



May

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. In-person and on Zoom
Holy Communion Service

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Sparks NV 89432

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Sr. Warden Report

Happy Easter Season

May brings not only flowers but the great season of Easter where we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

My husband and I are spending the month of May and into early June on our "bucket list" of a trip to Europe. I will pray for you all during the time I am away. Please pray for us that we have a safe trip. Airplane travel seems to be a bit tricky lately :)

I wanted to update you on how we are proceeding with our decisions about a new rector. First, I want to provide some definitions.

Interim Priest: A priest with specific training in leading a congregation through a period of discernment after their full-time rector has left the parish. They would spend time working with the congregation through the grief process as well as listening and leading to a mission statement that reflects who the congregation is at this time.

Priest in Charge: A priest who through an interview process assumes the position of rector for a period of time that would not exceed 3 years. During that time, the priest and vestry would have regular periods of reflection that determine if the Priest in Charge should move to the position of full-time rector or make another decision.

So, where are we now?

The vestry has interviewed one priest and has another interview scheduled for the position of Priest in Charge. Only God knows where we will be led in this process. Be assured that Bishop Elizabeth is involved in helping us through our decision-making process.

With that being said, please pray for St. Paul's. It is very important that we listen to what we are being led to for the future of our church.

With hope,

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Funding the *Mission*: April 2025

The first quarter financial results for 2025 were very strong. Operating receipts totaled \$98,830 and operating expenses totaled \$62,973. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$35,857 compared to the budget's predicted surplus of \$20,690. It is typical in the first quarter for us to run a significant surplus because several parishioners give their entire yearly pledge at the beginning of the year and the budget attempts to predict this.

Higher than expected pledge payments and general giving accounted for most of this difference, and lower than expected expenses explained the rest. As we enter the 2nd quarter, the vestry is looking at some significant repairs and other expenses that were not expected. I expect this will significantly reduce this surplus. However, it may be offset somewhat by lower payroll expenses depending on when we are able to obtain an interim priest. Not having a full-time rector is saving the church some significant expense.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains details on all our financial activity and is posted in the narthex. If you would like me to email you a copy, send me an email at the address below.

You can direct questions personally to myself (Roger Towne) or to any Vestry member or contact me by email at Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org
IMPORTANT NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

Help Wanted

Our bulletin boards are in need of "refreshing". Do you have a talent for making a display on a bulletin board? Do you have an artistic eye for making them look interesting?

If so, please contact Kathie Dixon, Junior Warden.

Many thanks!
The Vestry

Worship Leader Schedule

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

Creation Care At St. Paul's

At St. Paul's we love God, and we love God's world. As a parish, we do a great number of things to express our love. Sometimes our efforts are seen, sometimes they are not. Sometimes we want to do something positive for the world but feel overwhelmed by the daunting tasks laid before us. Creation Care provides opportunities to show our commitment to loving God through loving God's world.

The Creation Care journey is a long one. Where should we start? A bulletin board has been set up outside of the parish hall. Look here for upcoming community events which support loving God's world. Ecopaliens will keep us updated with the latest ways to help protect the environment. We will keep a calendar of upcoming classes offered at St. Paul's focusing on Creation Care.

The next Creation Care planning session is May 4, 2025, at 11:15 am in the youth room. Everyone is welcome. We'll be talking about next steps/projects. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Mike mgoodmarge@gmail.com or Robin Towne robinatowne@yahoo.com.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Please note Prayers and Squares will NOT meet during the months of May and June.

Margaret Bouzek and Linda Kennedy

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2025 MAY 4 - NOVEMBER 2

The United Thank Offering Blue Box offers each one of St. Paul's parish members a chance to express their Gratitude for blessings large or small. By dropping pennies, dimes, dollars in the Blue Box we thank God for blessings in our lives: a loved one's birthday, sunny day or a rainy one, a new job, for healing. "Every penny

given is then given away in grant funding to missions and ministries to live Jesus' way of love."* These funds may turn into kitchen equipment for a homeless shelter, a school in Uganda, family counselling, vans for doctor's appointments.

More than 5,300 grants have been awarded for a total of \$160 million to support missions and ministries throughout the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

*UTO The Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Gratitude Campaign will begin May 4 and May 11 with UTO Boxes featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday May 2. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-846-9751.

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.

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.

Want Something in the Newsletter?

Email it to Office@StPaulsSparks.org by the 25th each month.

Northern Nevada Spring Tea 2025

May 3, 2025
Noon til 2:00 pm
Doors open at 11:30 am
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1135 12th St, Sparks, NV



\$20 per per person
cash or check payable at the door

Make your reservation by contacting Margaret Bouzek at
margaret.bouzek@gmail.com or 775-232-4712

Raffle prizes will be available.
Door prizes for Best Hat and
Best Table Setting

