

THE EVANGELIST

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EASTERTIDE GREETINGS!

Not to steal thunder from our Junior Warden, but over the next few months, our beloved parish grounds are going to start to look very different! Last autumn's campaign to fund some much-needed repairs, reworks, and refurbishment is quickly heading into the building phase. Our staff and volunteers have been working hard to get our lower level and kitchen set up for major renovations. Seeing their diligence has added to my excitement as we look towards the latter part of this year when we can enjoy a transfigured campus!



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

Any building project in our homes, businesses, and certainly in our churches calls for some patience. Indeed, we will have many moments over the spring and summer when we'll ask for some pardon for our dust. Our faithful staff and volunteer groups are working hard to ensure that we can continue to offer our best to honor God and edify His people while we await the completion of work in the building. Still, we know that we'll all need quite a bit of flexibility as so much of the next few months will be dictated by needs on the ground, oftentimes dictated by contractors, vendors, and other voices beyond our parish community.

As in all things in the life of a parish, our project offers an opportunity for us to grow in our spirituality and discipleship. Our circumstance here demands a large measure of patience, but I am not the most patient person. In my impatience, I'm much more inclined to haphazardly move along the pace of the project to meet my timetable (and thus risk the quality of the work). In my impatience, I'm more likely to be abrupt or discourteous to the people who are in my way (and thus risk the quality of our communion together). In my impatience, I'll probably grumble or complain about all the little things that bother me about the project (and thus risk my gratitude for God's provision). What I need is a great gift of patience beyond my meager supply. This coming season of building, in addition to all of God's great gifts for the benefit of our parish ministry, I am definitely asking that I be granted a greater measure of patience and forbearance.

While in prison, Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is the kind of text I have in mind when a need for grace comes around. I pray that in the season ahead, if you are at all like me, you'll look for Christ's love as an animating principle and source of unity. Indeed, just as the building will be transformed to meet the needs of our ministry, I pray that my own heart would also be likewise transfigured to better resemble Christ's!

Your brother,

JR. WARDEN

I hope this letter finds you well during this Easter season. As we have moved into warmer spring weather, the results of last year's plantings by our Gardens and Grounds subcommittee can be seen around the parish's flowerbeds. The beautiful flowers adorning the church grounds have made for a lovely backdrop to this year's Easter service. Our G&G team was out in force during the first cleanup of this year on March 16. The beds were given new mulch, and the pots around the entrances were refreshed with new plants. The big change was the removal of the row of mostly dead bushes between the church and the playground near the north parking lot. Special thanks to Doug Crews for procuring the team a backhoe to make short work of pulling the bushes out of the ground for disposal and

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

helping to level out the ground after their removal. The team was also able to remove the damaged bench in the playground from the storms last year.

We've continued progressing with the Transfigure Campaign as well. The architectural drawings have all completed permitting since my last letter, and have been cleared for build. The bid package for the campaign, including the lower level, the kitchen, and the flower room, was submitted to three local general contracting companies for a quote. We've now received all three quotes back for review. None of the three contractors took any exception to the scope of work supplied by our architect! As such, we are looking to progress with Ascend Commercial Builders, a local Tulsa company that has performed several mid-size jobs in the area. As I write this article, we are currently completing a review of the contract for final signature. This will allow construction prep work to begin in April. We are very excited to move forward into this phase of the project.

This will mean starting to prepare the spaces that will be impacted by the move. We will look to store the items in the lower level, kitchen, and flower room that we intend to keep in two pods we will be bringing in for this purpose. It will also allow us to clean out our closets and rooms of items that no longer serve our ministries.

As a whole, the Transfigure project is currently projected to be on cost and schedule at this time. We hope that as we move into the demolition and construction phases, this continues to remain true. I'll work to keep you all informed of our progress as our project progresses.

All the Best, *Marc McCaw*



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to all who have submitted your 2024 Pledge to support the ongoing work and mission of Saint John's! The momentum of the current Stewardship campaign is good, but we really need each member to consider how you can step up to help Saint John's "turn the corner" on furthering our progress toward a balanced budget. If you have not pledged yet and as you consider your pledge, we think it only fair to let you know some of the considerations the Vestry must keep in mind as we plan our budget for 2024. As every household is experiencing, there are increased prices in a variety of areas. Maintenance of our historic property and utilities to keep it running continue to increase. Staff costs have likewise continued upward, with the cost of living adjustment (COLA) each year. To compensate our hard-working staff appropriately, our budget (and, thus, the Stewardship Campaign) must increase to meet demand.

