmation so long ago that it is time to reaffirm it? Were you so young that you don't feel you were mature at your Confirmation? Reaffirmation is a repeatable rite of renewal.

Adult Baptism: Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God. The outward and visible sign in Baptism is water, in which the person is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God's family the Church, forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit.

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.

United Thank Offering

It's springtime, and that also means it's time to pick up a UTO box to take home.

Many of us will remember the UTO "blue boxes" or "mite boxes" from our previous years, but they may be new to some.

The United Thank Offering is a national ministry of the Episcopal Church that started in 1889 mainly to help women and children. It has expanded, and it actually serves a two-fold

purpose. First it makes us mindful of our own blessings as we prayerfully put a coin in the blue box with a grateful heart, and then this money becomes a blessing to others through grants for many worthy causes at home and internationally. All the money collected is given in grants to such projects as homeless shelters, dental clinics for poor, vegetable gardens, family counseling, libraries and many more! Every cent collected is granted.

The boxes will be in a basket in the Narthex and we will collect them again at church in November. If you have any questions, please call or text Jori Trimbell at 870-6409. Thank you!

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, Steve, Ruthie, Vedda's family, Pricilla Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Brock, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Bob, Julia, Ken, Pattie, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Sue, Ruth, Baby Bo, Nolan, Al, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Bonnie, Jaemie, Rae, Debby, Jeff, Mike, Irene, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Mike, Christy, Gerry, Mady, Michele, Katheryn, Dave, Beth Ann, Ben, Marlys, Cathy, Ashley, Mary, E.C. Group, Jerry, Dan, Sarah, Kathy, Kyle, Tom, Judy, Kathleen, Lance, Joe, Teddy, Ana, Jeanette, the Worthington family, Sheri, Bengt, Bonnie, Jim, Joy, Patsy, Julie, Donna, Smitty, Patricia.

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:

May 5: Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 am. We will have a discussion and play games. Lunch provided.

May 12: No Meeting- Mother's Day

No meeting today. Enjoy your family time.

May 19: Game Day and Picnic

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 am. If the weather is nice, we'll carpool to a nearby park for a picnic and outdoor games. If the weather is bad, we'll stay at the church and play games in the Parish Hall.

May 26: Graduation Sunday: No Meeting

We will be honoring the high school graduates during the 9:00 am service. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the parish hall. No meeting today.

Funding the Mission

April 2019

The first quarter of 2019 finished on a positive note. Our operating receipts totaled \$73,969 and our operating expenses totaled \$67,068. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$6,901. The budget predicted a surplus of \$7,104 for the quarter, so we missed our quarterly budget by \$203.

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 entire annual pledge in the first quarter. Consequently our 2019 budget predicted an operating surplus in the first quarter followed by deficits in each of the next three quarters. If we continue to stay as on track to the budget for the rest of the year, we would expect to end 2019 with an operating deficit of around \$19,000. We have our "rainy day" savings fund built up to a balance of \$37,000, but I am hopeful we can avoid using these monies as much as possible with careful expense control and your continued generous offerings.

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@stpaulsspark.org

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

Roger Towne, Treasurer

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

Camp Galilee, the Episcopal Youth Camp, is receiving half of this year's Easter Offering. This money will be used to help with the cost of camperships for those youth who may not

otherwise be able to afford to go. A total of \$1,048.00, which includes \$948.00 from the Easter Offering and \$100.00 in additional donations, is being sent to Galilee. A total of \$575.00 collected during Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. Other donations include:

- \$137.00 - Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) from Lenten Soup Suppers
- \$1,696.00 - Parking Lot/Roof Fund (includes proceeds from St. Patrick's Dinner of \$1,416.00 and additional donations of \$280.00)
- \$25.00 - Prayers and Squares quilt ministry
- \$441.00 - Laundry Love (includes proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper of \$411.00 and additional donations of \$30.00)
- \$185.00 - The Community Food Pantry
- \$55.00 - Clergy Discretionary Fund

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

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.

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.

May in the Food Pantry

"One Pan Will Do It All!"

Mac & cheese and other kinds of skillet dinners.



Eco-palian Shorts

One of the marks of mission we strive for is to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. This "gift of creation" that we have seems like a hard goal to achieve. Eco-palians believe that our religious traditions see the sacred in nature and that people grow spiritually through a strong relationship with the earth.

How do you develop a strong "relationship" with the earth? Get away from Big Super Stores and go Outside – to a park or just outside your home. Another simple thing you

can do is take a look at the plants and birds as you go into church each Sunday. We have some really cool birds and later in the year we should see some beautiful plants. Take a look! I guarantee you'll like what you see.

“Hill Gang” Meeting: May 20th

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

The next meeting of the “Hill Gang” will be Monday evening, **May 20th, 2019 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.

11th Annual BIBBY-Q

This year’s **Bibby-Q** will be held on Sunday June 9th after the 10 AM Pentecost Service.

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

100% of proceeds to St. Paul’s Building Project for roof & parking lot repairs.

Presale Tickets Adults \$15.00 Children \$ 5.00
At the Door Adults \$20.00 Children \$10.00
Tickets available after Services May 19 & May 26, June 2 or in the Parish Office.

Get your tickets early so we know how much food to prepare.

KENYA GOLF TOURNEY CALLING ALL GOLFERS AND SORT-OF GOLFERS



ANNOUNCING THE 8TH ANNUAL KENYA GOLF TOURNEY

PROCEEDS SUPPORT *INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS*, PROMOTING HEALTH CARE, CLEAN WATER AND EDUCATION FOR THOSE IN NEED

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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 (Minimum \$30 for sponsorship)

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 and 5-somes are Welcome

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

CONTACT DEB STIVER for INFO or SIGN UP STIVER@UNR.EDU or 356-6474

Coming Events



May 2019

Wednesday	May 01, 2019	St. Paul's @ NV Legislature	TBA pm
Thursday	May 02, 2019	Bible Book Study <i>each Thursday thru May</i>	12:00 pm
Saturday	May 04, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	May 05, 2019	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	May 06, 2019	Church Building Program Meeting	2:00 pm
Thursday	May 09, 2019	Clergy Conference Through Friday	3:00 pm
Friday	May 10, 2019	Clergy Conference continues	
Sunday	May 12, 2019	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
Monday	May 13, 2019	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 15, 2019	Adult Ed: Episcopal 101 Confirmation/Reception	6:30 pm
Saturday	May 18, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Monday	May 20, 2019	Community Food Pantry Board Meeting	5:30 pm
Monday	May 20, 2019	Hill Gang Meeting at Blvd. Pizza	5:30 pm
Wednesday	May 22, 2019	Adult Ed: Episcopal 101 Confirmation/Reception	6:30 pm
Saturday	May 25, 2019	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Saturday	May 25, 2019	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Sunday	May 26, 2019	<i>Graduation Sunday</i>	
Tuesday	May 28, 2019	Empty Bowls Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 30, 2019	Laundry Love	6:00 pm

Recurring Events

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

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room

Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday

Bible Study every Thursday @ 12:00 p.m.

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

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.**

***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