



# June

## 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...



June 21-28 I will be joining Bishop Elizabeth and 9 other members (lay and clergy) of the Diocese of Nevada as Deputies to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville Kentucky.

I am a first timer to General Convention, so I have lots to learn about what it means to attend this sunup to after sundown event. I'm told it's all go, go, go, sleep, repeat. I'm not really sure what I said yes to, but I'll do my best!

One special thing that will happen at this convention is that the House of Bishop's will elect our next Presiding Bishop. Members of the House of Deputies (non-bishop folks) don't get a vote in this, but it will be exciting to be there to experience the Spirit moving in our midst.

Please pray for us while we are at this gathering, wrestling with where and how God wants us to grow next.

*Kirk*

## Sr. Warden Report

Summer is here! With the temperatures rising, so are the flowers in my yard. The roses are particularly lovely this year. The irises are almost done but they put on quite a show.

I will be on vacation for a good portion of June and July. We will be attending a wedding and family reunion as well as doing some sightseeing.

If you travel and happen to visit another church, consider bringing their bulletin home with you. It is always interesting to see what other parishes are doing.

Thanks to everyone for a successful Pentecost Potluck! There were some very tasty items provided! Our next picnic will be in September. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## Calling all St. Paul's 20's/30's

The older I get the more I understand every age group is presented with a unique perspective when it comes to faith. Because of this, I realize that I need a refresher course with some age groups!

I am inviting those age 20–30 who worship at St. Paul's to join me for dinner and time to talk about faith.

Due to my schedule with General Convention in June and Camp Galilee in July, these are the dates and times we will meet.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: June 12, 19 and July 3, 17, 24, 31

**Please RSVP at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org)** and let me know if you can join me. Also let me know if you have any food allergies or preferences.

Gratefully,

Fr. Kirk

## Empty Bowls 2024

It's Year 15 for Empty Bowls!!!

**Save the Date: 9/18/24** Location: TBA

The bowls can be painted at **The Hot Spot - Located @**  **Legends in Sparks**

**M-Sa 10a-9pm and Sunday 10-5pm.** There are two bowl sizes 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. Painting can begin anytime.

## Mass on the Grass: Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Please join us in attending the Northwest Mission District's "Mass on the Grass" worship and picnic, Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 am, at the Comstock Picnic Pavilion at Bower's Mansion, 4005 Bowers Mansion Rd, New Washoe City, NV 89704. **This will be our only worship service on this day, September 22.**

## Northern Nevada PRIDE Parade

### SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's will once again participate in the Northern Nevada Pride Parade and Festival.

If you would like to join us, save the date **September 7**. If you would like to help fund our participation, please write PRIDE on your donation. If you would like to join the PRIDE Committee, please email [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

## New Episcopal Pride Shield



In affirmation and celebration of The Episcopal Church's LGBTQ+ members, there is a new official Episcopal Church Pride shield. The design retains the upper-left blue corner of The Episcopal Church's shield logo and incorporates elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag.

For half a century, Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all God's children. Resolutions from General Convention in 1976 recognized LGBTQ+ people as children of God with an equal claim to the pastoral care of the church and equal protection under the law. In 1994, General Convention amended the church's canons to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, providing equal access to the rites and worship of the church, including ordination. In 2015, General Convention voted to amend the canons that regulate marriage, permitting any couple the rite of holy matrimony.

In June 2023, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued a video message of encouragement to "all of my LGBTQ+ family members," noting, "I believe deep in my soul that God is always seeking to create a world and a society where all are loved, where justice is done, and where the God-given equality of us all is honored in our relationships, in our social arrangements, and in law."

## 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).

## 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.

## St. Paul's Men's Retreat 2024 August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**When:** From Friday afternoon August 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$217.00

If you have an interest or any questions, contact Dick Stufflebeam [Realstuff775@charter.net](mailto:Realstuff775@charter.net).

## 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).



## 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.

## Friday Bible Study on Zoom

**NO Bible Study June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup> while Fr. Kirk is attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky.**

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](mailto: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=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVxbSs0d3NaOFIhUT09>

## Worship Leader Schedule

The current worship Leader schedule can be found at [www.StPaulsSparks.org](http://www.StPaulsSparks.org) under the ministries tab.

## United Thank Offering

**May 5 – November 3, 2024**

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 as a way to raise funds to support mission and ministry sites of The Episcopal Church that were without funding. The women of the church began by asking the assembled groups to make a thank offering for all the blessings of their past year. From this first thank offering grew our modern-day experience of UTO. UTO encourages people to develop a practice of gratitude and from that practice to make thank offerings for all the blessings they experience. 100% of these offerings are then given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry projects around the globe. Currently all grants awarded in the next three years are within the focus of Mathew 25, welcoming the stranger.

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Campaign began in May with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday November 3. The UTO Blue Boxes offers St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express

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 for just being. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon, 774-747-4485

## Our Church home needs some TLC

Like most of our homes, our church home also needs some occasional routine maintenance. If you have expertise in helping with any of the following projects, please contact Jr. Warden, Mark Sawdon (707) 327-9125 or email: [MVSawdon@gmail.com](mailto:MVSawdon@gmail.com).

- Cross on southside facing the school needs sanding/paint and reattached.
- Roof beam end caps (garden side) need sanding/painting and reattach metal protection.
- Door behind southside cross needs prep and staining/paint.
- Lynch Gate - whole unit needs paint (after pre-arranged repairs.)
- Gazebo - whole unit needs paint.
- North Narthex Doors – needs threshold/weather stripping.

## Episcopal Night at the Aces

**JULY 26  
6:35 P.M.**

VS. **LAS VEGAS AVIATORS**

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