



# February

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



When I was in High School my science teacher encouraged me to take an upper-level science class. I didn't want to. I was not planning on going to college and I just wanted to graduate...give the path of least resistance!

Against what I thought was my better judgement, I took the class. Except for the dissecting part of the class, I found the coursework to be very hard, but I passed. The next semester, that same science teacher needed to be out of class one afternoon and there was no substitute. He asked me to teach his class. Once again, against what I thought was my better judgment, I agreed to his request. It was a dissection day, and my afternoon was successful.

My science teacher saw in me things I could not see in myself. Thank you, Mr. Lackey! I am forever grateful.

Who was it that helped you see something you could not see in yourself?

*Kirk*

## Sr. Warden Report

The lesson we heard earlier this month has been resonating in my mind. I Corinthians 12: 12-31. The body of the church is composed like the human body. Each person in the body of the church has an important role, just like each part of the human body is needed. Each person is indispensable like each part of the human body. I am paraphrasing beginning at verse 27; Now, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators and those who speak in tongues. Not everyone possesses each gift but working together we are the body of Christ.

Which role do you fill? Could you be a lector? an usher? a member of altar guild? singer in the choir? Sunday School teacher? Adult education leader? one who brings a new person to church? greeter? office helper? vestry member? Each one of you was given a gift by God. Pray about the revelation of that gift so you may be enriched by your giving.

Lastly, I will begin chemotherapy soon. During this time, I will need to avoid contact with large groups of people. I will lose my hair. I may suffer other side effects of the drugs I will be given. Therefore, I will not attend church until my therapy is completed in 3 months. There are many roles at church that need to be filled by my absence. Please prayerfully consider where you can help. Thank you to everyone for your love and support. It makes this stressful time in my life bearable.

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## UPDATED: Worship Information

**Zoom Only Worship February 6<sup>th</sup>.** We will return to our 10:00 a.m. hybrid **In-person and Zoom service on February 13<sup>th</sup>.** The infection rates are well below the levels they were when we had to return to Zoom only and the expectation is that they will continue to fall.

### Here is what we need from you.

Masks are required for all attending in-person.

If you have any cold, flu, or out of the ordinary allergy systems, please join us on Zoom.

If you know you have been exposed to someone with Covid in the past week, please join us on Zoom, even if you don't have symptoms.

If you have health concerns that make you more susceptible to catching Covid, please continue to join us on Zoom at this time.

If you are unvaccinated, please consider joining us on Zoom at this time.

If you would like Holy Communion for Zoom worship, please call the church 775-358-4474. Weekly details are found under the worship tab at [www.StPaulsSparks.org](http://www.StPaulsSparks.org).

## 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.

Thank you,  
Prayers and Squares Team

## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The pantry needs help! Are you able?

Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00

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)

## An Invitation From Deacon Mike

Watching birds the other day I spotted a bird I assumed was a sparrow of some type. But Donna said that does not look right, so I looked a little closer. The bird was a female Red Wing Black Bird, a brown striped bird that looks like a large sparrow. My snap assumption was wrong.

How often are our assumptions wrong about people? We have many assumptions that have developed over our lifetimes and experiences don't we? Have we looked to see where these assumptions that we call facts come from? Perhaps they originate from our friends and families, perhaps from movies or TV. If Christ calls us to love all people, shouldn't we change our assumptions about them?

St Paul's is going to sponsor another Sacred Ground circle starting soon. Sacred Ground is a program written by the National Episcopal Church looking at race in our society. The program will challenge our assumptions and perhaps open our hearts to all of God's Children.

Please take the time to watch this short video, "We Bless You" to get a better understanding as to importance of you joining the Sacred Ground Circle at St. Paul's. This link will take you to the video. <https://youtu.be/v5NuEBilvAE>

If you have questions, please contact Fr Kirk, or the facilitators Mike Margerum 775-229-2695; [mgoodmarge@gmail.com](mailto:mgoodmarge@gmail.com) and Robin Towne [robinatowne@yahoo.com](mailto:robinatowne@yahoo.com).

We are hopeful you will join us.

Deacon Mike Margerum

## February Book/Scripture Study

Our new book/scripture study will begin on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The book is: *Lives of Unforgetting: What We Lose in Translation When We Read the Bible, and A Way of Reading the Bible as a Call to Adventure* by Stant Litore.

As of today, we are still planning on this group to meet in person, socially distanced in the Parish Hall, wearing masks. The Covid infection rates are falling, but take note that if we need to meet via Zoom, we will do that.

Please let us know if you are interested. [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org)

## St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2022

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2022 is scheduled. Please add to your calendars and save the dates Friday, April 29 through Sunday May 1, 2022. Two nights at Camp Galilee, arriving Friday afternoon and leaving Sunday noon, before lunch, Friday night meal to be provided by those attending and all other meals provided by Camp Galilee staff. Cost \$165 per person. We were able to reserve the same cost as 2020 before the Corona Virus pandemic cancelled plans in 2020.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, contact Mary Moss [marykmoss1@gmail.com](mailto:marykmoss1@gmail.com) or (805) 495-5636 or Jody Rolfson [jody@rolfson.reno.nv.us](mailto:jody@rolfson.reno.nv.us) or (775) 772-5318. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's and note for SPGW 2022, we will have lots of fun, good food, great conversation, and movie fun. 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.

## 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.