



The Evangelist

October 2022

A Newsletter
for Saint John's
Episcopal Church
Friends & Families

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Greetings, beloved!

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When you get your hands on this issue, we will have already enjoyed our ministry kickoff at Rally Day and enjoyed a time of gratitude with our many volunteers. I'm delighted that so many of you were able to come and enjoy both events. Both Rally Day and our Volunteer Appreciation event this year really impressed upon me the health and vibrancy of our life here at Saint John's!

Our stewardship theme this year is meant to describe what we experienced throughout the past year and especially these past two months. By now, I hope you'll have seen many resources emblazoned with the word "energy." I can think of no better word to describe what we are seeing as a parish body. There is a great energy here that manifests at Sunday worship. When we gather for fellowship, I feel as if that same energy pervades our time together. When people interact with our members, I suspect they are feeling that same sense of dynamism about our community here.

You'll actually find that word, "energy," is a fairly common in the New Testament. We actually get English words like "dynamo" and "dynamic" from the Greek word "dunamis," which means essentially "energy," or perhaps, "power." This word is often used by the Apostles, especially St. Paul, to describe the power of God working among his people, and especially in God's power in the person and work of Jesus Christ. There are over one hundred uses of this word in the New Testament, the part of the Bible that provides the basis of our belief in the Risen Jesus as well as a snapshot of the triumphs and trials of the earliest communities of his followers. In Ephesians, St. Paul wrote to the congregation there: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In this brief doxological statement, a statement that is meant to praise Christ, Paul reminds us that the power (dunamis) of God is working inside of each of our hearts, drawing us together for remarkable things such that we would ourselves bring glory to Jesus. One way I've thought about this text is as an invitation to be doxologies ourselves! And that is what I think we are doing at Saint John's in our enjoyment of God's mighty power and presence among us.

October and November (especially All Saints' Tide) allow us many opportunities to enjoy that presence together, my friends! So, as we say, see you in church!

Your brother,

The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector



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Senior Warden's Report - Susan Walker

A few years ago, I participated in discussions with different groups about the core identity of Saint John's. We explored: Who are we? Why? What are our unique attributes and priorities? How are we distinguishable from other churches and houses of worship? While people had their own perspectives, four things surfaced as constant. The beauty and reverence of our liturgy is core to our community, and we draw both comfort and inspiration from it. We seek and value opportunities for faith formation and instruction. Our music program is second to none. And we want to create an environment that attracts and nurtures families and children.

All of these things reflect another priority - our love of the Saint John's community itself. We enjoy belonging! We love to invite people here and want to share our church community and its worship, ministries, and hospitality with others. We recognize that our individual opinions may not always align, but we respect one another, like one another's company, and remain friends as we journey along life's road together. We try to treat one another with kindness and grace through our ups and downs. We both treasure our long-term friends and welcome new ones into our midst.

The energy that we generate from being together is palpable and is accelerating as we grow under Father David's leadership. When Father David and I began to talk about this year's stewardship theme, we hardly had to even discuss the basic idea - we both immediately thought of energy: buzz, forward movement and acceleration, pedal to the metal, and a let's go attitude! As he shared on the first Sunday of the campaign, all of the values and priorities of the parish are now truly alive with energy and possibility. Our superb staff is aligned with Father David's vision for our parish life and works incredibly hard to enable our ministries to deepen, thrive, and expand. There are multiple opportunities for learning and faith formation, and our Rector's expertise and excitement for teaching will only increase those options. Our "back pews" crowd of young families, the procession of tiny ones to Children's Chapel, the fun of activities like Trekker Treat - all of these things create energy of the very best kind, which in turn drives even more ideas and possibilities.

The energy we are currently enjoying is the product of the sustained support of past pledge campaigns, coupled with the blessings of God's faithfulness to this parish. Our church can only continue to offer and expand its ministries with increased fuel from annual pledge commitments. Each Sunday between now and In-Gathering Sunday on November 6, people will speak from the heart regarding special aspects of our parish life and how much your pledge means to each of our cherished ministries. Please listen and then prayerfully commit to a pledge that fuels our future. I am excited to see where this energy will take us next year!

Treasurer's Report - Bill Chevallier

First, the memo to the right is my finance report presented to the Vestry for month ending August 31, 2022. Please let me know if you have any questions about the overview.



