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Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland

Patrick was born into a Christian family somewhere on the northwest coast of Britain about 390. When Patrick was about sixteen, he was captured by a band of Irish slave-raiders. He was carried off to Ireland and forced to serve as a shepherd. When he was about twenty-one, he escaped and returned to Britain, where he was educated as a Christian. In about the year 431, a vision called him to return to Ireland. Tradition holds that Patrick landed not far from the place of his earlier captivity. He then began a remarkable process of missionary conversion throughout the country that continued until his death, probably in 461. Patrick erected Christian churches over sites already regarded as sacred, had crosses carved in old druidic pillars, and put sacred wells and springs under the protection of Christian saints.

He established Armagh as his primary church. To this day, Armagh is regarded as the primatial see of all Ireland. *St. Patrick's Breastplate* ("I bind unto myself today") is probably not his, but it expresses his faith and zeal.

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

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SAVE THE DATES

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, SOUP SUPPER AND LENTEN STUDY WITH FR. KIRK, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Join us every Wednesday during Lent for a fun, relaxed look at our own personal beliefs in relation to other world religions. Volunteer help for set-up and break-down is always appreciated. Suggested donation \$5. Proceeds will go to Haiti earthquake victims through Episcopal Relief & Development. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, 6:00 PM, St. Paul's the Prospector, Virginia City.

Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26, THE WAY OF THE CROSS, 6:00 - 6:30 PM, St. Pauls, Sparks. A custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayers at a series of thirteen stations in the city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death, adapted to local observance during Lent. St. Paul's Sanctuary. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28, LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES WITH REV. CHIP, 15:15 - 1:30 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Theological perspectives during the Lenten season through the film *Grapes of Wrath*. Lunch included. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 20, 21, & 31, EPISCOPAL YOUTH COUNCIL (EYC) meets at St. Pauls, Sparks for Service

Projects and a Holy Week gathering, For information and a more detailed schedule call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 775-329-4279, or 775-358-4474.

Mar 17-19, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. An important opportunity to develop leadership skills, strengthen our congregations, and start the process of transforming our community. No charge. Mar 17; 7:00 - 9:00 PM, [Pressures on Las Vegas Families](#) - Join a discussion about the forces working against family life here. 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas. Mar 18; 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (lunch included), [How Broad Based Community Organizing Strengthens Congregations](#)- especially for clergy, vestries, and outreach committees, 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas. Mar 18; 6:00 - 9:00 PM, [Elements of Broad Based Community Organizing](#) - an approach that re-vitalized many cities, including San Antonio, Nashville, and Memphis, University United Methodist Church, 4412 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas. Mar 19; 9:00 AM - Noon, [Strategy Session for Moving Forward](#) - Help plan how we move forward in the coming 18 months to build an organization to change the way that Las Vegas supports its families. 1st Christian Church, 101 S. Rancho, Las Vegas. To attend email lvvisc@gmail.com

Mar 19 - 21 THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World. Presenter: Rev. Michael Dowd, America's evolutionary evangelist. Dowd's inspiring message expands the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world. Cost for the Saturday workshop is \$100 for registrations received by Mar 10; \$115 for later registration. Continental Breakfast and lunch included. Introductory lecture on Friday evening; Rev. Dowd will preach on Sunday. The weekend is sponsored by St. Peter's, Carson City. For more information, or to register contact tov. Kim Morgan at kamorgan@pyramid.net. 775-883-1681.

Mar 19-21, YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND, Camp Galilee - An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp and provide volunteer work to prepare the camp for the summer camping program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend, as well. Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell, and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register, call 775-749-5546.

Mar 20, MOUNTAIN VESPERS CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, Lenten Retreat 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks

Mar 20, SPRING RUMMAGE SALE, 10:00 AM, Epiphany Education Center, Henderson.

Mar 21, THE LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS, under the direction of Dr. Jocelyn Jensen, in concert at Christ Church, 7:00 PM, presenting "English Nights 2." Please see Kathi Colman for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mar 22, WORDS OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND THE MUSIC OF BACH, 7:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, Las Vegas. A multimedia musical dramatization presented by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Seven local organists will perform the music of Bach, three actors will tell the story, and 275 visual images will be projected on a large screen. A free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses.

Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Mar 27, LENTEN QUIET DAY, MOUNTAIN VESTERS CHAPTER OF DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING, St. Paul's, Sparks. The morning of meditations, reflection, and discussions will begin at 9:00 AM. Rector Fr. Kirk Woodliff will celebrate the Eucharist before a soup lunch at noon. Please call Marge Parent at 354-0508, or Victoria Sidener at 322-2375 before March 24 if you are able to attend.

Mar 27, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have had this training. 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. For questions, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

Mar 28, PALM SUNDAY - CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas


May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee. The program will begin Friday, May 28 with

dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.


