



# November

**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...



### It's Election Time

I just want to say a few words about the upcoming presidential election. It is no secret this election is creating an overabundance of stress and fear in people's lives. I know this is 100% true because I'm hearing it straight from your mouths, and yes, I feel it too.

My prayer is that you vote. Everyone who can, go vote. I'm a priest in the Episcopal Church, so I am not going to tell you who to vote for, just that you need to do it. This is important. Each of us needs to be able to profess that we used our voices at the ballot box. Remember, we are God's hands and voice...God works through us.

My prayer for you is that you vote and my hope for you is that you breathe...deeply. My faith in God's love tells me that it will be okay, even if the outcome is not as you wish it will be. All this stress and fear is unhealthy, and we need to be healthy (physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy) in order to show up and share God's love each and every day, no matter who wins the election.

If you can't sleep, turn off the news. If you can't love your neighbor because of the political sign in their yard, turn off the news. If you are without hope, turn off the news and focus on the good things that surround you. God is with you.

I can't promise that who you want to win will win, but I hold fast in my belief that God is in this mess, especially when fear is clouding our vision from that truth. There is a time to be still and know God, and there is a time for action. Today, let's breathe, be still, and know God. Then on election day, kick into action mode and use that knowledge to guide your vote.

The church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to stop in and say a prayer. Stay as long as you like.

*Kirk*

## Sr. Warden Report



Happy Thanksgiving!

Hard to believe we are nearing the end of the year!

There is still time to get your tickets to see Dorothy Papadakos accompany the silent film "The Lodger". As I have said before it truly is amazing to

see both the film and Dorothy!

We are also right in the middle of our Stewardship Campaign. Please prayerfully consider how you will support St. Paul's with your Time, Talent and/or Treasure. There are many opportunities waiting for you.

I would like to encourage you to consider running for one of the vestry positions. We elect two members at our annual meeting in January. Work on the vestry is rewarding. Please speak to any current vestry person if you have questions: Mary Lynch, Connie Swain, Kathie Dixon, Jeannine Funk, Mark Sawdon or me.

Thank you for all you do,

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## Funding the Mission October 2024



The third quarter financial results for 2024 exceeded the budget projections. Operating receipts totaled \$67,988 and operating expenses totaled \$75,264. This gave us an operating deficit for the quarter of \$7,276 compared to the budget's deficit prediction of \$17,605. Donations were again primarily responsible for this good news.

The bottom-line results for the 1st nine months of the year are also very favorable. We have accumulated a surplus of \$30,791 compared to the budget's prediction of a \$2,608 surplus at this point. Again, we are well on track to run an annual surplus for 2024.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex.

You can direct questions personally to myself (Roger Towne) or to any Vestry member

or contact me by email at Treasurer@stpaulsspark.org IMPORTANT NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time ends Saturday night on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Set those clocks back an hour before you go to bed!

### The Bishop's Cross

On October 12th following the end of Diocesan Convention, I reached out to Tricia and told her that Bishop Elizabeth had awarded me the Bishop's Cross. I told her I cried, for which she replied, "Of course you did."

My wife knows me well. Receiving such an award is both humbling and a great honor. One thing that I find reassuring about our bishop is that she knows her clergy. Each Bishop's Cross that has been awarded by our bishop is unique to the person receiving it. It is not only my wife that knows me well. Here is a picture of me holding the 2024 Bishop's Cross. Thank you, Bishop Elizabeth, for your kind words and for your awareness of this detail. (t-shirt) *Kirk<sup>+</sup>*



Here is what was written in the Diocesan E-Newsletter.

### The Bishop's Cross

The Bishop's Cross is given by Bishop Elizabeth to a priest in the diocese who lives their life according to the vows each ordained person voluntarily takes. Those vows, found beginning on page 525 of the Book of Common Prayer, are very comprehensive. They include the way we live and move and have our being. They require upholding the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church. Moreover, they commend a life of study, prayer, and service.

In Bishop Elizabeth's first year with us, the Bishop's Cross was awarded to the Rev. Marla Asson for her tireless work on behalf of those with limited voice and representation - particularly those who seek to serve God and the Church. Last year, the Bishop's Cross was award to the Rev. Trudy Erquiaga for her ongoing and successful call to lift lay leaders across multiple Mission Districts through her classes, conversations, and counsel.

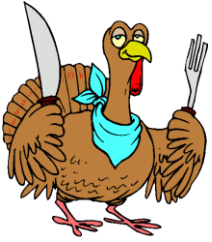
This year the Bishop's Cross was awarded to the Very Rev. Kirk Woodliff, rector of St. Paul in Sparks. Fr. Kirk's work in the diocese crosses all the right boundaries. He supports marginalized and overlooked communities whenever he can, from offering safe places for children to read books to feeding hungry families. He spends time forming disciples and growing congregations as a dean of the Northwest Mission District. But most of all Fr. Kirk speaks the truth in love. He is neither harsh nor mean, but gives wise counsel. Even when that counsel may seem unpopular or difficult. He has a generous spirit and loving heart. The Diocese of Nevada is lucky to have his leadership. *(Episcopal Diocese of NV e-news Oct 17<sup>th</sup>)*

### Christmas Wreath Sales

The wreath sale runs through November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:lsd4764@hotmail.com).

## Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck



Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck St. Paul's will be hosting their Annual Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

There is absolutely NO expectation for you to come. However, everyone in the parish is invited. This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home. So, for those of you who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. Paul's community and friends. If you would like to prepare a turkey or a ham, please let us know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing...and mashed potatoes too... Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer). If you can sign up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide) but if you forget to sign up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will provide.