Next, I'd like to chat with you about how each of us can make a pledge of support to Saint John's. The best way to give to Saint John's is two-fold: become involved in one of our ministries and commit to making a financial pledge to support all our ministries. This pledge is a prayerful and spiritual statement of intentional commitment, not a legal obligation. As such, it reflects your personal circumstances and your spiritual life and, thus, may be changed as your circumstances change.

Every year in November the members of Saint John's are asked to make a pledge to the church's annual operating budget. Those joining our church during the

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vestry and Finance Committee
St. John's Episcopal Church

FROM: William C. Chevallier

DATE: August 2022 Finance Reports

This memorandum provides members of the Finance Committee and the Vestry summarized information on the present financial status of St. John's Episcopal Church. Accordingly, enclosed are the following:

1. Operating Revenue & Expense thru August 31, 2022.
2. Analysis of Investment Accounts thru August 2022.
3. Statement of Fund Balances as of August 31, 2022.

Comments Regarding Enclosed Statements

1. Operating Revenue and Expense thru August Combined
 - A. Total income of \$912,467.81 is <\$125,808.23> under budget for the year to date. Total pledges are over budget for the year by \$6,277.69. **Contributions & Plate of \$95,871.50 are \$10,873.46 over budget for the year to date.** Miscellaneous Income (which includes transfers from our endowment) and bequests of \$171,826.62 are <\$142,959.38> under budget.
 - B. Expenses of \$894,654.55 are \$130,558.21 under budget for the year to date.
 - B. Net income is \$17,813.26 vs. budgeted income of \$13,063.28
2. Operating Fund Cash Balance

Operating Funds had a balance of \$40,887.89 as of August 31, 2022.

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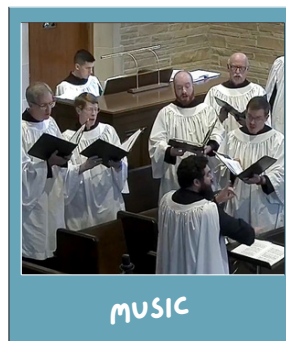


Your financial support of Saint John's Church fuels our ministries, energizes our outreach, blesses our parish, and so much more.

Each person should give what he has decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8



Prayerfully consider your pledge, then fill out a 2023 pledge card and return it by Nov. 6 to the church office.

I/We wish to support Saint John's Episcopal Church in 2023 with the following commitment:

Total ANNUAL pledge of \$ _____

- or -

- Renew my 2022 pledge, + 5% more
- Renew my 2022 pledge, + 10% more
- Renew my 2022 pledge, + ___% more

Full name of the person(s) pledging:

Home address (street/city/state/zip):

Best daytime phone number:

Email:

Please indicate the way you will contribute:

- I'd like to begin making donations via automatic bank account transfer (ACH) through the church office. Please contact me to set this up.
- Count on me to donate through the church's website at sjtulsa.org.
- I'll CONTINUE to give through automatic bank account transfer (ACH is a monthly option).
- I'll pay by check (in mail or plate).
- I'd like to receive information about planned giving to Saint John's.

November 6 In-Gathering Sunday

year may pledge at any time by filling out a pledge card and returning it to the parish office.

Pledges can be paid weekly, monthly, or annually. They can be made by cash, by check, or with the gift of appreciated stock. Although the biblical standard is the tithe, the size of the pledge is less important than your willingness to make a financial commitment to support God's mission at Saint John's. Once you pledge, you will receive an acknowledgement letter from the church. All households should receive a mid-year report and a year-end tax statement summarizing your giving to the church. If you choose to fulfill your pledge through cash gifts, please use envelopes with your name, so that your gift may be recorded.

In addition to pledges to the General Operating Fund, Saint John's welcomes gifts to the various fundraising effort for outreach ministries and other funds. For those who are receiving required minimum distributions, please note that you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) instead. A QCD allows individuals (who are 70.5 years old or older) to donate to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. As a result, donors may avoid being pushed into higher income tax brackets and prevent phaseouts of other tax deductions.



