

THE EVANGELIST



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GREETINGS, BELOVED!

In reflecting back on a wonderful September of ministry, I was especially mindful of our service of matriculation. If you missed it, we took a few minutes during an Evensong service (specially programmed with compositions by our own music staff) and "matriculated" members of our Acolytes and Choristers. We adapted this practice from my seminary alma mater, Nashotah House, which adapted its own use from Oxford University. Matriculation refers to one's enrollment into such a place, but given a liturgical setting, matriculation takes on a sense of being part of a community beyond one's actual involvement in a program. We might say that when one matriculates, one is always reckoned a son or daughter of the "house."



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

Thus, it was a delight to formally and liturgically commission Dr. Zach Malavolti and Hank Carrillo, as well as the talented musicians they so ably lead. But reflecting on that evening, I especially treasure the experience of shaking hands with our youth and watching them sign their names to the "Rector's Book." We looked back at their signatures and relished seeing the kids' handwriting; each one of them enrolled in the ministry of the parish for the purpose of helping lead the congregation in worship in ceremony and song.

In writing their name in such a book, each one of our new ministers of Saint John's putting ink to the blank page is like planting a seed in the fertile soil. Each name enrolled represents a set of roots here at our beloved parish, roots that we pay will help our young ones grow "that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3). Beloved, as our young ones matriculate into the rolls of our liturgical ministry, I pray that this might represent and encourage each of our enrollment into the "Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27). I also pray that we are likewise encouraged to put down roots in the ministry here at Saint John's, both by nature of our work among God's people here as well as by our generous giving.

Therefore, I hope you will pay special attention during our stewardship season, which we've called "Rooted," as members of our ministry staff offer their testimony of their life and work here; how they have become rooted in the ministry of the Gospel at Saint John's and how they take seriously their call to inspire the same in our community. In heading into this new season of life at Saint John's, with wonderful changes to our physical plant and the opportunities afforded to us by God's grace abounding among his people, remember to be "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col 2:7). I'm looking forward to a glorious autumn of ministry among you, and I covet your prayers!

Your Brother,

BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

I hope this letter finds you well as we firmly move into our autumn season at Saint John's.

This September we were proud to have a table at Rally Day where we received interest from 4 new members to join the committee. We look forward to expanding the committee to include these new

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members during our standing October meeting.

On our Transfigure project, we've cleared up a delay in delivering our new stainless steel tables and counters. All equipment has been delivered, and our contractors are completing the installation and setup of the kitchen. We expect the kitchen to be ready for use in October. The Flower Room is following the same path as the kitchen. While behind our original schedule, the overall changes to these rooms will help the ministry groups using these facilities for years to come. We're excited to complete these major milestone completions on the project!

In the basement, we have completed the sheetrock installs to create our rooms. Tiling is beginning in the basement bathrooms now. Door frames to the conference rooms and stairwells are installed now. The hallway downwash lighting has been installed and is operational now as well. The flooring has been delivered and is ready to install as soon as the moisture barrier is applied and dried. Paint on the walls and ceilings will begin in early October. We are still on target for mid-November completion of the basement.

On a more somber note, we are saddened by the passing of Mike Reif, who was the chairman of our Garden and Grounds subcommittee. Mike has been a bulwark of the B&G committee as a whole and helped during my tenure as Jr. Warden to make substantial improvements to our outdoor spaces. I will sorely miss his friendship and counsel. May light perpetual shine upon him. With Mike's passing, Doug Crews and DeWayne Edwards have been elected as Co-Chairs of the Gardens and Grounds subcommittee going forward. We're pleased to help them continue with Mike's legacy of outstanding service.



All the Best,

Marc McCaw



THE BLESSING OF OUR PETS

The **Blessing of Our Pets** is this Sunday, October 6! Father David will lead a special service at 2 pm on the labyrinth to celebrate the lives of our pets and their families. All are welcome!

ADULT FORMATION & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Evening Formation - Following our Wednesday Eucharist service is a Bible Study with Fr. David. This month, the Wednesday class continues its journey through the last chapters of Genesis, the story of Joseph.

Iron Gate - Our church has a volunteer crew that serves at Iron Gate on the first Saturday of every month. Iron Gate is a feeding ministry located in downtown Tulsa, and it aims to provide food and housing assistance to our neighbors who are experiencing insecurity in those areas. Our team gathers at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. We would love you to join us on the first Saturday of October. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Blessings of our Pets!

All are welcome.
Tell your friends!

**October 6th, 2024
at 2 pm
on the Labyrinth.**

Sunday Morning Formation - Our Sunday formation for the summer involved an exploration of heresies with Fr. David and Fr. Carson.

Dead Theologians' Society - Our Dead Theologians' Society (DTS) alternates its meetings on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. If you are interested in early church history or are curious about why we read the Bible the way we do, please get in touch with Dr. Zach Malavolti and join this group. Currently, we are reading through *Augustine's Enchiridion*.

