



# July

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

775-358-4474

[www.StPaulsSparks.org](http://www.StPaulsSparks.org)

The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

The Rev. Rick Millsap, Priest

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### Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. Sundays

In-Person and on Zoom

8:00 p.m. Wednesdays on Facebook\*

\*(8:00 p.m. has taken the summer off)

Details can be found under the online worship  
tab at [www.StPaulsSparks.org](http://www.StPaulsSparks.org).

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

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



### Sabbatical Time Away

Kirk wishes to express his thankfulness for all the support and love that he and his family has received during this difficult time. He feels blessed and loved.

*Kirk*

## Welcome Back to Indoor Worship!



We will ease into coming back together with a modified summer schedule (June-August). We will offer a combined 10:00 a.m. Rite II service with blended music from the praise and traditional music teams. We will continue to broadcast the service on Zoom for those of you who are not ready or able to return in person. Adjustments to this schedule may happen, but only if the need arises. After Labor Day, we are planning to return to our regular Sunday schedule (including a return of the choir at the 11:00.)

Will there be any restrictions? Yes, but not a whole lot. Masks and socially distancing is NOT required for those who ARE vaccinated. For those who are not vaccinated, the diocese is requiring that you continue to wear your mask and socially distance yourself by 6 feet.

We will continue to only offer bread at Communion and there will not be any Sunday school until September. We will have childcare coverage though. We will have an after service social time in the garden.

## Sr. Warden Report

Dear St. Paul's Family,  
We are off to an exciting start to the summer. Our Sunday In-Person worship is going well. I want to thank all of you who make the services possible. If you would like to join a ministry team, please call the church office at 358-4474 to let us know. There are many ways you can participate.

The vestry continues to work on the building improvement projects. We hope to finalize the bids for the heating/air conditioning and roof project in the next month. This is a project that we would like to complete before winter. Another project is replacing the concrete at the north entrance with paver stones as in the memorial garden. A generous gift for half the cost of this project has been received. Please prayerfully consider a contribution for its completion.

Margaret Bouzek, Senior Warden



## So wonderful to be part of St. Paul's! from Fr. Rick...

It is so wonderful to be part of your vibrant ministry here in Sparks! Although arriving due to sad circumstances, I appreciate how warmly you all have welcomed me.

I have contributed to your Food Pantry for many years, but I did not realize what an incredible, extensive ministry it was until my first week here. I finished a meeting early and thought I could help out and get to know how it works. Especially in the summer, folks who work at the Food Pantry deserve extra appreciation — it is tough work in the heat.

Meeting the folks who come to our doors was both heartbreaking and heartwarming. It was astonishing to see the double line of cars stretching out onto 12<sup>th</sup> St. I was later told this was a “light” day. At the same time, it was heartwarming to see both the gratitude of the folks receiving food and kindness of the volunteers who treated everyone with such respect.

I am so grateful to be allowed to journey with you over these three months!

Rick Millsap +  
Assisting Priest

### **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](mailto:TCFPVolunteers@gmail.com)



### **The Community Food Pantry**

COVID moved our distribution to a drive-thru we can serve more efficiently. Rain or Shine, Blistering Hot or Freezing Cold, our volunteers serve this community with dignity and respect. So far, these dedicated volunteers have helped 15,660 people, this is 1020 more people over the same time last year. We are on pace to feed more than 30,000 people this year. Like most of us, our fixed clients are struggling to find their recovery in these wearisome times.

Our mobile program serving Seniors 60+ is now running on Saturdays and Tuesdays, serving three additional sites. COVID was and continues to be a challenging time for this population. The isolation brings this population additional stress. We recently had a donation of 4 Teddy Bears, and they were handed out to the seniors. John, the receipt of one of the bears, was so grateful. He is a cancer patient and said that with this bear, he will always have a companion. We were happy that we could brighten his day.

If you would like to volunteer, we have plenty of opportunities, email [tcfpvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:tcfpvolunteers@gmail.com) and we will be happy to send you some information. Or you can email or call me anytime. [Bmonroy0216@gmail.com](mailto:Bmonroy0216@gmail.com) or 775-829-8399/775-742-4856

Thank you for your support of The Community Food Pantry.

### **Empty Bowls 2021**

Empty Bowls 2021 Year 13!

This is a lucky year!

We will be back in person for this event, but it will also be virtual so you can come and enjoy a meal, bid on bowls, and raffle and silent auction items. Or partake virtually and still support the Community Food Pantry.



