

September

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

775-358-4474 <u>www.StPaulsSparks.org</u> 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...



Some of the Episcopal parishes in Nevada have returned to precovid practices/traditions about the common cup. I am curious about your thoughts.

Please send me an email at

<u>Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org</u> and answer the following questions.

#1 Which chalice do you receive from, Wine or Grape Juice?

#2 How would you feel about receiving the cup at Communion if we allowed both intinction (dipping) and sipping from the chalice?

Thank you. Kink +

NO Worship at St. Paul's Sept. 22nd

Join us for Mass on the Grass. See below.

Mass on the Grass: Sept 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. Members of St. Paul's are assigned to bring salads and sides to the picnic following worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Sr. Warden Report



Welcome Fall!

I am hoping for some cooler days and nights this month. Time for us to get out of the heat wave!

There are many activities coming up this fall but one in

particular I want to bring to your attention. Dorothy Papadakos will once again be performing on the organ at Trinity Cathedral to a silent film. This year the film is "The Lodger" directed by Alfred Hitchcock. It will be presented on **November 8.** If you have never been to one of the concerts, you are in for a real treat. Dorothy composes her accompaniment as the film is shown. It is truly amazing! Look for additional announcements about tickets in the next few months. Dorothy is Peter Papadakos sister!

The annual Diocesan Convention will take place in early October in Las Vegas. Your elected delegates, the wardens and clergy will be attending.

I want to thank you all for the contributions you make to St. Paul's. It is appreciated very much.

Margaret Bouzek Senior Warden

Worship Leader Availability

Please send in dates you are unavailable for Sunday services for October, November, and December to <u>office@stpaulssparks.org</u>, if you have not already done so.

Love God, Love God's World

Have the fires in the west bothered you either by breathing the smoke or knowing the damage done to our lands? Has the summer heat upset your life this summer? Do you have questions about climate change? We at St Paul's are forming a small group to discuss questions like these.

An information meeting is going to be held on Sunday September 15th at 9:00 AM for anyone who is interested in joining a small group discussing the environment and climate change. This program has been developed by the national Episcopal Church. We will meet for 9 sessions discussing a program called Love God, Love Gods World. It is recommended that the group size is at least 6 and not more than 12 members so there will be plenty of room for individual discussion.

If you have questions prior to the meeting contact Mike Margerum at mgoodmarge@gmail.com.

Worship Leader Schedule

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

Empty Bowls 2024

September 18th 6 to 8 pm

The fundraising event to benefit The Community Food Pantry will be held at Tuscan Falls Event Center D'Andrea Golf Course located at 2900 Geno Martini Parkway in Sparks. Tickets are \$55 per person, please see Barbara Monroy or Linda Devon for tickets or visit the Empty Bowls tab at thecommunityfoodpantryrenosparks.com

Last Day to Paint a Bowl: Sept 12th

The last day to paint a bowl for empty bowls 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.

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.

Northern Nevada PRIDE Parade

St. Paul's will once again participate in the Northern Nevada Pride Parade and Festival on September 7th.

If you want to

walk with us in

the parade, you

must enter the

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checkpoint at 6th and Sierra St. We will be lined up at 9:30 between Sierra and Virginia on 6th.

The walk is 1 mile. We will carry our St. Paul's Pride Banner and some of us carry homemade signs. We wear rainbow or other bright colors, and some of us get really creative. Hats and sunscreen are always a

good idea and water is a must! If you walk with us, you will be told Thank You by those in the crowd more times than you can count. Don't want to walk, then come and watch. The parade route is between 3rd and the river on Virginia and starts at 10:00 a.m.

Our St. Paul's booth this year is just inside the grassy/shady area on the west side of Arlington Ave.

If you would like to help fund our participation, please write PRIDE on your donation.

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 guarters). 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 ioin by using this link. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365786953?pwd= ZzkwME9iYy9FZWRxbSs0d3NaOFIrUT09

September Prayers & Squares

The meeting day for Prayers and Squares is changing. Beginning in September, we will be meeting on the <u>first Monday</u> 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.

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.

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.

Fundraiser for St. Paul's and Trinity