Apr 1, BLESSING OF CHRISM, Bishop Dan Edwards, 12 Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks.

Apr 4, EASTER DAY, St. Paul's the Prospector, Virginia City. F

or the last five years on Easter Day, St. Paul's has welcomed The Knights Templar, a masonic organization founded in Virginia City during the last part of the 19th century. The organization is currently based in Reno and Carson City, but return to their roots in Virginia City during Easter Sunday wearing exquisite uniforms adorned with gold and silver mined from the area, and woven on a loom in France during the boom era. The loom is no longer operating and the uniforms are kept in storage except for special occasions.

Apr 11,  MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund. 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas. *Our special guest will be Rev. Lauren Stanley, Bishop Jean Zache Duracin's coordinator of relief efforts in the United States.* \$10 suggested donation, reception and auction of Haitian Art to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

May 1, THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. They will be celebrating 125 years of service. Please contact your chapter president if you plan on attending.

May 2,  MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund, 4:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. The concert will feature Franz Schubert's *German Mass*, as well as multiple offerings by individual musicians and ensembles. Nancy Marcel will be conducting; Neal Long will be the Organist. \$10 suggested donation; reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

Jun 12, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

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In 2010, you will have a rare and important opportunity to ensure Nevada receives its fair share of federal funding for the next ten years. Starting this month, the 2010 census form will arrive in mailboxes throughout the country.

The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada is encouraging you to fill out and return your census forms. It's critical that we all participate and ensure everyone in Nevada is counted.

Data collected from census results helps determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding is spent each year on state-level infrastructure and services across the country. Analysis conducted by several Nevada state offices indicates that our state will lose \$917 in federal funding each year for the next ten years for each man, woman and child who is not counted during the 2010 census. In other words, we may lose nearly \$10,000 over ten years for each Nevadan who is not counted. This is an opportunity we cannot ignore.

What does this all mean for Nevada?

Funding for organizations that provide critical services to our communities - like health clinics for the under- and uninsured, job training and placement centers, food banks, senior centers and others is affected by whether you fill out and return your census form.

Public education also benefits from your participation in the 2010 census. A high census return rate enables Nevada school districts to be more competitive for federal funding which helps enhance our children's learning experience in the classroom.

Our community's economic health is partially dependent on the census response rate. Businesses rely on a community's high quality of life, including access to healthcare, an educated workforce and a safe infrastructure. The majority of federal funding that is allocated based on census data is distributed to health and human services, education and transportation sectors. These are areas that, when properly funded, help attract and retain outside businesses to our community.

Nevada has an opportunity to gain an additional seat in the U.S. Congress.

The 2010 census form is confidential, is only ten questions and will take about ten minutes. For more information, please visit www.nevadacensus2010.com

We may have different reasons why the census is important, but one thing is certain - we all benefit, and we all count.

***Dan Edwards, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Nevada***

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Pain Management and Sciatica

Sciatica is a common type of pain affecting the sciatic nerve, a large nerve extending from the lower back down the back of each leg.



What Are the Symptoms of Sciatica?

Common symptoms of sciatica include:

- Pain in the rear or leg that is worse when sitting
- Burning or tingling down the leg
- Weakness, numbness, or difficulty moving the leg or foot
- A constant pain on one side of the rear
- A shooting pain that makes it difficult to stand up

Sciatica usually affects only one side of the lower body. Often, the pain extends from the lower back all the way through the back of the thigh and down through the leg. Depending on where the sciatic nerve is affected, the pain may also extend to the foot or toes.

For some people, the pain from sciatica can be severe and debilitating. For others, the pain from sciatica might be infrequent and irritating, but has the potential to get worse.

Seek immediate medical attention with any symptoms of progressive lower extremity weakness and/or loss of bladder or bowel control.

NEWS BRIEFS

Three youth from the Diocese attended the Chrysalis Weekend on Feb. 19-21. They are looking forward to sharing stories about their experience with other youth in the Diocese. Chrysalis is a United Methodist Church movement 15-20 years old. It is a short course on Christianity. The next meeting is on Labor Day Weekend. For information contact Bill Leonard at slohiker@cox.net

The fourth quarter newsletter from the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago is available on the companion diocese website <http://philippines.diocesenv.org/> Please click the Diocese of Santiago link.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Incline Village, is spearheading a regional fundraising effort for Haiti relief with a \$15,000 matching fund. Tax deductible donations can be sent to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Haiti Relief, PO Box 3158, Incline Village, NV 89450. Funds will go to support Food for the Poor, and Doctors Without Borders. For information contact Jim Beebe at padre775@gmail.com, or 775-831-1418.

Please welcome Fr. Jun, Our New Priest for Saturday Night Eucharist at Christ Church,

Las Vegas.

Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God." Holy Trinity, Fallon

An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holocaust Studies", Grace in the Desert, 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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