

Parish Announcements

Halleluiah! We Did This Together!!

It was an incredible thing we did as a community...epic...a miracle level event.

We humbly asked you to give sacrificially and look what we did.

We, as a community, stepped out of the boat and we walked on water.

We took a few loaves of bread and a couple fish and we fed the 5,000.

We did what was said to be impossible.

The funds we already had as of May 31st.	\$82,698
The funds raised since June 1st.	\$345,189
Total raised for the parking lot.	\$427,887

We now have enough to pay for our parking lot, as well as the funds to keep it sealed and stripped for the generation to come.

It turns out this was always more than a fundraiser.

This was about a journey in spiritual growth that could only happen when we trusted enough to do something that required an "all in" level of faith.

When we started this capital campaign, we were too small to raise this kind of money, and especially in such a short amount of time. Within this 90 day walk into sacrificial giving, we grew beyond our imagination, but we didn't grow beyond God's imagination.

God knew. God knew we could move mountains and now we know it too. I look forward for what God has instore for us next...if we are open to it.

I could not be more grateful to each and every one of you.

Thank you for being a part of this life-changing gift.

Kirk+

Parking on Sunday

Some cars can park right behind the library but be mindful not to drive off the concrete gutter. There will also be some parking in the most northern library lot that is normally chained off. This will be open for us on Sunday, but be mindful of the poles where the chains are normally attached. You can always park on 12th Street. You can also park across the street in the parking for the community center. It's closed on Sundays.

Please don't park in the regular library spots.

Sunday Book Study: October 8-November 12, 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien. The book can be purchased from wherever you buy your books.

Email Connie for more information: cp4675@icloud.com

Silent Movie Fundraiser



Have you ever watched a silent movie the way they were originally experienced? Come and experience Nosferatu and Dorothy Jean Papadakos within the beautiful architecture of Trinity Cathedral in downtown Reno. **November 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** A reception before the show with light hors d'oeuvres and wine is also available. Tickets for both can be purchased by searching St. Paul's Sparks on Eventbrite.com.

A little bit about Dorothy Jean: She is an American concert organist, composer, lyricist, playwright, and author. She is the former organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City (1990–2003), the first female organist to hold that post. She was also organist for the Paul Winter Consort at the Cathedral's Easter and Christmas services and performed with the ensemble on their Grammy Award-winning album Silver Solstice, released in 2005.

In 2005, Papadakos co-produced Pompeii the Musical, for which she wrote the book, music and lyrics. Its production was well-received, breaking box office records when it premiered in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In 2017, her first novel, The Kingdom of Winter, was published. Using fantasy characters to address climate change concerns, the book is now used in a science and literature curriculum for middle-school students.

Pet Blessing: 11:00 a.m. Oct. 14th

If you would like your beloved pet blessed this year, our annual pet blessing will be held on Saturday Oct. 14th at 11:00 a.m. This is not a drive thru this year. Please gather in the memorial garden!

Trunk-or-Treat October 29th: Volunteers Needed

We are planning to offer Trunk-or-Treat again this year to the neighborhood kiddos, as well as those kids from St. Paul's, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th.

To make this successful, we need enough trunks and tailgates!!! Please email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org and let us know if we have enough volunteers who are willing to serve candy from their trunks and maybe even dress up and decorate a little.

If we have enough volunteers this will be an outdoor event only...no indoor games this year. Watch the weekly email announcements to see if we are having Trunk-or-Treat.

Friday Bible Study with Zoom Option

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 in multiple translations. This study is now hybrid in-person and Zoom.

If you want to join on Zoom, email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org so you can be added to the Friday Bible Study email list to receive the scriptures for the week and the Zoom link.

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

St. Paul's Men's Pizza Night

All the men of St. Paul's (and their friends) are invited to gather at Boulevard Pizza in Sparks on the last Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00ish. We will share pizza, beer/soft drinks, and fellowship. This group communicates by group text, so if you want a monthly reminder or more information, email Dick Schori at richard.schori@gmail.com.

"In Memory of" Memorial Service: November 1st

There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process.

On Wednesday, Nov 1st at 6:00 p.m. we will have an "In Memory of" memorial service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service.

If you would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact the parish office at Office@StPaulsSparks.org, 775-358-4474.

Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken trash computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at richard.schori@gmail.com.

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.

UTO BOXES are located in the Narthex. Ingathering Sunday is November 5. The UTO Blue Box offers everyone 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.