BEER & BRATS

Mark your calendars for the return of Saint John's Beer & Brats on October 13! Come and enjoy good beer, good food, and good camaraderie after the 5:30 pm Evensong on Sunday, October 13.

We'll be serving bratwurst, buns, sauerkraut, apple cobbler, and ice cream. This year's beer selection will include a Pilsner and Festbier from Dan's Home Brewery, a Märzen from Cabin Boys Brewery, and a Harvest Apple Cider from Amanda's Cidery. The festivities will take place on the labyrinth, and Saint John's will provide a keepsake cup. We hope to see you there!

Amanda is looking for volunteers to help set up, cook bratwurst, serve, and clean up afterward. If you would like to assist with any aspect of the event, please email Amanda Storms at astorms@sjtulsa.org or call the office at 918-742-7381.



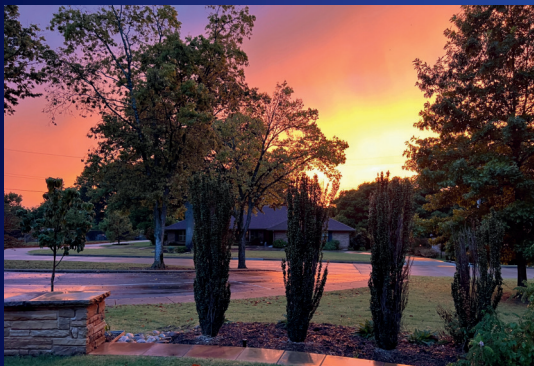
MUSIC NEWS

Firstly, thank you to everyone who joined us for our matriculation service in September. It was an honor to dedicate our entire music program and celebrate everyone for their service at Saint John's. Hank and I premiered two new compositions and are excited about the work ahead of us. This fall, the music department is excited about several special offerings in October and November. We are excited for a special Evensong for Beer and Brats on October 13th. We will be featuring German music in our services to pair with our Oktoberfest dinner that follows, and we hope you will join us for a delightful evening. On October 20th, at our 10 am service, we will showcase our choristers who are preparing a piece by the living English composer Bob Chilcott. Finally, be sure to save the date for the evening of November 3rd, when both our parish choir and chamber choir will combine to offer Gabriel Fauré's beautiful Requiem within our 5:30 pm evening Mass for the Departed. It is always a privilege to offer so much wonderful music at our parish!

Dr. Zach Malavolti



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



PLEDGE SUNDAY
IS OCTOBER
27TH!

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I/We intend to extend our support to
Saint John's Church in 2025
with the following commitment:

Total Annual Pledge of \$ _____

-or-

- Renew my 2024 Pledge, + 5% more
- Renew my 2024 Pledge, + 10% more
- Renew my 2024 Pledge, + ___% more

Full name of the person(s) pledging

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City/State/Zip

Daytime Phone Number

Email

Please select one:

- I'd like to begin giving via automatic bank account transfer (ACH) through the church office. Please contact me to set this up.
- I will donate though the church's website at sjtulsa.org.
- I will CONTINUE to give through the automatic bank account transfer (ACH).
- I will pay by check (in plate or mail).
- I will use Giving Envelopes to pay by check or cash (in plate).
- I'd like to receive details about planned giving to Saint John's Church.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

First Communion Classes – First Communion classes start October 13th following the 10 am service. Children will learn about why we take Communion and why it is such an integral part of our service. Any kid is able to join this class. If you wish to sign your child up, please email info@sjtulsa.org.

Sunday Morning Formation – Sunday Morning Formation is for kids in PreK-5th and meets after the 10 am service on Sunday Mornings. This month, we are continuing our exploration of the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth via our Storymaker's Curriculum. As children go through this program, they will learn how God was with Israel as it developed into a nation, and how God is with us even to this day!

Kids' Night and Youth Group Return! – Our Wednesday evening kids and youth program resumed on September 18, and we are excited to resume our weekly meetings. Our Kids' Night is for elementary-age students, and currently, they are going through the book of Genesis to learn about the story of Abraham. Our Youth Group is going through the Letter to the Romans, learning about Paul and why we live by faith in Christ. If you want to attend these groups, join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm! We start with a potluck meal.

Nursery Care is every Sunday! Our nursery team is ready to welcome your children ages 0 – 4 starting at 9 am. The nursery is in Fox Library.

Children's Chapel is for PreK through 5th grade and meets on Sundays at 10 am, in Powell Hall. We'd love to see you there!

Acolyte Recruiting - If you are interested in assisting during our Sunday services, consider joining our acolyte program! If you want to be an acolyte, you can start as early as 8 years old. We will have a training meeting on October 6th after the 10 am service. If you or your child are interested in being an acolyte, contact David Stibbs at dstibbs@sjtulsa.org.

