



May

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. blended Praise and Traditional
worship, in-person and on Zoom.

Masks are Optional.

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Worship Schedule Change

“Mass on the Grass” May 22nd

Please join us in attending the Northwest Mission District’s “Mass on the Grass” and picnic, Sunday, May 22nd, at 10:00 am, at the Pavilion at Bartley Ranch Park, 6000 Bartley Ranch Road, Reno, 89511. **This will be our only worship service on this day.**

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk’s Desk...



Spring is a time of planting seeds, or to sound more biblical, a time to sow them.

What kind of seeds you ask? Well, Jesus seeds would be my suggestion. They come in a variety of expressions such as Joy, Empathy, Compassion, Honesty, Curiosity, Authenticity, Gratefulness, Welcoming, Belonging...you get the gist.

Though there are a variety, Jesus seeds all come from the same genus, the same group. Each Jesus seed is an expression of Love, God’s Love. Each of these seeds need to be nurtured, but first they need to be planted/sown. Don’t let Spring slip by without doing a little planting. Happy Spring!

Kirk

The “Seating” of the Bishop Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.

The Welcoming and Seating of the Bishop will be at Trinity Cathedral, Reno at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. This will be northern Nevada’s celebration for Bishop Elizabeth and we hope everyone will attend. All the clergy are invited to vest and be part of the procession. A combined choir is also planned, so let Alissa, our Choirmaster, know if you would like to represent St. Paul’s. Parking on May 1 will be available along the street as well as nearby lots. Trinity will host a reception for all attending after the liturgy. Reservations are not required for the service. It will be a grand day.

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2022

MAY 1 - NOVEMBER 6

The UTO Blue Box offers each and every one at St. Paul’s the means to express their Gratitude for blessings received both 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. "Every penny given is then given away in grant funding to missions and ministries to live Jesus' way of love."* These funds may turn into kitchen equipment for a homeless shelter, a school in the Dominican Republic, family counseling, vans, a library for a seminary in Africa. More than 5,300 grants have been awarded for a total of \$140 million to support missions and ministries throughout The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion.*

St. Paul’s Campaign will begin in May with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex for pick up and culminating on Ingathering Sunday, November 6. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-747-4485.

Acolyte Training: May 15th

For current, new and inquiring

May 15th following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The ministry of Acolyte is open to Children, Youth, and Adults! If you are already serving, want to join, or simply want to hear more about it, please join Fr. Kirk in the church at the service on Sunday, May 15th.

Prayers and Squares: May 15th

Prayers and Squares will now meet quarterly. The first "Super" meeting will be Sunday, May 15th after coffee hour. Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to come join us. All skill levels are encouraged to participate (even if you have never sewn a stitch.)

A light lunch will be served. Please contact Linda Kennedy linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com if you have any questions, as well as to let her know if you plan on attending.

The Wesley Bell Ringers Returning to St. Paul's Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.

The Wesley Bell Ringers are one of the premier youth hand bell choirs in the United States. They are sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Choir performs throughout Northern Utah during the Christmas season, and each Summer travels across North America sharing their beautiful music. The concert program includes both secular and religious pieces that make for a show the whole family can enjoy.

Once again, St. Paul's is honored to be one of their summer stops! The program is expected to begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the concert is free, however there will be a free-will offering during the program.

Episcopal Night at the Aces Tuesday, July 26th, 6:35 PM Tickets \$15, Deadline: July 17th



This great tradition is back after 3 years! Bring your mitt and join St. Paul's and Trinity Cathedral for the Aces vs. Salt Lake Bees. It's also Taco Tuesday and Dog Day!

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, July 17th. See Daniel Villanueva at church or e-mail him at cdu4ever@aol.com. Play ball!

UFO Days: May 9th 10th 11th

Join us in the St. Paul's Parish Hall for our next UnFinished Object (UFO) Days. We are holding three days of sewing or crafting fun to raise money for the parking lot project. The cost of the event is \$100. It includes three delicious lunches and a lot of fun with other crafters. You are welcome to come join us even if you don't sew. Just bring your knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking or whatever. We all

have projects that we never have time to finish. Contact Margie Binker at 707-684-9153 to sign up or Linda Kennedy, 775-722-1657 for more information. Please spread the word to your family and friends. Don't delay, we only have a few places still available.

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.

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

Funding the Mission

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks

April 2022



The first quarter financial results for 2022 tracked very close to our projected budget. Operating receipts totaled \$94,532 and operating expenses totaled \$64,926.

This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$29,606 compared to the budget's

predicted surplus of \$30,137. It is typical in the first quarter for us to run a significant surplus because several parishioners give their entire yearly pledge at the beginning of the year. I try to incorporate this pattern into the budget projections.

As we move through the next three quarters, this cumulative surplus will shrink as pledges are not expected to keep up with expenses. Unless some significant change occurs, we look to be on track to end the year near the budget's prediction of an accumulated deficit of \$15,983.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex. If you would like me to email you a copy, send me an email at the address below.

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.

Outreach in July

Jesus asked his disciples to spread the word about his message to everyone. Today churches have outreach programs to encourage new visitors on Sunday for worship and fellowship. Outreach is integral to Christianity. Is there a fun way to do outreach? The answer is YES! In July St. Paul's will participate in the **Northern Nevada Gay Pride Festival**. The date is **Saturday, July 23rd**. Put it on your calendar, and get ready to enjoy a day of music, fellowship, and outreach. St. Paul's has a good message for everyone, and when we reach out, we open the door to possible new friends and members.

Come and join other St. Paul's members as we walk in the parade, and maybe even help carry our church banner. We will also need volunteers to staff the St. Paul's booth and hand out information about us to Pride attendees. Let's let the world know that St.

Paul's is an inclusive church and we welcome newcomers.

If you are interested in planning for or participating in this event, contact Rachael at firelightandshadow@gmail.com, or call 775-432-4808. There will be many ways to participate in this event, so plan to be there.

Student Housing Needed

Have an extra room in your home to share? UNR and TMCC are looking for host families for two college-age Germans on the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program from mid-August 2022 until June 2023. These students will be taking classes and interning locally during the school year, and speak great English.

Hosts receive up to \$350/month. Students need to have their own room, must comply with CDC COVID vaccine guidelines, follow all house rules, and participate actively with the family (including chores!) They also get a used car, so except for the first week or so helping students get around town, hosts are not responsible for transportation. You can request a male or female student, a nonsmoker, dog/cat lover, etc. to ensure the best compatibility with your family.

If you or someone you know is interested in sharing your home and culture with a great German student in 2022-23, contact Daniel (cdu4ever@aol.com, 702 218 8709) or see him at church for more info!

Pentecost Sunday, June 5th 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Garden

The plan is to hold worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, outside in The Garden (weather permitting). **We invite everyone to wear the colors of fire, (red/orange)** as a sign of the Holy Spirit. More information to come.

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

April 29th – May 1st St. Paul's Girls Weekend
April 30th 2:00 p.m. Ruthie Lightfoot Memorial
May 1st 3:00 p.m. Seating of the Bishop
May 2nd 6:00 p.m. Episcopal 101 Class
May 9th – 11th UFO Days Craft Event
May 15th 11:15 a.m. Acolyte Training
May 15th 11:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares
May 16th 6:00 p.m. Episcopal 101 Class
May 22nd 10:00 a.m. "Mass on the Grass"
May 23rd 6:00 p.m. Episcopal 101 Class
June 5th Pentecost: Worship in the Garden
June 11th 1:00 p.m. Julia Stoddard Funeral
June 11th 7:30 p.m. Wesley Bell Ringers
July 23rd Northern Nevada Gay Pride Festival
July 26th Episcopal Night at the Reno Aces