The parish hall will be open at noon, and we will eat at 1:00p.m.

If you want to help with setting up tables, etc., please contact Fr. Kirk, or feel free to reach out to him with any questions you might have.

[Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org)

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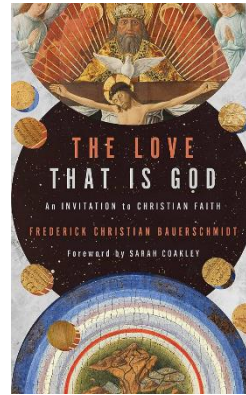
## Altar Guild

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.

## Advent Book Study

**Sundays: December 1, 8, 15, 22**

**2:00 to 3:00 (Location TBA)**



**The Love That is God** by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt.

*Get your hard copy or digital copy wherever you purchase your books.*

“God is love is the radical claim of Christianity,” writes Frederick Bauerschmidt at

the beginning of this little meditation on the essentials of Christian faith. In a rich yet accessible style reminiscent of C. S. Lewis and G. K. Chesterton, Bauerschmidt breathes life back into that claim, drawing from Scripture, great Christian and non-Christian writers of the past, and his own lived experience to show just how countercultural and subversive Christianity is actually meant to be. Eschewing the abstract and dogmatic in favor of the relational and inviting, he offers something for everyone, from lifelong churchgoers and students of religion to the growing population of “nones” among younger generations who are increasingly seeking spiritual fulfillment outside of institutional Christianity.

## Christmas Quilt Raffle

We will be having a raffle for a queen size Christmas Quilt. The drawing will be on December 1st at the Craft Fair.

Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

Please see Margaret Bouzek or Linda Kennedy for tickets during coffee hour in the parish hall.



## United Thank Offering Ingathering November 3rd

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Ingathering will be on Sunday, November 3rd. At the service the UTO Boxes and Envelopes will be collected with the Offerings and presented at that time. If you would prefer to write a check to represent the coins collected, envelopes are in the Narthex for that purpose. You can make the checks out to St. Paul's with a notation for UTO. United Thank Offering grants for 2025-2026 will be awarded for areas of ministry that welcome the stranger as Jesus would in our midst. 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](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com).



## Friday Bible Study on Zoom

We will **NOT** meet on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, due to Fr. Kirk attending his father's funeral, **NOR** will we meet on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving.

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=ZzkwME9iYy9FZWVxbSs0d3NaOFIUT09>

## Worship Leader Schedule

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

## 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.

## 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:

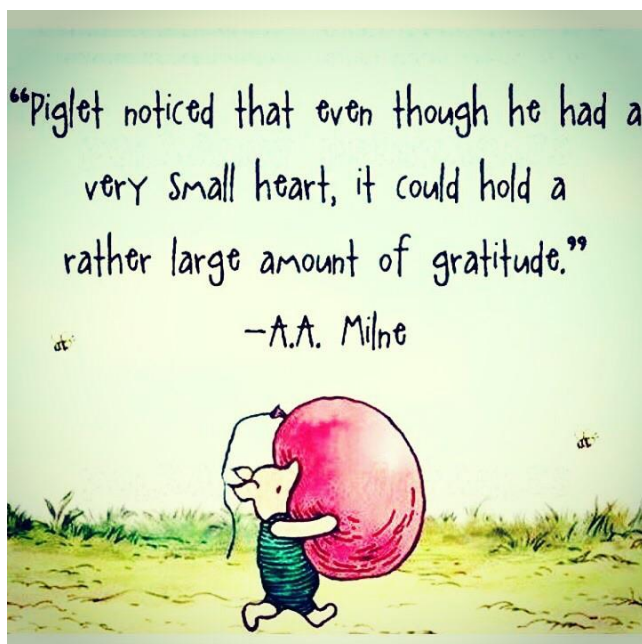
- Baked Goods
- Home Made Soup to Go
- Hand-made crafts and jewelry

Come join us for some Christmas Shopping!!

## 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](mailto:richard.schori@gmail.com).



## Fundraiser for St. Paul's and Trinity The Lodger

Get you tickets after in the parish office or on Eventbrite.com

**ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S**  
1927 SILENT FILM THRILLER  
**THE LODGER**

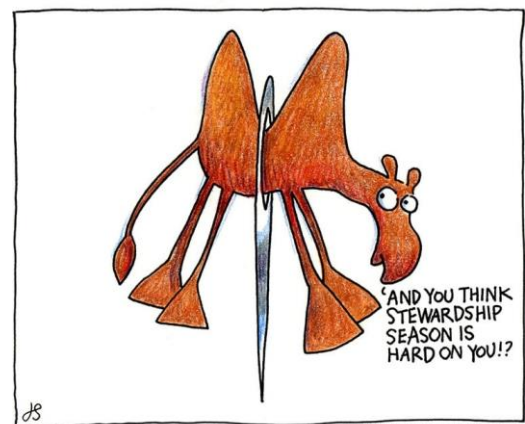
Starring  
**IVOR NOVELLO**  
accompanied by  
world renowned organist  
**DOROTHY PAPADAKOS**  
*improvising the score  
on the spot!*

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

The poster features a dark, moody illustration of a man's face in the center. To the right is a QR code. At the bottom, there are two smaller images: one of a man and woman in a close embrace, and another of a man in a dark coat and hat.



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