Trunk or Treat - Mark your calendars and get your costumes ready! We will have our Trunk or Treat on October 26th here on the church grounds. Come if you want a fun time of candy, games, pumpkin decorating, and even some neon lights. You won't want to miss this! *Josh Corsaro*

Choristers - Our choristers are currently practicing to sing at our 10 am service on October 20th. This service also especially features several classic hymns. It is a joy to teach our children some of the beloved hymnody from our tradition.

Dr. Zach Malavolti

THE GIFT & BOOK SHOP

It's Fall Y'all!

Come on in and visit the Gift & Book Store for lots of new fall items! We have NEW cocktail napkins, reversible holiday items, and puzzles. All new items are 20% off through October and our summer wall is 30% off!

We are open Sundays from 11:00-12:30!

Whitney Moss



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, November 18th
from 5:30-7:30

**Gift & Book
Store Holiday Sale**

Join us for our annual Holiday Sale!
We'll have light snacks, free wrapping,
and lots of great deals.
The entire store will be 20% off!

THE DAILY OFFICE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US EVERY WEEKDAY
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 5:30 P.M. AS WE PRAY.**

OUTREACH

This September school supply drive was a great success thanks to all the parishioners and Boy Scouts who participated. Thank You!

October brings us a different Outreach drive, one to support Espiritu Santos (Tulsa's only Spanish-speaking Episcopal Church) and Youth Services of Tulsa. Both Espiritu Santos and Youth Services need **new and gently used clothing**.

Espiritu Santos needs gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing of all sizes, new underwear and socks, and food items such as dried beans, masa, flour, sugar, and canned vegetables from Spanish grocery stores.

Youth Services serves homeless and at-risk youth in the Tulsa area. All gently used clothing items are welcome; hygiene products, new underwear, and socks are greatly appreciated.

Let's all get on board for a great October drive!! *Janice Ingle*

PRAYERS & SQUARES

Thank you to the team of Prayers and Squares quilters who helped staff our table at Rally Day. We took time to discuss the Prayers and Squares Ministry, recruit new members and teach everyone how to tie KNOTS in preparation for the presentation of future quilts. KNOTS are much preferred over BOWS that have a tendency to come out in the wash!

The Raffle helped us raise \$250.00 to use for purchasing supplies for our new location once the basement restoration is completed. Fabric, thread, batting, and quilt patterns are just a few of our needs. Gail Dodson Won the heirloom quilt and Steve Taylor won the handmade rug. Congratulations to both winners!

If you have a quilt request, it's easy to request a quilt. We try to fulfill all requests as quickly as possible. To allow for time to be included in the Sunday bulletin, we ask that all requests be received no later than Wednesday night. Please email landrum.peggy@yahoo.com your request with the recipient's name and specific need for prayers and include your contact phone number just in case more information is needed. Also, the recipient of a prayer quilt must be aware that they are receiving a quilt and be comfortable with it.



Peggy Landrum

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The LEVs are working with Fr. Carson as our clergy contact. We are pleased to announce that two of our class have fully qualified for the program, and one additional person is nearly there. We need additional people who are interested in taking God's Word and Holy Communion to the shut-ins of this congregation. This is a very rewarding ministry, because we are seeing individuals eager for contact and who also helped build Saint John's into the great congregation that it is. Plus, there is only a one-page service. LEV is pleased to announce that Danielle Gray created a lovely new banner for LEV, and it was first displayed on Rally Day. Once we have a stand made for the banner, LEV will plan a dedication. Also, please check the Sunday Bulletin and e-newsletters for a date for an LEV meeting in October. All interested individuals are welcome to come!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

September was a very busy month for DOK.

We met on September 4 to plan our activities. We had a wonderful time at Rally Day, and Carolyn Shorten used part of her husband, David's, collection of Western artifacts to decorate the table with spurs, rope, a lantern, and a cartoon of "Dirty Dave." We provided a hearty luncheon on September 22 in honor of the beginning of Sunday School. Three women began the national membership training course on September 26. Anyone interested in learning more about our order is welcome to "come and see."

Our next meeting is on October 3, and we will resume our Bible study with Father David on the Book of Esther.

Respectfully, *Sharon Bell*



HOSPITALITY NEWS

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FUN TEAM

The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone who is 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 Saint John's. Want to learn more? Call, text, or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881.

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 Saint 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.

Join us in the Common Room on October 17th and November 21st at 11:00 am. We will continue our Bible Study of the book of Esther with Father David.

Want to learn more about St. Barbara's Guild? Call, text, or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881. Join us!

