



April

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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...



This is a must see... *Kirk*
**Documentary Screening of
The Philadelphia Eleven
St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
1135 12th St., Sparks,
on April 20th at 1:00 p.m.**

Exclusion of women from ordination and other church leadership roles made headlines earlier this summer when the [Southern Baptist Convention](#) banned women from the most senior leadership roles. Women in many parts of the Christian church continue a struggle for full inclusion in the sacraments and leadership of the church, a struggle that some women started 50 years ago.

In 1974, there was a dramatic breakthrough of the so-called stained-glass ceiling that gave hope to Christian women everywhere. At a church in Philadelphia, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church – which at the time stated that only men were eligible for ordination. This story is told in a compelling new documentary [The Philadelphia Eleven](#).

The feature documentary film will screen in Northern Nevada at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks, on April 20th at 1:00 p.m.**

A discussion panel including The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner, Bishop Diocesan of The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, and The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will follow the screening. **This event is free.**

This film tells a story that continues to resonate today as women seeking ordination continue to face resistance, disrespect and exclusion from roles reserved by men for men. The documentary explores the lives of these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming an age-old institution despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of

rejection by the church they loved. These women became and remain an inspiration for generations of women in the ministry, and a clarion call for the entire Christian Church.

The Rev. Nancy H. Wittig is one of the Philadelphia Eleven featured in the movie. "It's amazing that women are still fighting for rights in the church, and continuing to feel blowback, similar to what we experienced 49 years ago," she reflected, and then went on to comment, "we are proud of the changes we have accomplished through our priesthood and the ordinations in Philadelphia."

The film's director, Margo Guernsey, is not Episcopalian. She reminds others, "this is a story for all of us. It is about how to break down barriers with grace and be true to oneself in the process. This story reveals ways in which voices that are inconvenient, are often buried. It also provides a vision for what a just and inclusive community looks like in practice."

For more information, contact The Very Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Dean of the Northwest Mission District. Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org 775-358-4474

Having a FREE ticket will help us with a headcount so it is appreciated but not required.

**Get your FREE ticket at
Eventbrite.com.
Search The Philadelphia Eleven
Documentary Sparks.
or Scan this QR Code with your
smart phone camera.**



Sr. Warden Report

Happy April everyone!

I am looking forward to some warmer weather, but I really have enjoyed the wet weather we had in March.

Thank you all for your participation in the Lenten activities held this year. It was nice to have the soup suppers and Lenten study again on Wednesdays. Learning to slow down is always hard for me so it is good to have time for reflection.

Look for announcements about upcoming events in other articles in the Epistle.

If you did not hear, my thyroid surgery went well. The pathology showed early cancer, but it is believed that the surgery removed it all. I am feeling well and looking forward to more energy in the coming months.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

SPRING TEA EPISCOPAL WOMEN OF NEVADA

The TEA will be held at St. Paul's on May 4th beginning at noon. There will be prizes for best table and prettiest hat. We will serve sandwiches, scones, lemon curd and desserts. Cost is \$20.

Please make a reservation by emailing Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com by April 30.

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.

Patricia Biggs

Pat, a longtime member of St. Paul's, died in early February. There will be a memorial for her at a later date.

The Bishop's Annual Homecoming

Bishop Elizabeth will be with us for worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 21st. Please come and help give her a big St. Paul's welcome as she will offer Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

Mary Gainey Memorial Trinity Episcopal Cathedral April 6, 11:00 a.m.

Mary Gainey, former parishioner of St. Paul's, died on March 1, 2024.

A Eucharist service will be held at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Reno on April 6th, 2024, at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, an organization Mary supported regularly for many years. Please keep her husband Mike and family in your prayers.

Confirmation and Adult Baptism



**Sundays 11:30–12:30,
March 17, 24, & April 7, 14**

(If you missed the first two sessions, talk to Fr. Kirk)

(ALSO OPEN TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE RECEIVED OR RENEW BAPTISMAL VOWS.)

Are you a young adult ready to make a mature commitment to the Episcopal Church? Are you an adult who would like to be baptized or are already baptized and want to join the Episcopal Church, or just curious about us? This class is for you!

Confirmation/Adult Baptism classes will be taught by Rev. Rick after Sunday worship 11:30

a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on the four Sundays above.
This class is for ages 16 through adult.

- **Who should attend?**

- Young adults baptized as children who wish to make a mature commitment to Christ.
- Adults who want to be baptized or who were baptized in faith traditions that did not include laying on of hands by a bishop.
- Adults baptized or baptized and confirmed in traditions that include laying on of hands by a bishop (Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, and Orthodox) and wish to be “received” into the Episcopal Church by our bishop.
- If you want to renew your Baptismal Vows.
- If you’re just curious about the Episcopal Church and would like to learn more.

