



September

**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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Senior Warden Report



Welcome Fall!

It has certainly been a busy summer since it passed by so quickly. I look at fall as a time for new beginnings. I hope you find renewal as well.

In regard to the rector search, We have interviewed 3 candidates who were interested in a position in Nevada/California/Arizona. Although they were all good people, we did not feel that they were the right person to serve at St. Paul's, or they elected to serve elsewhere. Therefore, a small group will be putting together information about St. Paul's. Bishop Elizabeth will send out the profile to a larger group. It is our prayer that we attract the right person for our parish. I am working hard to ensure we have preachers and presiders for all our services during this time. My thanks to everyone for their care for our parish family.

There is interest in having a Bible Study again. If you are interested and would be willing to lead a group, please contact me.

A parish potluck is being offered in September. We are changing the date due to several conflicts with our first choice. The new date is September 28th.

Once again, thank you for your presence and participation at St. Paul's.

Margaret Bouzek
Senior Warden

Worship Leader Schedule

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

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.

Our Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for several types of services at Saint Paul's. Regular Sunday services provide Holy Eucharist year-round, as well as special services for the seasons of the Episcopal Church. The year ends with the season of joy, Advent and Christmas. Spring brings a different season of joy that asks us to examine our spiritual lives, Easter. In all the seasons of the church, the Altar Guild volunteers give their time and talents to the congregation.

Membership in the Altar Guild provides opportunities for service, creativity, and fellowship. In the past the vestments and other textile objects were all handmade and/or embroidered, and still are in many parishes. The Guild regularly uses flowers in the service, and churches frequently have Flower Guilds. At this time Saint Paul's does not have a Flower Guild.

I see a lot of beauty in the traditions of the Altar Guild. Membership requires attention to detail (and not so much heavy lifting). We prepare for all types of services, some festive, others somber. Our Altar Guild needs to increase the roster of members – many hands make light work. The leader of this ministry is Sue Schultz. We are updating our Photo Book to make it easier to learn the ways of the Altar Guild and serve God in a beautiful way. Training is provided. Contact Rachael Pitts if you are interested in

giving a lot or a little time to this worthy tradition.
Baywolf2025@outlook.com.

Blessing of the Pets



Sat.,
Oct. 4,
at 10:00
a.m.

St. Francis Day, Sat., October 4 at 10:00 AM

They're the first at the door to greet us when we come home. They make us smile at the end of a long day. They become such a part of our lives we count them as family. They are, of course, our pets!

Whether you own dogs, cats, gerbils, iguanas, or parakeets, bring them to St. Paul's back garden for a brief service Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 AM, and an individual blessing from the priest. Horses and cows may be problematic, but if you can roll them into the parking lot in a trailer, we will come out and bless them too! If your child has a special stuffed animal they would like blessed, please bring them along! If your pet cannot attend, bring a picture on your phone — They will get a blessing too.

In invite your friends and neighbors too! Neither they nor their cats or dogs need be Episcopalian.

We recommend bringing cats in carriers and all dogs should be on leashes. We follow the same rule with our animal congregants we do with the human ones: No congregants are allowed to bite or chase one another.

We know the grief at the loss of a pet can be devastating. If you are experiencing this, please bring us a picture of your pet or write its name on a slip of paper. We have a special blessing for them and for you.

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.

Diocesan Convention

Would you like to help out at the Diocesan Convention? We have been asked to help serve breakfast on Friday October 10th. If you are available, please contact Margaret Bouzek at Margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Parish Potluck

We will have a parish potluck on September 28th (notice change of date) following the 10am service.

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.

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.