



April

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...



Easter...But Wait!

Everyone loves Easter, me included. It is that day that Jesus conquers death. Is there anything better?

Easter is the biggest day in our church season and an important day to celebrate on our faith journey.....But Wait! There is no Easter without the journey of Holy Week.

Please don't cut yourself short by skipping to the end of the chapter, or the end of the book. Experience the whole journey from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, from light into darkness of Tenebrae, the last supper, foot washing, and stripping of the altar of Maundy Thursday, and Jesus' Passion and death on Good Friday. There is no Easter without the hard stuff. Embrace it.

Kirk

What is Holy Week?

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5th

Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

(In-person worship only)

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing

Good Friday, April 7th

12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(In-person worship only)

Good Friday, April 7th

6:00 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 8th

8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

(In-person worship only)

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m.

Followed by an Egg Hunt

Easter Candy for the Egg Hunt

Candy Donations Needed by Palm Sunday, April 2nd for Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 9th, immediately following the 10 AM service in the Garden. Children ages toddler through 5th grade are invited to participate. The EYC (youth) will be filling plastic Easter eggs on Sunday, April 2. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church by April 2. Plastic Easter Eggs are also needed. A bin for the candy and egg donations will be in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Tia or Jon Mittelstadt. Thank You!!

Easter Egg Hunt

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Easter Sunday, April 9

Time: Directly After the 10 AM
Worship Service

Where: In the Garden

Ages: Toddler through 5th Grade

Senior Warden's Report

Happy Easter Season!

And I think we may actually be seeing some spring like weather!

I hope you all had the chance to participate in meaningful worship during Lent and Holy Week.

And some things to look forward to:

St. Paul's Girls Weekend at Camp Galilee April 28-30

Episcopal Women of Nevada Tea on May 6 beginning at noon at St. Paul's. Cost is \$20 per person payable at the door.

Please contact me to reserve your spot:
margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Episcopal Night at the Aces on June 6

Peace,
Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Training for Eucharistic Visitors

Sat., April 1, 9:00 AM – Noon

Making sure no one is left out of the Eucharistic Feast is rooted in ancient Christian practice. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to people usually once a month who



are unable to attend church. St. Paul's will be hosting a training for Eucharistic Visitors for our congregation and folks at other churches in the north who have approval by their rectors. It will be facilitated by Rev. Rick Millsap and held Saturday morning, April 1, from 9:00 AM to Noon. There is no cost for the class.

This ministry requires discernment with Fr. Kirk and this half-day class gets you licensed by the Diocese. Participants must also have their Safe Church training up-to-date (a simple online training course.) If you feel called to this ministry, go to <https://bit.ly/evtrainstpauls> to and fill out the form to express your interest to Fr. Kirk, or you can call the office at 775-358-4474.

Eucharistic Visitor Refresher

Saturday, June 3, 2023

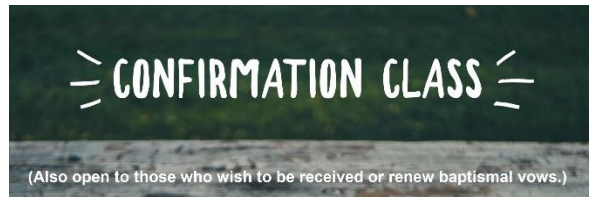
St. Paul's, Sparks 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

This is a refresher course for folks who have already had experience as Eucharistic Visitors, and usually have already been licensed as EVs by the Diocese of Nevada and need to renew that license.

Share your interest in taking this class by contacting Rick Millsap. Please be sure to tell the rector of your home church of your interest in being/continuing as an EV since she/he would be the one to submit your license application.

If you have any questions, you can contact the facilitator of this class, the Rev. Rick Millsap, at RMTrinity@Gmail.com.

Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirm



Confirmation Classes — Sundays at Noon, Apr. 16, 23, 30, & May 7

(Also open to those who wish to be received or renew baptismal vows.)

Confirmation classes will be taught by Rev. Rick at noon after Sunday worship for four weeks beginning the Sunday after Easter (Apr. 16 – May 7.) This class is for ages 16 through adult. Those who wish to be received by the Episcopal Church, and those who wish to renew their Baptismal Vows may also attend. Participants will be confirmed, received, or renew their Baptismal Vows when the Bishop visits St. Paul's on June 18. **Please talk with Fr. Kirk or contact our office at (775) 358-4474 if you wish to attend.**

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which we "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop (such as in the Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox traditions) are expected to attend these classes and make this mature public affirmation of their faith.

