



# August

## 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  
(1135 12<sup>th</sup> Street)  
P. O. Box 737  
Sparks NV 89432

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## Senior Warden Report

Happy August!



I want to provide you with an update on the filing of the rector position. The vestry had decided that they would like to proceed with a rector search. But we recently received information about a candidate who was interested in our position. The vestry had an interview with the candidate. Bishop Elizabeth was also present for the interview. We were favorably impressed and are proceeding with the second step which is to invite the candidate and spouse to visit Reno/Sparks for a tour of the area and to meet with other clergy in the Sierra Deanery as well as the vestry. Please continue to pray for the selection of our next rector. I will keep you apprised as we move forward. Should this current process not come to fruition, we will go back to a full rector search.

I hope you were able to attend some of the picnics and/or the baseball game in July. It is always fun to get together. We are hoping to have a potluck in August but haven't chosen a date yet so please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins.

Our very accomplished church secretary is changing her office hours. She has two school-aged children so it would be helpful to her to have Fridays off. Therefore, the office will be open from Monday through Thursday from 10-1 beginning August 1.

Stay cool!

Margaret Bouzek  
Senior Warden

## Worship Leader Schedule

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

## Funding the Mission

July 2025



The second quarter financial results for 2025 were again very strong. Operating receipts totaled \$91,276 and operating expenses totaled \$45,981. This gave us an operating surplus for the quarter of \$45,295 compared to the budget's predicted deficit of \$11,440. Our annual surplus now sits at \$81,151.

Two things contributed to this large surplus compared to the budget. First, we received several large pre-paid pledges in the second quarter. Secondly, when we developed the budget, we "guessed" that we would have a full time interim priest starting in April. Since that hasn't happened yet, each month we will save around \$9,000 in budgeted expenses.

Last quarter I reported that the Vestry planned to begin some significant improvements and repairs in and around the building. That has begun and is expected to continue over the next several months. Some of these expenses are being paid for with money we set aside over the last few years for exactly this purpose. The rest will come from normal 2025 operating receipts.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail 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](mailto:Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org) IMPORTANT NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

## Help Wanted

The Projection Team needs a few more volunteers to run the slide show during services. Training is provided for this important yet fun task to make our worship a success. Please see Tim Miller if you are interested.

The Technology Team invites interested people to join in making sure we have the right equipment for projection. You will be trained in the tasks. Please see Tim Miller or John Hannah for more information.

## Blessing of the Backpacks & a Prayer for Everyone Returning to Work -

**Sun., Aug. 10 at the 10:00 AM Service**

School begins in Washoe County Monday, Aug. 11, so we want your kids to go off to school with a special blessing! Have them bring their backpacks to the 10:00 AM service, and we will be doing a special blessing for them, for their parents, and for teachers and other folks who support our kids in education.



It is hard for adults too who now have to move from the vacation mentality of the summer and get back into the regular rhythm of kids in school and returning to work. We will have a special prayer for you too!

## ARE YOU A RIGHT FIT?

**Foster. Adopt. Mentor.**

Washoe County Human Services Agency is actively recruiting foster and adoptive parents, respite care providers and mentors for children and teens who are in foster care in our community.

Our goal is to provide our children in foster care with a safe and nurturing home, until they

can reunify with their families, or an alternative plan like adoption is established. There is a significant need for new foster homes and respite care providers.

On average there are over 700 children in care at any given time in Washoe County.

Brenda Sills, Washoe County Human Services, will join St. Paul's on Sunday, August 17 at the 10:00 service for announcements and will have a table in the Narthex after services. Please welcome her and spend some time with her at her table. Also, visit their website [www.haveaheartwashoe.us](http://www.haveaheartwashoe.us).

## UNITED THANK OFFERING 2025 MAY 4 - NOVEMBER 2

The UTO Blue Box offers each and every one of St. Paul's members a chance to express their Gratitude for blessings large or small. By placing pennies, dimes, dollars in the Box we thank God for the blessings in our lives: a loved one's birthday, a 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 the Dominican Republic, family counseling, vans, a library for a seminary in Africa. More than 5,300 grants have been awarded for a total of \$140 million to support missions and ministries throughout The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion.\*

St. Paul's Campaign will begin May 4 and May 11 with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday Nov 2. \*UTO The Episcopal Church

## 16th Annual Empty Bowls

Wednesday - September 17, 2025 6-8pm  
The Generator - 2450 Oddie Blvd Sparks  
Purchase tickets on Eventbrite - \$60



The Empty Bowls Fundraiser is the only official fundraiser for the Community Food Pantry. It consists of a gourmet soup

and salad dinner, a silent auction of bowls painted by members of the community at Hot Spot Pottery, and donated items from local businesses for the silent auction and raffle.

The Community Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance to individuals in need in the greater Reno Sparks area. In 2024 we fed approximately 85,250 people. Volunteers are essential to the pantry and give many hours each week. The pantry depends on donations from the community and local businesses to continue to provide services. With the recent federal cuts to food banks, the need is even greater. The money raised from this event will be used to buy food to keep the shelves at the pantry stocked and keep our programs funded

### Northern Nevada PRIDE Parade



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

If you would like to join us, save the date September 6. If you would like to help fund our participation, please write PRIDE on your donation. We are also collecting Tootsie Pops to hand out during the parade, if you would like to donate please place in the Narthex.

### PRIDE PASTA PARTY

**Friday, September 5th, 6:30PM**

at the Carter-Hargrove home.

Everyone is invited to a Pride Pasta Party (whether you're able to attend the parade the next day or not) Please text your RSVP to Anne at (775) 742-1235 for more information or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

### Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken 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).

### 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.

### Want Something in the Newsletter?

Email it to [Office@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Office@StPaulsSparks.org) by the 25<sup>th</sup> each month.