



# May

## 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...



### Transitions

As you will see below, Robin says goodbye and Kayelynn says hello. Transitions are rarely easy, but Robin and Kayelynn have worked so well together over the last few weeks that this change in staff will be smoother than I could have imagined.

We all have transitions in our lives, some smaller and some larger. I have come to believe that the perceived size of the transition is not what leads to its success. What leads to success is our approach to it. Do we resist the transition and get lost in the discomfort of the change, or do we lean in and embrace the change as an opportunity to learn, grow, and find connections in new ways?

I will miss my daily interactions with Robin...what a transition it will be for me after having her by my side for 14 years.

I will lean into the new opportunities that Kayelynn brings to my life and the life of St. Paul's. I invite you, as a parish, to lean in with me, as we learn, grow, and find connections in new ways.

I also invite you to join us for worship and coffee hour on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Robin's contributions to St. Paul's and lift her up as she leans into her transitions to come.

### Robin's Goodbye

Dear St. Paul's Family,

With both regret and excitement I must say farewell. I have turned the baton over to a very capable young lady and put my trust in Kayelynn to take perfect care of the church office, Kirk and all of you.

It's time for the next chapter of my book of life. Never did I imagine spending the last 14 years in such a wonderful place – it was my escape in times of need and the perfect challenge with what the “church” world can bring. It kept me young at heart – but now that I have reached “old” enough, I am working on purging my closets and garage. I am sure I will wonder what on earth was I thinking and will be

begging for my job back to have less physical exhausting labor.

I could write a book about the experiences I've had here at St. Paul's, but ... I won't. I have enjoyed working here and will miss all of you, especially working with Kirk. I promise to check in occasionally and will pop onto Zoom on Sundays from time to time. Please take care and keep in touch with your faith.

The Church Elf,  
Robin aka Dobby

### Kayelynn's Hello

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new church office administrator. I have been training with Robin for the past couple of weeks and we have gotten along amazingly, and I have felt so welcome during my training and introduction period. My name is Kayelynn Ogden. I am a Native Nevadan and have lived in Reno since 2003. I have two amazing kids and three incredible grandchildren. I am an avid reader, lover of American History, and eccentric coffee drinker. I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to meeting all of you.

### Senior Warden's Report

Hi everyone,

I believe spring has finally sprung!

I have been busy cleaning up the yard and admiring the spring flowers that are blooming so nicely.

There are lots of activities in the month of May: Episcopal Women of Nevada Tea on May 6 beginning at noon. Please contact me with your reservation at [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com)

Farewell recognition for Robin Diehl our church secretary on May 7 following the Sunday service.

Pentecost Service is May 28. In celebration we hope to have the service outside and please wear red, orange or yellow!

Coming in June we will have our annual “Homecoming” visit by Bishop Elizabeth on June 18.

Thanks to you all for everything you do!  
Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## 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. If you want to join this refresher class, sign-up here.



<https://bit.ly/evrefreshstpauls>

If you have any questions, you can contact the facilitator of this class, the Rev. Rick Millsap, at [RMTrinity@Gmail.com](mailto:RMTrinity@Gmail.com).

## Friday Bible Study on Zoom

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. If you would like to join the bible study on **ZOOM**, first email [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) so you can receive the scriptures for the day and then join by using this link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365786953?pwd=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVxbSs0d3NaOFIUT09>

## 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.

## Concert: May 21, 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's will be hosting a ClassicPlay concert on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM. This concert will feature Penguin Box Percussion, Soft Serve Sundae Barbershop Quartet, pianist Brittney Kirk, and the hysterical MC Ben Gallagher himself!



This is a Free concert, donations welcome!

## 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 be sealed in special Laundry Love envelopes and placed in the offering plate.**



If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at [LSD4764@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:cdu4ever@aol.com). Play ball!

## Garden and Grounds Committee

We need help overseeing the landscaping around the church and Memorial Garden.

If you would like to have a voice in helping make decisions about the upkeep of the Garden and Grounds, please email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

## 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.

## Sharing Our Space

Did you know that St. Paul's offers the use of the parish hall each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to Al-Anon?

Al-Anon is a fellowship of people who have been affected by the alcohol abuse of a loved one. We meet regularly in small groups to absorb the strength and hope of others who have lived with alcoholism. We learn from the experience of others who have lived in similar situations.

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



## ST. PAUL'S MEN'S RETREAT

**What:** 3 days, 2 nights, 5 great meals, sun, fellowship, kayaking, tall tales, games, hiking, reading, more tall tales, whatever...it's your weekend.

**Where:** Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center on the shore of Lake Tahoe. (Frensdorff Lodge if you know the camp.)

**When:** From Friday afternoon August 25 to Sunday August 27

**Cost:** \$188.00

That seems like a long way in the future, but we need to make a commitment to guarantee our spot. If you have an interest or any questions, contact Dick Stufflebeam thru the church office (or Deacon Mike, or Father Kirk). A "maybe I'm interested" response helps us.

In love and faith,  
Dick

## UNITED THANK OFFERING MAY 7 - NOVEMBER 5



In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude, and from this, our modern day United Thank Offering (UTO) was born. Today, UTO members, through their daily personal spiritual discipline of gratitude,

continue to make thank offerings, and every penny given in thanksgiving is then giving away in grant funding to missions and ministries seeking to live Jesus' way of love. UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. More than 5,300 grants have been awarded thus far by UTO (for a total of \$140 million) to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and the Anglican communion.

St. Paul's Campaign will begin May 7 and May 14 with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday on November 5. The UTO Blue Box offers each and every one of St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express their Gratitude for blessings large or small. By placing pennies, dimes, dollars in the Box we thank God for the blessings in our lives: a loved one's birthday, a sunny day or a rainy one, a new job, for healing, or just for being. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-747-4485.

Blessings,  
Kathie Dixon  
UTO

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**May 28th: 10:00 a.m.**

This special Pentecost celebration is held outside if the weather permits.

We encourage everyone to wear lots of red, which is the color of the Holy Spirit.

**We will need some extra set-up helpers that morning.**

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Kirk 775-358-4474 [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

## **Episcopal Women of Nevada**

### **Annual Spring Tea**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**12:00-2:00 pm**

Traditional English tea will be served. There will be raffle items and awards for best hat and best table. Cost for tea is \$20 payable at the door.

Reservations made by contacting:

Margaret Bouzek (775) 232-4712 or [Margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.bouzek@gmail.com)



Please join us to shower Alissa and Adam as they prepare to welcome their baby girl!

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 am**

**St. Paul's Parish Hall**

**1135 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Sparks, NV 89431**

Please RSVP to Linda Devon  
Text/call 775-750-4029 or  
email [LSD4764@hotmail.com](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com)

**Gift registry: [babylist.com](http://babylist.com)**

**Search: Alissa and Adam**

**Teachout**



## **Calendar at a Glance**

May 06, Episcopal Women of Nevada Tea  
May 07, 11am Robin's Retirement Celebration  
May 08, 6pm Vestry Meeting  
May 21, 10am Dean Jeff Paul's Annual Visit  
May 21, Concert in the Nave  
May 25, 4:30pm Men at Blvd. Pizza  
May 25, 6pm Laundry Love  
May 28, 10am Pentecost Sunday  
May 28, 10am Senior Graduation Sunday  
May 29, Memorial Day, Office Closed