



# July

## 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 Reflection on General Convention

If you read the Epistle last month, you know that this was my first time representing the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada at General Convention. They were not kidding when they told me it was a sunup to after sundown event.

Some words that come to mind as I reflect on the week are: Grueling, Loving, Exhausting, Thoughtful, Intentional, Complex, Hopeful, and Holy. I have never been in a room listening to such a large group of Episcopal voices. I was reminded of the diversity of our Creator as I witnessed God's story, God's Love, being shared as lived experience through every shade of skin, gender, sexual orientation, neurodiversity, and multiple cultural truths.

Their stories revealed a great love, respect, and dignity for their neighbors, those close to home and those around the world. Frustration arose when our great love, respect, and dignity for our neighbors was presented with only holy words and not a path for holy action. Thoughts and prayers are good when that is the only option, but they fall short when we yield to them out of the preservation of our own comfort and traditions.

We elected The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as our new Presiding Bishop who will be installed in a few months. I believe the perspectives of being Gen X with help Bishop Rowe bridge the gaps and connect the younger and older generations of Episcopalians around the Church. Google him and get to know him. The Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement is in good hands.

If you have any questions about General Convention, let me know.

*Kirk*

## 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.

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

Wednesdays: July 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

## Book Drive

For the month of July, we will be collecting children's books and competing in the Spread the Word Nevada book drive. If you have any children's books lying around you would like to donate, please drop them off 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Alysha Johnson 352-342-2195 and I will be happy to help.

## 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).

## Empty Bowls 2024

**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>

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.**

## 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).

## Northern Nevada PRIDE Parade



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).**

## 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

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=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVxbSs0d3NaOFIrUT09>

## Worship Leader Schedule

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

## July Prayers & Squares

Come join us for our next Prayers & Squares get together. You don't need to know how to sew. We have jobs that we need help with that don't require that skill. If you want to learn, you can do that too. Over the next few months, we will be teaching basic quilting skills for those who are interested.

We will meet on the fourth Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall beginning at 9 am. Bring lunch. We work until 1 or 2 pm. The July

meeting will be July 27. Please email Margaret Bouzek at [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com) if you plan on attending.

## UFO Days

The next Un Finished Object Days is coming in August. The 3 ½ day craft and quilting retreat starts on August 11 at 1:30 pm and runs until 3 pm August 14. This event only cost \$100, and all proceeds go to the church building fund. Contact Linda Kennedy at 775-722-1657 to sign up.

In addition, we need small items for the raffle baskets for this event. Items like coffee, tea, chocolate, candy, wine, etc. work best. However, any small item that you think people would like would be appreciated. Please leave them in the blue box in the narthex by July 28.

## 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.

## Tech Team

St. Paul's relies on technology to facilitate both live and online communication. Our Technical Team Ministry (Tech Team) is essential in making this happen.

The team utilizes the Zoom platform to ensure all parishioners can access church services. Our services are hybrid, available both in person and via Zoom.

We use cameras to broadcast and record services, sermons, and special events. Currently, we are learning and experimenting with new cameras and camera systems.

A soundboard is used to control the audio, directing it to the church speakers, hearing assistance devices, and Zoom broadcasts. We manage audio feeds from the praise team, choir, clergy, various mics, and auxiliary sound sources, balancing the sound as needed.

The Tech Team relies on each member's unique gifts to contribute to a quality service. Some volunteers have professional tech training and willingly share their skills, while others with an interest are being trained. Our team works collaboratively, so every member does not need

to know every aspect of our technology. The goal is to have team members on a rotating schedule to run the cameras, Zoom, and assist with the soundboard. Members will also help install and maintain equipment and contribute to discussions about future improvements.

Currently, our team is very small, and we need more members to achieve our goals. Please consider if this is something you are interested in. It helps if you have technical aptitude and are comfortable with computers, but even if you are unsure, a willingness and patience to learn and contribute are valuable.

We ask that anyone interested in joining the Tech Team be committed to the church and our ministry, available to support technical aspects during services, and trainable in new and expanding technologies. This includes working with the soundboard, running camera systems, assisting with wireless microphones and hearing assistance devices, troubleshooting projectors, managing Zoom sessions, recording services, and helping produce a service that all parishioners can participate in, whether in church or at home. Once you join the Tech Team, we ask that you have grace, an open mind, a willingness to learn, and dedication to assisting with all technical matters before, during, and after services.

## 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.



# Faith Night

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

**VS. LAS VEGAS**  
**AVIATORS**



**SCAN**  
**HERE TO**  
**PURCHASE**

