## **Parish Announcements**

#### 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 Camp Galilee in July, these are the dates and times we will meet.

## Wednesdays: July 17, 24, 31

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

Please RSVP at 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

#### **UNITED THANK OFFERING 2024**

## May 5 - November 3, 2024

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 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.

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 will begin May 5 and May 12 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.

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

# St. Paul's Potluck Picnic (Optional Camping)

## Saturday September 14, 2024

Davis Creek Regional Park (RV Group Site) by Washoe Lake

Arrival Time: 2:00 pm Potluck: 3:00 pm

Signup sheet in Narthex

Camping: Friday and Saturday Nights – 1- or 2-nights RV or tent Questions: contact Jon Mittelstadt at 775-7223469 or jon.mittel@gmail.com

#### **Book Drive**

Spread the Word Nevada book drive and competition: please drop off any children's books in the box labeled Spread the Word Nevada in the narthex. If you don't have any books but would like to contribute there is a barcode to scan to donate, you will just add in that you're with St. Paul's Church, so we get credit. Each dollar is worth three books.

The competition starts July 1st and will run through the end of the month.

All books donated will be cleaned and given to children in schools that are in lower income communities.

Questions: contact Alysha Johnson 352-342-2195

#### **Episcopal Night at the Aces**

July 26th @ 6:35 p.m.

Reno Aces -vs- Las Vegas Aviators

Join the other Episcopal Churches of Northern Nevada for a night at the ballpark during Faith and Family Night

The combination of a pregame concert, testimonies from players and coaches, and fireworks after the game creates a wonderful atmosphere for families and fans to come together and enjoy a memorable experience.

## St. Paul's Men's Retreat

When: August 23 – 25

Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Cost: \$217.00

This includes dinner Friday night all meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday
We need ten participants to meet this commitment
Contact: Dick Stufflebeam Realstuff775@charter.net

## Northern Nevada Pride Parade 0& Festival

## Save the date September 7<sup>th</sup>!

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 <a href="mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org">Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org</a>.

## Mass on the Grass

## **SAVE THE DATE: September 22nd**

Please join us in attending the Northwest Mission District's "Mass on the Grass" worship and picnic, Sunday, September 22nd, 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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org">Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org</a> so you can be added to the Friday Bible Study email list to receive the scriptures for the week and the Zoom link.

## **Do You Have A Church Key?**

If you have a key to the church, please consider parking in the back/west side of the church. For security reasons, those glass doors by the trash cans remain locked at all times. If you are able to park on that side Sunday mornings, this will keep others from having to walk all the way around the building to get into the church. Thank you.

#### 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.

### **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.