



October

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...



September 27, 2024

I just wanted to give you an update.

Those of you who were in worship on Sunday know that I got called back to Oklahoma to be at the bedside of my father, Duane. Dad has dementia which has slowly progressed over the past several years. The progression has reached a point where his mind and body are not always in sync which has led to the beginning of bodily shut down.

The biggest blessing of it all is that he continues to know who we are, and his sense of humor has heightened. Being here with him is a gift and I am forever grateful for your Letter of Agreement with me that allows for me to be away from the church during situations like this.

Tricia was able to be here last weekend and returned to Sparks on Monday. Though she wishes she could be here until the end, she is good and has the support she needs. Unfortunately, Cassidy was unable to come to Oklahoma, but she had a nice visit with her Papa on the phone. She too is receiving the support she needs.

Dad's decline happened rapidly last Thursday and then leveled off for most of this week. As of yesterday, his regression has begun once again. My current plan is to return home on or before Thursday, though there is no guarantee. The sacredness of death and dying is taking precedence now in the same way that it takes precedence when I get called to the bedside of those who call St. Paul's home.

I want you to know that this is a good death. Let me explain what I mean. My father lived a good, faithful, and honorable life. There is no conflict stirring within him, nor is there conflict between those of us who are gathered around him. The chair beside Dad's bed is never empty. There

are a multitude of people drawn to sit and be present in such a sacred space. We massage him with lotion, look at scrapbooks, and tell stories. He makes jokes. We say, "I love you." He replies, "I love you too." We pray...together.

This time is a blessing for us and for him. Gratitude abounds. It is a good death.

As I pray for you and your families, I ask that you pray for me and mine. That peace will reside in us and that death would come so that new life can begin.

Kirk

Sr. Warden Report



Fall has officially started!

Please continue to keep Fr. Kirk and his family in your prayers during his father's illness. Fr. Kirk and I stay in contact during this time. He is very thankful for your concern.

There will be a Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27 and a Halloween party on October 25. Please participate as you are able.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Silent Film on November 8 at Trinity Cathedral. Dorothy Papadakos will accompany "The Lodger". She is an amazing organist, you won't be disappointed.

Daughters of the King are organizing a Craft and Bake Sale on Sunday December 1. It will follow the services Sunday.

Thank you all,
Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Pet Blessing: October 5th



If you would like your beloved pet blessed this year, Fr. Kirk will be offering blessings in the memorial garden between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 5th.

There is not an official service this year, just drop in anytime between 10a.m. and 11am to get your pet blessed.

Christmas Wreath Sales

The wreath sale runs through November 3rd with proceeds going towards the purchase of a new computer for online worship. Wreaths will be available at church on Sunday, December 8th. Wreaths are from Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington state and promise to be fresh and lovely. Can be shipped anywhere in the US except Alaska and Hawaii (no PO Boxes). See Linda Devon at church or call her at 775-750-4029 or email at lsd4764@hotmail.com

Worship Leader Schedule

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

Halloween Party – Oct 25th

St. Paul's will be hosting a Halloween party on October 25th from 6 to 9 pm there will be live music, a costume contest, games for kids and a Halloween food contest! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids with 5 and under are free. For tickets and more information please contact Heather Burkhardt 775-544-7329.



Trunk-or-Treat Volunteers Needed

We **are planning** to offer Trunk-or-Treat again this year to the neighborhood kiddos, as well as those kids from St. Paul's, from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27th.**



To make this successful, we need enough trunks and tailgates!!! Please email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org and let us know if we have enough volunteers who are willing to serve candy from their trunks and maybe even dress up and decorate a little.

If we have enough volunteers this will be an outdoor event only...no indoor games this year. Watch the weekly email announcements to see if we are having Trunk-or-Treat.



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.

“In Memory of” Memorial Service October 30th

There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process.

On **Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.** we will have an “In Memory of” memorial service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service.

If you would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact the parish office at Office@StPaulsSparks.org, [775-358-4474](tel:775-358-4474).

All Saints’ Day: November 3rd

This is a time when we remember our family and friends who have died. The All Saints’ book is on a stand at the back of the church on the north side. **Please clearly print** the full names of those you wish to remember on that day.

Better yet, you can email the names to office@stpaulssparks.org and we will write them in there for you.

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.

United Thank Offering Ingathering November 3rd

We are commanded in Mark 12:30....."Love the Lord your God with all your Soul with all your mind and with all your strength." In our pursuit of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength we find ourselves wondering where to begin. The answer lies in simple yet transformative practice of gratitude.

Gratitude is defined in Webster's Dictionary as the quality or feeling grateful, being thankful or appreciation. Each day members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church are showing their

gratefulness, appreciation of the happenings in their lives filling their UTO Boxes with coins thanking God.

On **November 3rd**, St. Paul's will gather the Blue Boxes during the offering for the funds to be sent to the United Thank Offering of the national church providing grants offered to Dioceses and Churches around the world for projects to support Jesus' care of the stranger in our midst.

If you need a Blue Box or would prefer an envelope to provide a check those maybe found in the Narthex or if you have any questions, please call Kathie Dixon 775-846-9751.

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.



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.

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=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVWRxbSs0d3NaOFIURU09>

October Prayers & Squares

The meeting day for Prayers and Squares is changing and will be meeting the FOURTH Monday of each month. We start at 9 am and work until about 1 or 2. Come to the Parish Hall and give us a hand. No sewing experience is necessary. Contact Linda Kennedy at 775-722-1657 or linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com if you have any questions or whether or not you can join us. **This month, October 28th!**

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.

Daughters of the King Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale

December 1, 2024

After Church to 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds to be used for Coffee Hour Supplies

We will offer:

- Baked Goods
- Home Made Soup to Go
- Hand-made crafts and jewelry

Come join us for some Christmas Shopping!!

Fundraiser for St. Paul's and Trinity

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S
1927 SILENT FILM THRILLER

THE LODGER

Starring
IVOR NOVELLO
accompanied by
world renowned organist
DOROTHY PAPADAKOS
*improvising the score
on the spot!*

Tickets for the
Pre-concert reception
and
Silent Movie
are sold separately on
Eventbrite.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!
Friday, November 8, 2024 at 7pm
200 Island Ave, Reno, NV 89509

Pre-concert reception 5:30pm to
6:30pm in Parish Hall