**When:** Saturday September 25, 2021 5-8pm

**Where:** Boys and Girls Club 1300 Foster Drive, Reno

**Tickets:** \$45 (will be available soon on Eventbrite watch for a link)

Bowls can be painted until September 10, 2021 @The Playful Potter, 1351 E Prater Way #109, Sparks Nevada (775-356-5811.) Studio hours are:

Wednesday - Friday: 1:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday - Sunday: 11:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday: 11:00pm-6:00pm

Cost to Paint a bowl \$11 (no studio fee)  
Please continue to watch the Epistle and Bulletins for further announcements. Thank you for supporting The Community Food Pantry

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## MISSING! Lg Stainless Steel Bowls

Please check your kitchen cupboards for large stainless steel bowls from the church kitchen. We noticed that we only have one of the bowls we use for church events.

Thank you!



## Church School Opens Soon

**Greetings to my St. Paul's Family!**

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Nancy Lightfoot. I have attended St. Paul's since I was in 4th grade...oh,

let's see, that would be about 45 years now! I have worked with many ministries at St. Paul's, but by far the most satisfying is my time in the Christian Education ministry with church school! I have held the role as the church school coordinator for almost 10 years. It's wonderful working with the littles and some not so littles! It's amazing what they pick up during

the lessons and it always surprises me when they answer questions when you think they aren't listening!

Sadly, we have not held church school since mid-March of 2020 due to COVID and we didn't try Zoom because so many kids were already doing that for school. We are gearing up to once again start church school in September. Our lessons are based on the Episcopal Lesson Plans that Work program because it follows the church year calendar. We leave it up to our teachers to decide if they want to use a different appropriate lesson and craft each Sunday.

In order for us to make plans for classes this year, we need to have parents of children from Kindergarten age to 6th grade fill out a registration form. This form will be available in paper form in the narthex or on the St. Paul's website ( [stpaulssparks.org](http://stpaulssparks.org) ) under *Programs > Sunday School*. Once you register your children, please make every effort to bring them regularly so they are also getting their lessons on a regular basis. We know that other activities sometimes take precedence. I have had some parents tell me that their kids have missed church school this last year and that makes our lesson planning each week all worthwhile!

Thank you for sharing your children with us and we hope to see you all in September!

In Christ's Love,  
*Nancy*

## Acolyte Ministry needs you!

When I started coming to St. Paul's in 2005, I found a great home for my spirituality to grow. My son was asking questions, as he had started parochial school, I had made a trip to Israel, and I was ready. I found my home.

Through the years I have worn many hats in differing ministries within St. Paul's and have grown and learned so much. Now I find myself

starting a new role in one of the ministries that found a few years ago that filled a calling. I have moved into the role of Acolyte Master. I love assisting at the altar and performing those duties. I also have an appreciation for youth and have been a mentor in various organizations for many years. Positive attitude mixed with listening, and willingness to learn have done me well in many leadership roles and should do me well here.



Now that we are opening up again, we have a need for more acolytes, torch bearers and crucifers. I envision a ministry of family, youth and adult working together to assist with service at the altar in St. Paul's. I will be working at growing this ministry back up after a long sleep due to Covid. If you feel a calling, contact me. If you are unsure about your skills, no worries we train and we make mistakes and we have fun doing it!

John Hannah [jhannah.church@mymail775.net](mailto:jhannah.church@mymail775.net)

## Transition Committee News

The four candidates to be the next Bishop of Nevada will begin their journey around the state on July 10th! Their weeklong trip starts in Las Vegas and takes them through Tonopah to Ely and Elko and then west to Carson City via the Central Mission District. After that, they visit Trinity Cathedral before closing their week in Nevada here at St. Paul's on Friday, July 16th.

You are all invited to a Q&A with the candidates followed by choral evensong starting at 7 PM that evening. The event will also be available online. A link to register will be sent out via e-mail closer to the 16th. Please direct any questions to the vestry or e-mail Daniel V. at [cdu4ever@aol.com](mailto:cdu4ever@aol.com).

Learn more about the candidates and their route through Nevada <https://www.episcopalnevada.org/Ministries/candidates-for-11th-bishop.html>. Please also join us in continuing to pray that the Holy Spirit guides our Bishop candidates, the Standing and Transition Committees, and the electing delegates at October's convention as the selection process moves forward.

*Welcome to summer  
at St. Paul's!*

