

Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE EPISTLE

A Letter to the Saints in Sparks

What's Happening at St. Paul's



Our annual parish picnic at Galena Park.



Gary Fuller, esq. facilitated our end of life planning workshop in September.



FaeMarie receiving her acolyte cross and being commissioned as our newest St Paul's acolyte!



Men's group at Boulevard Pizza.

Senior Warden Report

By Margaret Bouzek, Senior Warden

OCTOBER

brings a full calendar of events. We will be kicking off the Stewardship Campaign. We are having a Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 11th. We will start serving at 8:30 am to allow plenty of time before the service begins at 10:00.



I would like to encourage you to consider running for a position on the Vestry. We will elect 2 new people in January. Mary Lynch and I have reached our term limits. Working with the vestry has been an honor and privilege. If you have any questions about the work we do, please ask any current Vestry member.

Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's. ✕



Morning prayer in the chancel on Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am. Join us!

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Carry the Table Beyond Our Walls

Eucharistic Visitor Training

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Parish Hall

WHAT IF ONE OF THE MOST

meaningful ways you could serve at St. Paul's was simply to show up—with Communion, a listening heart, and the love of your church community?

Eucharistic Visitors bring Holy Communion to members of our congregation who are unable to join us for worship because of illness, age, hospitalization, or other circumstances. It is a beautiful ministry of presence: reminding people that they are still deeply

connected to the Body of Christ and to the community that loves them. Join us for a morning of training in pastoral care, active listening, prayer, healthy boundaries, and sharing the Eucharist outside the church walls. You don't have to have all the right words—you simply need a willingness to listen, care, pray, and be present.

Come discover whether God might be calling you to this sacred and deeply human ministry.



St Paul's at Northern Nevada Pride.

Ingathering Sunday: Stepping Out in Faith

INGATHERING SUNDAY IS A

joyful day of celebration at St. Paul's as we gather the pledges that will support our shared ministry in 2027.

A pledge is more than a financial commitment. It is an act of faith—a way of saying, "I believe in what God is doing here, and I want to be part of it." Together, our pledges make possible the worship, pastoral care, outreach, formation, hospitality, and

ministries that help St. Paul's serve our congregation and our wider community.

On Ingathering Sunday, we will bring our commitments together and offer them to God with gratitude and hope for the year ahead.

Come celebrate with us as we give thanks for God's abundance, commit ourselves to the work before us, and step into 2027 with faith, generosity, and joy. ✕



Mother Hannah and Dean Marla Asson at Pride.

All Saints' Day: Remembering Our Loved Ones

Sunday, November 1

ON ALL SAINTS' DAY, THE CHURCH

gives thanks for the whole communion of saints — all the faithful people of God, known and unknown, living and departed. In the Episcopal tradition, this is a day of remembrance, hope, and resurrection: a day to remember that in Christ, death does not have the final word, and that we remain bound together in the love of God.

During worship on Sunday, November 1, we will offer special prayers for those we love but see no longer and remember by name the loved ones who have died.

If you would like someone included in our prayers, please submit their name to Amee Hartman, Parish Administrator, at office@stpaulssparks by Monday, October 26. You may also write names in the remembrance book located by the office door in the narthex.

Come join us for this beautiful and sacred day as we give thanks for those who have gone before us, entrust them to God's eternal care, and celebrate the hope we share in the resurrection. ✕

Día de los Muertos: Remembering Those We Love but See No Longer



Special altar (ofrenda) will be up October 18 - November 1. Bring your photos on October 18 and pick up on November 1.

This year, St. Paul's will observe Día de los Muertos — the Day of the Dead, a beautiful tradition rooted in the cultures of Mexico. Rather than avoiding death or forgetting those who have gone before us, Día de los Muertos gives us a joyful and tender way to remember them, tell their stories, and honor the love that continues even after death.

As part of our observance, we will create an ofrenda (oh-FREN-dah), a special altar of remembrance. Traditionally, an ofrenda is decorated with photographs and meaningful objects that help us remember loved ones who have died.

We invite you to bring a photograph, small memento, favorite drink, or other item that reminds you of someone you love but see no longer and place it on our ofrenda. The person you remember does not need to have been a member of St. Paul's. Bring someone whose life you want to

honor and whose memory you want to keep close.

In our Christian faith, we believe that death does not erase love and that we remain joined with the communion of saints across time and eternity. Día de los Muertos offers us another beautiful language for doing something Christians have always done: remembering the dead with love, gratitude, prayer, and hope.

Come help us fill our ofrenda with the faces, stories, and memories of those who still live in our hearts. ✕

Books Needed

We are collecting new and gently used children's books for Spread the Word Nevada, which provides books to children throughout Northern Nevada.



Books for ages newborn through 6th grade



Spanish-language books are welcome!

Contact: Catherine Casteel
775-250-9600

United Thank Offering November 1

In early 2026 \$1 million in UTO grants supported 25 missions and ministry projects around the world that "welcome the strangers as Jesus would in our midst". Since 1883, the ministry has awarded more than 5,400 grants totaling more than \$145 million to support projects throughout The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

St. Paul's began our gratitude United Thank Offering Campaign in May by passing out the UTO Blue Boxes. With gratitude we will gather our offerings on November 1st during the offertory at our Sunday Service. So PLEASE bring your Blue Boxes with you on the 1st. If you would prefer to write a check to represent the coins in your box or to make a direct offering, envelopes are provided in the narthex in the UTO Basket. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a notation for UTO.

2027 grants will focus highlights on the idea that "we" are "the gifts of God for the people of God" as noted in The Book of Common Prayer--as well as incorporating the concept of a "gift economy". These projects should seek to connect churches, diocese, and provinces with the unique needs of their communities. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-846-9751. ✕

Animal Blessing

Sunday Oct 4 10am - 11:30am

Invite your friends and come for a special Blessing of the Animals honoring St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and creation. Bring leashed or secured pets for prayer, gratitude, and holy water. Celebrate God's good creation and the animals who bless our lives.