Kathleen Moss

LEM

We are looking for volunteers to serve as LEM-Lay Eucharist Ministers at our church. This important role involves reading the lessons, sharing the cup during Communion, and assisting at the altar to prepare Communion. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch with Diana Carter in the office or Lynn Kimmel at 862-202-9874 or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com. Thank you for being part of the Saint John's family. We look forward to your response!

Lynn Kimmel

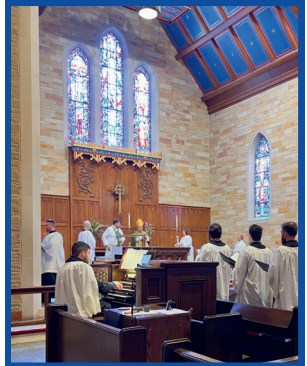
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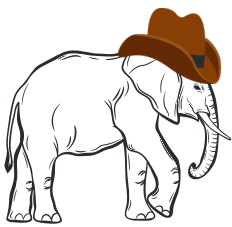
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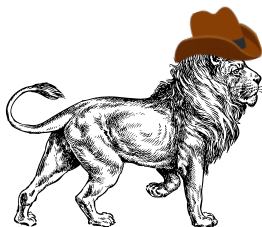
RALLY DAY AND MINISTRIES FAIR



TROPHY HONOREES



The "Elephant" was awarded to the The Gift & Book Shop!



The "Lion" was awarded to Prayers & Squares!

Congrats

The "Giraffe" was awarded to Lay Eucharistic Visitors!



Honorable Mention for their Beautiful Table: Daughters of the King!



MILESTONES

Passings:

September 19 - Mike Reif

October 1 - Jean Tate

Confirmations

Kennedy Baker: Confirmed

Gentry Baker: Confirmed

James Hubbard: Confirmed

Julian Talmon: Confirmed

Joshua Corsaro: Confirmed

Matthew Christian: Reaffirmed

Katherine Christian: Reaffirmed

Kaycee Logsdon: Received

October Birthdays

- 1 Steve Anderson
- Serenity McCaw
- B. J. Pohl
- 2 Greg Gray
- Karen Hampton
- Minerva Mancini
- Christy Pugh
- 3 Karen Griffin
- Leslie Lake
- Catherine McDowell
- 4 Rosie Halpin
- 6 Heather Pohl
- Joan Scheurich
- 8 Andrea Brown
- Gao Ning
- Rosemary Ross
- Janie Callahan Wilkins
- 9 Lise Dean
- Tracey Eichenberger
- Mary Shivel
- 10 Diane Bell
- Rob Rainey
- 11 Aspen Westbrook
- Larry Young
- 15 Mary Husband
- Lauren Weber
- 16 Claudia Powers
- Tom Schooley
- 17 Jim Dean
- 18 George Nowotny
- 19 Dana Weber
- 20 Todd Bilbrey
- Gloria Sicking
- 21 Emily Murphy
- Lottie Smith
- 23 Lisa Marshall
- 24 Anita Gravender
- 25 Bobby Byers
- Maddie Murphy
- 26 Jay Burkhardt
- Linda Lawson,
- Maurine Miller
- Rodger Randle
- 29 Mark Byers
- Hannah Ed
- Lexi Lake
- 30 George Coen



BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 recently enjoyed a great campout featuring a day spent at River Sport Rapids in OKC. They camped at John W Nichols Scout Ranch nearby. The scouts and adults had a blast tubing, kayaking on the water, and climbing at the Sandridge Sky Trail Adventure Course. It was the perfect campout to close out the summer.

Our scouts showed up in leadership for the Order of the Arrow Fall Induction Weekend. We had 2 scouts serve as elangomats, 1 scout on ceremony team, and 1 adult as crew adviser. Thank you for giving back to the honor society of scouting with cheerful service.

Cooking skills were sharpened, and hunger was satisfied at our recent "Everyone Cooks" troop meeting. This installment everyone learned to make one pot goulash. A new favorite campout dish is born.

We recently held our semi-annual Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops course. This scout led leadership course is for scouts who will hold leadership positions in the troop. ILST is a fun filled day working on planning, communication, and teamwork.

We recently celebrated the hard work and achievements of our scouts at the fall Court of Honor. We recognized 18 rank advancements and handed out 113 merit badges, as well as many special awards. Great job, gentlemen!

Congratulations to our newest Troop 153 Eagle Scout, Matthew Reynolds! *Carolyn Davis*





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will be closed on
Monday, October 14th.

OCTOBER OUTREACH

Clothing & Food Drive ♥

Please bring new & gently used
clothing for Youth Services of Tulsa
and Espiritu Santos.

The full list is available in the
Common Room.



ESPIRITU SANTO
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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services*



BIBLE CLASS

ON MONDAY FROM 11 TO 12
OR
ON WEDNESDAY FROM 11 TO 12

UPSTAIRS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
WITH BETH DUNKIN



Save The Date!
**PARISH
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
December 12, 2024

