



March

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...



Lenten Challenge!

I'd like to give you a two-part challenge for the remainder of Lent, in hopes that it sticks and becomes the norm.

Often, we sit in the same pew each week, or if not the same pew, the same area in the church. It's part of our nature to find a comfortable spot and return to it. The challenge is not to sit somewhere new. The first part of the challenge is for you to learn everyone's name who sits in your area. First names are okay, first and last names is better.

The second part of the challenge is to notice if someone is missing. When they return to worship, let them know that they were missed. If you want to take it a step further, if they are gone more than two weeks, send them a note to check on them. Give the note to Fr. Kirk and he will mail it for you.

Have a happy Lent.

Kirk⁺



Meet Our New Office Administrator

Hi, I'm Ameer. I'll be the new office administrator and look forward to getting to know all of you. I've grown up in Reno and currently live in Sparks with my husband and two young children. My background is in laboratory sciences and most recently worked in insurance prior to this position. I love the Sparks area and all that it has to offer in city life and outdoors. I enjoy spending time camping, cooking, and hanging out with my kids.

Sr. Warden Report

Welcome March!

There are many services to attend that are unique to the season of Lent. If you have not been to a Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil service, I encourage you to attend if you are able. Although I was raised in the Episcopal Church, we were a small parish that did not offer all these services. I find them to be spiritually uplifting.

Remember that Stations of the Cross are offered on Thursday at 5:30. This service is approximately 30 minutes long.

The vestry will be having a retreat to help determine our goals for the coming year. Please pray for us on March 2.

I will have my thyroid surgery on March 11 so I will miss seeing you all for a few weeks.

Margaret Bouzek,
Senior Warden

Meet Paula Wright

Paula has been assigned to St. Paul's by the bishop as a Nominee to Holy Orders and will be spending time with us for a period of discernment.



Greetings to All.

My name is Paula Wright. In November of 2022, my mentor the late Rosemary Kinale and Junior Warden of St. Mary's Parish invited me to join the church to assist with the

ministry. I eagerly stepped into an unfamiliar role to learn the Episcopal tradition and liturgical worship. Rosemary encouraged me to further explore ministry options, diaconate or priest to serve my parish.

I earned my bachelor's degree in Ministerial Studies at the American Indian College of the Assemblies of God in Phoenix, Arizona. I graduated in April 1997 Magna Cum Laude with an academic achievement award that offered a full scholarship to the Fuller Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. I declined that offer and another eligible peer accepted the offer. In 2003

I began my library studies at the University of Nevada-Reno's Extended Studies program. I completed the program for school licensure endorsement.

I am employed with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe as a social service caseworker. I am also a trained victim advocate. I have two adult sons who have given me four grandchildren.

I am reading *The Historical Jesus: the life of an Mediterranean Jewish Peasant* by John Dominic Crossan (1991) and *Jesus' Alternative Plan: the Sermon on the Mount* by Richard Rohr (2022 edition). The text is challenging to absorb. With a notebook and my pocket dictionary, my spiritual horizon is expanding. I make the effort for daily reading and following the Lectionary website.

My faith and trust rests in the Holy Spirit to guide me in all that I do. I am in the midst of my season of discernment to finding my place in the ministry and now discovering a richer relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ. God bless.

Paula Wright

Lent Book Study Continues

What: Jesus' Alternative Plan - The Sermon on the Mount by Richard Rohr

When: Sundays, February 18th - March 17th

Time: 11:45 p.m. to 12:45ish

Where: Youth Room or other location

The study continues as follows:

March 3rd - Chapters 4 - 5

March 10th - Chapters 6, 7, 8

March 17th - Chapter 9 - Epilogue

If you have questions contact Connie Patterson at cp4675@att.net.

Deacon Mike's Retirement Party

March 16th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Parish Hall

Please join us for this open house of food and fun as we celebrate Deacon Mike Margerum's retirement from active ministry. If you can't make it on the 16th there will be a smaller "tamer" version after church on March 17th.

Lenten Soup and Study



Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Feb. 21. There is a sign-up board for soups, breads or desserts to bring for supper. Soup Suppers are from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm. Followed by the study of "Letting Go".

The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary at St. Paul's, Sparks Save the Date April 20th 1:00 p.m.

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomes them, but change is no small task. The women are harassed, threatened and banned from stepping on church property.

In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 10th, 2024 – Spring Forward!

Turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 9th before you go to bed... then you won't miss church!



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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Easter Sunday, March 31

Time: Directly After the 10 AM
Worship Service

Where: In The Garden

Ages: Toddler through 5th Grade



Confirmation and Adult Baptism Class Begins in March!



**Sundays 11:30–12:30,
March 17, 24, & April 7, 14
(No Meeting on Easter Sun., Mar. 31.)**
(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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27th

Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

(In-person worship only)

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing

Good Friday, March 29th

12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(In-person worship only)

Good Friday, March 29th

6:00 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

(In-person worship only)

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.

Followed by an Egg Hunt

Candy Donations Needed

by Palm Sunday, March 24 for Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Helpers Needed to Stuff Eggs

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Easter Sunday, March 31**, immediately following the 10 AM service in the Garden. Children ages toddler through 5th grade are invited to participate. We will be filling plastic Easter eggs on **Palm Sunday, March 24** during coffee hour after the worship service. We can use your help stuffing the eggs! Please bring **individually wrapped candy** to the church by March 24. Plastic Easter Eggs are also needed. A bin for the candy and egg donations will be in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tia or Jon Mittelstadt or Sheri McLaughlin. Thank You!!

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.

Empty Bowls 2024



Exciting changes for Empty Bowls 2024

It's Year 15!!!!

Save the Date: 9/18/24

Location: The Generator Reno

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.

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2024

Save the Dates for: 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!

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers and Squares is off to another great start. We finished 12 quilts in January. Thanks goes to the wonderful volunteers that worked together to make this happen.

Beginning in February, we will be meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. We will begin at 9 am and work until about 1 or 2 pm. Please come join us in the parish hall, even if you don't sew, and bring a bag lunch.

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.

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.



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.

Calendar at a Glance

Mar 16, Deacon Mike Retirement Party
Mar 17, Deacon Mike Retires
Mar 24, 10:00 am Palm Sunday
Mar 27, 6:00 pm Tenebrae
Mar 28, 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Mar 29, 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 29, 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
Mar 30, 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
Mar 31, 10:00 am Easter Sunday
Mar 31, Easter Egg Hunt after worship