Separate from the facilities and staff, the resurgence of attendance and activities at Saint John's has provided multiple new opportunities for growth and outreach in Christ. These new opportunities do often require additional resources, so the Finance Committee and Vestry appreciate your help in pledging to Saint John's. Without these gifts to "count on" it may not be possible to include these great and worthy programs and outreach events in 2024. If you have not provided your pledge or did not initially feel you could increase your previous pledge (to help Saint John's keep pace with inflation), please prayerfully consider this time-sensitive request. As others have mentioned, additional donations in the plate are wonderful (and we do budget on them coming in), but it is really critical to the sound planning of our Annual Budget to have all pledges in as soon as possible. Now is the time to trust in God and make your pledge. We thank you so much for your generosity!

William C. Chevaiffier, Jr.

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. -Luke 6:38

ZOO TRIP!

APRIL 27TH
AT 2PM



Zoo Trip - We are excited to announce another Zoo Trip is coming up on Saturday, April 27th, at 2 pm. Just like our last trips, we'll meet at the entrance of the Tulsa Zoo and then explore all of the different exhibits before ending up at the playground. After all of the fun, we'll be heading back to the church for some delicious pizza. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to have you! Please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know if you're interested. Looking forward to seeing you there!

VBS - This year's VBS will be July 22-26! Our theme will be exploring the Church Year, in which we will show children Church holidays and why we celebrate them. If you wish to sign up or want more information, email info@sjtulsa.org or contact the main office.

Sunday Morning Formation - Starting April 7, we will start our Sunday Morning Formation! This class is for Children in PreK through fifth grade. During this time, we will walk Children through Bible stories using our Storymaker's Curriculum. We start after the 10 am service, and we look forward to teaching our kids how they are a part of God's story. For more information on this program, please visit our website, sjtulsa.org, or contact us.

Nursery - As some of you know, we have changed rooms for the nursery! Our nursery is located in Fox Library. Kids 0 - PreK are welcome to stay there during the 10 am service. The nursery opens at 9 am. and is open until the end of service.



Children's Chapel - Children's Chapel meets on Sundays at 10 am. Parents are welcome to drop off children - PreK through fifth - in Powell Hall before heading in for worship. The children will be led to the Nave to join their families for Communion during the time of the Peace blessing.

Kids' Night - Kids' Night is back on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 pm! During this time, kids will have dinner, do Bible study, and play games. This group is for kids in PreK through fifth and meets in Powell Hall. This month, the children will go through our Storymaker's Curriculum and learn about the Easter Season.

Youth Group - The Youth Group took a break for Spring Break but is back now! Starting April 7, we will resume our weekly Wednesday meetings and study the Messianic Prophecies. This group is for teenagers in sixth grade and up and meets from 6 to 7:30 pm. With the basement project now underway, the meeting location could change, so please keep an eye on the E-News to see where we will meet.

Acolytes - Are you or your children interested in helping out during the Sunday services? Then join the Acolytes! Our Acolytes are a group of children, teens, and adults who help in multiple roles throughout the service. Acolytes are allowed to start as early as eight years old! If you are interested, speak to Josh for more information.

Josh Corsaro

Choristers - Our Choristers will sing for Mother's Day, May 12, for the 10 am service. Dr. Zach is preparing them to sing John Rutter's A Clare Benediction. We hope you all can be there to hear them.

Zach Mafavotte

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ADULT FORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Evening Formation – During this season of Easter, our Wednesday evening classes will return to its study on Acts on April 10. Join us in the Common Room at 6:30 pm to learn about the start of Christianity told by those who walked with Christ.

Sunday Morning Formation - Our Sunday morning formations are at 9 am in the Common Room. Our parishioner Dr. Lyons will resume our journey through the Old Testament, starting with 1 Kings 12 and the division of Ancient Israel into the two kingdoms: Israel and Judah. This will be a fruitful time together.

Dead Theologians Society - Our Dead Theologian Society group meets in two sections, alternating Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm the following week. We will continue reading St. Augustine's Enchiridion on Faith, Hope, and Love. Keep an eye on our Church E-News to see where we are meeting. If you wish to join, please reach out to Zach Malavolti.