Children's & Family News - Josh Corsaro

Trekker Treat

On October 29 from 5-8 p.m., our church and the Tuesday Trekkers will host the second annual trick-or-treat tailgate party for kids and adults. Adults who want to tailgate: plan to arrive a bit early, park in the north lot, and decorate your trunks. Also, bring your treats and wear your best Halloween threads! Not able to do the full "tailgate" thing? No worries. Children and their parents from the parish, their friends, and neighbors are all invited to this festive evening to show off their cool costumes and visit all the trunks for yummy treats.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel continues this fall with lessons from the Storymakers curriculum. This curriculum follows Bible stories and fosters our children's ability to draw it into their lives. If your kids want to participate, encourage them to follow the acolyte (called the "crucifer") down the aisle during the Sequence Hymn in the 10 a.m. service. The group will meet in the Common Room for this lesson time (about twenty minutes). They return to the Nave at about the time of the Rector's announcements.

Choristers

Choristers (our children's choir) meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Your young family member is invited to join! These singers will have the opportunity to participate in several performances throughout the fall. This fun music program is designed for children in first grade and older. To sign up, email jarndt@sjtulsa.org or jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org. The Choristers' first performance will be with our Parish Choir during a service this fall.

New! Youth Group

We are rebooting youth group at Saint John's on Wednesday evenings between 6-7:30 p.m. We'll offer Compline, followed by a Bible study and games! If you're a teen and want to be a part of this, come join us starting at the end of October. Parents, if you have questions, please email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.



Adult Formation, Outreach, and Event News - Josh Corsaro

New Five-Week Class on the Martyrs of the Reformation

Held on Sundays at 9 a.m., this formation time will explore the Oxford martyrs in the mid-1500s. Led by Dean Luthey, the class will look at the Protestant Reformation in general, with a focus on the lives, deaths, and impacts of Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of London Nicholas Ridley, and Bishop of Worcester Hugh Latimer. Class dates are Nov. 6, 13, and 20, plus Dec. 4 and 11.

The Gospel of Luke

Curious about the Gospels? If so, join your Saint John's friends on any Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room for a class on the Gospel of Luke. This is a great time to bring a friend! We go chapter by chapter, analyzing the story and all we can learn from it.

Iron Gate Outreach

Saint John's Iron Gate team meets the first Saturday of each month at Iron Gate (located at 501 W. Archer) and assists the ministry in feeding the homeless and hungry in downtown Tulsa. The agency requires volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. and stay until 10:30 a.m. After our shift, we often join Father David at Hurts Donuts (111 S. Detroit Ave.). If you have questions or want to be a part of this outreach and fellowship time, please email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org. Volunteers must sign up in advance on the agency website.

Tuesday Trekkers

Like walking? We do too! The Tuesday Trekkers walk the church neighborhood on Tuesday evenings, leaving the labyrinth at 5:30 p.m. sharp. We'll have you back to the church by 6:35 p.m. so you can get to dinner with family or friends. Walkers of all speeds are welcome.

Young Adult's (YA) Brunch

The Saint John's Young Adult Brunch meets on the last Sunday of each month (though this may be adjusted on months with a major holiday). All young (or young-ish) adults are encouraged to join us, and if you have kids they're welcome too. Look for brunch location announcements in the church bulletin, e-news, and Rector's announcements. If you'd like to come, please email jarndt@sjtulsa.org or myself at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.



Fall Scenes at Saint John's Church

Parish life at Saint John's has been as vibrant this fall as the pumpkins on porches and the peeping colors on trees. We've been blessed with so many fun days and evenings of fair weather, fellowship, food and folderol...oh, and furry friends, too! If you were there, you know that of which we write. If you were not, we want to be sure each and every one of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ see the vitality and very bright faces here at Saint John's Church. We are a growing community bursting with energy, outreach, and engagement. Join us at one of the upcoming family, worship, music, holiday, or prayer opportunities in the months ahead. We look forward to seeing your smile!



A column for happenings in the life of the parish... news, messages, and church business not noted elsewhere!



Newsletter

This issue was a bit of a trick (delivering later in the month), but we hope you'll find it a treat and just in time for end-of-the-month family fun. The church's Comms Team is always delighted to serve our parishioners with the many tools created to support all the important happenings at Saint John's. We juggle these priorities with awareness of staff workload and under the thoughtful leadership of Father David. We want you to know the next edition of the Evangelist will be a combined November and December issue. Look for that in your mail box (or on the website) before Thanksgiving.

Evening Prayer Invitation

The Daily Office is offered at 5:30 p.m. in addition to 8:30 a.m. Any time is the perfect time to join readers and staff for those prayerful opportunities. (Note: these prayer times may not be offered on dates the church office is closed.)



The Sounds of Saint John's

Did you know that our Sunday classes and Father David's sermons are available on three audio channels? These podcasts allow you to re-listen to a homily, listen to Sunday Bible lessons while you work/walk/drive or share by forwarding the link to a friend or family

member. Download Soundcloud, iTunes, or Spotify on your smart device, select "follow" or "subscribe" to YOUR Saint John's Episcopal Church, and enjoy. You can also access this information on our SJC website. Go to the "Get Connected" tab and select the "Class & Sermon Audio Offerings" page.

Let's Get Social!

There are so many tools to tap into happenings at Saint John's. Of course, there is our monthly newsletter, weekly e-news, and our Sunday email news, and printed bulletins. But there are many more at your fingertips. Follow and like us on the platforms most convenient to you:

Web: sjtulsa.org

Facebook: @sjtulsa

Instagram: @sjtulsa

Spotify: Saint John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa

YouTube: Saint John's Episcopal Church-Tulsa



Important Dates to Note

- October 29 - 5 to 8 p.m. Trekker Treat and Tailgate Time
- November 1 - Noon All Saints Day Eucharist
- November 2 - Noon and 7 p.m. Requiem
- November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Change
- November 6 - All Saints Sunday and In-Gathering Sunday
- November 11 - Veteran's Recognition
- November 24 - 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship
- November 24 - 11:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Parish Lunch
- November 27 - First Sunday of Advent



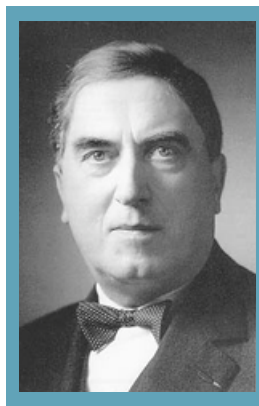
- December 2 - 7 p.m. Handel's Messiah
- December 3 - 3 p.m. Handel's Messiah
- December 4 - Advent Lessons and Carols
- December 21 - First Day of Winter
- December 24 - Christmas Eve, three services
- December 25 - Christmas Day, one service
- December 26 to 30 - Church Office Closed
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 1 - Christmas Lessons and Carols

Music News

by Joseph Arndt

Handel's Messiah

Handel's Messiah will be offered in December featuring the Parish Choir and a baroque orchestra. Performance times are Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. The doors open thirty minutes ahead of each performance. Tickets will go quickly, so please plan accordingly. If you would like more information about the music offerings of Saint John's, visit sjtulsa.org and select the music tab or visit with a member of our music staff. Thank you to members of our Saint John's Music Society for their annual support. To learn more about the Music Society, please connect with me, Joseph Arndt.



Requiem by Maurice Duruflé

An All Souls' Day liturgy will be offered on Wednesday, November 2 at 7 p.m. The Chamber Choir will sing a Requiem by Maurice Duruflé, who composed the work in the context of the Holy Eucharist and created stirring music with quotations from Gregorian Chant. Soloists are: Bryan Anderson, organ; Sylvia Leith, mezzo-soprano; and Edmund Milly, bass.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong continues throughout the fall on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with the Chamber Choir. We'll regularly offer evening canticle settings of English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983). His complete evening canticles will be offered in 2023.



October

Birthdays

Steve Anderson, Serenity McCaw,
 B. J. Pohl
 Greg Gray, Karen Hampton
 Karen Griffin, Leslie Lake
 Heather Pohl, Joan Scheurich
 Andrea Brown, Rosemary Ross,
 Janie Callahan Wilkins
 Lise Dean, Tracey Eichenberger,
 Joanne Kirlin, Mary Shivel
 Diane Bell, Jill Farquharson,
 Rob Rainey
 Aspen Westbrook, Larry Young
 Mary Husband
 Claudia Powers, Tom Schooley,
 Karen Szabo
 Jim Dean
 Charlie Keegan, George Nowotny
 Dana Weber
 Todd Bilbrey, Gloria Sicking
 Lottie Smith
 Lisa Marshall, Luke Schroedter
 Debbie Viuf
 Bobby Byers, Maddie Murphy
 Jay Burkhardt, Linda Lawson,
 Maurine Miller
 Ann Gravender, Soo Jane Ho
 Mark Byers, Hannah Ed, Stan Hicks,
 Lexi Lake
 George Coen
 Danita Findahl

Vestry News

Have questions about the business of our church? Do you feel called to lead a project or join a committee? If so, our Vestry encourages you to contact Father David or a Vestry member to get "plugged in!" Our church benefits from the gifts of everyone's talents and time! The Vestry meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions near the holidays).

THE VESTRY OF SAINT JOHN'S

Senior Warden	Susan Walker
Junior Warden	Marc McCaw
Clerk	Hillary Cinocca
Treasurer	Bill Chevaillier
Chancellor	Jeff Baum

Members:	
Chris Barber	Elizabeth Osburn
Nick Bradford	Jace Pavlik
Susan Lyons	Peggy Schroedter
Bard Moss	Trent Shores
Charlie Nutter	Kristine Taylor
Imona Omole	Barrett Waller

St. Barbara's Guild News

The women of our guild are dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support of each other and Saint John's. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. in Fox Library. In November we continue our study on the Book of Genesis with Father David. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Water and coffee are provided. We are excited to welcome our new members: Robbie Baker, Marguerite Chapman, Lacy Beisley, Pam Diaz, Gail Dodson, Susan McAdams, Julie Sublett, Terri Thames, and Linda Wilson. I hope you are each enjoying the beautiful fall weather and look forward to seeing members and guests at our next meeting. All are welcome! If you need more information or have questions contact me, Kathleen, at (918) 633-8881.

- Kathleen Moss

BSA Troop 153 News

Fall in Oklahoma is made for camping and our Scouts take advantage of cooler temps for sleeping under the stars and enjoying the campfire. We recently camped at Natural Falls State Park near West Siloam Springs. Thirty-six scouts and their leaders spent the day kayaking the Illinois River. The hot sun and cold water made it a perfect change of season celebration. The Order of The Arrow held their fall ordeal last month. Troop 153 had seven attendees: four took part in the Ordeal, one earned Brotherhood, and two came as staff. Congratulations to our new Arrowmen. At our fall Court of Honor, Scouts were recognized for their summer accomplishments with twenty-four rank advancements, 103 merit badges, and twenty-four special awards. We also recognized multiple scouts who attended, or served as staff for, leadership events over the last few months.



- Carolyn Davis

Update from Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King held a planning meeting for 2022-23 in September, where they:

- approved the meeting calendar for the year
- invited Father David to lead a Bible Study on the Psalms during their sessions
- planned for Rally Day (and they had a fabulous table on September 18!)
- planned an All-Churchwomen Afternoon Tea (hosted wonderfully on October 23)
- determined to prepare a Lenten Devotionals Booklet for Lent 2023
- agreed to charge local dues.

Also in September, Father David installed new DOK officers: Sharon Bell, President; Pat Elsberry, Secretary; Linda Chambers, Treasurer; and Janice Ingle, Past President and Director of Education.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Rally Day. It was a wonderful time and I especially appreciate each one of you who stopped at our table as well as those who expressed an interest in LEM service. God bless! It is truly a wonderful thing to share Christ's blood and God's word. If you are interested in learning more about our role, but did not come to Rally Day, it's never too late to sign up!

- Lynn Kimmel

Hospitality News

A huge thank you to everyone who has agreed to be a part of the Saint John's Hospitality Team. As well as providing snacks after Sunday services, some members of the Hospitality Team will be serving as greeters to welcome parishioners and guests. We are very excited to announce that several children have joined the Hospitality Team to serve as greeters too! Everyone is welcome to be a part of the Hospitality Team. If your ministry group, family, or circle of friends would like to provide Sunday snacks after services, please contact the me, the Hospitality Team, contact me at kathleen.moss@me.com or (918) 633-8881. More news to follow in the coming months. Stay tuned!

- Kathleen Moss

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TAILGATE PARTY

*&
Trekker
Treat*

Saturday
Oct. 29
5-8 p.m.



Join us at Saint John's
Thanksgiving Worship
Thursday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m.
followed by traditional meal!

Friends and family welcome!
There'll be food, drink, games, and fellowship.

RSVP: Nick Bradford by Nov. 21
at tulsamasterstylist@gmail.com.

Tell us the dessert or side dish you'll bring
or the donation you'll make toward the menu.

FYI, the church office will be closed Nov. 24 & 25
giving team members time to be with their families.