

Parish Announcements

Fr. Kirk on Vacation Dec. 29 – Jan. 15

If you have a pastoral emergency while Fr. Kirk is away, please contact the parish office between 10:00 and 1:00 at 775-358-4474. Rev. Rick Millsap will be covering pastoral care issues, and the office staff will contact him for you. If your need is not during office hours, please contact Sr. Warden Margaret Bouzek at 775-232-4712 and she will contact Rev. Rick.

Farewell Party

A FAREWELL PARTY for The Very Reverend Kirk Woodliff and Tricia Woodliff.

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

When: January 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

Please join us in wishing Fr. Kirk and Tricia a fond farewell as they prepare to move to Norman, Oklahoma where Kirk will be the new rector at St. John's Episcopal Church.

RSVP appreciated but not required to Margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Annual Parish Meeting

January 26th at 10:00 a.m.

We will have our annual parish meeting blended into our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Every member is **HIGHLY** encouraged and/or expected to attend. We hope you will join us.

This will be Fr. Kirk's final service as Rector of St. Paul's.

Seeking Members of the Vestry

There will be three slots to fill during the coming Vestry election during the January 26th annual parish meeting. Since Fr. Kirk is leaving St. Paul's, the role of the Vestry will shift a bit, taking on more of the everyday operations and vision of the church.

We are seeking members to serve on the Vestry who have good listening skills, are a team player, and are willing to roll up their sleeves and do the work of this important ministry.

The position of Vestry is a three-year term. During the next three years, the Vestry will work with Bishop Elizabeth to select our next Rector. Do you have the gifts to help us both keep St. Paul's the unique Christian community it is and help guide the congregation to where the Holy Spirit might be calling us to go?

The canonical requirements to service on the Vestry are you must have your baptismal information recorded at St. Paul's, you must have been Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church, you must be an active member in good standing and have given financially to the church.

If you would like to help lead St. Paul's during this transition, please complete the following questions on this Vestry Nomination Form and email them to our Sr. Warden, Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com by January 15th.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Nomination Form
2025-2027 Term**

Name: _____

What does St. Paul's Episcopal Church mean to you?
What is your favorite part of the Baptismal Covenant and why?
What do you perceive as your gifts for ministry?
Why do you want to serve on the Vestry of St. Paul's Church?

**Friday Bible Study with Zoom Option
Bible Study is on hiatus until February**

We will not meet during the month of January. We expect to resume our Bible study on Friday, February 7th.

Returning Financial Pledge Cards

If you haven't already returned your financial pledge card for 2025, please do so as soon as possible. You can place it in the offering plate on Sunday, January 5th or 12th, or mail it to St. Paul's PO BOX 737 Sparks, NV 89432, or drop it off at the office. Having your pledge card helps the Vestry set next year's budget. Thank you!

Laundry Love

Laundry Love is taking a hiatus for 3 months / the foreseeable future.

St. Paul's Girls' Weekend

Save the Dates April 25-27, 2025

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2025 will be held Friday, April 25, Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 at Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe.

Who: Women of all ages and their friends are invited.

When: Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27, 2025

Where: Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Why: Come enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe, walk on the beach (the camp is steps from Lake Tahoe), get to know other women from our church, eat delicious food, have great conversations, play games, watch movies, enjoy an art project or two, go to South Lake Tahoe to shop or see a movie, and relax!

Price: \$200 per person. Limited scholarships are available- if needed, please chat with Tia. Payment due before the event.

The weekend will begin with dinner on Friday night. Everyone attending will contribute a food item for Friday dinner. All meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday are included and prepared by Camp Galilee staff.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, you can call or email Tia Mittelstadt at tia.mittel@gmail.com or 775-722-3329; or Erin Anderson at erin@trinity-ai.com or 775-250-2699. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and please note for SPGW 2025 on the memo line. Hope to see you there!

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.