Iron Gate – A volunteer crew from our church serves at Iron Gate on the first Saturday of each month. This is a feeding ministry in downtown Tulsa for our neighbors who are experiencing food and housing insecurity. Our team meets at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. We hope to see you on the first Saturday in April. If you want to sign up to be a part of this, email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Young Adults – For those of you who are young adults in our parish, we are meeting at Bird and Bottle on Tuesday, April 16, at 5 pm. Come and join us for some fellowship!

ST. BARBARA'S GUILD

St. Barbara's Guild is a group of women dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support of each other and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am in the Common Room. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Beverages of water and coffee are provided.

Want to learn more about St. Barbara's Guild? Contact:
Kathleen Moss – 918-633-8881 by phone or text.

Kathleen Moss

Please join us at our
**April meeting on
Thursday, April 18th
at 11:00 am in the Common
Room. Father David will
continue our study of the
Book of Esther.
Join Us!**

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

LEV met on March 19 to see how we can encourage each other to complete the process needed for Bishop Poulson's approval. LEV is a rewarding ministry that allows an LEV to meet long-time members of our congregation and bring to them the Word of God and Holy Communion.

Sharon Bell

MUSIC NEWS

We are delighted to announce the launch of our Weekly Musical Vlog. You can access the vlog through our Facebook page or your inbox by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Stay tuned for our upcoming vlogs!

Joseph Arnott



After Lent, we in the Saint John's music department are excited for a season of joyful and uplifting Easter music. We have beautiful selections planned for our regular worship services at both our morning and evening Sunday services. As we transition into our directorship roles, we are both committed to maintaining excellent music-making. We encourage everyone to take full advantage of our many choral services this Eastertide. Our Chamber Choir is also preparing for a special service on the Feast of the Ascension on May 9th, and our Choristers are at work learning music for our Mother's Day 10 am service on May 12th. We are excited about the future of our music program and look forward to sharing more soon.



*Joseph Arnott &
Zach Malavolti*

The Daily Office

You are invited to join us every weekday
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as we pray.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

March opened with a very successful Sunday Morning Bites of Baked French Toast with Maple syrup, sausage, fruit, and a salad. After coming up short on the last two meals prepared by the Daughters, the Sunday Morning Bites was the correct amount.

At the March meeting, the Daughters reviewed our meal-planning efforts so we can improve upcoming meals. We also discussed outreach needs for the month and recruiting new members. D.O.K. is concerned with prayer, service, and evangelism. We pray for our congregation of St. John's every day. We are seeking new members.

Sharon Bell

HOSPITALITY NEWS

THANK YOU, Hospitality Teams and Ministry Groups, for delicious Sunday Snacks in March. Your generosity in providing wonderful snacks every Sunday is so appreciated! THANK YOU!

The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone interested in helping with Sunday Snacks. Our enthusiastic and creative teams bring delicious food to share and create an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and hospitality. We enjoy one another and bond with our shared vision of providing warm hospitality at St John's. Want to learn more?

Call, text, or email Kathleen Moss:
Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881.



SUNDAY KIDS TABLE

Kid's table during Sunday snacks

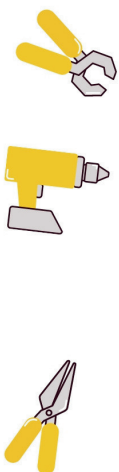
Whitney Moss and Torrey Ross have done an outstanding job of presenting a kids' table once a month after the 10:00 am service. Parents, they welcome your ideas and creativity and help bring fellowship and fun to our very popular kids' table.

Text Whitney Moss at 918-812-8437 and Torrey Ross at 405-550-8439.

Kitchen
CONSTRUCTION
Starts
this month!

**WHILE THE KITCHEN IS
UNDER CONSTRUCTION,
HOSPITALITY WILL OFFER
SIMPLE SUNDAY SNACKS.**

*Thank you for your patience
during this time.*



OUTREACH NEWS

Thanks to everyone for contributing snacks, leggings, hoodies, underwear, and socks for the local schools. Your incredible response is so appreciated! In addition to your generosity, the Outreach Committee took snacks to Eliot Elementary for teachers to enjoy during their teacher/parent conferences.

For the month of April, Outreach is focusing on diapers (size 5, 6, 7), baby wipes, baby wash, diaper cream and receiving blankets for Emergency Infant Services. EIS serves ages newborn through age five for their emergency needs.

Please note that we have moved our metal storage cabinet to the Common Room and removed the long table for donations. Please place your donations directly in the cabinet so we maintain a neat and tidy display of your contributions to the less fortunate.