Adults baptized with the laying on of hands by a bishop are considered to be confirmed but are "received" (formally welcomed and prayed for) by our Bishop. Confirmed adults sometimes feel the need to renew their Baptismal Vows to recommit themselves to their faith.

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.

St. Paul's Girls Weekend

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!

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.

Recovery Group at St. Paul's

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

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.

St. Paul's Assisted Living Ministry

Park Place is an assisted living home located off McCarran Blvd just west of Rancho San Rafael. Since last March a small group has been taking a simple ecumenical service to the interested residents at the facility on a weekly basis. Our ministry consists of the service itself, a short visiting time, and individual blessings to those participants who are interested. We then visit a few residents who are bedridden but have asked for a short visit and a blessing. Can you imagine there are times when we are the only visitors they see that week? The small group carrying out this ministry has decreased recently. In order to keep the outreach active, we need additional members. We are looking for folks with a good heart, a slow tongue and patience with the elderly. Our visitation time is Monday from 2pm - 3pm. If you are interested or have questions please contact Robin Towne at 775-432-8574.

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.

Easter Flower Dedications

Since flowers are not used during the Lenten season, the contributions received during this time will be used for the purchase of the flowers that decorate our altar at Easter. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones and to give thanks for God's blessings. Look for the poster in the narthex. Deadlines for the Easter Flower dedications will be April 5th at noon. Email to office@StPaulsSparks.org

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE ACES

Tuesday, June 6th

6:35 PM

Cost = \$15

Bring your mitt and join St. Paul's, Trinity Cathedral, and others



from the Northern Mission District for the Aces vs. Tacoma Rainiers. It's also Taco Tuesday that night!

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, May 28th. See Daniel at church or e-mail cdu4ever@aol.com. Play ball!

St. Paul's Vestry Members

Margaret Bouzek, Sr. Warden

Tim Miller, Jr. Warden

Mary Lynch

Daniel Villanueva

Connie Swain

Kathie Dixon

Jeannine Funk

The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish. Vestry members are usually elected at the annual parish meeting. The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. There are usually two wardens. The senior warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the rector. The junior warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A treasurer and a secretary or clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select

the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.

Calendar at a Glance

Apr 01, 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Visitor Training

Apr 02, Holy Week Begins

Apr 02, Palm Sunday

Apr 05, Easter Flower Dedications Due, Noon

Apr 06, Maundy Thursday

Apr 07, Good Friday

Apr 08, Holy Saturday

Apr 09, Easter Day

Apr. 16, 23, 30, & May 7 Confirmation Classes

Apr. 28 St. Paul's Girls Weekend

Sharing Our Space

Did you know that St. Paul's donates our parish hall to the non-profit organization Biker's Against Child Abuse for their monthly meeting?



Here is their mission statement: "Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle."

Sharing space at St. Paul's is a way to share the Gospel and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

What is Holy Week?

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Pilgrims to the holy city worshipped as they followed the path of Jesus in his last days. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Tenebrae (Wednesday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Palm Sunday

The Sunday before Easter at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is recalled. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria in about 381-384. During this observance there was a procession of people down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. The people waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. The liturgy of the palms is the entrance rite for the service. The congregation may gather at a place apart from the church and process to the church after the blessing of the branches of palm.

Tenebrae (Wednesday evening)

This form of the monastic office (matins and lauds) moves from light and darkness and is structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. The distinctive ceremonial of Tenebrae includes use of fifteen lighted candles. One candle is extinguished as each of the fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm but it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise is made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph.

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday in Holy Week. It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "new commandment," from Jn 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." The liturgy for Maundy Thursday provides for celebration of the eucharist and a ceremony of the washing of feet. Following this, the altar is stripped, and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

Good Friday

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. The liturgy includes the reading of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross). The eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday

The Saturday after Good Friday, which recalls the day when the crucified Christ visited among the dead while his body lay in the tomb. It is also a day that we reflect on what it would be like if Jesus was not resurrected. There is a short simple liturgy with collects and readings.

Easter Vigil or Great Vigil

The liturgy intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter and consists of four parts: The Service of Light; The Service of Lessons; Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist.

Easter Day

The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. 1) Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief.