



March

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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...



How is your Lenten journey going? What are you doing to enhance your awareness of God's ever presence in your life?

If you need a little guidance, might I suggest that you simply use people's names more often. Throughout the day, when you greet someone, include their name. The use of names draws us closer to one another and thus draws us closer to God.

At the end of your day, name three things you are thankful for that day. Big unexpected things are okay, but don't forget the little things, the things we often take for granted.

Kirk

Senior Warden's Report

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you all for your support of our recent quilt raffle. The winner was Peg Bibby. Congratulations to her! The proceeds of the raffle will go to the parking lot fund.

We had a nice turn out for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in spite of the snowy weather. Speaking of which, it is quite the winter affecting many church activities. It makes the continued use of Zoom for church services so welcome! I believe winter will end at some point (wink).

We are in the season of Lent providing us with a time to reflect on our walk with Christ. Daughters of the King are sponsoring a day for reflection on March 18th. You might also consider attending the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 5:30 p.m. during Lent.

Take care during the snowy weather.

Peace,
Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12th, 2023 – Spring Forward!

Turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 12th before you go to bed... then you won't miss church!



Northwest Mission District Meeting

St. Paul's will be hosting a mission district meeting on Saturday, **March 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m.** We will conduct a little business and get an update on the diocese from Bishop Elizabeth. The meeting will conclude with Holy Eucharist. Everyone is invited to attend both the meeting and the Eucharist.

Lenten Quiet Day at St. Paul's

Daughters of the King will be having their annual Lenten Quiet Day open to all woman of the parish on March 18th from 9:00-12:00 followed by Eucharist and lunch afterward. There will be a craft project and small table discussions.

Please contact Connie Patterson (775) 771-1264 for more information.

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, please 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.

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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 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

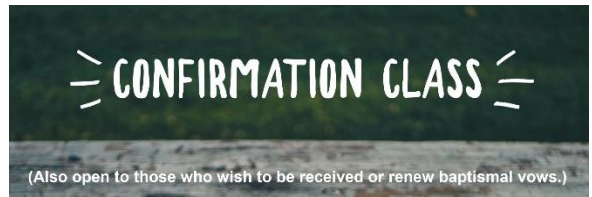
Easter Candy for the Egg Hunt

**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!!



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!

Next Baptismal Days: April 8 & 9

Are you or a loved one seeking the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? If so, contact Fr. Kirk at 775-358-4474 or Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

Our next baptismal days will be Easter Vigil, April 8th, and Easter Day, April 9th.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

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

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. Baldrick's Donations

By Connie Swain

I can't believe it! I'm getting close to my goal, because of amazing supporters. I am participating in this fundraiser as a tribute to those I love, who have fought the fight and are here to tell about it, and for those I love, who fought the fight valiantly, but succumbed to cancer.

As a parent of a child who survived cancer, it was the darkest of times, until we heard those words: "cancer free." We got a miracle because of a new drug, in its testing stage, and the research that went into that drug. THAT is what this is about. More research, more testing and trials, and more cures. Your donations will fund those actions, and help people of all ages, but especially children who are just starting their life journeys.

It is for this reason that I will have my head shaved on March 17. I admit that as I look out my window and see the snow swirling that I think how cold my head will be. But then I remember that I have a choice, but those who lose their hair to chemo don't. For them, I will stand. Will you stand with me? The link to my page is: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1115953/2023> Thank you in advance for your contribution to this.

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.

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.

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.

Calendar at a Glance

Mar 03, 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
(Every Friday during Lent)
Mar 05, Sunday 10 a.m. worship
Mar 06, Service at Park Place (every Monday)
Mar 11, Move your clocks ahead 1 hr.
Mar 11, Vestry Retreat
Mar 12, Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar 12, Sunday 10 a.m. worship
Mar 18, DOK Quiet Day
Mar 19, Sunday 10 a.m. worship
Mar 26, Sunday 10 a.m. worship
Mar 26, 11:30am Prayers and Squares
Apr 01, 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Visitor Training
Apr 02, Holy Week Begins



"I'm giving up my New Year's resolutions for lent."

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.