



November

ST. PAUL'S
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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. Sundays

In-Person and on Zoom

Masks are now required for all attending the in-person services.

Details at www.StPaulsSparks.org.

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

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



Zoom or In the Pew

Zoom has held us together when we could not gather in person. It was a real God send.

Zoom continues to allow people who can't come to the building a chance to worship and be part of the community. Amen!

Zoom also allows the unvaccinated a chance to gather for worship. Cool!

Now what's the downside to Zoom?

Well...some of you have told me that you are having a hard time breaking away from wearing your jammies to church...and by what I mean by wearing them to church is, sitting on your couch on Sundays in front of the computer sipping your coffee and playing with your cat/dog.

Now, I know there are days that Zoom is the best you can do, but it's getting close to being time for you to take a shower, put on some clothes, and actually show up at St. Paul's.

If you are eating in restaurants, then you can come to church in person. Are you going out in public places on a regular basis? Then you can probably come to in person worship.

I'm NOT the Zoom police, nor am I shaming you...but we miss you. (and I agree, wearing a mask in church sucks)

Come back soon. We really do miss you.

However.....if you don't yet feel safe, or you feel sick, Sunday Morning Zoom is the place for you!

Kirk⁺

Day Light Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends Saturday night on November 6th. Set those clocks back an hour before you go to bed!

Sr. Warden Report

Happy November!

There are many things going on this month! First, the **North Entry** project is almost complete, thank you to our donors!

Second, there is a **Craft Fair** scheduled on November 13. Please tell your family and friends and come find some wonderful handmade gifts.

Third, **Thanksgiving**. I think that says it all :)

Fourth, **Advent** which means Christmas will be here before we know it.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your participation and support of the ministries and programs here at St. Paul's. Please prayerfully consider joining one of the ongoing ministries particularly Altar Guild and Ushers.

We will be concluding the pledge campaign this month as well. We are all blessed by the gifts we share. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Craft Fair!



Daughters of the King are sponsoring a Craft Fair at the church from 8:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **November 13th** in the parish hall.

Come and finish your seasonal shopping and find that perfect gift for someone special or a find a treat for yourself. Everyone loves hand-made, hand-crafted goodies!

The Daughters of the King meet on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 in the choir room. Interested women are invited to attend.

Prayers and Squares

Prayers and Squares meet on the 4th Saturday of the month in the parish hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please join us.

So far this year we have given out **50** quilts.

Thank you,
Prayers and Squares Team

St. Paul's Blood Drive

Mark your calendar! St. Paul's will host a Vitalent Blood Drive on **November 28th**!

Give the source of life! Right now we are looking at the hours of operation on Sunday, November 28th will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but those hours could change.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks *Funding the Mission October 2021*

Operating receipts for the 3rd quarter totaled \$54,348 and operating expenses totaled \$65,888. This gave us an operating deficit for the quarter of \$11,540 which exceeded the budget's predicted deficit of \$2,942 by \$8,598. It is typical for us to see a downturn in receipts over the summer, although this was larger than usual. However, prepaid pledges and strong giving in the first two quarters easily filled this gap. Looking at the first 9 months of the year paints a better picture. Our operating receipts for the first three quarters totaled \$217,638 and operating expenses totaled \$199,003. This gives us an \$18,635 surplus through September 30, 2021.

As we finish out the year, I expect this cumulative surplus to continue to shrink as our expenses should again exceed receipts. However, I am quite confident that we will still end the year with a significant surplus and beat the budget's prediction of a \$1,400 deficit.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex.

You can direct questions personally to myself (Roger Towne) or to any Vestry member or contact me by email at

Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org

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

North Entry Project in November

The north entry is coming along nicely and will soon be complete. Upon the recommendation of the project committee, the vestry approved adding the most northern sidewalk into the project. This is an added expense, but will be worth it. If you have been planning on making a special donation to this project, this would be the time, just indicate on the donation that it is for the "north entry project". Thank you!

Church Ministries need you!



There are several ministries that support St. Paul's. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. We always need people to assist on Sunday Services.

If you are interested in becoming a **Lector** (reading of the lessons & prayers of the people), **Acolyte** (Torch Bearer or Crucifer) **Altar Guild** (preparing the church table and Altar for Sunday Service). Other ministries include, **Prayers & Squares**, (You don't need to know how to sew in order to help), **Laundry Love**, (helping at the Laundromat or donating funds to pay for washers or dryers, soap & fabric softener). **Helping Hands**, Helping Hands help the families if there is an extreme situation that would require us to reach out with a helping hand. They prepare meals/items, help deliver them or donate funds to purchase the items that are needed at the time.

Thanksgiving Lunch

After some wrestling and soul searching, it has been decided NOT to have a Thanksgiving lunch at St. Paul's this year. If you know someone is at home alone and you both are vaccinated, this would be a great time to invite them over to your place and share a meal.

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

Funeral for Patty Allen: Dec. 3rd

We will gather at St. Paul's on December 3rd at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the life of Patty Allen. Please join us if you are able.

Hello from Daughters of the King!

Hopefully you have noticed that we have begun having coffee hour in the fellowship hall after morning services. This is an awesome time to catch up with one another, enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie, and greet our guests. But we need your help to set up and take down each week. We need people who are willing to set out the cookies, make the coffee, put out the water, and set up a few tables, then a few people willing to run the cups through the dishwasher, wash out the coffee maker, take down the tables and put away left-over cookies. If we divide and conquer, you only need to commit to one Sunday a month, or even set up or clean up one Sunday a month. Please contact Margaret B or Connie P if you are willing to help out. Donations of cookies are always welcome.

In other DOK news, women of St. Paul's, we meet the first and third Saturday of each month in the choir room for our DOK meeting, from 9:00 a.m to 10:30 a.m. We are currently doing a study of the Women of the New Testament.

And finally, a reminder that we have our craft fair coming soon: November 13 from 8:00 to 2:00. Park at the back side of the church please.

2022 Stewardship Campaign

*Three important things to know. [Click Here.](#) (online edition)

*Who are we? Why Be Involved? How to Help. [Click Here.](#) (online edition)

*Take a moment to read a letter from our Rector. [Click Here.](#) (online edition)

*Make your 2022 Financial Pledge to St. Paul's.

It's easy with this online pledge card. [Click Here.](#) (online edition)

Thank you for your support of God's work at our church.

Note: NO OFFERING ENVELOPES For those who typically request special weekly offering envelopes, there will not be any this year. The minimum order we have to purchase is 25 boxes and we have only issued a small amount over the past few years. Please use the generic envelopes on the pews, or contact Robin@StPaulsSparks.org to make other arrangements. Thank you.