- **Questions we will explore:**

- What does it mean to be part of the Jesus Movement known as the Episcopal Church?
- What is “The Way of Love” Jesus taught?
- What do we believe about Human Nature, Sin, Redemption, and Baptism?
- Why are the Book of Common Prayer, Sacraments, and the Creed important?
- How are Learning, Prayer, and Worship part of Jesus’ “Way of Love?”
- Who is God?
- What is Love and how does it relate to ministry?
- Receiving the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration.

- **Prerequisites:**

- Having been baptized in the Episcopal Church or any other traditions (for Confirmation, Reception or Renewal), or if you are just curious about the Episcopal Church. (If you have not yet been

baptized, please speak to Fr. Kirk before the class.)

- Committing to attend all four sessions and if seeking Confirmation, Reception, Renewal, or Baptism, also attending the Bishop’s visitation on Sun., Apr. 21.

- **How do I sign up?**

- Go online to bit.ly/spconfirmationclass (no caps) on the web and sign up. Please do not call the office to sign up. We need this form filled out for the class.
- Questions? Please contact Rev. Rick at RMTRINITY@GMAIL.COM or speak to him at worship services.

Empty Bowls 2024



Exciting changes for Empty Bowls 2024
It’s Year 15!!!!

Save the Date: 9/18/24

Location: To be announced

The bowls can be painted at **The Hot Spot - Located @ Legends in Sparks**. They are very excited to be part of this event. They are open M-Sa 10a-9pm and Sunday 10-5pm. There will be two sizes for your selection this year. The larger bowl (which is what we have painted before) is \$20 and a smaller bowl for \$12. All bowls will be auctioned at the event. I know many of you already have great plans for bowls this year. Painting can begin anytime.

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.

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2024

May 3-5, 2024

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2024 will be held Friday, May 3, Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 at Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe.

Who: Women of all ages and their friends are invited.

When: Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5

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: \$200 per person. (Galilee raised their per person price and took away the Diocesan discount.) Limited scholarships are available- if needed, please chat with Tia. 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; 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!

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.



Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers and Squares invites you to join us! Our planned meeting time is in the parish hall on the fourth Saturday of the month. We begin at 9 am and work until about 1 or 2 pm. Please join us even if you don't sew. Bring a bag lunch too.

Sometimes the schedule changes, so to confirm we are meeting, or if you have any questions, contact Linda Kennedy at 775-722-1657 linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com or Margaret Bouzek at 775-232-4712 margaret.bouzek@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.

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE ACES

Save the Date

July 26th

Reno -vs- Las Vegas

More info to come.



Friday Bible Study on Zoom

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=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVxbSs0d3NaOFIUT09>

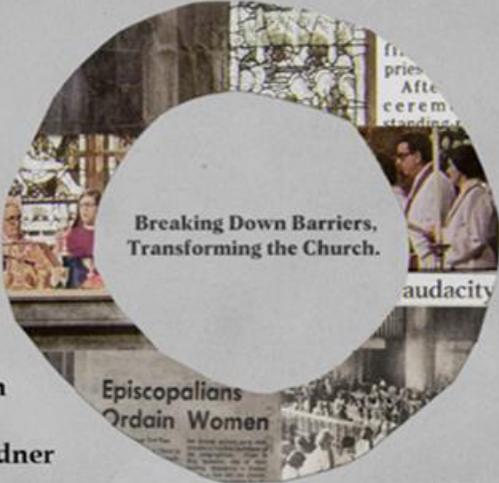
Worship Leader Schedule

The current worship Leader schedule can be found at www.StPaulsSparks.org under the ministries tab.

Calendar at a Glance

Apr 20, 1:00p Documentary Philadelphia Eleven
Apr 21, 10:00a The Bishop is at St. Paul's
Apr 27, 9:00a Prayers and Squares
May 5, 12:00p EWN Spring Tea
May 3-5 St. Paul's Girl's Weekend

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**Breaking Down Barriers,
Transforming the Church.**

Come and join
The Rt. Rev.
Elizabeth Gardner
and
The Rt. Rev.
Katharine Jefferts Schori
for the special viewing of this
Documentary
and Discussion Panel.



**Saturday, April 20th
1:00 p.m.
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The Philadelphia Eleven

TIME TRAVEL PRODUCTIONS LLC PRESENTS "THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN"
A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY MARGO GUERNEY & NIKKI BRAMLEY
EDITED BY BARBARA HARTMAN ORIGINAL MUSIC BY KATE SIMON MACWILLIAMS
ARCHIVAL PRODUCER HEATHER MERRILL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS M.C. & KATHY ECCLES
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY NIKKI BRAMLEY
PRODUCED & PRODUCED BY MARGO GUERNEY

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