



# January

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Very Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

### 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...



### "A Case For Love"

A documentary inspired by the teachings and writing of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Tuesday, January 23rd  
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Theaters in Sparks, Reno, and Carson City

Dear All,

"A Case for Love" is reported as being a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of our very own Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

This documentary examines whether or not love—specifically unselfish love—is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S.

In the documentary, the film team travels across the U.S. interviewing everyday people from various walks of life and ethnicities, striving to live their lives selflessly. Stories include racial justice, military, foster care, sexual trafficking, love and loss and others as well-known figures including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Sam Waterston, Becca Stevens, Russell Moore, John Danforth, John Clyburn, Kelly Brown Douglas and Jon Meacham weigh in on the issue. Ultimately, Bishop Curry puts what we've seen into context.

The showing of this documentary will be in Northern Nevada for one day only, January 23rd, 2024. There are multiple times in certain theaters in Reno, Sparks, and Carson City.

I'll be at the 4:00 showing at Galaxy Legends in Sparks!

Happy New Year!

**PS... I'm on vacation and will be back in the office on January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Sr. Warden Report

Happy New Year!

I am certainly hoping for a better 2024 and I hope you will have a great one too!

On January 28th, we have our Annual Meeting. This is an opportunity for all members of the parish to hear about past accomplishments and plans for the future as well as to hear the budget proposal. We will elect 2 new members to the vestry.

I invite you to consider how you can participate more fully in the ministries at St. Paul's. Would you like to be a lector, a lay eucharistic minister, usher, member of choir or praise team? Let Fr. Kirk or the office know and you will be contacted by a team leader.

Thankfully,

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## Fr. Kirk on Vacation

### December 27 – January 16

Please respect Fr. Kirk's time away, by not calling or texting him during his vacation. If you need something, please contact the parish office at 775-358-4474. Thank you.

## Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency while Fr. Kirk is away, please contact the parish office between 10:00 and 1:00 at 775-358-4474. Rev. Rick Millsap will be covering pastoral care issues, and the office staff will contact him for you. If your need is not during office hours, please contact Sr. Warden Margaret Bouzek at 775-232-4712 and she will contact Rev. Rick.

## Annual Parish Meeting

### January 28th at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, January 28th we will have our annual parish meeting blended into our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Every member is **HIGHLY** encouraged and/or expected to attend. We hope you will join us.

## Friday Bible Study on Zoom

### Special Note

The Friday Bible Study is on a break. **We will not meet** during the month of January. We will resume our Bible study on Friday, February 2nd.

## St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to 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.

## School Supply Drive

Daughters of the King has started its School Supply Drive. This year we have added another at risk school to our giving.

We will supply Robert Mitchell and Agnes Risley Elementary, which have mostly low socio-economic children enrolled. Both schools serve the Sparks Community served by St. Paul's.

With the excitement and joy around getting the new parking lot done now, we felt that the best way to serve the schools would be for the second semester after Christmas. Teachers have told us many times in the past that after Christmas break the cupboards are bare. The need for school supplies is often harder for parents/caregivers at that time of year, and we have decided to fill the need.

We will be accepting school supply donations through **January 15th**. If there is no designated box in the Narthex, please put them on the bench next to the parish office door, or if you don't shop, we will be happy to shop for you! Please contact Connie Patterson [cp4675@att.net](mailto:cp4675@att.net) or call the church 775-358-4474 for any questions you might have.

Our sincere thanks to everyone for making this School Supply Drive possible. We are so blessed. Connie Patterson

## Prayers and Squares Ministry

We hope you will join us at our next meeting in the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday, **January 22nd**. Contact Linda Kennedy or Margaret Bouzek if you have any questions. [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com)  
[linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com](mailto:linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Get Acquainted Dinners

The Vestry invites you to attend a dinner on January 20th or February 10th to get acquainted with the vestry and other members of the parish. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Attendance is limited! Don't hesitate! Sign up soon!

Margaret Bouzek Senior Warden

## Returning Financial Pledge Cards

If you haven't already returned your financial pledge card for 2024, please do so as soon as possible. You can place it in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it to St. Paul's PO BOX 737 Sparks, NV 89432, or drop it off at the office.

You can still make your pledge online at [www.StPaulsSparks.org](http://www.StPaulsSparks.org).

Having your pledge card helps the Vestry set next year's budget. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com).



## 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](mailto:richard.schori@gmail.com).

## Park Place Worship Service

Park Place is an assisted living home in Reno. For the past couple of years, lay members from St. Paul's and Trinity have been providing a weekly visit to the residents who are interested. There was a break over the summer, and now it's time to determine if we should restart this ministry.

Are you able to join a team that conducts this weekly outreach?

- Visitations have been on Mondays at 2pm.
- The visit is scripted and takes less than 1 hour. We meet with the ambulatory residents in the activity room, conduct a brief ecumenical service, and serve cookies and tea during a 5-10 minute fellowship. We then visit a few residents who are confined to bed but have requested a brief visit and/or a blessing from the team.
- An "every Monday" commitment is **not** needed. Once or twice per month will make a difference.

If you have any interest, please contact Robin Towne at 775-432-8574 or talk to Father Kirk 775-358-4474.

## Mid-Week Visits with Fr. Kirk

Would you like some time to visit with Fr. Kirk? This could be in the office, at your home, at a coffee shop, for lunch, etc. If you want such an opportunity, please contact him at 775-358-4474 or [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

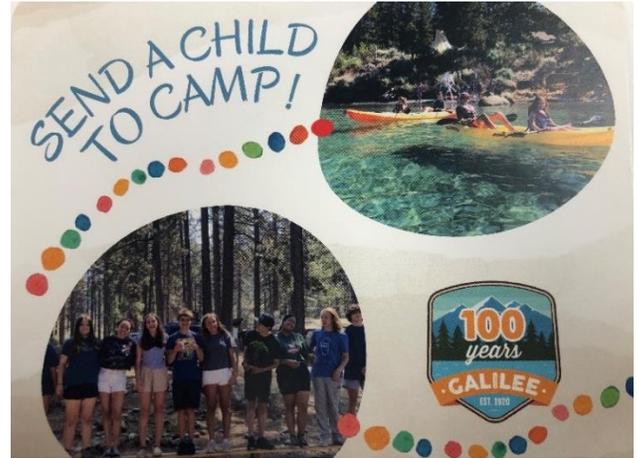
## Want Something in the Newsletter?

Email it to [Office@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Office@StPaulsSparks.org) and to [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org) by the 25<sup>th</sup> each month.

## Calendar at a Glance

Jan 15, End of school supply drive  
Jan 17, Fr. Kirk is Back in the Office  
Jan 22, Prayers & Squares Meeting  
Jan 24, "A Case for Love" Documentary  
Jan 28, Annual Parish Meeting  
Feb 02, Bible Study resumes

## Send a Child to Camp Galilee



## IMAGINE A WEEK AT GALILEE!



**You Can Support a Camper by Donating to the Dave Mussatti Campership Fund!**

In 2023, Galilee provided Campership Funds for over 45 campers, or 25% of our total camper population. Parishes and individuals have donated nearly \$17,325 as of the middle of September, but we still have another \$12,268 to raise to meet our commitments for the year. We thank you for donating and allowing children from all over to be a part of the Camp Galilee family!

Donate at [galileetahoe.org](http://galileetahoe.org)

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MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING LAST YEAR