



July

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. In-person and on Zoom
Holy Communion Service

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



**The Parking Lot:
How much do we have?
How much do we need?
Let's Get This Done. Together!**

On June 4th we held a special breakfast for the Vestry, Clergy, and Leaders of our ministries. During that breakfast we proposed the process to replace our parking lot. We asked each of them to Pray, Trust God, to make a commitment of a Sacrificial Gift to the project with payment made by September 10th, and to Celebrate.

On Sunday, June 25th we announced the total amount the leadership of St. Paul's has committed to the parking lot. What we announced was actually a little less than the actual total, in that we had three commitment cards from leadership that got turned in late.

The new total committed from just 27 leaders is \$121,474. Halleluia and a big AMEN! This is outstanding and reflects the level of commitment these leaders have to St. Paul's and to the Gospel lived and shared through this community.

When we add the leaders' total with what has already been collected from other parish members and non-members, the total is even more breathtaking. What we have in hand and committed to the parking lot project is \$211,407.80. Halleluia and another big AMEN!

From the contractor bids we already have, the estimated cost (plus or minus 5%) is \$330,000 leaving us \$118,592.20 to raise before September 10th.

This is the one and only time anyone will know the total raised until it is revealed on September 10th. No weekly totals and no thermometer gauge in the narthex. In order to raise the total needed we are simply going to ask the entire congregation to Pray, Trust God, to make a Sacrificial Gift to the project with payment made by September 10th, and to Celebrate.

A sacrificial gift is different than giving from abundance. Both are equal blessings in response to God in our lives, they are just different. Giving from our abundance is typically

the type of giving we offer the church on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. These gifts often originate within our ability to give from our monthly budgets. It is these gifts that pay for the everyday operations, repairs, and ministries of St. Paul's. Sacrificial giving is above and beyond giving from abundance. This type of giving originates from the need to give up something in order to offer the gift and often requires faith.

For some, this might mean giving up the extras in your life between now and September 10th. For others it might mean delaying a vacation, delaying buying a car, or delaying home improvements by offering those saved funds to the parking lot. Others may sell a car or boat they are not using and offer those funds to the project. Maybe our children offer a portion of their allowance or sell lemonade if that's still a thing.

To reach our total we need to be in this together. This does not mean giving the same amount, but it does mean each of us makes a sacrifice. For some, \$5.00 will be a huge sacrifice, while for others a sacrifice might mean \$5,000, \$25,000, or more.

God is so present in this project, and it is exciting to be a part of it. Tricia and I invite you to join us and the other leaders of St. Paul's, by adding your sacrificial gift to ours.

LET'S DO THIS Together!

Kirk+ 

Senior Warden's Report

I am on Vacation! Thanks to you all for everything you do. See you soon.
Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Sacrifice Stories From June 25th

- Our sacrifice will be the money we have saved for a vacation to Scotland, delaying our trip. (\$2,000)
- We are delaying home repairs in order to give to the parking lot. (\$9,000)

OTTER POPS NEEDED

(Already Frozen)

We are collecting Otter Pops to distribute from our booth at the PRIDE Festival. Please freeze them at your house and then deliver them to the church (**already frozen**) between Sunday, July 9 and Friday, July 21st. They take **WAY longer** to freeze than you think they will.



Volunteers for our PRIDE Booth

July 22nd

We are seeking volunteers to be present in St. Paul's booth at Pride. This could be for an hour, or all day. Duties are: be friendly, smile, say Happy Pride to passers by, and pass out Otter Pops. There will be some information about St. Paul's available to hand out at the booth to those that ask for it. People will also ask you about St. Paul's which becomes your cue to tell them about us and what they might expect if they visited....(hint: A place of belonging for all people, love not hate.)

Contact Rachael Pitts at 775-432-4808
firelightandshadow@gmail.com

Want to Walk in the PRIDE Parade?

Contact Fr. Kirk for the details.

Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org 775-358-4474

Friday Bible Study on Zoom

July 28th: NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY

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 so you can receive the scriptures for the day and then join by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365786953?pwd=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWZRxbSs0d3NaOFirUT09>

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.

Request a Sunday Hymn or Song

Do you have a favorite traditional hymn from The 1982 Hymnal? What about a favorite Praise Team song? For the summer months, we will be taking requests! If you would like to make a request, fill out a request card and drop it in the music request box, which is located in the back of the nave/church. We can't guarantee every hymn or song will get played, but we will do our best to honor your request.



Sierra High Notes Choir July 12

Our St. Paul's family is invited to Celebrate Together in Harmony for Love of Family and



Friends with the Sierra High Notes choir. The first concert was on Saturday, June 10 at 7pm Holy Cross Lutheran, 4895 S. McCarran Blvd, Reno. The second Artown Concert which will be here at St. Paul's on Wednesday, July 12 at 7pm. The second concert will include some of the same songs from the first concert, with some added new songs in celebration of summer. Both concerts are free, and everyone is welcome --- so bring a friend and enjoy an evening sharing the gift of song with our community choir.

If you have questions, talk to Ellen Jacobson or text her at 775-846-7146 and if you're interested in joining the group next fall, they welcome additional singers twice a year.

Helping Hands Thank You

The family of Ruth Ayes McGoldrick-Yuill expressed their thanks for the coffee and cookies that were offered to them after Ruth's funeral held at St Paul's 6/21/23. A special thank you to those who brought generous cookie trays for the event. It was appreciated. Helping Hands Ministry
Susan Schultz

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 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.

St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to 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.

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

Concert at St. Paul's

Saturday, Aug 5, at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date! We are having a concert featuring the

SIERRA SWEETHEARTS!

Come and experience Bluegrass, Classic Country & Western music.

Tickets are \$20.00

Optional Meal Tickets can also be purchased for \$15.00 each.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office (775) 358-4474 or contact

Heather Burkhardt at 775-544-7329

Heather.burkhardt@henryschein.com

(Kids under 18 are Free for the concert, but not the meal.)

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE CONCERT GO TOWARDS THE PARKING LOT FUND!



United Thank Offering Ingathering November 5



St. Paul's Campaign will end on November 5th. 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. Need a new box? Get yours in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-747-4485.

Calendar at a Glance

July 3-6 Fr. Kirk in Oklahoma

July 10, 6:00 p.m. Monthly Vestry Meeting

July 12, 7:00 pm, Sierra High Notes Concert

July 22, 10:00 a.m. Northern Nevada

Pride Parade, Virginia St., Reno

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Pride Festival, Wingfield Park, Reno

July 23-28 Fr. Kirk Chaplain at Camp Galilee

July 27 St. Paul's Men's Pizza Night

July 27, Laundry Love

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