

Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE EPISTLE

A Letter to the Saints in Sparks

Walking the Way of the Cross Together



PASTOR & PRESENCE: Mother Hannah is honored to serve and grow in faith alongside this community.

OVER THE PAST MONTH, I have felt so warmly welcomed into the life of St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who has shared cards, letters, books, mugs, and thoughtful gifts as I settle into life in the Reno-Sparks area. Your kindness and generosity have meant a great deal to me, and I am grateful to begin this new chapter of ministry together.

As we approach Holy Week, I want to extend a special invitation to attend as many of the services as you are able. The journey through the final

days of Jesus' life—his love, sacrifice, and the way of the cross—prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter morning. When we walk that path together as a community, Easter becomes even more powerful and meaningful.

Please check the back page for service times. I hope to see many of you throughout this sacred week.

Peace,
Mother Hannah ✕

Senior Warden Report March has been a good month!

WE WELCOMED

Mother Hannah at the March 8 service. I am looking forward to working together to accomplish many things that were in hiatus without a rector. Mother Hannah and I are meeting weekly to keep on schedule. There will be a Celebration of New Ministry (installation and induction) led by the Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardener on Pentecost, Sunday, May 24.



We have set the dates for the Meet and Greet sessions with Mother Hannah. They are going to be late in April and early May. Please watch for announcements and sign up sheets closer to the actual events.

Speaking of Lent and Easter, please watch the announcements for all the different services. We encourage you to attend as many of the Holy Week services as you can. Each one offers a different perspective of the life and death of Jesus. I especially encourage you to attend the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4. There is some fun in the works too with an Easter Egg Hunt after the service in the garden. →

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PRAYERS & SQUARES: Stitched with love, wrapped in prayer, offering comfort, care, and connection.

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Please consider participating in one of the following ministries. Contact the people listed below to learn more.

Ushers/Greeters - Dick Stufflebeam:
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Many thanks for all you do,
Margaret Bouzek, Senior Warden ✘

Spring Tea

PLEASE JOIN US for the annual spring tea at St. Paul's. Our doors open at 11:30am with the event starting at noon. \$20 per person, payable at the door. If you would like to decorate a table or reserve a place, email:
margaret.bouzek@gmail.com. ✘

Prayers and Squares

WE WELCOME ALL WHO would like to sew the quilts for Prayers and Squares. We begin our sewing sessions at 10am, taking a lunch break, and then finishing up by 2pm. Below is the schedule through the summer:

April: NO MEETING
May: Work on children's quilts
June: NO MEETING
July: Work on craft project
August: Work on craft project
September: Work on craft project

Anyone interested in learning more about this creative ministry should contact Linda Kennedy:
linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com. ✘



Honor a Loved One with Easter Flowers

THIS YEAR THE Easter Offering will support both St. Paul's and The Eddy House. To make a donation and dedication, please have the envelopes turned in by Palm Sunday. This allows us time to make sure all names are in the Easter bulletin. Pick up a special envelope in the Narthex (foyer) for both the offering and flower dedication. ✘

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New Online Church Calendar

WE NOW HAVE a new online calendar where you can see the most up-to-date schedule of worship services, meetings, and events. We encourage everyone to check it regularly to stay connected with what's happening in the life of the parish. Visit the calendar here:
stpaulssparks.org/news/calendar. ✘

Meet & Greet

With our new rector

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU to join a Meet & Greet with our new rector. These casual gatherings are a simple way to get to know one another beyond Sunday morning and spend time in conversation. There's no agenda—just an open invitation to come as you are, connect, and have fun. Look for the signup sheets after Easter.

Thursday, April 30, 4:00 - 7:00pm
 Sat., May 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Sunday, May 3, 3:00 - 5:00pm
 Saturday, May 9, 4:00 - 6:00pm ✕

Want to Read During the Service?

Why lectoring matters

SERVING AS A LECTOR, reading Scripture aloud during worship, is a meaningful way to grow in confidence and public speaking. Standing at the lectern and sharing God's word invites you to speak clearly, thoughtfully, and with purpose in front of a supportive community.

For young people especially, being a lector offers a safe and encouraging space to develop these skills. It's a place to practice using your voice, become more comfortable in front of others, and gain confidence over time.

Whether you're experienced or trying it for the first time, serving as a lector is a simple and powerful way to grow, and to help bring the Scriptures to life for the whole congregation.

Millie Mitchell is our head lector; please talk to her if you'd like to read: milliemitch775@gmail.com.

Come to the lector training on Sunday, April 19 right after church. Meet in the rector's office. RSVP to Millie at the email above. ✕



CONTEMPLATIVE COURTYARD: Spring has sprung! Stop by the courtyard for a moment of prayer.

Prayer Team Relunched

WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE that our prayer team has been relaunched. This dedicated group meets regularly and holds our community in prayer each day, lifting up the needs and concerns of our church family. If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Susanne Byrne: t9susanne@gmail.com.

You are welcome to share as much or as little as you feel comfortable, and to let us know whether your request should remain private. We are committed to honoring your privacy with care and respect. If you feel called to join the prayer team or would like to learn more, Susanne would be glad to connect with you. ✕

Interested in the Sacrament of Baptism?

WE WILL CELEBRATE baptisms on Sunday, April 19. If you are interested, please schedule a time to talk with Mother Hannah to prepare: rector@stpaulssparks.org. ✕

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



at St. Paul's

Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:00am

Commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Tenebrae, April 1, 6:00pm

A beautiful and contemplative service of shadows and scripture recalling the final hours of Jesus' life as candles are gradually extinguished.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm

A service remembering the Last Supper, where we share communion and recall Jesus' commandment to love one another through the humble act of footwashing.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 3, 12:00pm

A quiet devotional walk through the final journey of Jesus, pausing at each station for prayer and reflection.

Good Friday Service, April 3, 6:00pm

A solemn liturgy remembering the crucifixion of Jesus through scripture, prayer, and reverence for the cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 4, 8:00pm

The most ancient and dramatic liturgy of the Christian year, beginning in darkness and firelight as we proclaim the resurrection and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:00am

A joyful celebration of the resurrection with music, flowers, and community followed by an Easter egg hunt!

