



April

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. Sundays on ZOOM

In-Person and Zoom on April 25th

8:00 p.m. Wednesdays on Facebook

Details can be found under the online worship tab at www.StPaulsSparks.org.

If you would like Holy Communion during worship, please call the church 775-358-4474.

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



Lucy Update: Tricia and I want to thank everyone for their continued prayers. Though Lucy is home, she continues to struggle. She is being treated for Pediatric Autoimmune

Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, which stems from an infection causing inflammation in the brain.

I won't go into detail as to her specific symptoms, however I will say they leave Lucy in such a state of being that is far from her norm. Please keep prayers arising for her and the family.

Gratefully,

Sr. Warden Report

Dear Friends,

It certainly has been a historic year. We were finally able to celebrate Easter in person using safe practices. Alleluia!

You may be like so many people who have been very frustrated with the inability to get together with your family and friends for much too long. It appears now that with vaccines availability we will soon be able to relax the most stringent restrictions on us. Please pray that our country and indeed the world will also have the same vaccination successes.

I would like to thank Fr. Kirk for his diligence in adhering to the strict guidelines the Diocese of Nevada has imposed on the churches. Just think of all he has had to do to keep us safe!

He had to learn to use Zoom and all that entails from recordings to microphones to getting the church's electronic capabilities up to par. It is hard to imagine let alone accomplish. Thank you, Fr. Kirk.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The pantry needs help! Are you able?

Tuesday 12:00 to 2:00

Bringing in food from the delivery truck and stocking the shelves.

Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00

Helping distribute food.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, email TCFPVolunteers@gmail.com

In-Person Worship Schedule

April 25, 2021

May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)

May 23, 2021 (Pentecost)

These dates are dependent on the Washoe County infection rates being at appropriate levels. Today, these rates are "on the fence". These services will also be on Zoom. Zoom links and bulletins are found at StPaulsSparks.org under the online worship tab.

What do we need from you?

1. **Pray:** Please pray. Is coming to an outside in person service the right thing for you at this time?
2. **Make a reservation:** You **MUST** make a reservation for each service and receive a confirmation from the church office. To make a reservation, email Robin@StPaulsSparks.org or call 775-358-4474. Your reservation is for the people in your "bubble", that is, for the people who live under your roof, or who is in your bubble by other means, i.e., you currently hang out in doors with this person in such a way that you are already sharing each other's air, germs, cooties, etc.
3. **Bring your own chair:** If possible, arrive to worship with your own "lawn chair". If you don't have your own, you will be provided with a metal folding chair.

4. **Follow the guidelines:** If you make a reservation, you are agreeing to following the guidelines, which include wearing your mask over your mouth and nose the whole time you are on the property and maintaining a distance of 6 feet between others that are not in your bubble. That means no hugging, no handshakes, no fist bumps, etc. You are also agreeing to notify Fr. Kirk if you become ill within 14 days after attending in-person worship at St. Paul's.
5. **Building access:** The only access of the church building will be for use of the restrooms. (You might want to park closer to the garden gates.)
6. **Kindness first:** You agree to be kind, without complaint, knowing that everyone is doing the best they can to provide a meaningful worship experience in the safest possible manner.
7. **Illness or known Covid exposure:** If you feel ill or if you have contact with someone who is, please stay home and join us on Zoom. We WILL take your temperature before you are escorted to your seat. If you don't like your seat, remember that you have already agreed to be kind.
8. **Childcare:** There will not be childcare offered at this time.
9. **Cancelation by the church:** If the in-person service gets canceled, it will have been done so out of love. And please remember, you have already agreed to be kind.
10. **Cancelation by you:** If you are unable to attend after you have made a reservation, please contact the church.

we might have been having about meeting our worship ministry responsibilities.

This also gives everyone a chance to step away from previous ministries and possibly try some new ones. Currently, we are NOT recruiting for all previous ministries. We are however recruiting volunteers for the following ministries that are needed for outside in person worship. Each of these ministries are open to all members, no matter of age, gender, etc.

Greeter: Those in this ministry will welcome people when they arrive, remind them of social distancing guidelines, confirm reservations, direct people to the hand sanitizer, supply a mask to those who left theirs at home, take everyone's temperature with a touchless thermometer, and direct the usher where to seat everyone.

Usher: Will show people to their seating area to ensure distancing guidelines are met, distribute bulletins, supply metal chairs if needed, disinfect used metal chairs, collect the offering during the service and secure it afterward, direct people to an exit in an orderly fashion at the end of the service.

Lector: Those in this ministry will read the scriptures and prayers of the people during worship.

Altar Guild: Those in this ministry will set up the mobile altar outside as well as other things needed for worship.

Livestream and Audio Team: Those in this ministry will set up and monitor the computers, cameras, and sound equipment needed to livestream the worship service on Zoom or another online platform. They will also set up and take down the outdoor sound system. Training will be given, though members of this ministry should be comfortable with computers.

Worship Ministries

As you know, Fr. Kirk wiped the slate clean last year, leaving us without any worship leaders which also wiped away any stress or concern