



February

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. In-person and on Zoom
Blended Holy Communion Service

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



Lent is almost here!

What are you doing that takes away from your daily awareness of God in your life? How about doing those things less, or stopping all together?

What can you do in your life that will enhance your daily awareness of God in your life?

How about you read one chapter a day in the Gospels? Pick one and go for it.

How about taking a short walk each day and while doing so, identify one or two things that are pretty?

How about talking less and listening more?

How about being less judgmental and being more curious instead?

Find the right things for you, but don't waste the holy opportunity of Lent. It's a gift.

Kirk

Senior Warden's Report

We will have had our annual meeting by the time you read the Epistle. The vestry will have welcomed 3 new members. Tia Mittelstadt and John Hannah retired after each serving 2 three year terms on the vestry. I wish to thank them for their years of service to St. Paul's. The vestry will hold a retreat in early March to develop plans for the coming year.

We begin the season of Lent this month. We will have a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21. Please look for the announcement. There will also be our traditional Ash Wednesday services.

We also will be having a special celebration of the ministry of Linda Smith, one of our deacons. Linda has decided that she will retire from her ministry. We will have a celebration of her dedicated service on February 19th. Please watch for further information closer to that date.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

2022 Tax Giving Statements

The 2022 tax statements have been emailed. If we don't have an email address for you, then it has been mailed. If you did not receive your statement by email, or if you need a hard copy, please notify Robin at 775-358-4474.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please join us on February 21st between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for our annual pancake supper. The vestry will be preparing and serving the pancakes and accompanying eggs, sausage and bacon as well as coffee, juice and milk. A suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.



Did you ever wonder how this tradition started? Pancake suppers were a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22nd 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent! Come and join us.



Lent Book Study Begins Feb. 26th

What: Looking for God in Messy Places: A Book About Hope by Jake Owensby

When: Sundays, February 26th - March 26th

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Choir Room or other location

Cost: Under \$20 from online dealers

Review: "For any who feel frustrated and world-weary, and who want more than just wishful thinking or superficial spirituality, this book is for you! In these pages, my friend Jake Owensby poignantly shows how LOVE is what can truly give us hope to carry on: real love, God's love for us, our love for each other, right here, right now in all the struggles of this messy life. And God knows, we need this book NOW!"

—Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church"

Unfinished Objects Days (UFO Days)

UFO (UnFinished Objects) Days are coming February 13, 14, and 15 with setup on the 12th. There are still a few openings. Bring your favorite crafts and finish those unfinished projects in a fun environment while raising money for the parking lot. Send Linda Kennedy a \$100 check made out to the church with your email address and phone number to 5960 Grass Valley Rd, Reno, NV 89510 right away to reserve your spot.

UFO Raffle Prizes Needed

Prizes are needed for the raffle baskets for UFO Days coming up in just a few weeks. If you have anything you would like to regift leave it in the office or in the blue box in the narthex. We need donations by Sunday, February 5. Wine, candy, candles, coffee, tea, gift cards, leftover Christmas presents are just a few suggestions of things that are always welcome. The proceeds from the raffle go to the parking lot project.

St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to Robin at church or Rita at honda07rita@gmail.com or 775-971-4775.

Prayer requests for your special people will be on for about 2 months, unless you need a longer date. Your special people will be lifted to our Lord each day. Thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your special people.

Altar Guild

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Altar Guild Team. If you are interested, please contact either Sue Schultz at 775-626-5814 or the church office at 775-358-4474. Training is provided.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

We hope you will join us at our next meeting in the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday, February 26th. Contact Linda Kennedy or Margaret Bouzek if you have any questions. margaret.bouzek@gmail.com
linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will be having their New Members Study Day on February 18th from 9:00-12:00 with a lunch afterward. If you are interested, or curious, about what Daughters of the King is all about, please call Connie Patterson (775)771-1264 for more information.

Friday Bible Study

Come and join Fr. Kirk on Friday mornings from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We are currently studying the Sunday Gospel lesson for the week.

Laundry Love

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 we 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.



EYC Collecting for Blessing Bags

The EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will be collecting items for "Blessing Bags", and we need your help! A blessing bag is a Ziplock bag stocked with food, toiletries, and other items one might need while living on the street. Tags with suggested donation items will be on a tree in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, February 5**. You can pick a tag and then bring your donation back to the church by the deadline of **Sunday, February 26**.

Toiletries should be travel or hotel sized, and food items should be in small, individually wrapped packages. The point is for them to fit into a gallon sized Ziplock bag.

Some of items that will be listed on the tags are: gallon sized Ziplock bags, granola bars,

cereal bars, snack crackers, small peanut butter packets, small beef jerky packets, small almond packets, small boxes of raisins, applesauce or fruit cups/pouches, juice boxes/pouches, packets of trail mix, gum, small and regular sized bottled water, pop top meat or sausages, hand sanitizer bottles or wipes, baby wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, wash cloths, shampoo, lotion, combs, nail clippers, deodorant, socks, lip balm and travel sized tissues.

St. Paul's Girls Weekend

Save the Dates: April 28-30

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2023 will be held **Friday, April 28, Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 at Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe.**

Who: Women of all ages and their friends are invited.

When: Friday, April 28-Sunday, April 30

Where: Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Why: Come enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe, walk on the beach (the camp is steps from Lake Tahoe), get to know other women from our church, eat delicious food, have great conversations, play games, watch movies, enjoy an art project or two, go to South Lake Tahoe to shop or see a movie, and relax!

Price: \$172 per person plus \$3 suggested donation for program and project materials. Payment due before the event.

The weekend will begin with dinner on Friday night. Everyone attending will contribute a food item for Friday dinner. All meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday are included and prepared by Camp Galilee staff.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, you can call or email Tia Mittelstadt at tia.mittel@gmail.com or 775-722-3329; Sheri McLaughlin at 775-412-1506 or justinandsheri@sbcglobal.net or Erin Anderson at erin@trinity-ai.com or 775-250-2699. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and please note for SPGW 2023 on the memo line. Hope to see you there!

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Calendar at a Glance

Feb 05, Sunday 10 a.m. worship

Feb 12, Sunday 10 a.m. worship

Feb 13, UFO Begins

Feb 19, Sunday 10 a.m. worship

Feb 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5 p.m.

Feb 22, Ash Wednesday Services
(12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

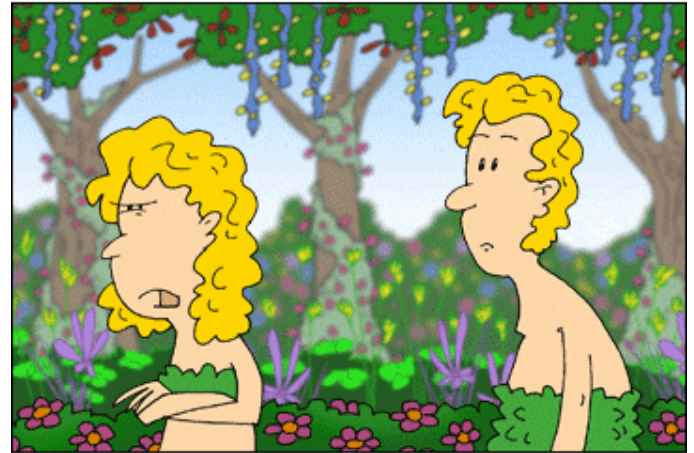
Feb 23, Laundry Love

Feb 26, Sunday 10 a.m. worship

Feb 26, Prayers and Squares 11:30 a.m.

Feb 26, 12 p.m. Sunday Book Study Begins

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