Janice Ingle

LEM

Welcome Spring!! And welcome to the many new people who have joined the LEM team. LEM-Lay Eucharist Ministers. We read the lessons and share the cup in Communion. We also have the opportunity to help at the altar with the preparation for Communion.

Please let us know if that is something you are interested in. We can always use new help. Plus, it is a special way of sharing God's words and Jesus's life. Please let the office and/or me know if this is something you would like to explore. Call or email Diana Carter in the office or me, Lynn Kimmel, 862-202-9874, or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com. Thank you for being a part of the Saint John's family.

Lynn Kimmel

THE PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers & Squares quilt ministry has been busy sewing for your needs. In the first quarter of 2024, we presented 15 quilts to fulfill this parish's requests. Please don't hesitate to request a quilt for someone you know who has medical issues; our only requirement is that the recipient agree to receive their quilt along with the prayers that come with it.

To request a quilt, please email Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com and provide enough detail to help us choose an appropriate quilt for the recipient and enough information to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th, at 1:30 pm. if you would like to join us.

Peggy Landrum



GARDEN & GROUNDS

The Garden and Grounds crew had a successful spring cleanup on March 16th. Led by Doug Crews and his son, Philip, we removed the long row of dead shrubs by the north parking lot.

The fence bordering the lot was taken down so that construction pods could be positioned in anticipation of the pending basement renovation. Beka Bumsted and Gerry Reif, assisted by Boy Scouts, took care of weeding and mulching our flower beds.

Thanks to others who helped:

Father David, Marc McCaw, Gil Sy, Susan Sy, Joshua Corsaro, and Mike Reif.

Mike Reif



Milestones

Birthdays

- 1 Whitney Moss
- 2 Laura Burgess
Janice Chevaillier
David Nierenberg
Lawson Prather
Clint Rataczak
Sheryl Smith
- 4 Dena Nowotny
Aidan Pohl
- 5 Riley Lawson
- 6 Ralph Brown
Sarah Hesterlee
- 7 Mindy Cox
- 8 Matthew Barlow
- 9 James Turner
Michael Turner
- 10 Marguerite Chapman
David Merifield
- 12 Jane Romine
- 14 Elizabeth Brown
Kathy Cole
Pam Diaz
Pete Eichenberger
Bill Wheeler
- 15 Jenna Slattery
Tom Wilson
- 16 Ellie Estes
Dian Peacock
- 17 Allison Warning
- 19 Rick Garren
Caren Lawrence
- 20 Anne Cleveland
Otis Houston-Gilley
Truman Prather
- 23 Robert Baker, III
Hazel Pavlik
Chase Smith
- 24 Kay Garland
Dee Maguire
- 25 Tom Owens
Ed Rigney
- 26 Sharon Bell
- 27 Virginia Monk
- 28 Elaine Burkhardt
- 29 Kay Young
- 30 Jim Hicks
Gene Starr

Births

- Feb. 27
Bastian Murray Thames

Passings

- March 2 Jon Hockenson
March 10 Linda Sackett
March 23 Millie Millsbaugh

APRIL OUTREACH

emergency
infant
services



WHAT THEY NEED:

- Baby Wipes
- Baby Wash
- Diapers sizes: 5, 6, & 7
- Diaper Cream
- Receiving Blankets

BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 recently held our semi-annual Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops course. This is a training course for our youth troop leadership. Troop 153 is "scout led" which means we have scouts leading under the direction of adults. This leadership model builds strong leadership skills in our young men as they learn to lead others in an environment where mistakes are allowed and used as learning opportunities. The Patrol Leaders Council plans, prepares, and executes all meetings and activities with the assistance of our adult leaders as needed. In the recent training, run by youth leaders, they learned how to effectively communicate with others, plan events and activities, and successfully teach skills using the EDGE method. This core method involves 4 steps: Educate, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable. Our older scouts teach younger scouts many basic skills, such as knot tying, first aid, and cooking, using the EDGE method.

ILST is just one of the leadership courses available to our scouts. Other training opportunities include Pine Tree, National Youth Leadership Training, and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience. Troop 153 is proud to send many scouts to these training opportunities yearly. Not only are we sending attendees, but we also send leaders. Each of these events is scout-led, just like our troop. Scouts who excel are recruited to return as leaders. We are proud of all of our scouts and the leaders they are becoming. Thanks to our dedicated adult leadership, the future is a little brighter.

Carolyn Davis



The Book Store is Open!

Come see all the latest arrivals for Spring!
Our hours are Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

